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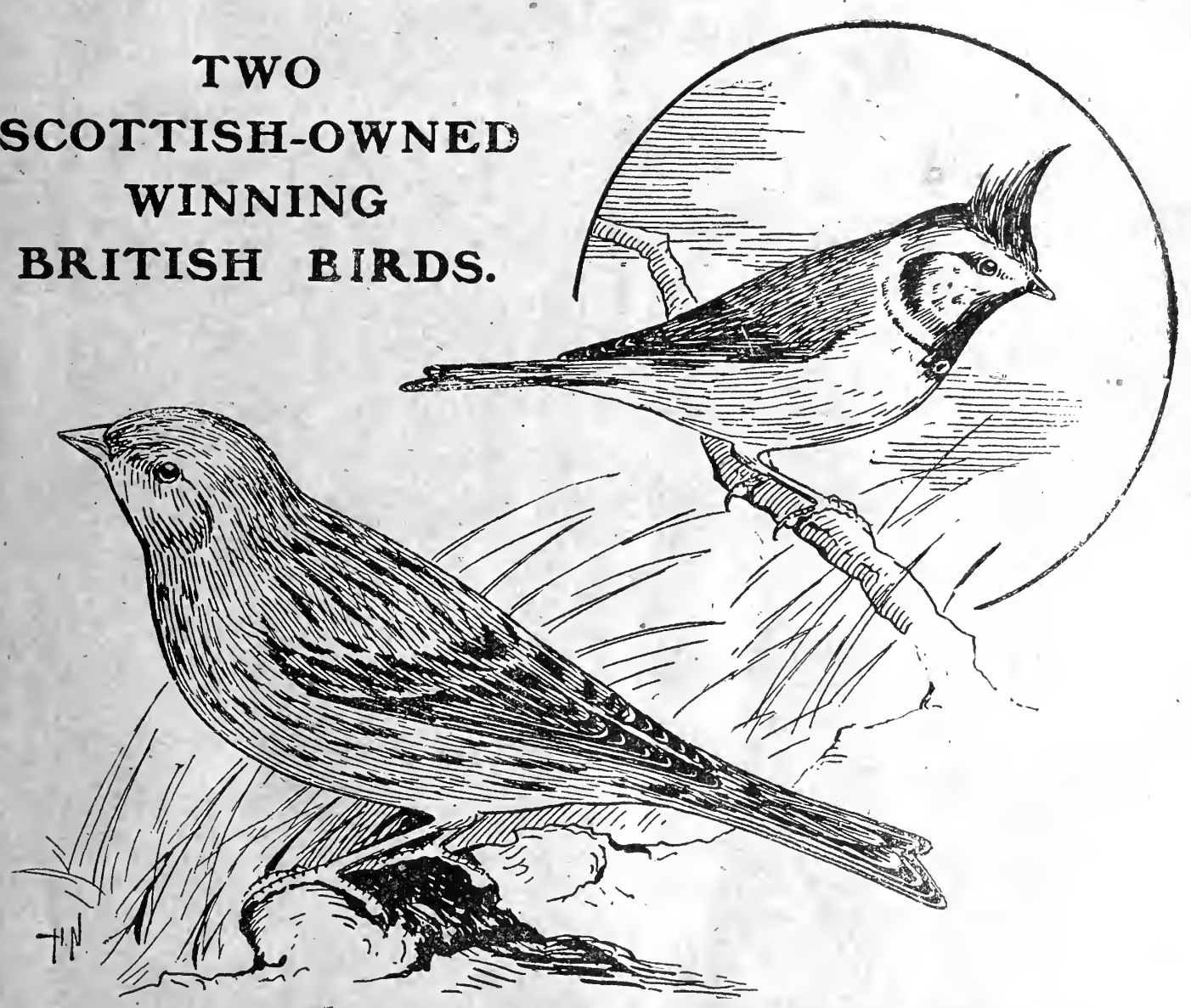

The hen Yellow Bunting here shown won 3rd Prize at the Horticultural Hall Show for Mr. R. Gentleman, Avonbridge, Scotland, and the Crested Tit is the specimen which won 3rd Prize at the Welsh National Show for its owner, Mr. E. Taylor, of Shettlestone, Glasgow.

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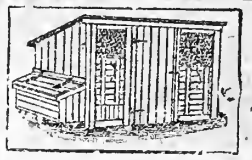

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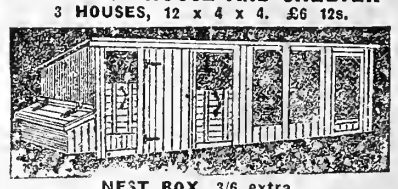

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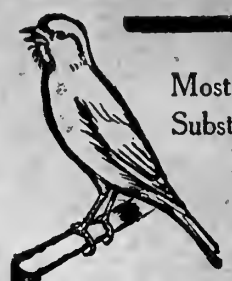

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ELVET.

Linnet Singing Club, July 31, at New Inn, Elvet, August 2, Butchers' Arms, Spennymoor. Judge, W. Fairless.—Wm. Fairless.—(Advt.)

CASTLEFORD.

Members' sing, July 10, George and Dragon, Bridge Street, for 3 prizes, 4 minutes' time singing: 1, Morley; 2, 3, Watkiss. July 17: 1, Morley; 2, Nelson; 3, Williams. Open sing, July 18, for three prizes: 1, Morley; 2, Plows; 3, Watkiss.—S. Morley, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing, Commercial Hotel, July 10. Only a moderate entry. 1, Lightfoot; 2, Wallis; 3, Cooper. Timekeepers, Collinson and Cooper; tappers, Lightfoot and Wallis. Members' sing, July 17, 21 birds entered. 1, 2, Plows; 3, Potter. Timekeepers, R. Collinson, P. Potter; tappers, W. Perkin, R. Plows; scorer, T. Lightfoot.—R. Plows, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, Woodman Inn; club sing, July 17; 19 entered for three prizes, 4min. time singing: 1, Jones; 2, Beard; 3, Pugh. Open sing, July 18, 21 entered for three prizes, 3min. time singing: 1, Pugh; 2, Blackshear; 3, Beard. Club sing, July 24; 24 entered for three prizes, 4min. time singing: 1, Beard; 2, 3, shared Pugh and Blackshear. Open sing, July 25; 22 entered for three prizes, 3min. time singing. 1, Jones; 2, Clayton; 3, Beard.—S. Pugh, Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club. Open contest, July 10, for time and quality. 25 birds entered. 1, Statham, 158; 2, 127; 3, Knowles, 100. Quality: 1 Conc; 2, Hayes; 3, Bates. Judges, Gibbons and Jones. Timers, T. Statham, W. Meadows; minute man, G. Amison.

Consolation contest for time and quality, July 17. Quality: 1, Cowburn; 2, Holcroft; 3, Hilton. Time: 1, Statham; 2, Baxendale; 3, Gore. All other members received a prize, value 5s. Timers, S. Rigby and J. Litherland; minute man, Disley; judges, Gibbons and Jones. Next open contest, July 24, time and quality, Grey Mare, Bolton Road, Westhoughton.—R. Disley, Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality singing contest, Old Bird House, Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, July 18; 19 birds, the best in Yorkshire, competed for three prizes: 1, Huller; 2, Binns; 3, King. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton, Blackburn.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Quality Linnet Singing Club, Plasterer's Arms, Skinner Lane, July 17; 20 birds competed. Judge, H. Playford. Timekeeper, A. Lawrence. 1, 2, Turner; 3, Chipendale and J. Wright shared. July 18, 24 birds sang for four prizes. Judges: C. Lorrieman, T. Soloman. 1, Chipendale; 2, Dearlove (shared); 3, Walker; 4, Turner. A good company were all satisfied with the judging.—F. Turner, Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane; 23 birds sang for 3 prizes: 1, 3, Hirst; 2, Ward. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers and H. Wigfield. July 18, 25 entered, and some very good singing was heard. We had friends from Hull and Wigan, and our worthy host, Mr. W. Crowther, added the best prize ever known. 1, Dalton; 2, 3, shared Hirst and Dalton. Judges: Messrs. C. B'iss, T. Summers, and H. Wigfield.—W. Tipman, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, held July 10. 14 birds sang for three prizes. 1, W. Sissons; 2, Richardson; 3, Towers. Judges, Crane and Jennings. Also July 11, 19 sang for three prizes. 1, T. Johnson; 2, W. Sissons; 3, Stanney. Judges, Hardcastle, Naylor, Butler.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, July 17; 14 sang for three prizes: 1, Richardson; 2, Stanney; 3, T. Stockill. Judges, Jennings and Crane. July 18, 19 sang for three prizes: 1, 2, shared by T. Johnson and A. Richardson; 3, Stanney. Judges, Hardcastle and Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

WEST STANLEY (Empire) F.F., &c.

Meeting, July 11, Mr. R. Peart presiding, and a good turn-up of members. The partnership question was discussed, and it was resolved that no member can show in partnership with a non-member who has not been in partnership for two years. We passed a good schedule of 42 classes. I hope members will have plenty of stock to fill them all, and give the judges plenty of work.—R. Hutchinson, Sec.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.S.

General meeting, July 6, St. Thomas's Schools, Ardwick. Mr. A. E. Thorpe presided over a fair attendance. After business, including final arrangements for July show, Mr. H. Boothman gave a lecture on the Norwich Canary. Having already had this season a lecture from a prominent fancier on this variety, it was a task for the lecturer to provide fresh material to make it interesting; however, under the circumstances he proved equal to the occasion, the extent of his knowledge was given freely to those present. He dealt chiefly with the standard points of the Norwich, the stock birds, and the production of show birds. Many questions were asked and answered in a very practical way. A vote of thanks to Mr. Boothman closed a very enjoyable evening.—J. Spencer, Sec.

SOUTHERN BORDER F.C.

Meeting, headquarters, June 28. Mr. Norman chair, and a fair number present. Owing to several societies applying for our patronage not having fixed date of show it was impossible to arrange for the full number of patronage shows, but up to the present we have given our patronage to Plymouth, Chester, Redhill, and Llanelly. We are surprised that no London society has applied, and I shall be very glad to hear from any secretary who wants to ensure success for his show. I regret I have been unable to send a list of societies applying to the Provincial Committee for their votes, but owing to incomplete details it has been impossible to do so; they may rest assured that the London committee will look after their interests. A meeting will be held at headquarters, July 26th, and it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend.—Geo. Burton, Hon. Sec.

CLAPHAM C.B.A.

Meeting, July 6. Final arrangements for the Young Bird Show were made and special prizes allotted. At next meeting a lecture will be given by Madame Madewell on the Crossbill. This lady possesses what is probably the only Crossbill in London, and one of the very few perhaps even in the country, namely, her famous "Charlie," and her remarks are sure to be of great interest.—A. R. Coe.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting was held July 12, the Church Institute, Paddington Street. Mr. A. W. Curtis, chair, and 30 members present. Various correspondence was read. Mr. Rolls and Mr. F. Day were elected members, and Mr. F. Mansell nominated for membership. Hon. Sec. read out points gained for trophies, and paid out prize money and specials won at young bird show. Mr. Mugford had promised to open a discussion on "The Duty and Obligations incumbent on members to their Association," but wrote regretting his inability to attend, as he had been summoned for special police duty. Mr. F. J. Martin kindly offered to fill the gap, but the subject not being to his liking he made some very interesting remarks on "Feathers" and "Double-Buffing." A lengthy discussion followed, in which several members joined. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to stewards and officials for their services at young bird show, and vote of thanks to chairman closed the meeting.—F. Thynne, Assist. Hon. Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting July 13, "Red Lion," York Street, St. James. Mr. Robson, chair, and a good attendance of members and visitors. After general business, the chairman called on Mr. Silver and Mr. Dewhurst to give their promised demonstration on the "Feeding of British and Foreign Insectivorous Birds." Mr. Dewhurst handed round for inspection samples of ingredients used in his mixture, which consists of one part each of meat meal, ants' eggs, grated carrot, half part grocers' currants, four parts biscuit meal, and a piece of cream cheese or coconut butter the size of a walnut. The cheese, carrot, biscuit meal, and currants are passed twice through a seed mill; then the ants' eggs are added, and the meat meal after being scalded, the whole being made crumbly moist with boiling water. This food, together with fruit in season, will keep them in perfect condition. A suitable mixture for the larger birds consists of one part meat meal and two parts Spratts' Chicken Meal, as proof of which Mr. Dewhurst quoted birds in his possession seven and fourteen years old, and still fit for the show bench. Mr. Silver then demonstrated his method of feeding, which consists of a stock mixture very similar to Mr. Dewhurst's, which is kept ready mixed, with the addition of silkworm pupae, which Mr. Silver states from experience possesses great nutritive properties. The stock mixture can be made crumbly moist with either unsalted lard, grated carrot, or minced banana. For Sun Birds, Sugar Birds, etc., a mixture of honey, condensed milk, Mellin's Food, and meat extract, with sufficient water to give it the consistency of thin cream, together with fruit. For Tanagers, etc., sponge cake made moist, with the preceding mixture and fruit. The lecturers were well plied with questions, which were answered with a knowledge and experience. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturers and the chairman ended the meeting.—A. Wallington.

The Shows.

READING C.B.S.

Annual F.F. show, Palmer Hall, July 7; quality and quantity were below average, although Mr. Meadowcroft's team of Borders were gems; Yorks. were second best, but Norwich were nothing to boast about, though members will probably have something hot at open show as in other years. Mr. Brooker, in the absence of Mr. Yates, judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

Champ. Nor. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Smith. Buff: 1, 2, Smith. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Sergt. Thomas; 2, Chalker. Buff: Sergt. Thomas. A.O.V. Can.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Meadowcroft. Mules: 1, Foster; 2, Smith. Brit. Hard.: 1, hc, Wilson; 2, 3, Foster; vhc, c, Clubb. Amat. Nor. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, Larkcom; hc, Colburn; c, Foster. Yorks. Yell.: 1, 2, Sergt. Thomas. Buff: 1, 2, Sergt. Thomas; 3, Colburn. Nov. Nor. Yell.: 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Colburn; vhc, Rout. Buff: 1, Wilson; 2, 3, Mrs. Wright; vhc, Colburn. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Miss Garland. Buff: 1, Miss Garland; 2, Colburn.—O. S. Smith, Sec.

RUSHDEN F.S.

6th annual summer show, July 3. Entries came up well, and were tastefully staged in the large Harmonic Hall of the Athletic Club, which is well lighted, and free from draught. The management as usual, was A1. Members should be proud of their hard-working and willing sec., Mr. W. Wood, who had things carried out in perfect order. Mr. W. H. Howe judged. Nor., Cl.: 1, Bateman, bulldog, very typical, rather pale col.; 2, vhc, Howe, thick, typical, clean cut; 3, vhc, Irons, hot col., larger, inclined to be little open in neck; res., Clapham; hc, Fennell; c, Lewis and Coulson. Tkd., etc.: 1, Bateman, varieg. yell., most typical bird in show, good col.; 2, vhc, Irons, grizzle wing, buff, grand head and neck, good size; 3, Johnson, varieg. yellow, hot col., bit larger than winner; res., Fennell; hc, Ablett. Tkd., etc., 1915: 1, 2, Johnson, both varieg. buffs, 1st, good head and neck, 2nd a bit narrow in neck; 3, Bateman, broken green buff; res., Walker. A.O.V.: 1, Bateman, buff foul tail green, grand col., short and thick set; 2, 3, Morris; 2nd, buff, C.B., very promising stock bird, 3, varieg. crest, bit loose in feather; res., Priestley; vhc, Walker. Brit. Goldf. or Bullfinch, a very strong class: 1, 2, Checksfield, 1st, grand Bullfinch, takes stopping, in most lovely bloom, 2nd, Goldfinch, rare size, good blaze and condition; 3, Garrad, Bullfinch, nice col. and shape; res., Lewis; vhc, Dunmore; hc, Hayter; hc, Dunmore; c, Lewis; c, Bradshaw. Greenfinch, Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite, another strong class: 1, Garrod; 2, Checksfield, both Greenies, hard to separate in lovely condition, winner a wee bit better in head, otherwise equal; 3, Checksfield, Linnet, medium size, grand pencilling, in rare condition; res., Hayter; vhc, Checksfield; hc, Andrews; c, Billingham. A.O.V. Smaller than a Lark: 1, H. Checksfield, Yellow Bunting, the Watford winner, in grand condition; 2, Hayter, Yellow Bunting, better head markings, pale in col.; 3, Howe, moderate Bramblefinch, pinched in neck; res., Lewis; vhc, Adams. Mule or Hybrid: A very hot class. 1, Howe, noted Greenfinch Mule, in the best of condition; 2, Hayter, Bullie-Canary, bit loose in feather, nice col.; 3, Andrews, a good dark Goldfinch-Canary, hard to separate for 2nd position; res., Andrews; vhc, Smith; hc, Andrews; hc, Howe; c, Johnson; c, Lewis.

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Twitterings.

Mr. W. C. Sholedice, 38, Haddington Road, Dublin, has again taken over the secretaryship of the Y.C.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.

We have altered the date of our annual show from Nov. 20 to Nov. 13, writes Mr. Andrew Wright, sec. Denton C.B.S. Mr J. Bewick, Stockport, will judge.

Sheffield O.S. will ramble on Aug. 1 to Caldwell Valley. Those intending going are requested to apply to the sec., Mr. E. C. Job, for tickets for tea on or before July 27.

Societies wishing the patronage of the Fife and Kinross Norwich Plainhead Club should communicate with the sec., David H. M'Gowan, 61, Russell Street, Lochgelly, before Sept. 4.

Mr. J. H. Bevan, sec. of Porth and Rhoudda Valley C.B.S., has taken over the business of The Aviaries, 66, Pontypridd Road, Porth, and will be pleased to see any fanciers who will give him a call.

I am sorry to inform you, writes Mr. C. J. Allen, Hon. Sec. Royal Cornwall, that Mr. F. Collins, one of our most respected fanciers, met with an accident last week at Gwithan, and broke his ankle; we all join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Entries for Woolton show close on July 27 to Mr. J. Keen, Woolton, Liverpool. Those who intend showing, and who have missed writing for a schedule, may enter from the advert. in this issue. The entrance fee is one shilling.

We have received in an envelope stamped with the Durham post-mark, July 15, a sheet, bearing figures which evidently represent the home-lessons of a school child. Nothing else was in the envelope, and there was no address to which to return the enclosure.

The fifth annual show of the Lochgelly C.B.S. will be held on Oct. 9 in the Drill Hall, and all profits will go to the Scottish branch of the Red Cross Society. The hon. sec., Mr. R. Muir, 123, Station Road, Lochgelly, will be pleased to send particulars and schedules on application.

A pair of White-eyebrowed Wood Swallows have reared one young one in the Western Aviary at the London Zoo. This is the only Wood Swallow of any kind that has been reared during the past forty-five years at the Gardens, and is the second occurrence there of the breeding of Wood-Swallows, the first success being with the same species of *Artamus*.

In the life-belt shelter at Mapledurham lock on the River Thames a Whitethroat has built her nest and hatched her young on the upper surface of the lowest part of the emergency lifebelt which hangs on the wall, and a Wren's nest is in a coil of rope in the same shelter. The Wren's nest, however, is one of the dummy nests so often built by birds of this species, and has not been tenanted.

A Military Parrot.

One of the Parrots at the London Zoo has picked up the bugle calls it has heard while the soldiers have been drilling in Regent's Park, and will repeat them at command. A use for such a talented bird suggests itself, but it would be awkward if in actual practice it sounded the retreat instead of the attack.

The Travels of a Bird's Nest.

Mr. F. A. Loach, Wolverhampton, kindly sends us a picture of a Thrush's nest, which was built on a 4in. girder under a box waggon belonging to the G.W.R. This nest, containing three eggs, survived the perils of three days' travel with the numerous shuntings incidental to the journey, and was photographed on the arrival of the train at Watford.

A Unique Albido.

"Country Life" of July 10 contains two charming photographs of a White Wren. This is the first case of albinism in Wrens which has come to our notice. Lest a desire for its possession may arise in the mind of any who have a fancy for albino British birds, we may say that the tiny bird is being carefully protected by the farmer upon whose land it was hatched.

We have decided to allot the patronage of the Northern Border Fancy C.C. at our next meeting, August 4, writes Mr. C. Farrer, Hon. Sec., 222, Jefferson St., Newcastle-on-Tyne. Societies who desire same and have not already applied, please do so as early as possible.

I was delighted to see the splendid drawing of my buff Yorkshire on the front page of your valuable paper, Cage Birds. I think it is excellent; he also won first and two specials at Clapham last week. I have had a good year, thanks to the help of Cage Birds, a copy of which is now on the way to my brother, who is in Brazil.—A. J. Clarke, East Dulwich.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing in our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

Bearded Tits Bred in Captivity.

By a curious coincidence, while our note of last week referring to the breeding of birds in captivity was in type, and before the issue was published, we heard with pleasure that Dr. Lovell-Keays, East Hoathley, has been successful in breeding three Bearded Tits in his outdoor aviary. This, we believe, is a first record of the reproduction of the species in captivity, although many aviculturists have long been striving to attain success in the breeding of these charming birds. A notable fact is that, although several pairs of Bearded Tits are flying in the aviary, the parents of the young birds are the pair which won first prize at the Horticultural Hall Show last November, where Dr. Lovell-Keays made his first attempt at exhibiting birds, and when with 13 entries he won some 16 awards, including a diploma and a silver medal; a grand performance for a beginner. We congratulate Dr. Lovell-Keays upon his latest success.

NEXT WEEK'S NUMBER AND A GRAND VOLUME.

Next week we shall, as announced on our front page, have special articles dealing with the colour feeding of Canaries, British Birds, Mules and Hybrids. Birds of all kinds will almost immediately be going into the moult, in fact, some have already started. With few exceptions, birds that are intended for the show bench must be colour-fed to have a fair chance in competition, and a knowledge of the methods adopted by practical fanciers will be of incalculable benefit to those who are doubtful as to the best procedure to adopt in the task which now lies immediately before them. Colour feeding is an easy matter to those who know how to do it, but without that knowledge the effect is more likely to be damaging to the bird's appearance than to improve it.

Next week's Cage Birds, therefore, must by no means be missed, and those who would know even more about the art of colour feeding than can possibly be squeezed into one number of our journal should avail themselves of the wider fund of information contained in the comprehensive volume, Our Canaries, which has been described as "The Greatest Book on Canaries in the World." Therein will be found not only the fullest possible directions on colour-feeding, directions which make the task an easy matter to the veriest novice, but a mine of golden information upon every subject in Canarydom.

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INTELLIGENCE IN BIRDS.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER.

I NOTE that the short account of two instances of bird intelligence, selected from many similar happenings in my aviary, has once again brought up into the fighting line a sceptical reader. It is very good of Mr. Johnson to explain to us so fully the psychological difference between the words intelligence and conscience, but I think all of us—and I will include in this gallant company the office boy at No. 154, Fleet-street—quite understand that difference. If I did not refer again to conscience in birds, it was not because I thought that the weakest part of my case, but because there was a tendency in the former discussion to treat the question from a religious point of view, which, of course, is absolutely out of place in our periodical Cage Birds. I referred to facts which were well known to our grandfathers, such as the customary meetings of the Storks, at which those individuals who have offended against the laws of the Stork community are executed, and the return of the Puffins and Black Guillemots to their nesting quarters, which frequently takes place on the same day of the year, season after season; yet Mr. Johnson thought that I was imposing on the credulity of your readers. If I had mentioned some of the really wonderful facts concerning birds that modern research has brought to light, as, for instance, that a Snipe can set and apply a surgical bandage to its own broken leg, I wonder whether he would have called me a lunatic or merely a first-class liar. Yet, if he will look up the subject, he will find that photographs have been published of several such bandages, showing how the bird had bound feathers and grass-stems round the limb at the point of fracture, which, adhering and made rigid by congealed blood, had formed an efficient "splint," and that such well-known ornithologists as Mr. J. E. Harting and M. Victor Fatio have examined the evidence and declared themselves convinced. Again, Mr. Johnson could not believe that the Rooks at their spring assemblies discuss nesting sites, but I might easily have put before him the case of one of the foreign Corvidæ, a species which holds an annual autumn meeting, lasting several days and dignified by a prodigious number of speeches. As the birds come to the meeting in family parties (after the breeding season), and leave it in pairs, I think even he would have been convinced that the object of the meeting and the subject of discussion must be matrimony.

Now, let me say a few words—if only to oblige Mr. Johnson—on the subject of conscience and the moral code in birds. The letter from a lady aviculturist was most interesting, as showing that a moral code is in force to-day amongst Canaries, although a long period of captivity tends to reduce and limit the natural intelligence of any species of birds. The letter supported my contention that in most communities of birds mixed marriages are forbidden. The Hybrid-breeder does his very best to corrupt the morals of birddom; he makes his appeal to their strongest instincts at a time of the year when those instincts are strongest; he supports his appeal by every artifice known to him—and yet he very frequently fails. Compare this fact with the early history of our colonies, in which we find that mixed marriages were very common indeed. Who comes out best in this matter? Man or the birds?

Let us go a little more deeply into the subject and note that wherever there is a community of any animals there will and must be found a moral code, for the simple reason that if the members of the community were continually murdering and plundering one another the community would soon cease to exist. Gradually the offensive and defensive alliance between members of the same community grows into a state of law and order and mutual goodwill and affection, of which we find many curious instances among birds. For instance, we have the well-known fact that even Hawks will not as a rule make war on their defenceless neighbours, but prefer to go further afield to fill the larder. Mr. R. Kearton is at the present moment touring the country with a series of films illustrating the nesting of some of the smaller species of birds, some of which he states were obtained in the immediate vicinity of a Merlin's nest, and he tells his audience that the former showed no fear whatever of the latter. In some countries nests of the smaller species are actually found forming part of the structure of eagles' nests, in which position they are protected and secure from attack. A good drawing of such a communal nest may be found in the Rev. J. G. Wood's "Homes Without Hands."

Every bird, therefore, which possesses any social tendencies whatever, will be found to have a definite perception of right and wrong, but right and wrong for it will be simply the moral code of the particular community with which it has been associated. Let us note that there is no such thing as an absolute and universal code of right and wrong, either among the so-called lower animals or among ourselves, for there is no vice in any one of our own communities which is not considered a virtue in some other community, and vice-versa. But a very much more remarkable fact, and one which shows the real intelligence and reasoning power of birds, is that a wild bird with its own standard of morality will, when domesticated, frequently comprehend and adopt our own moral code, and that in a very short space of time. Let me quote a note written a few years since by the late Lord Brabourne (who, I regret to say, has lately gallantly given his life for his country on the field of slaughter): "On arrival in "Paraguay the menagerie consisted of but one "bird, a Red Macaw; beyond the fact that "his wing was cut he was entirely free. His "usual perch was on the half-walled-up side "of the hut, and from there he descended "with regularity at mealtimes and climbed "up on to the back of the nearest chair; if "his demands were not attended to with the "utmost speed he would draw attention by "gently worrying the neck or shoulder of the "occupant of the chair. The intelligence "with which he understood the reproof or "caress implied by the intonation of his name "was a marvel. If the former, he would "scuttle from off the chair, pausing every "yard in his bow-legged shamble to look up-"wards and listen for the least sign of relent-"ing, and, if this was detected, he would "return to his original spot to pursue his "persecutions." And this but a very short time before had been a perfectly wild bird!

Mr. Johnson has something to say about the "thieving Magpie" and its lack of conscience; but, if he will refer back to the time of the sack of Peking, he will find that five of the so-called civilised nations looted this ancient city with great thoroughness (which was all the more reprehensible because the Chinese are an almost defenceless people, who simply desire to live their own lives in their own way, and have no dreams of world-conquest). Some of this loot was advertised in our own papers in the most unblushing manner; the ancestors of the little Pekingese spaniel were stolen from the Imperial Palace. If the Magpie is a thief, at all events it does not talk about "civilisation" or "national aspirations." Let me again ask which come out best in this matter—birds or men?

Lastly, let me say a few words in defence of my Spotted Flycatchers. Mr. Johnson evidently has but a poor opinion of the hen Flycatcher's intelligence, and suggests that she should have scrapped two of her five young and have reared the remaining three. I should like to point out, however, that, on one subject at all events, this little lady was wiser than Mr. Johnson: she knew that it requires two active 'Catchers to rear even one baby 'Catcher. Mr. Johnson even suggests that she had no love for her children, though we all (including the before-mentioned office-boy) know that birds will often sacrifice their own lives for their young.

If one could only make aviculturists see that birds are three parts mind and only one part body, aviculture as a whole would advance, instead of revolving slowly round a fixed point, as it has for a long time past. I fear that there are too many aviculturists who are contented with the rough shell of the avicultural oyster, and have no knowledge of the beautiful pearl which it contains.

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Is the Norwich Plainhead Progressing?

A paper read by Mr. T. Johnson (Southport), before the members of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.

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NOW we come to the birds of to-day. In evolving the Norwich Canary as it at present stands, it is logical to conclude that there have been times when a few birds may have crept into the prizes which were what we might term one-point birds. That is, they excelled in only one point. I am practically a young fancier, but in retrospect I can recall some birds which the judge had selected because they excelled in some point which he happened to favour.

But that is only to be expected until the perfect bird is evolved. When a judge looks at a number of birds, none of which is perfect, but all of which excel in some given point, then I say the lot of the judge is, like a policeman's, not a happy one, and he generally selects the one excelling in the point which he happens to favour.

That is why there is complaint of "in and out judging," and that is why the birds which I have mentioned previously always got the plums. They were the nearest to perfection in their day; but there were fewer good birds then than now. Mind you, they are few enough to-day. I can count on one hand, and leave my thumb out, the number of birds bred last year which in my opinion are approximately perfect. Still, there are more good birds than formerly, which shows the improvement in general properties. We have the size, the breadth, and the girth, with the bold head on a closely-fitting, silky-feathered body—that is, on the best birds. In short, we have a larger edition of the good old type that a few fanciers with stand-still ideas want us to resuscitate.

When I think of the best birds of ten or twelve years ago, and compare them in my mind with, say, Mr. Davies's buff cock, and one or two recently bred unflighteds—well, I think the latter would leave the older birds standing—to use a racing colloquialism—in all the essential points of a Norwich. One or two of the old-time birds may have been better in individual points, but for all-round Norwich properties they stand supreme.

Birds of the Bull-dog Breed.

What we want is a bird of depth and breadth, with no corners on him, with a chest that is not straight down, or square, as in a fat bird. We want a big wide head, round both ways, to commence wide at entrance, and to open out as it finishes to a thick neck. You never see those ugly horns on a bird such as I describe.

Lots have been said about browiness. I do not like a browy bird any more than other people, but I do not want to go to the other extreme in a quest for the bold eye, and breed birds with heads no thicker than a lead pencil. You can't get the thick neck and the wide head, and the broad shoulders, and the essential chubby face on a narrow-headed bird. We must have the chubby cheeks and the bold front when viewed full face. It is a very desirable point. These, and a neck without the least sign of a kink between head and shoulders are the difficult points to breed, and are the fashion; the wise judge who knows his business makes allowance for them accordingly.

No judge who has not bred the variety should be allowed to handle Norwich, because until he has bred them he has not studied them, and therefore does not understand them. That is why we have so much grumbling about awards and about the Norwich deteriorating into a nondescript, and when novices, or those commencing with the variety, see these grumbles in the paper they swallow them as a Red Indian swallows firewater, never stopping to think if there is mischief in the frothy agitations.

Keep Moving.

We are too old-fashioned, there is too much "stand-still" about us. We have a kind of a feeling that what was good enough for our forefathers is good enough for us. We must progress; and when we see a way to improve the Norwich we must not hesitate because it may entail the introduction of alien blood; but we must be sure it is for the best before we embark on the project.

Of course, we are not all alike. Some of us can see farther than others. Some there are who know what will be the outcome of a given pairing after six generations, and such people will pair up accordingly with one object in view—that of advancing the Norwich Canary.

But there are some who will have nothing to do with outcrossing. They look on the improvements going on, but stick to their old strains and their old types just as Noodle insisted on only imbibing the wisdom of his ancestors; and when they see the progressive fancier outdistancing them, they cry out with a loud voice as if someone were dropping a ton on their pet corn. Their ideas are too conservative. They refuse to sacrifice those ideas on the altar of expediency. Anything in the way of a change is anathema to them—especially if it touches the change in their pockets.

Now, my contention is this: The Norwich Canary has been undergoing an almost imperceptible change for some years, and no doubt a few rough birds have crept into the prizes at lesser shows, and where judges have been engaged who do not know the best points of a Norwich. But where the best kind of birds compete, those that win are generally free from the exaggerated faults some of our critics ascribe to them, and it is the best class of bird we breed to, not the waster.

I do not know what your ideas are, but my idea of the study of the Norwich Plainhead is that no one can obtain a correct, or even an approximately correct perception of a Norwich in a twelvemonth, or in two years. For the man with little cash in his pocket, the one who has to use his brains, it is a long journey. We learn from the exchange of ideas such as these, but we learn most at shows where we can criticise and compare the birds—leastways, that is where I have picked up what little I know.

I can recall the time, not so long ago, when I knew every great fancier of Norwich, from Sam Cook downwards, and, incidentally, when none of them knew me. I used to stand listening to their criticisms and their admirations of the winners with my ears as wide open as a young curate's at a mothers' meeting. I gathered it all in; and the novice who is out to learn could not be taught in a better school.

The Value of Push.

Believe me, if you are going to learn anything in this world you must not stand on ceremony, or study etiquette as taught in the ladies' journals. You must use what Mr. Allsopp calls "push." We in Lancashire call it cheek—same thing; and if there are any new starters present, I should advise them to button-hole some of these great men at the shows and question them. They will soon improve their perceptive faculties, and they will find that their knowledge, when it is gained, will be more useful than that of the man who uses his purse to get to the top. His birdy education is generally of the ready-made order, and generally about as useful and reliable.

At the close of the paper a very interesting discussion ensued, in which some of our oldest and most successful Norwich exhibitors, including Messrs. S. Cook, J. Raynes, W. N. Turner, and B. Clegg, took part. A large number of the members, though exhibitors of other varieties, had been keenly interested, and showed their appreciation by the hearty vote of thanks which was accorded Mr. Johnson for the able manner in which he dealt with the subject.

BIRD FOODS AND THEIR MIXING.

Notes on the preparation of food for insectivorous. frugivorous and nectar-feeding birds, given in a chat with the members of the London C.B.A., by Mr. Allen Silver, F.Z.S.

IT is not my intention this evening to in any way dogmatise as far as the feeding of birds is concerned, but rather to demonstrate to you the manner in which I find it convenient to prepare food for certain species. There are more ways of killing a cat than the unorthodox one of "choking it with cream," and experiences culled from numerous collections of birds owned by my friends, coupled with the practical working concerned with my own, lead me to believe that the methods I am about to demonstrate are both economical and quite suitable.

I need not go into the details of the recipes for insectivorous bird foods, which as you know are mostly composed of biscuit and preserved animal matter, the latter consisting usually of meat fibre, the dried bodies of "water-boatmen," sold under the name of dried flies, dried ant cocoons (so-called "ants' eggs"), and in some cases ground silkworm pupæ and egg in a preserved state. It is also unnecessary for one to state that such foods are seldom employed in a perfectly dry state, so that it is with the mixing for use with which we are to-night principally concerned.

The Necessary Equipment.

To be brief, one only requires a roomy round bowl for mixing, a pie-dish for soaking, if such is necessary, a coarse carrot grater, a knife, and a clean board either to chop or grate upon. To most people in these days time is of some importance, and it is as well to get into the way of quick but thorough manipulation rather than to waste time "fiddling about" with the food for perhaps 15 minutes. You will observe that it is quite possible to thoroughly incorporate and turn out an acceptable and nutritious mixture with as little trouble as can be imagined.

Before demonstrating this I will point out the character and use of the several ingredients I have before me. The first is a game or poultry meal, which should contain no oyster shell, and which can be used as a base for feeding large and not particularly delicate soft-feeding birds. The second is a finer meal, which can be used for smaller birds. Either should be swollen only with hot water, and the requisite amount of dry soft food such as you see here (which is a good grade insectivorous bird food) can be added according to the groups of birds you may keep.

Instead of using game meal, you can supply with good success certain proprietary foods which can be purchased in packets at about 3d. a lb. Keepers of large birds, such as Starlings, Thrushes, Blackbirds, and Crows will find such a food or game meal suitable for a base, and the leavings from the food pots of birds that are eating more expensive food can be added to it. Larks, Pipits, and Wagtails thrive very well on the finer meal very slightly damped, to which, of course, the dry insectivorous food should be added more generously.

Passing over that part relating to the use of a base for cheapening or breaking down food, I now come to the mixing of a dry food made up in due proportions and ready for use. To do this in such a way that it is acceptable to most birds is to contrive that it shall be neither sticky, pasty, stodgy, nor too dry, but that it shall present the form of a crumbling but moist granular mass. There are several methods which can be employed in order to bring this about. The first is the water method.

Various Moistening Methods.

This simply consists of the addition of hot or cold water to the dry food until it reaches the desired consistency when stirred. This method is a rough and ready way of preparation, and will answer when other materials for giving it the proper consistency are unobtainable, but is one that I do not habitually employ or recommend.

Carrot is probably the most convenient and beneficial excipient of all to employ in the making up of a dry food for use, and you will find that when grated a tablespoonful is sufficient under ordinary circumstances to incorporate with a light handful of dry food.

Banana is also probably as good as anything to mix with the food, and, as you see, the method consists only of the proper manipulation of peeled fruit added to dry food. Two inches of ordinary banana will be sufficient as a mixing agent for two handfuls of dry food.

The grease method is similar in idea; i.e., dry food is kneaded with unsalted lard or stiffish beef dripping until it is soft and slightly crumbling. Such a method, except for aviaries where the birds get plenty of exercise, I do not recommend for a number of reasons which time will not allow me to discuss just now.

The chopped lettuce or rape seedling method is usually employed when carrots are unobtainable, and amounts to the very fine chopping and mixing of the succulent leaves of lettuce, endive, spinach, dandelion, or rape cress with dry food.

Mr. Silver, in addition to the foregoing, pointed out that the main point in feeding was that of arriving at a well-balanced ration, and, where possible, to avoid following the whims of all and sundry. He also showed the company present how to prepare food for Tanagers, Sugar-birds, Lovebirds, and generally discussed points of interest relating to the businesslike handling of sticky food and fruit in the bird-room in such a manner that birds could partake freely of either without soiling their plumage.

HOW I KEEP MY SOFTBILLS.

By J. W. SAYWELL
(Nottingham).

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ANOTHER valuable food is wasp grubs, but these are expensive to buy, so I advise fanciers to gather their own. I don't cure my wasp grubs, except those I wish to keep for winter use; these I place in the oven for about five minutes, then store in a dry place until required. I do not let any live wasps go, but keep taking the most advanced grubs and give them straight to the birds, and I have never found any harmful results.

Pests May be Made Useful.

In any garden you can quickly discover quantities of aphides (green fly) and green caterpillars, which are easily collected on a sheet of paper and placed in a tin to carry home; these are particularly relished by the birds. Last summer the hedges round about Nottingham were infested with the blight of the small silver moth, and the caterpillars were to be found in clusters of twenty or thirty, which made it an easy matter to collect a quantity, and my birds had another agreeable change of diet.

I find the stock food described suitable for most of my birds, although there are isolated cases which may need special treatment. If a bird is not thriving as it should, and wasting its food, it is a good plan to give the foods separately; find out which it rejects, and these can be deleted from the mixture. Then for a change occasionally add a little finely-chopped vegetable such as lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green foods in season, or a cold boiled potato.

The Best is the Cheapest.

In all foods I find that the best is the cheapest, as if an inferior food is offered they do not relish it as they should do, and a considerable amount is wasted. The trouble does not end here, for to moult and show birds successfully they must have the very best food procurable to enable them to grow and develop their plumage rapidly and bring out all the colour which only high feeding can do.

On receiving a fresh consignment of dried flies I noticed that they were rather high-flavoured and anything but a palatable dish, so in order to overcome this I make use of fruit syrups to moisten my mixture instead of water. We all know that Softbills feed on fruits as they come in season, and I find the syrups are very much enjoyed, so I make special use of these, especially damson, blackberry, and elderberry. These are the most desirable, as they bring out the rich colour so sought for on the show bench, and do away with the necessity of giving them any colour-food. In these days of dried and preserved fruits it is an easy matter to have a supply of one sort or another, but I give all the fresh fruits as they come in season.

A Timely Hint.

About the end of August the birds become restless and want to be off, and if your birds have moulted then, you must do your best to keep them quiet, or they quickly do themselves a lot of damage. I have never heard of any particular remedy for this restlessness, but I will give you my method.

First place small twigs and branches in the cage to afford them a certain amount of diversion. Thread plenty of these through the wires, as this is where the damage is done. Then at night put your room into total darkness, as it is during the night that the bulk of migration takes place. If a light is left in the room, however, the birds can see what they are doing, and this often saves them from knocking about.

It is most essential to get your birds moulted early. I give saffron tea daily in the water, and this generally brings about the desired result. At this time they should have an extra supply of live food to build up the system and to develop the new feather. A bath should be given on every suitable day, as this brings and keeps them in condition, and a few drops of glycerine added to the water will help to bring the much desired sheen and gloss, without which no bird can expect to win.

A good condition tonic: 1 pint port, 1 lb. honey, 1 oz. citrate of iron and ammonia. Heat the wine, add honey, stir well until dissolved, then place the citrate in the liquor (the latter takes a little time to dissolve), stir well, and when cool bottle up tightly, and it is ready for use. Moisten the soft food with a little of this tonic daily.

In conclusion, let me impress on the fancier not to overcrowd, but limit the number of birds to the number to which he can give proper attention. It is far better to have three or four specimens in tip-top show condition than a dozen specimens and not one fit for the show bench.

Correspondence.

The Keeping of Softbills.

Sir,—Mr. Saywell's article, "How I Keep My Softbills," is very interesting, and I should be glad if he would kindly answer the following questions. He writes of catching his own birds by means of traps. What is the best kind of trap to use, and when can I catch Skylarks without breaking the bird laws? Does he always use traps, or sometimes bird lime? Are the "gentles" he recommends the ordinary maggots which you can breed from meat or fish, and are these good for all small birds? Are the flies which he catches for his birds the ordinary house-fly? T. Yates.

Birds in the Firing Line.

A Tame Magpie as Mascot.

Sir,—I received a letter from my brother who is serving with the 1st Scottish Rifles at the front, which may interest your readers. He says:—"We have a good mascot in the trenches just now. About a month ago, while we were in the reserve trenches, we caught a young Magpie. We reared it, and it is quite tame now. It goes in and out the trenches with us, sitting on one of the soldiers' packs, and I may tell you it was reared under shell fire. Sometimes he flies out towards the German lines, and comes back again with the snipers firing at him. The Skylarks are singing lovely; they have their nests between the two lines." My brother is a regular reader of Cage Birds, and he joins with me in wishing your paper every success.

G. Cockburn.

Another Case of Twins.

Sir,—On looking through my stock on June 27 I found that a Norwich hen which was rearing 3 young 25 days old, had laid an egg in the old nest. Having taken the cock bird away when previously setting her, I at once gave her a new nest, took the egg away, and put in a cock bird which had not been used. Copulation at once took place, and the next morning she laid a very large egg, the largest I have ever seen, quite as big as a Thrush's. As she did not lay any more, I sat her on the one egg on June 30, and on July 12 I tested the egg and found it fertile. Visions of a very large youngster, or perhaps a freak, caused me to look at nest on July 14, when I was just in time to see two young birds struggle out of the one egg. They are now five days old, and for their age seem to be quite as large and as strong as any I have ever bred. What surprises me most is the egg being fertile, as it was laid within 16 hours of the cock bird being put to her. Is this a record? G. E. Wholton.

The Cuckoo as a Bird of Prey.

Sir,—As a reader of the Belfast "Northern Whig," and a regular subscriber to Cage Birds, I am sending you a part of a letter sent by a correspondent to that paper. The Editor says in a footnote, "This is a most interesting and important note, and further details would be welcome." To me the note is not only interesting, but amazing, for I have always thought that in the first place the Cuckoo was quite harmless, and, secondly, that it did not "call" in July. Everyone knows, of course, that the Sparrow Hawk and the Cuckoo are often mistaken one for the other, but Sparrow Hawks do not call "Cuckoo."

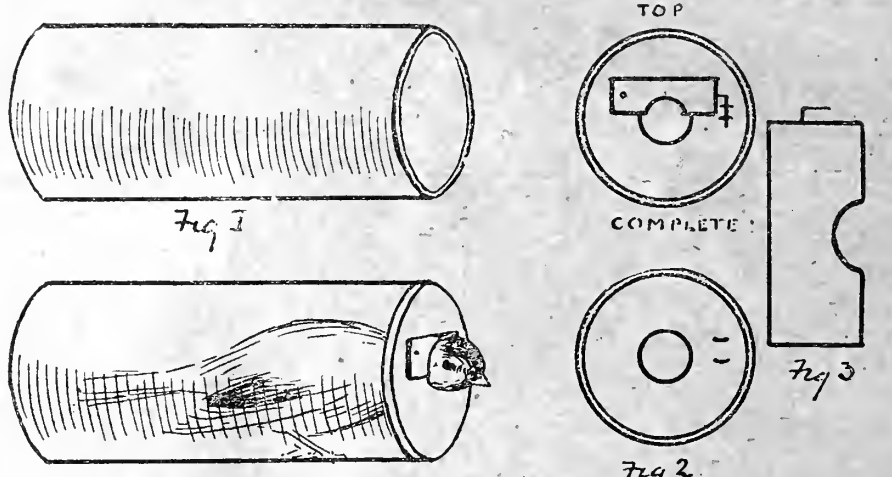
"During the present month a friend has given me a strange experience of his with this bird—the Cuckoo. At his place are a number of young turkeys housed in a coop in a grass field. His attention was drawn to a bird attacking them, and he found one mangled and in a dying condition. He lay in wait for a repetition of the offence, and there and then shot the guilty bird, which proved to be a Cuckoo. A few days afterwards a strange thing happened, no fewer than three Cuckoos visited the place boldly emitting their well-known call, and had to be driven off, but not before another young turkey was killed. Young turkeys running about among the grass resemble the young of some of our game, and is it possible that the Cuckoo preys on these last?" Irishman.

To Exterminate Lice in Canaries.

Sir,—There still seems to be some uncertainty as to the best means of destroying the bird louse. Some of your correspondents seem to be thinking of the red-mite—which is quite a different matter. Before the best treatment can be decided upon it is necessary to know something of the life history of the beast, and I believe the exact details have not so far been investigated. It is fair to assume that the cycle of reproduction follows to some extent that of the human louse. It is found that the eggs of the latter take about a week to hatch, and the young begin to breed at about a fortnight old. The adult louse is killed by being deprived of its food, i.e., human blood, for about a week. Now, it is found that the paraffin bodies are the most powerful agents in killing both the louse and its eggs. Unfortunately, a bird has a very delicate skin, and immersion in these liquids would be dangerous. Hence, the treatment recommended by your experts, viz., three hand-washes at intervals of a week or ten days, in dilute antiseptics, appears to be the best available treatment. I would remind your correspondent that it is by no means easy to get the feathers thoroughly saturated, as they must be, with a disinfectant, and that all the infected birds must be done at the same time. Also the cages and surroundings, which might possibly harbour a stray louse, should be treated with petrol, or turpentine and spirit, on each occasion that the birds are washed. The aim must be to exterminate every louse and every egg as it hatches. It must be remembered that the young larvæ are probably invisible when first hatched. Insect powder, quassia baths, spraying with potassium sulphide, etc., are only temporary measures, and almost certainly followed by recurrence. As regards the disinfectant used—the kind is not important. It should be used as strong as possible, consistent with the fact that you cannot keep it out of the eyes. So try it in your own eye first!

Interested.

Sir,—Some time ago you gave an illustration of an appliance used by some Australian bird fancier, and I am, to the best of my ability, reproducing same. It is composed of a 1lb. glass jam jar, Fig. 1, to which is fitted a piece of wood as Fig. 2. Then another piece of wood, as Fig. 3, fixed so as to turn as required. Method of application: First get the following mixed at any chemist: 3ozs. pyrethrum powder, ½oz. borax, and 15 drops of eucalyptus oil; put all in bottle, then catch



birds one at a time, put head through hole and bring clasp down just below head, and insert the bird's body into bottle, taking care feet are well inside; put the wood to fit tight into bottle, hold same sideways, and gently turn round. The bird will flutter, and will shake the powder all over its body (see that it does). Leave it in bottle for about 5 minutes, then take the whole top of bottle off, pull bird gently out, take it in the left hand, undo clasp, pull its head through hole, and put into a clean cage, and I guarantee not an insect is left. An egg or two might hatch, so it is best to examine bird in two days' time. I can lend "Novice" appliance all ready made if he cares to remit postage, 4d.

O. C. Smith.

Sir,—I have for the last thirty years been a keeper of many kinds of birds and poultry, and have occasionally been troubled with mite, etc., and in former years tried every recommendation, but the only certain remedy either for poultry houses or cage birds is oxalic acid. I get 4ozs. from the chemist, dissolve in water and make a lime wash, then add about ½-pint of the acid and treat the cages, then let thoroughly dry before returning the birds; or, better still, let them remain empty for a day or two. I have given this simple receipt to property owners and limewashers where houses have been left in a filthy state with live stock, and every instance completely cleared. Where there is a wood floor, add the oxalic acid to the water when washing the floor, and there are no more red mite, fleas, etc., to trouble your pets. Good luck to Cage Birds. It's interesting. Thos. Clayton.

OLD CALABAR
BIRD SEEDS AND PARROT FOOD
IN PACKETS EVERYWHERE.
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Sir,—First keep cages particularly clean. Get a small camel-hair brush, and just a little turpentine. Brush this well into the joints and ends of perches. The nest box or pan I always dust well with Sanitas, as it is non-poisonous; it is quite safe, and I may say I never get any lice in my nests. Wishing Cage Birds success. F. C. Howard.

Sir,—The very best thing is Keating's powder. Dip a piece of wadding in the powder, rub well into the birds, then sprinkle some about a piece of old linen or white cloth, wrap the bird in it for a few minutes, put it into a clean cage for a few hours, then remove to its own clean cage, so that if any have dropped out in the first cage they will not get on the bird again. Do this again a few days afterwards, and the lice will be exterminated. I would rather have to deal with grey lice in my birds any day than red mite. Mrs. Lydford.

Sir,—The way I manage to keep without them is to get some disinfectant fluid from the Corporation for the purpose of saturating sheets or bedding, clothing, etc.; one cupful to six buckets of water is quite sufficient to wash the bird-room. For my racks, the outside of cages, and for the perches I use the disinfectent fluid without adding any water. I do inside all cages with lime wash and sheep dip, and I put my nest-pans in the fluid for one day and then take them out and let them dry before using any of them. I do the same with my nest linings at the bottom where they fit in nest-pan. When my hens have gone to nest I use Keating's insect powder, and also when the young are about 4 days old. If any fancier will take the trouble he can keep without lice or red mite. Any fancier can inspect my cages at any time. Wishing Cage Birds all success, George Smith.

Sir,—My advice to "Novice" is to wash his cages out with strong Jeyes' Fluid mixed with hot water, with a little Hudson's dry soap in it. Every cage I have I treat with this once a week; a piece of sponge is best because that leaves the fluid on the wood.

A. Stacey.

Sir,—I have much pleasure in giving "Novice" my mode of exterminating lice and red mite from my birds. When setting hens down, on the third day I use plenty of Persian powder all round the nest box (no pans for me) and in each corner I place a small piece of camphor the size of a pea. I have used it for many years and found it do all I wish

H. Chappell.

Sir,—One bath or wash in water with a little quassia solution in it will completely rid a bird of lice. They are often a sign of poor condition, so that good feeding is necessary. I have never had lice in chicks, but have cured red mite in them by rubbing in some pyrethrum powder once or twice (no washing required), putting plenty under wings and round neck.

Bird Lover.

Sir,—If Novice will well sprinkle some Keating's powder under birds' feathers, then roll birds singly in a piece of flannel or other material about 12 inches by 6, leaving the head out for breathing, afterwards placing all such birds in a large paper bag for an hour or so, he should find his birds quite free from the lice, and by burning the bag and putting the flannels into boiling water should be well free from them. But I cannot promise that they will remain so, as I am inclined to think that nearly all birds which carry lice are constitutionally weak or suffering from some malady, and even when caged with other birds the lice will rarely ever be found on the healthy stock. Very old birds will sometimes carry them, and in such cases I never fail to kill such birds painlessly, and so put them out of their misery.

E. J. Davies.

The Future of the Horticultural Hall Show.

Great Joint Show Again to be Held.

Sir,—May I ask you to announce in the valuable columns of Cage Birds that the Horticultural Hall show will again be held this year. As last year, it will be a joint show of the L.C.B.A., F.B.E.L., and N.B.B. and M.C. This decision was arrived at during a meeting of sub-committees of the three societies convened for the purpose. Primarily this great exhibition is run solely in the interests of exhibitors, therefore it devolves on them to exert their energies and combine by their efforts to assure success for the venture, more particularly when I point out that the joint societies had a tremendous deficit to cover last year.

I have recently been appointed secretary of the L.C.B.A., and, although I cannot but confess that through a combination of circumstances matters appertaining to the last show were not concluded as quickly as the officials would have desired, it must be duly considered that we are passing through troublous times. I would crave exhibitors' pardon, and ask them to accept assurances from the joint committees that, failing some most vital interference from Messrs. "Bill" and Co., there will be no recurrence this year. I have despatched all diplomas and awards of merit gained at the last show, but should any exhibitors have been inadvertently overlooked, I hope they will communicate with me.

A. J. Watcham.

192, Mare Street, Hackney, N.E.

Home-Grown Canary Seed.

Sir,—I should be very much obliged if any reader could tell me through Cage Birds about what time canary seed would be considered ripe enough to cut. I have about two roods of the seed, and it seems fairly good, although it has suffered a bit in length through the exceptional eight weeks without any rain. A "rood" here measures 64 square yards. I intend to cut it and leave it for a few days outside and then thrash it, as recommended in Cage Birds by a contributor early this year. I enclose a few heads, but do not think that there is much in them yet. I have also a good rood of charlock, which seem to be doing extra well. I shall gather this when I see the lower pods about to burst. Is charlock a seed suitable for Canaries? I gave them a good bit last year, and they ate it with seemingly more relish than summer rape. Any help on the above questions would greatly oblige yours,

H. Hall.

Macclesfield.

(The sample heads sent are certainly not nearly ripe, and the seed grains have very little in them. After the rain of the past week an improvement in the bulk of the kernel should soon be manifest, and a few days of bright sun afterwards should ripen the seed.—Editor Cage Birds.)

The Ups and Downs of Hybrid Breeding.

Sir,—As a constant reader of Cage Birds I am particularly interested in the hybrid news. Hybrid breeding having been my fancy for the past 50 years. I suppose there are others who, like me, are glad to hear of other people's fortunes, and are interested in their failures. Mine have been amongst the failures so far this year, not having yet bred a Hybrid, and having had but one good egg which nearly hatched—not quite. A hen Bullie sat on four eggs in the early part of June, all infertile. I gave her two canary eggs to go on with when I discovered that her own were no good. She sat her full time, hatched the Canaries out, and has fed them well, with the result that the young ones are three or four days in advance of the others of the same nest fed by Canaries. I was induced to try this plan through having some years ago succeeded in breeding and rearing three Canaries with a Bullfinch hen. It is very interesting to watch them feed, as it is usually about two mouthfuls, then stop for perhaps 10 minutes or a quarter of an hour, then repeat same as before. The Bullie is now sitting on five of her own fine eggs with Goldfinch. I don't think it is his fault if these are not good, he is serving two hen Bullies with vigour; they are kept in a garden aviary in cages 46 inches long, 30 high, and 18 deep. She fed on egg-food, but cooked after a method of my own in a different way to any I have seen before, plenty of green food, and occasionally thistle seed. Would it be of interest to you to know how she gets on with the nest of eggs she is now sitting on? The last egg was laid this morning, July 19.

J. F.

(We shall be glad to hear how the Bullfinch hen progresses, and perhaps our correspondent will give his own method of preparing his egg-food. The interchange of knowledge is to the general advancement of bird keeping.—Editor.)

THE SHOWS.

(Continued from page 5.)

CLITHEROE C.B.S.

F.F. show July 3. There was a good entry, and some very good birds were staged. Mr. J. Barnes judged, and gave every satisfaction. Cl. Yell. Norw: 1, 2, Calverley; 3, Hargreaves; 4, Cook and Son. Buff: 1, 2, Cook and Son; 3, Wilkinson; 4, Hargreaves. Mkd. Yell.: 1, 3, Cook and Son; 2, Calverley; 4, Wilkinson. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Cook; 4, Calverley. A.O.V. Can.: 1, 2, Cook and Son.—J. Southworth, Sec.

KENDAL C.B.S.

Annual N.F. show, July 1. The chairman, Mr. J. Thompson, judged, and gave every satisfaction. Nor. Yell.: 1, 2, vhc, Heywood; 3, Higginson; hc, c, Ashworth. Buff: 1, 2, Heywood; 3, Dickinson; vhc, Higginson. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Pye. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Pye; vhc, Higginson. Bord. Yell.: 1, Pearce; 2, Townley; 3, vhc, hc, c, Parkinson. Buff: 1, 3, c, Allen; 2, vhc, Newby; hc, Townley. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Dickinson.—N. Heywood, Hon. Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Second F.F. show, July 10, Headquarters. There was only a poor turn-up of 32, all Yorks. Mr. A. Radley, Huddersfield, judged. Cl. Yell. (5): 1, Sykes; 2, Buttle and Coupland; 3, Hicks; vhc, Armistead; hc, Holmes and Schofield. Buff (5): 1, vhc, Sykes; 2, Skinn; 3, Buttle and Coupland; hc, Armistead. Tkd. (11): 1, Whitehead; 2, hc, Sykes; 3, Ellis; vhc, Cotton; c, Atkinson. Mkd. Yell. (5): 1, Whitehead; 2, Ellis; 3, Hicks; vhc, Skinn; hc, Wood. Cinn. Mkd. (6): 1, 3, c, Wood; 2, Sykes; vhc, hc, Buttle and Coupland. Next show July 31. Mr. E. Clegg, Dewsbury, will judge; next meeting same evening.—A. Lawford, Sec.

CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY C.B.A.

Fourth annual young bird show, Prince of Wales Hotel, July 15. Entries for most of the classes were well up to the average, and competition was very keen. Norwich were a promising lot, Mr. Bishop taking special with a heavily variegated yell. of good type and subs. He also had a very strong team of Yorks. out, winning special in this section with a cl. yell. of good length. Sp. for Borders was won by Mr. Stiles. In Brit., Mr. Taylor secured sp. with a very fine Chough. Mr. J. T. Palmer (Gamlingay) judged. Nor. Yell.: 1, sp, 3, Bishop; 2, Hart; vhc, Taylor. Buff: 1, Taylor; 2, Bishop; 3, Hart. Yorks. Yell.: 1, sp, 2, Bishop; 3, Taylor. Buff: 1, 2, 3, hc, Bishop; vhc, Hart. Bord.: 1, sp, 2, Stiles. A.O.V. Can.: 1, Taylor; 2, Goldsmith. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Taylor. Nor. Nov.: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Hill. Goldf.: 1, Bryant. Bullf.: 1, Taylor; 2, Bryant. Linnet: 1, Bryant; 2, Taylor; 3, Hill. Siskin: 1, Taylor. A.O. Brit.: 1, sp, 2, Taylor. Mule or Hyb. (old bird): 1, Hart; 2, 3, vhc, Taylor.—C. G. Taylor, Assist. Sec.

ABERSYCHAN C.B.S.

N.F. show open to 20 miles radius July 3, Queen's Hotel, Mr. E. W. Allsopp judge. The exhibits, though not strong numerically, were taken as a whole real good, and with the maintenance of the same degree of local enthusiasm we have no doubt that further progress is ahead. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Broome, cl., good all-round, we heard the Abertillery winner; 2, Waters, ticked, loses in head, otherwise close up; 3, Amphlett; vbc, Couch. Buff: 1, Vaughan, capital type and cond., jaunty action; 2, 3, Waters, good one, but inclined to cross wings; 3rd, hardly so typical; vhc, Amphlett; hc, Broome; c, Couch. Mkd. or Variegated. Yell.: 1, Broome, grand col. and qual., beavily variegated, should make up well; 2, Vaughan. Buff: 1, Broome, cobby, neat, good head, comfortable size; 2, Amphlett, larger, but not being so neat; 3, Vaughan. Yorks., Cl., or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Morgan, tkd., well drawn, neat, and typical, stands well; 2, 3, Johnson, clears. Buff: 1, vhc, Simons, smart youngster, beautifully clothed in short, silky plumage; 2, Morgan, good one, fails just a trifle in roundness of skull; 3, Parry; hc, Smith; c, Latham. Mkd. or Variegated. Yell.: 1, O. Smith honny youngster, stands well to attention, neat head, neck and wings; 2, 3, Smith, capital type and qual., 3, bit unsteady; vhc, Johnson. Buff: 1, Morgan, wonderful length, capital in all respects; 2, vhc, Parry, not so sweet in skull, otherwise close up; 3, Latham; hc, Johnson.

RADCLIFFE C.B.S.

F.F. show, July 3, Conservative Club, Church St., Radcliffe; about 80 birds staged. Mr. R. Barrass, Rochdale, judged, and gave every satisfaction. The society has about 30 members, and is in a sound financial condition, every member doing his best to help, and the members hope soon to hold an open show. We had a good attendance of old bird fanciers from surrounding districts, and they gave the room great praise, saying it was an ideal room for a bird show, and promised to give us support if we held an open show. At the annual show, first Sat. in Dec., we are having an open class for pet birds in the district, by which means we hope to arouse more interest in the townspeople and get more members. Fanciers within a radius of seven miles from Radcliffe Bridge are welcome to any of our meetings, first Tuesday in month.

Cl. Yell. Yorks.: 1, spl, best Yorks., Pickup; 2, 3, Spiby; 4, vhc, Holt; hc, Pickup. Buff: 1, 2, Spiby; 3, Pickup; 4, vhc, Williams; c, Holt. Tkd., Var., or Gr.: 1, 2, Spiby; 3, hc, c, Williams; 4, Holt; vhc, Pickup. Cl. Buff Nor.: 1, spl, best Nor., Grimshaw; 2, Williams. Tkd., Var., or Gr.: 1, Allen; 2, 4, Pilling; 3, Grimshaw. Cl. Roller: 1, spl, best Roller, Hickton and Ollier; 2, vhc, Britton; 3, Seddon; 4, Higham; hc, Hickton and Ollier. Tkd. or Lightly Var.: 1, 4, Schofield; 2, Seddon; 3, vhc, Hickton and Ollier; hc, Higham. Heavy Var. or Gr.: 1, Schofield; 2, 3, Britton; 4, hc, Hickton and Ollier; vhc, c, Pearson. Goldf.: 1, spl, best Brit., Grimshaw; 2, Allen; 3, Higham. Linnet, Etc.: 1, Lord; 2, Grimsbaw; 3, Allen Bros.; 4, Higham; vhc, Pickup. A.O. Hardbill: 1, Grimshaw; 2, Allen.—G. Lord, Sec.

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BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

Members F.F. show, headquarters, July 14; some good specimens were shown. Mr. W. Swaysland judged. Special winners: Champ. Can., Gibb (Norwich); Nov., Firth (Yorks.); Brit., James (Chaffinch). Chmn. Cl. Yorks.: 1, 3, Wall; 2, Gibb. Tkd. Yorks.: 1, 2, 3, Pearson; vhc, Wall. Nor.: 1, 2, hc, sp, Gibb; 3, vhc, Absolon. Nov. Cl. Yorks.: 1, sp, 3, vbc, hc, c, Firth; 2, Williams. Tkd.: 1, Parsons; 2, Williams. Nor.: 1, Bluck; 2, Lydford. Bord.: 1, 2, 3, Brown. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Smith. Brit.: 1, sp, 2, 3, James.—W. H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Members' show, July 3, Victoria Hotel. Nearly 40 birds were staged. Mr. J. Taylor judged, and gave satisfaction to all. Sp. best in show was won by Mr. H. Fretwell. Cl. Yell. (6): 1, vhc, Dykes; 2, Goodwin; 3, Myers; 4, Chittenden; hc, Fretwell. Buff (6): 1, Dykes; 2, Chittenden; 3, Myers; 4, vhc, Goulf; hc, Fretwell. Tkd. Yell. (5): 1, Dykes; 2, 3, 4, Fretwell; vhc, Goodwin. Buff (4): 1, sp, 2, Fretwell; 3, Alred; 4, Goodwin. Mkd. Yell. (4): 1, 3, Dykes; 2, Oldrieve; 4, Alred. Buff (5): 1, 3, Dykes; 2, Fretwell; 4, Chittenden; vhc, Chittenden. Foul Mkd. (2): 1, Dykes; 2, Oldrieve.—H. Bryant, Hon. Sec.

WADEBRIDGE.

This show, held by the Wadebridge F.A., was run for the benefit of the Blue Cross Fund, in the Town Hall, July 14, but we regret to say that owing to the paucity of entries, all the open classes were cancelled. Other sections made a grand display, one of the best ever seen in Cornwall. The show was excellently managed by the committee, and well supported by the public. Mr. E. Mitchell made a most obliging and painstaking sec., and was well supported by his committee. We only regret the cage bird fancy did not share in the success achieved. Mr. C. A. House judged.

Local Can. (10): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Wills, very smart, racy, good feathered yell. Bord., and a long neat feathered, stylish buff Yorks.; 3, Dockery, long, slim, yell. green Yorks., good style and feather; res, Pearce. Brit. or Mule (3): 1, 2, Wills, rich coloured, shapely Goldies, capital blazes and bars; 3, Cave, nice little buff Goldf.-Can. Mule. Children's Can. (to be judged for condition) (7): 1, Rosie Pascoe, long, slim, variegated yell. Yorks., in grand feather; 2, R. Wills, neat, close feathered buff Nor.; 3, L. Oliver, stylish yell. Yorks., not so tight in feather; res, Sherston; vhc, Mabel Deadon; hc, K. Cave; c, N. Wills.

SWANSEA C.B.S.

Young Bird Show, July 13, Hansel Hotel. Over 80 birds made a capital entry to face our old judge, Mr. J. B. Evans, who gave satisfaction to all. Nor., Yell.: 1, spl., Hitchings; 2, 3, Addison; 4, Bradley. Buff: 1, spl., Lewis; 2, Addison; 3, Hitchings. Yellben: 1, Hitchings; 2, Addison. Buff: 1, Mabbett; 2, Hitchings. York., Yell. ck.: 1, spl., Williams; 2, Davies. Buff: 1, Williams. Bord., Yell. ck.: 1, 2, Hocking; 3, Gregory, junr., and Davies; 4, Richards. Buff: 1, 2, 4, Hocking; 3, Gregory, junr., and Davies. Yell. hen: 1, spl., 2, Hocking. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Hocking. Gr., ck.: 1, Hocking; 2, Richards. Buff Gr.: 1, 3, 4, Jenkins; 2, Hocking. Cinn., Yell.: 1, Hocking; 2, Jenkins. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Hocking. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Hitchings. Old Birds, Mules: 1, Jeffries. Nor.: 1, Lewis; 2, Hitching; 3, Slee. Yorks: 1, 2, Williams; 3, Davies. Bord., Cl.: 1, Ricarhds; 2, Jenkins. Gr.: 1, Richards; 2, Glover. Cin.: 1, 2, Jenkins. Goldf.: 1, Jeffries; 2, Gregory and Son. Bullf.: 1, 2, Holborow. Linnet: 1, spl., Jeffries; 2, Glover. Lesser Redpoll: 1, Bullock; 2, Jeffries; 3, Holborow. Mealy Redpoll, etc.: 1, 3, Bullock; 4, Jeffries; 2, Gregory, sen. Greenf.: 1, 2, Holborow; 3, Mabbett; 4, Gregory, sen. Bramble or Chaff.: 1, 2, 3, Bullock; 4, Jeffries. Bunting: Jeffries. Bullf. hen: Holborow. A.O.V. Brit.: Holborow.—Alf. Hitchings, Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Annual F.F. show, Lamb Hotel, July 10. In spite of the fact that several of the members are serving their country, and that it has been rather a poor breeding season, there was an excellent entry of 78. Quality was very good, and we were very pleased to see a revival in the Crest section. For some seasons this variety has been rather neglected, but here Crests were quite a feature, 19 being staged. Mr. T. J. King's clear body G.C. was greatly admired, and won special for best Crest and also for best bird in show. Mr. J. H. Payne judged.

CRESTS, Buff: 1, two sps., 2, 4, King; 3, Steel; vhc, hc, Hayling. C.B., Buff: 1, sp, 2, King; 3, 4, Hayling; vhc, Steel. Crest or C.B., yell.: 1, 2, King. NOR., Yell.: 1, sp, 2, vhc, Stubbs Bros.; 3, Mitchell; 4, Stephenson, Glos. Buff: 1, vhc, Stubbs Bros.; 2, 4, Stephenson, Glos.; 3, sp., Mitchell; hc, Pounsett. BORD., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2, Madagan; 2, Brand, Glos. Buff: 1, sp., 2, 4, vhc, Madagan; 3, Beard; hc, c, Elston. Mkd. or Variegated. Yell.: 1, Madagan; 2, Elston. Buff: 1, 3, Elston; 2, 4, Madagan. A.O.V.: 1, Elston. YORKS., Buff: 1, sp., Cox; 2, 3, Mason. NOV., Crests: 1, 2, 3, Steel. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Steel. Nor. Yell.: 1, 3, Mitchell; 2, Stevens. Buff: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Mitchell; 3, Stevens. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, two sps., Stephenson; 2, 4, Brown; 3, Elston; vhc, Pounsett; hc, Madagan. Greenf., etc.: 1, 2, 3, Brown. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Elston. Hybrids: 1, 2, Pounsett; 3, Brown. For.: 1, 2, Treasure.—A. S. Treasure, hon. sec.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

Second annual Y.B. show, Kingsland Assembly Hall, July 7, with close on 160 entries, and some of the birds will be heard of again if moulted well. Mr. Page put down some very good Norwich, which showed the colour coming through nicely, as did Mr. Foyle. Mr. Love won challenge cup with a very nice young Norwich, a gem. Yorks. were a lot of gems, and time will bring them up together. Novice classes had some good stuff. British had some good birds among them, and the foreign, exhibited by Mr. Slade, were perfection in feather and condition. The sec. and committee worked well; all was ready for the judge in good time, and the awards were soon placed on the cages. Mr. W. Haysom, Southampton, judged, and his awards were well received.

Champ. Nor. Yell.: 1, Foyle, fine silky feather, good head and neck, stands well across perch; 2, 3, Page, equal in body, but fails a little in head, close up, 3rd, hardly the subs. Buff: 1, sp., 3, Page, leader, thick set, stands well, shows col., when moulted should make a good one; 2, Foyle, fails to winner in head, and a bit loose in feather. Tkd. or Variegated. Yell.: 1, 2, Page, good head and body, neck well filled in, 2, mkd. head and neck, good body and wing car.; 3, Foyle; vhc, Alderslade. Nov. Nor. Yell.: 1, cup, best Canary, Love, a gem, good body, head, neck and nice feather; 2, vhc, Washer; 3, White. Cl. Buff: 1, vhc, c, Chandler, stands well across perch, would do with more subs.; 2, 3, White, similar, close run, 3rd, nice body, tail partly gone; hc, Wood. Tkd. or Variegated. Yell.: 1, 2, Washer, heavy mkd., good chest and neck, 2rd, pinched a bit in head. Buff: 1, 2, hc, Love, good body and neck, stands well across perch, 2nd, heavy mkd., nice stamp, fails in head to 1st; 3, Hartnell, ticked on eye, nice body; vhc, White; c, Wood. Yorks., Champ. Yell.: 1, sp., Bousfield, nice and straight, fine feather. Buff: 1, Grant, good wing car., up like a dart; 2, Bousfield. Tkd. or Variegated. Yell.: 1, Bousfield, like a rush, a gem; 2, White, not so close feather, quite a baby. Bull: 1, Grant, tkd. on wing, stands well; 2, White, variegated. Nov., Cl. Yell.: 1, sp., vhc, Gentry, nice thin bird, and nice tight feather; 2, c, Egerton; 3, Gear; hc, Baker. Buff: 1, 3, hc, Egerton, straight as a gun-barrel, nice car. of wings; 2, vhc, Gear; c, Gentry (2). Tkd. or Variegated. Yell.: 1, Egerton, heavy mkd., stands well; 2, Gentry. Buff: 1, Egerton, tkd. neck, long, straight bird; 2, Baker. Crest: 1, Fellows, neat crest; 2, Cawte. C.B.: 1, Fellows, cap and wing mkd.; 2, 3, Cawte, variegated. Goldf.: 1, sp., Foyle, nice blaze and chestnut breast; 2, Vale, hardly as good blaze and light in breast col.; 3, vhc, W. Fellows; c, White. Bullf.: 1, Vale, hen, good condition; 2, Chandler. Linnet: 1, Mellnish, nice feather, shown well. Siskin, etc.: 1, Alderslade, Twite, nice feather and cond.; 2, 3, Fellows, Redpolls. Greenf. or Chaff: 1, Vale, Greenf., good size, shape, and col., in the pink; 2, Alderslade, Challinch; 3, White, Greenf. A.O. Hardbill: 1, 2, Vale, Yellow and Reed Buntings. Softbill: 1, 2, Slawson, Skylark and Blackbird. Light Mule: 1, Hartnell, Can.-Goldf., good size and col. Dark: 1, Hartnell, Linnet-Can., good condition; 2, White, Siskin-Can.; 3, Vale, Goldf.-Can. For. Small: 1, 3, Slade, Zebra Finch, very steady and in good feather, and nice Cutthroat; 2, Alderslade, White-headed Mannikin, in the pink. Large: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Slade, Jamaica, Haugnest, very steady, rare feather, 2nd, Black-headed Gouldian, 3, Taba Weaver, etc., all in splendid form.

HALIFAX O.S.

Second F.F. Show, headquarters, Plummet Line Hotel, July 17; 58 birds staged. Mr. L. Dykes, Bradford, judged and gave every satisfaction. Burdekin Bros. won spl. most points in Champ. Section with 13 points, and spl. most points at both N.F. Shows with 30 points. Sladdin and Baldwin won spl. in Novices with 17 points, and spl. at both shows, 29 points.

Yorks., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (8): 1, vhc, Burdekin Bros.; 2, Ambler; 3, Sladdin and Baldwin; hc, Speak; c, Child. Buff (12): 1, Child; 2, Ambler; 3, Burdekin Bros.; vhc, Speak; hc, Horsman; c, Senior. Mkd. Yell. (5): 1, 3, Speak; 2, Dunn; vhc, Child; hc, Senior. Buff (6): 1, Horsman; 2, Sladdin and Baldwin; 3, hc, Newcombe; vhc, Ambler; c, Pilling. More dark than light (2): 1, Ambler; 2, Pilling. Yell. Gr. Yorks. (6): 1, 3, Sladdin and Baldwin; 2, Sharp; vhc, c, Scruton and Harris; hc, Rushworth. Buff (7): 1, Sladdin and Baldwin; 2, vhc, Rushworth; 3, c, Scruton and Harris; hc, Leach. Yell. Nor. (2): 1, 2, Rolfe. Buff (3): 1, 2, Clegg; 3 Rolfe. Mkd. (2): 1 Rolfe; 2, Roper. Brit. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Macpherson; 3, hc, Helliwell.—H. Clegg, Sec.

COVENTRY (Godiva) C.B.S.

Ninth Annual F.F. Show, July 17, Sydenham Palace. Upwards of 100 birds were shown. Some excellent exhibits in Norwich were well staged, and Mr. W. Fincher secured two specials. Mr. A. Wright also won special for the best Canary in show. Mr. E. Goyder won Mr. Warner's special. Mr. G. Hall, Leamington, judged, and gave satisfaction. Nor. Cl Yell.: 1, 2, Fincher; 3, Wright; vhc, Goyder; hc, Shirley; Tkd. or Mkd.: 1, 3, hc, Fincher; 2, Wright; vhc, Goyder; c, Arundell. Cl. Buff: 1, Shirley; 2, spl., Goyder; 3, Arundell; vhc, Wright; hc, Cox; c, Rowley. Tkd. or Mkd.: 1, Shirley; 2, Fincher; 3, Arundell; vhc, hc, Radburn. Yorks., cl., etc., Buff: 1, Rowley; 2, 3, vhc, Green; hc, c, Adkins. Gr., Self or Foul: 1, Adkins. Nor. Cinn., Self: 1, Radburn; 2, Shirley; 3, Wills. A.O.V. Can.: 1, vhc, Fincher; 2, Rowley; 3, Shirley; hc, Roycroft; c, Cox. Yell., ck., any age.: 1, 2, Fincher; 3, c, Radburn; vhc, Adkins; hc, Wright. Buff: 1, spl., Wright; 2, Rowley; 3, Green; vhc, Goyder; hc, Cox; c, Bache. Hen: 1, Fincher; 2, Green; 3, Radburn; vhc, Roycroft; hc, Goyder; c, Shirley. Brit. Hardbill: 1, Rowley; 2, Arundell; 3, Wills; vhc, Goyder; hc, Adkins; c, Adkins.—F. A. Green, Sec.

EASTLEIGH C.B.S.

Second Annual N.F. Show, July 14, Boy Scouts' Room, Station Hill; 68 birds were staged, 20 more than last year. Although the weather was very stormy a good number of visitors were present. Mr. S. White, Southampton, judged and gave every satisfaction. Special prizes were given by Messrs. H. Bousfield, L. Bousfield and J. Alderslade. Nor., Cl.: 1, 3, Foyle; 2, L. Page; vhc, Clark. Tkd. or Mkd.: 1, spl., L. Page; 2, vhc, Cook; 3, Foyle. Gr., Self of Foul: 1, Alderslade; 2, 3, Lees; vhc, Clark. York., Cl.: 1, spl., Maidment; 2, 3, Bousfield; 2, 3, hc, Thornback. Tkd. or Mkd.: 1, Bousfield; 2, 3, vhc, Clark. Bord. or Roller: 1, spl., 4, F. Page; 2, 3, Alexander; vhc, Emmet; hc, c, Thornback. Mule: 1, Alderslade. Goldf.: 1, spl., Foyle; 2, Clark; 3, Vale. Bullf.: 1, Alderslade; 2, Vale. Greenf. or Chaff.: 1, 3, Vale; 2, Alderslade; vhc, Thornback. Linnet: 1, Thornton; 2, Cook. Siskin, etc.: 1, Alderslade; 2, Lees. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Vale. Old Birds, Nor. Cl.: 1, 3, Alderslade; 2, Foyle. Tkd. or Mkd.: 1, Foyle; 2, Cook. Gr., Self or Foul: 1, Alderslade. York., Cl.: 1, Bousfield; 2, Thornback. Tkd. or Mkd.: 1, Maidment; 2, Thornton. Bord. or Roll.: 1, F. Page; 2, Thornton; 3, Emmett. Crest or C.B.: 1, Moloney. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Alderslade. Mules: 1, Turner; 2, Lacey; 3, Vale; vhc, hc, Clark; c, Thornton. For.: 1, Alderslade.—J. Alderslade, Sec.

BLAENAVON C.B.S.

F.F. show held Crown Hotel, July 10. A large number of visitors present. Mr. J. Pritchard, Abertillery, judged, and gave every satisfaction. The society is only in its first season, but there is every sign of it becoming one of the foremost in Wales and Monmouthshire; it is now between twenty and thirty members strong. Mr. G. Broome, who was sec. to the Abertillery C.B.S. when it was formed, is now in harness at Blaenavon, and if the members will rally round him, they need not fear about the future of their society. Sp. best bird in show was won by Mr. Latham with a grand cl. yell. Yorks. Yorks. were a very keen lot, there being some good birds staged. Norwich were also very good, and there was a fine class of Rollers. The wee gems and Brit. completed a very nice F.F. show. The room was one of the best, and credit is due to the members for the way they dressed the room with the palms and plants.

Nor. Cl. or Tkd.: 1, Broome; 2, Gilbert. Mkd. or Variegated.: 1, 3, vhc, Broome; 2, 4, c, Thomas and Durham; hc, Gilbert. Yorks. Cl. or Tkd.: 1, sp, 2, 3, hc Latham; 4, vhc, Jones; c, Morris. Mkd. or Variegated.: 1, 2, Latham; 3, 4, Morris; vhc, Jones. Bord. Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 3, hc, c, Lapworth; 2, 4, vhc, Broome. Mkd. or Variegated.: 1, 2, 4, Broome; 3, vhc, Lapworth. Rollers: 1, 4, hc, c, Taylor and Sons; 2, 3, vhc, Sainsbury. Brit.: 1, Morris; 2, Knapp; 3, hc, Gilbert; 4, Taylor and Sons; vhc, Thomas and Durham.

SHIPLEY O.S.

Members' show, July 17, Mr. E. Lamb judged. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Long; 2, Harrison; 3, Lightfoot. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Craven. Uneven: 1, Long. Cinn. Tkd. Yell.: 1, Harrison; 2, 3, Hudson. Buff: 1, Harrison; 2, 3, Hudson. Foul Mkd.: 1, Craven; 2, Murgatroyd; 3, E. Grange.—Long and Craven, Secs.

GUISBOROUGH PRIORY C.B.S.

2nd N.F. show, Charlton's, July 10, Mr. A. Wake (Middlesbrough) judged and kindly brought a medal for best bird in show, which was won by Mr. W. Starling with a Yorks. Yorks Cl. or Tkd.: 1, Starling; 2, 3, hc, Barker; vhc, c, Cook. Mkd.: 1, Cook; 2, 3, vhc, Barker. Nor. Cl. or Tkd.: 1, Cook. Mkd.: 1, Cook. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Campbell; 3, Starling. Nov. Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 2, Graham; 3, Weston. Mkd.: 1, Graham; 2, 3, vhc, Weston. Cl. Nor.: 1, Knaggs; 2, Atkinson. Mkd.: 1, 2, 3, Knaggs. Brit: 1, 2, 3, hc, Jobling; vhc, Cook. The bad luck has still continued and there was only a poor entry.—A. W. Knaggs.

CLAPHAM C.B.A.

Young bird show, at Clock House, Clapham, July 14. Some grand specimens were staged, Yorks. being particularly strong. There was a nice class of Hybrids and some grand British, conspicuous amongst which were a very fine Blackcap, the property of Mr. Vale, and a grand Bramblefinch, exhibited by Mr. Francis. The Blackcap sang splendidly throughout the evening. There were several fine foreign birds, the pick of which was an Indigo Bunting shown in splendid colour and condition by Madame Madewell. As Mr. Norman, who had been elected to judge, had the misfortune to be late, Mr. Vale judged the Canaries, and A. R. Coe judged the Hybrids, British and Foreign, and the awards gave apparent satisfaction. The chief winners were: Nor., Mr. Greenland; Yorks, Mr. Clark; Brit. and For., Madame Madewell and Messrs. Francis, Cooper and Vale.—A. R. Coe.

HUTHWAITE C.B.S.

F.F. show, July 17, Shoulder of Mutton Hotel; Mr. J. Adnitt, S. Normanton, judged. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2, Vardy, nice, short, chubby clears; 3, hc, Ingram, not so short as leaders; vhc, Keeling. Buff: 1, Vardy, good col. and qual.; 2, Keeling, very nice cobby bird, close up; 3, vhc, Ingram. Variegated or Dk. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, Vardy, nice variegated birds, good in head, nice type and chubby. Buff: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Brown. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Sheppard; 2, Brown. Variegated or Dk. Yell.: 1, 2, Sheppard. Buff: 1, 2, Sheppard. Linnet, etc.: 1, Sawers Bros.; 2, Hawkins. Hyb.: 1, 2, Keeling, Siskin-Greenf. and Goldf.-Greenf. Nov. Yell. Nor.: 1, Parkin, nice cl.; 2, Evans, tkd.; 3, vhc, Green, all good for novices. Buff: 1, 2, Taylor. Variegated or Dk. Yell.: 1, 2, Green. Buff: 1, Parkin; 2, 3, Evans. Yorks. Yell.: 1, 2, Green; 3, Toplis; vhc, Henshaw. Buff: 1, vhc, hc, Green; 2, Toplis; 3, Henshaw. Variegated or Dk. Yell.: 1, 2, Green. Buff: 1, Toplis; 2, Green. A.O.V. Can.: 1, 2, Evans. Linnet, etc.: 1, 2, Hawkins. Bramble, etc.: 1, 2, Jackson. Mule: 1, Evans.

NORTH LIVERPOOL C.B.S.

2nd N.F. show, July 17. 122 birds staged. Mr. J. Abbott judged Yorks., and Mr. Mallinson Bord. and Brit., and gave satisfaction to all. Next meeting Aug. 4, when there is a night show of British. Champ. Yorks. Cl., etc. (5): 1, hc, Algie; 2, 3, vhc, Pengelly. Nov. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (13): 1, Leadbetter; 2, G. Grice; 3, vhc, c, Wilson; hc, McLaughlin. Buff (13): 1, Leadbetter; 2, 3, c, Wilson; vhc, Grice; hc, Leadbetter. Heavily Mkd. or Variegated. Buff (9): 1, McLaughlin; 2, Hammond; 3, vhc, Quick; hc, c, Kewn. Green S. or F. Yell. (7): 1, vhc, Kewn; 2, Jordan; 3, McLaughlin; hc, Grice; c, Wilson. Buff (12): 1, hc, McLaughlin; 2, vhc, Jordan; 3, Quick; c, Kewn. Bord. Cl., etc., Yell.: 1, 3, Bratherton; 2, Ritchie. Buff (5): 1, Grice; 2, hc, Ritchie; 3, vhc, Bratherton. Goldf. (5): 1, Howard; 2, Keenan; 3, Rothwell; vhc, Williams; hc, Kelly. Bullf. (8): 1, hc, Keenan; 2, Rothwell; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Howard; c, Kelly. Greenf. (5): 1, Williams; 2, Lloyd; 3, Rothwell; vhc, Kelly; hc, Keenan. Bramble or Chaffinch (10): 1, 2, hc, Rothwell; 3, c, Lloyd; vhc, Keenan. Linnet (7): 1, 2, Kelly; 3, Wilson; vhc, c, Keenan; hc, Hammond. Redpoll, etc. (5): 1, Kelly; 2, vhc, Keenan; 3, Lloyd; hc, Williams. A.O.V. Ck. (4): 1, 2, Keenan; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Kelly. Hen (6): 1, 3, Keenan; 2, Lloyd; vhc, Williams; hc, c, Kelly. Mule or Hyb. (5): 1, 3, Keenan; 2, Lloyd; vhc, hc, Kelly.—E. I. Broadbent, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Meeting and 6th annual show of young birds, July 10, large Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross. Entries totalled 83, an increase of 49 on last year's total. Quality was very high, and the classes were well filled, the "wee gems" leading in numbers. Mr. A. Sloan (Possilpark) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

Crest: 1, 3, Hamilton; 2, Young. C.-B.: 1, spl, 3, spl, Hamilton; 2, Young. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Yell: 1, 3 spls, Brail; 2, Young; 3, spl, Mitchell; 4, 5, P. Allan. Buff: 1, Braid; 2, spl, Mitchell; 3, Young; 4, Henderson; 5, P. Allan. Yell. Variegated.: 1, Campbell; 2, 4, Henderson; 3, Young. Buff: 1, Campbell; 2, 4, spl, Young; 3, Henderson. Self or Foul Mkd. Gr. or Cinn.: 1, Henderson. Bord. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2, spl, Sellar; 3, spl, 5, Lunn; 4, Campbell; 6, Mitchell; 7, Synington. Buff: 1, Camphell: 2, 6, Lunn; 3, Braid; 4, spl, 7, Proudfoot; 5, Wm. Allan. Yell. Variegated.: 1, 3, Proudfoot; 2, Robertson; 4, Campbell; 5, Sellar. Buff: 1, Wm. Allan; 2, Proudfoot; 3, 4, Robertson. Self or Foul Mkd. Gr.: 1, 3, 4, 5, Lunn; 2, Downie; 6, Robertson. Cinn.: 1, spl, 3, Young; 2, 5, Lunn; 4, Sellar. Yorks Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Wm. Allan, Buff Variegated., Gr. or Cinn.: 1, Wm. Allan. Dark Can. Mule: 1, spl, Mitchell; 2, Campbell; 3, Henderson; 4, Jno. Colquhoun. Next meeting, August 13, when annual members' show business will be discussed. We trust to see a large turn-out of members.—W. S. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

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THE SHOWS.

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BELFAST Norwich, Crest & N.C.C

Annual N.F. show, July 3, Clarence Place Hall. Most fanciers here have had a very bad breeding season. Still, some very nice youngsters were staged, and should give a good account of themselves after the moult. Mr. J. E. Adams, president, judged, and his awards met with general approval. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, McAteer; 2, Scott; 3, Stewart; 4, Foreman; 5, Kelso; 6, Kane. Buff: 1, Foreman; 2, Houston; 3, Lavery; 4, Brown; 5, McAteer; 6, Scott. Yell. Variegs.: 1, Lavery; 2, Craigford; 3, Creighton. Buff: 1, Johnston; 2, Houston; 3, Kelso; 4, McVicker; 5, Brown; 6, Crawford. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Malcolm; 2, Fleming; 3, Webb. Buff: 1, Malcolm; 2, Fleming; 3, Webb. Yell. Variegs.: 1, Fleming; 2, Malcolm. Buff: 1, Malcolm; 2, Fleming. —J. Stewart, Hon. Sec.

WINDHILL C.B.S.

Members' F.F. show, July 17, Blue Bell Hotel. Entries totalled 37, and were a grand lot of Yorks. Mr. J. E. Priestley, Halifax, judged, and gave every satisfaction. Silver nov. cup was won by B. Baxter, Greengates, with an extra good tkd. yell., which should do more winning after the moult. Points for season's special prizes: Champ.: Fretwell 18, Garnett 16, Mason 15, Broadley 13, Goodwin 11, Wilman 10. Novice: Baxter 31, Bloomfield 22, Ellis 8, Green 7, Lakin 7. Awards:—Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (10): 1, he, Baxter; 2, Bloomfield; 3, Lakin; 4, c, Wilman; vhc, Ellis. Buff (15): 1, 4, Baxter; 2, Broadley; 3, Mason; vhc, c, Fretwell; hc, Lakin. Gr. Mkd. Yell. (4): 1, 2, Green; 3, Broadley; 4, Baxter. Buff (4): 1, Garnett; 2, Baxter; 3, 4, Bloomfield. Cinn. Mkd. Yell. (3): 1, 2, 3, Garnett. Buff: 1, Baxter. —J. Taylor, Sec.

LONDON AND P.O.S.

Show, July 15, Raglan Hotel, Aldersgate Street. The show was quite a success, having fifteen entries more than last year. All the popular varieties of Canaries were well represented, and the type and quality excellent. In Champ. Yorks. Mr. Clarke repeated his previous wins, this time with a very lengthy yellow, well up on legs; he also won in the variegs. class with a smart cinn. mkd. The novices put down two capital classes of Norwich, the clear class being particularly typical and level in quality. There were a few really good British, and Messrs. Crabb and Lamb had out some very fine Hybrids. Spl. winners: Messrs. Clarke, Kerr, and Lamb, silver medal; Mossrs. Crabb, Huggins, and Lamb, bronze medals. Points: Messrs. Clarke, Kerr and Madame Madewell; 2nd most points, Huggins, Stephens, and Mrs. Salter, who had out a capital team of Borders. Best Champ.: Clarke. Nov.: Kerr. Most points in Foreign: Madame Madewell. Mr. Huggins, the hon. sec., had charge of the show and everything was well arranged. The show was well attended and everybody seemed pleased with the nice array of high-class birds. Mr. H. Norman judged.

Champ. Nor. Cl.: 1, vhc, Crabb. Var.: 1, vhc, Crawford. Yorks. Cl.: 1, 2, vhc, Clarke; hc, Salter; c, Crabb. Var.: 1, Clarke; 2, Crabb; vhc, Fairman. Bord.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Mrs. Salter. A.O.V.: 1, Crawford. Nov. Nor. Cl.: 1, 3, c, Burt; 2, vhc, hc, Kerr. Var.: 1, 2, vhc, Kerr; hc, c, Cullen. Yorks Cl.: 1, 2, Huggins; vhc, Miss Smith. Var.: 1, 2, Huggins; vhc, Miss Smith. Bord.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Humphries. Crest: 1, 2, vhc, Mrs. Gould. A.O.V.: 1, vhc, Mrs. Gould. Goldf.: 1, Stephens; vhc, Madame Madewell. Linnet: 1, Stephens. Redpoll: 1, Stephens. Chaff: 1, 2, Stephens; vhc, hc, Madame Madewell. A.O.S.: 1, Madame Madewell; 2, Miss Smith Can. Hyb.: 1, Lamb; vhc, Crabb. Dk.: 1, 2, Lamb; vhc, Crabb. Brit. Hyb.: 1, Lamb. For.: 1, 3, vhc, Madame Madewell; 2, hc, Huggins; c, Mrs. Gould.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Annual Y.B. show, Spencer Hall, July 10. 112 entries was a result upon which the society may be congratulated in present circumstances. Quality, too, was excellent, and Borders were an especial feature. Yorks. and Nor. were very warm, and British were fair. Special winners: Best bird and best champion, Lovegrove, with a thumping buff Nor.; best mule, Dann, dark yellow Goldf. Can.; best amat., Wills; novice, Withers; British, Kent. Other specials: Miss Galman, Messrs. Lovegrove, Dann (2), Wills, Bailey, Withers (2), Bell, Carrington, and Petty (2), Kent (2), Shorter (2), F. C. Knight. Best foreign, Shorter; best second prize, Withers. Mr. J. Hyde, hon. sec., successfully carried out the arrangements, and was ably assisted by several members of the society. Quite a nice number visited the show. Mr. G. Gardner judged.

Champ. Nor. Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 2, Lovegrove, fine shape, qual., and col.; 3, Dann; vhc, c, Bell; hc, Sparke. Varieg.: 1, Lovegrove, a bouncer; 2, Dann; 3, vhc, Sparke, all of quality; hc, c, Bell. Bord.: 1, 2, 3, Dann, a nice bird. Mules: 1, Dann, dark jonque, Goldf.-Can, nice col., lustrous face. Amat. Nor., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, vhc, large, looks like making one of the old-time boxwood feathered birds; 2, Walmsley; 3, Wills; hc, Hyde. Varieg.: 1, vhc, Wills, topping yell., grand head, fine feather; 2, Walmsley; 3, Hyde. Nov. Nor., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 2, Bailey, typical and full of qual.; 3, A. Knight, close up; vhc, c, Mound; hc, F. C. Knight. Varieg.: 1, 2, Bailey, good; 3, c, A. Knight; vhc, F. C. Knight; hc, Hardcastle. Yorks., Cl. or Tkd., a hot lot of 15: 1, Miss Sulman, upstanding bird, level proportion; 2, vhc, Withers, very sweet, full of nerve; 3, hc, Johnstou. Variegs.: 1, Newcombe, scorching varieg. yell., nearly green, beautiful build; 2, Carrington and Petty, buff of the same persuasion, very smart; 3, vhc, Johnston; hc, Withers; c, Bryant. Bord.: 1, 2, Withers, sweet little green leading, varieg. buff 2nd, natty Borders; 3, vhc, hc, Turner; c, Withers. Mules: 1, Carrington and Petty, jonque dark Goldf.-Can.; 2, Fisk; 3, Drawbridge. Goldf.: 1, Carrington and Petty, best face, lustrous, nice cond. for July; 2, Bell; 3, Shorter; vhc, F. C. Knight. Buffs.: 1, Kent, holds its colour well. Greenf.: 1, Kent, very nice one, in lovely trim; 2, Mound, not so bright and lustrous. Linnet: 1, 2, Shorter, both in fine fettle; 3, A. Knight, as good as any, but rough over beak; vhc, Kent. Siskin, etc.: 1, Kent, bonny Redpoll; 2, vhc, F. C. Knight; 3, hc, Mound; c, A. Knight. Bunting: 1, Kent, yellow. A.O. Finch: 1, Shorter, Hawfinch; 2, Kent, Brambling; 3, A. Knight, ditto. Hens: 1, F. C. Knight, very nice Buffs.; 2, Mound, ditto, bit rough in feather. For. Finch, 15s.: 1, Shorter. 25s.: 1, Drawbridge.

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CHOPPINGTON (Scotland Gate).

Young bird show, Social Club Hall, July 17. The entry was fairly good, and the birds were of extra quality and colour. Spl. best Nor. was won by Seely and Sons, with a 5-pointed buff. The show was well patronised by visitors, and turned out a great success. Mr. T. Sanderson judged to the satisfaction of the members.

Nor. Yell., etc.: 1, F. Scott; 2, 3, Carmichael; vhc, J. Dixon; hc, c, Griffiths. Buff: 1, spl, Seely and Sons; 2, 3, J. Dixon; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Orange; c, T. Dixon. Bord. Yell., etc.: 1, T. Dixon; 2, Grant; 3, Carmichael. Buff: 1, Seely and Sons. A.O.V. Can. or Mule: 1, Orange; 2, 3, Scott; vhc, Griffiths.—H. Seely, Sec.

CRYSTAL PALACE AND PENGE.

Annual F.F. show, Alexandra Hotel, July 14. Entries rather short owing to absence of members with the colours, etc., and a bad season generally, but the quality made up for it, both in champ. and novice, some very good. Norwich, Yorks., and Borders being shown. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. Nor. Champ.: 1, in both classes, Hutton. Cl. or Tkd. Yorks. Champ.: 1, 2, 3, Hutton; vhc, hc, Foxen. Varieg.: 1, 2, Hutton; 3, Foxen. Cl. or Tkd. Nor. Nov.: 1, 2, Verrell; 3, Legg; vhc, hc, Halhead. Mkd.: 1, Verrell. Cl. or Tkd. Yorks. Nov.: 1, hc Last; 2, c, Humphries; 3, Drake; vhc, Powell. Mkd.: 1, Last; 2, vhc, Powell; 3, Humphries; hc, Fryett. Bord. Nov.: 1, 2, 3, Last. Classes 14 and 15: 1, 2, Last. A.O.V.: 1, Humphries. Mule and Hyb.: 1, Hutton; 2, Gullis. Goldf.: 1, Breeze; 2, Legg; 3, Hutton. Buff: 1, Gullis; 2, Hutton; 3, Fryett; vhc, Breeze. Linnet: 1, Breeze. Redpoll, etc.: 1, 2, Gullis; 3, Fryett. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Gullis; 3, vhc, Breeze. Insectiv., Large: 1, Breeze.—W. D. Fryett, Hon. Sec.

ABERTILLERY C.B.S.

N.F. show, July 17, Prince of Wales Hotel, Abertillery. Over 60 birds staged. Yorks. and novice were the feature of the show, and the exhibits throughout were of high order. Messrs. Parfitt, Pritchard, and Newall's Yorks. were excellent quality. W. Cooper's Border, "Pride of the Valley," was looking beautiful, while Messrs. Morton and Selby had their noted Norwich in the running. Mr. Edwards, Newport, staged his team of Goldies. Mr. Alf. Parfitt won 1st and 2nd best birds in show, also most points. Mr. J. W. Bibbings acted as sec., and everything was quite in order, the gathering being a complete success. He was assisted by a strong committee—Messrs. Pritchard, Newall, Terrett, Cooper, and Hyde. Mr. H. H. Mortimer judged. Nor. Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Selby; vhc, hc, Morton. Yorks. Cl. or Tkd.: 1, c, Parfitt; 2, vhc, hc, Pritchard; 3, 4, Newall. Yorks. Nov. Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 2, hc, Parfitt; 3, 4, Hyde; hc, Moule; c, Johnson. Bord. Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 2, 3, Cooper. Mules: 1, 2, 3, Parfitt. Brit.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Edwards. —J. W. Bibbings, Sec. pro tem.

Y.C.C. AND C.B.S. OF IRELAND.

F.F. show, Hopkins Hall, July 16. The hall was suitable in every way, as it is well lighted overhead and free from draughts. Entries were up to expectations, and could compare favourably with last year's. Mr. Hyland judged in the absence of Mr. Keating, who unavoidably could not attend, and his awards were received with satisfaction. Mr. Sholedice, with a fine buff cock, got diploma for best cock in show, Mr. Keogh winning the Rowan's cup with a nice tkd. yell. hen.

Cl. Yell. Ck. (8): 1, Kelly, lengthy, well up on legs; 2, McKean; 3, Stunt; vhc, Beegan; hc, Williams; c, Sholedice. Hen (9): 1, Beegan, promising youngster, well up on legs, nice wing carr.; 2, Keogh, good one, but a bit short to winner; 3, Gillen; vhc, McNally; vhc, hc, McKeon; c, Sholedice. Buff Ck. (9): 1, sp, best cock, Sholedice, good size and qual., nice pos. and style, well up on legs; 2, Keogh, good one, but advanced in moult; 3, Beegan, good size and length, nice wings. Hen (8): 1, McKeon, nice size and pos., good wings and legs; 2, Sholedice, nice lady, but too small; 3, Williams, real good one, but not shown well, wants training; vbc, Beegan; hc, c, McNally. Tkd. or Varieg. Yell. Ck. (5): 1, Gillen, very good pos., well up on legs, nice wings and tail; 2, McKeon, good shoulders and wings, very erect; 3, vhc, c, Sholedice, good deep yell., nice size, bad shoulders. Hen (6): 1, sp, Rowan's cup, sp., Keogh, nice one, good style and pos., well up on legs, col. very good; 2, Williams, not as well up on legs, but larger; 3, no name, good size and pos., nice wings and tail; vhc, c, Sholedice; hc, McKeon. Buff (9): 1, vhc, hc, McKeon, real good one, good wings, tail, legs, and head, a wee bit soft; 2, Sholedice, good size and style, very compact; 3, Miss Wallis, nice grizzle headed, full of qual. and size, good wings and legs; c, Williams. Hen (9): 1, McKeon, stylish lady, wants a bit more training, good wings, nice tail, head, and legs; 2, Sholedice, not so large, stood well, good head, tail, and wings, fails in neck; 3, Williams.

ARDWICK AND MANCHESTER.

Seventh annual summer show, July 10, St. Thomas's School. Owing to many members serving their King and country, and to the poor breeding season, it was thought advisable to put a few classes on for old birds, but this was not taken advantage of, only 17 entries in 14 classes. We were agreeably surprised, however, to receive 130 entries in all, and competition was very keen, especially in Amat. Nor., many promising birds being shown. Yorks were not numerous, but were of nice quality. The judge remarked the quality was far in advance of any show he had seen this season. Specials for most points young birds, also 2nd most points throughout show, G. Chilton; 1st most points, S. T. Oldham. Other specials: Rev. C. E. Gaul, J. Lane, T. Peters, T. Rowbotham, A. Gilbert, W. Land. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) judged and gave general satisfaction.

Open and Amat. Yorks Yell: 1, 2, vhc, Gilbert; 3, hc, Hird. Buff: 1, 3, Gilbert; 2, 4, Hird. Nor Cl. Yell. 1, 2, Peters; 3, Chilton; 4, c, Rev. Gaul; vhc, Rowbottom; hc, Spencer. Buff: 1, Rowbottom; 2, Chilton; 3, c, Rev. Gaul; 4, Spencer; vhc, hc, Richards. Tk. Yell.: 1, 2, Rowbottom; 3, 4, Rev. Gaul; vhc, Peters; hc, Spencer; c, Chilton. Buff: 1, 2, 3, hc, Chilton; 4, c, Peters; vhc, Rev. Gaul. A.O.V. Can.: 1, 3, vhc, Garbutt; 2, 4, Long. Yorks: 1, 3, Noonan; 2, 4, Lane. Buff: 1, 3, Lane; 2, 4, Noonan. Nor. Cl. Yell.: 1, Warburton; 2, Land. Buff: 1, Land; 2, Walshaw; 3, Warburton. Tkd. Yell.: 1, Land. A.O.V. Can.: 1, Land; 2, Warburton. Bord. Yell.: 1, 2, Long. Buff: 1, 2, Garbutt. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, S. T. Oldham. Goldf. or Buffs.: 1 2, Oldham; 3, Taylor. Siskin, etc.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Oldham; 4, hc, Hill; c, Taylor. Linnet: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Oldham; hc, Hill; c, Taylor. A.O. Hardbill: 1, 3, 4, hc, Oldham; 2, vhc, c, Hill. For.: 1, Oldham. Old Birds, Amat. Yorks. Yell.: 1, 2, Hird. Buff: 1, Hird. Hen: 1, Hird. Nor. Yell.: 1, Rev. Gaul; 2, Richards. Buff: 1, Rev. Gaul. Hen: 1, Rev. Gaul. Nov. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Taylor. Nor. Yell.: 1, 3, Lane; 2, Wallshaw; 4, Land. Buff: 1, Lane; 2, Land; 3, Robinson. Hen: 1, Lane.

(Several Show Reports unavoidably held over.)

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Altrincham Open C.B.S.—July 24, Station Cafe, 8.30. Question night.—C. Bailey.

Abersychan C.B.S.—July 31, Queen's Hotel, 7. Open show and other business.—W. T. Couch.

Bootle C.B.S.—St. Andrew's Parochial Hall, Linacre Road F.F. show. Judge, Mr. T. Rowlands. Birds staged 2.30.—A. E. Huyton. (Date not stated—(Ed.).

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—July 24, Victoria Hotel, 2.30. Members' show. Judge, Mr. H. Sutcliffe. Entries Friday night, 7.30 to 9.—H. Bryant.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—July 24, Social Club, 7. General.—H. Seely.

Bulwell F.A.—July 31, Red Lion Hotel, 8. General business and election of treas. through the lamented death of our late treas., Mr. F. White.—L. Mellor.

Bowling B.F.A.—July 24, Napoleon Hotel, 3. Members' show. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, Girlington.—J. Nicholl.

Burnley Working Men's C.B.B.C.—July 25, 7; quarterly balance sheet, transference of society to new premises.—J. Moorhouse.

Bradford National Show.—July 28, Cinderella Club Rooms, Lee Street, Thornton Road, 8. Continuation of classification and other important business.—S. Midgley.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—July 31, Cairns' Memorial Hall, Gorgio Road. Annual F.F. show. Judge, Mr. J. Holmes. Birds staged at 3. 5 Nor., 4 Bord., Scotch Fancy, A.O.V., 4 Mules. Entries on or before show day.—J. C. Charlton.

East Ardsley C.B.S.—July 24, Black Swan, 7. Last show; prize money and arangements for Rambie.—A. Walton.

Fife C.B. League.—July 31, Crown Tavern, Lochgelly, 6.30. Show business and appointing new sec. —J. Cordery.

Glasgow and W. Counties Club.—July 31, Post Office, George Square, 2.30. Ramble to Torrance, by motor leaving George Square 2.45.—J. H. Adam.

Grimsby O.S.—July 29, headquarters, 160, Freeman Street, 8. Third N.F. show and Brit. classes. Judge, Mr. A. Oliver.—J. T. Cotterill.

Helton-le-Hole C.B.S.—July 24, Colliery Hotel, 6.30. Entries taken for F.F. show.—G. Vipond.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—July 28, St. George's, 6.45. Second F.F. show. 4 Yorks, 4 Nor., 2 Bord., A.O.V. Can., Mule, or Hyb. Members please let me have entries on Tuesday if possible.—J. W. Thornton.

Halifax C.B.S.—July 24, King Cross Band Room. N.F. show. Birds staged 2. Judge, Mr. C. Pickup, Great Horton.—A. Sutcliffe.

Idle C.B.A.—July 24, Springfield Hotel, 2.30. Members F.F. show. Judge, Mr. J. Lund, Bradford. Birds staged 2.30.—T. Elsegood.

Leigh C.B.S.—July 24, Railway Hotel. Annual N.F. show; birds staged before 1.30.—R. Charleson.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—July 28, Minto Hotel, 6.30. Subs. due, July 30, 2/6.—R. Muir.

Leigh C.B.S.—July 28, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Paying prize money for N.F. show.—R. Charleson.

Midland Roller C.C.—July 29, Seven Stars, Johns Lane, Wolverhampton, 8. Mr. Willows will bring a few birds, illustrating the tours of the Roller.—J. W. Thomson.

Morley C.B.S.—July 24, Shoulder of Mutton, Bruntcliffe. Members show, birds staged, 2.30. Judge, Mr. Firth, Bradford. Entries, Friday night, 8 to 9.—Wm. Bywater. Please forward address.—Ed. C.B.).

Openshaw Gorton C.B.S.—July 28, club room, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. General business, latest date for entries, second nest show, July 31.—A. W. Newton.

Oldham C.B.S.—July 27, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Fanciers invited.—G. Mills.

Porth Rhondda Valley C.B.S.—July 28, Porth Hotel, 7.30. To discuss open show.—J. H. Bevan.

Poplar C.B.S.—July 29, All Hallow Schoolroom, Dunkeld Street, 8. Discussion re adding a portion of funds in hand to the prizes at the annual show. New members to be elected.—H. Priseman.

Stanley Garden Houses F.F. C.B.S.—July 25, 7. Adoption of schedule.—J. Armitage.

Southern Border F.C.—July 26, headquarters, 8. Patronage, allotting of specials, and other important business.—G. Burton.

Stratford & E. London F.S.—July 28. "Eagle." Evening show, all sections; stage at 7. Judges, W. Price, Symes, W. H. Collings. Entries, Monday.—A. Wasey.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—July 24, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, 3. N.F. show. Judge, Mr. J. Chippendale, Idle. Entries Friday night and first post Sat.—S. B. Grayshon.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—July 27, Liberal Club, 8. Arrangements for N.F. show, July 31. J. Burdigan, Halifax, judge.—W. Everett.

Stockport and Hazelgrove B.F.A.—July 27, Trinity House, Shaw Heath, 8. General business.—W. Stafford.

West Stanley C.B.S.—July 24, Commercial Hotel, 6.30. Election of judge and other very important business.—W. Cresswell.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

MISS PRATT.—Replied to by post (2).

CONTINUALLY SQUEAKING (T. W. W.).—It is bronchial trouble from which the bird is suffering, and you must not expect to work a complete cure by simply giving it something. The exciting causes must be discovered and removed for any treatment to be of any lasting good. See that it is kept in a bright and healthy, well-ventilated place, but not exposed to direct cold draughts, nor rapid extremes of temperature. Do not hang it high up near the ceiling, near or over burning lights in the evenings, nor in a dusty atmosphere. Then, in addition to the usual seed diet, give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine and sweet spirit of nitre. Report result in three weeks time, repeating particulars, and I will advise you further if necessary.

WHAT CHANCE? (Dereham).—I fear the chances of getting a brood from the hen which has not yet shown any signs of mating are very slight indeed for this season. You give no idea of the general condition of the birds or how you treat them. But assuming that they are in good health and the cock in song, you might try the effect of giving, in addition to the staple seed diet, a small teaspoonful of egg food, with about half the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesamo seed mixed in it, every second day, and on the alternate days a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet (white) and teazle. Give also a liberal supply of wild seed heads, especially dandelion (if you can get any), shepherd's purse, mouse ear, and lesser plantain daily. Beyond this you can only exercise patience, which, I am afraid, may go unrewarded until next spring, as the cock will probably soon be dropping into moult now, after which it is useless entertaining any further hopes this year.

NO RESULT (Doubtful).—(1) Only time and the actual test can tell with certainty whether the 1914 Roller cock which has failed to fertilise any eggs with two hens this season will always be barren in future seasons; but it certainly does not follow that it will be so. He may have been a late-bred bird, and consequently still rather immature for trying to work him with two hens this season. There is no reason why he should not fertilise eggs well next year. (2) Speaking in the sense that they may, and have, been used with success for rearing young birds without the aid of eggs, practically any of the well-known brands of egg food substitutes on the market may be considered a reliable substitute. But for a more complete consideration of this subject, you should get a copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL before it runs out of print, and read the article therein on the question.

LOSS OF SIGHT (J.T.).—The bird is evidently suffering from cataract, and nothing you can do will be of the least avail in effecting a cure. In all probability the condition of the other eye will rapidly become worse. But even if the bird becomes totally blind it will live happily enough in its way, and find its way about, and food and water, quite well if you keep it in a single cage by itself. In time it may also sing well. You should not breed with it, however, under any circumstances. I do not quite see the point of query about taking it to the League you name. If you mean with the object of getting some treatment for it, I see no objection to your doing so. The result may be negative, but you will at least have the satisfaction of knowing that you have done something.

BARE PATCHES (Jas. Thompson).—What I would suggest as a remedy for this condition must naturally depend entirely upon the cause, and of this you give me no clue at all. Not infrequently in the crested variety it is an inherited defect, and the consequence of unskilful mating of stock in which the tendency to this defect exists, and in this case no treatment is at all likely to produce any material or permanent improvement. It can only be bred out of future geucrations by skilful mating, but as this is a tedious and often a very difficult process it is much better to discard such birds as breeding stock whenever possible. If the condition is due to any physical weakness the treatment advised to "H.C." in this issue from now until the end of the moult is the best you can do to remedy it, but in this case you need not apply anything to the bare patches.

SKIN TROUBLE (Daphne).—(1) The bird is not moulting, but troubled with a fungoid disease of the skin. It is doubtful whether the plumage will be reproduced on the bare patches. Anyway, treat as follows for a few weeks, when it will have the best chance of coming through the moult in the best possible condition, even if not in perfect plumage. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part

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summer rape. In addition give separately every third day a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut dusted with flowers of sulphur, and then sprinkled with soft sugar. On the intervening days give first half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts niger, white millet, maw, teazle, and broken groats, and next a fairly liberal supply of wild seed heads, especially shepherd's purse, plantain, and mouse ear. Continue this for a fortnight, then miss a week, and repeat for another fortnight, and continue thus until the bird is nearly through its natural moult. Allow it to bathe as freely as it likes, and slightly moisten the bare places with sulphur ointment once a week, but as much as possible avoid soiling the surrounding plumage. In the drinking water add 20 drops of Fluid Magnesia every second day for a week, then miss a week, and repeat for another week. After this give 20 drops of Chemical Food twice a week for a month. (2) Of course there may be such a thing as young Canaries eating too much, but it is not very likely to occur, as prior to the end of the first moult they will bear a lot of "feeding up." You will do no wrong in allowing them access to an unlimited supply good sound canary seed. It is only the extra tit-bits and luxurious fare that you need limit. Soaked rape is a very wholesome and nourishing food, but it would be as well to limit the supply somewhat to the bird that subsists entirely on it, until she varies it with a little canary now and again. Give the usual supply of canary, and give

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

only a small teaspoonful of rape each day, and gradually reduce this quantity by one-half, until you find she eats the canary freely.

MRS. A. B. NEWTON.—Replied to by post.

SORE AND SCALY LEGS (G.R.P.).—(1) It is quite a usual thing for the scales on the legs and feet to become coarse and enlarged as the birds approach old age, and yours is not young now. With some birds the growth is much more pronounced, and also takes place earlier in life than in others, and it is often accompanied by much tenderness whilst the birds are moulting. You can relieve it considerably by bathing in a lukewarm solution of extract of wych hazel—a teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of warm water—for a few minutes daily, or every second day, according to the urgency of the case, until sufficiently relieved. After bathing, dry carefully, and gently anoint with a little boracic ointment. You may also add 20 drops of Fluid Magnesia to the water for two consecutive days to cool the blood. (2) No, the trouble is not in any way infectious to other birds.

INSECT PESTS (E.V.).—Thanks for your letter. Sorry that my fears that the advice might be too late were only too well grounded. You need not have the least fear about using the disinfectant as long as you rinse and dry the cages afterwards. With using it regularly you should be quite free from insect pests, especially lice. There are only two insect pests that may be regarded as common enemies of the canary breeder, though I note you speak of being troubled with various kinds. The chief enemies are red mites, for which you should overhaul the cages; and grey lice, for which hand-washing is the quickest remedy. You may glean something from the present correspondence, but you must guard against falling between two stools. Your present method, if properly employed, will not be easily beaten. Very glad to learn the history of the bird with the damaged beak, which is very interesting, and shows how adaptable nature can be.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

AILING GREENFINCH (Alice M. Cook).—As a rule, insects are the cause of the trouble that your bird is suffering from, but if you are quite certain he has none, a change of diet may improve matters. I would therefore advise you to give him a spoonful of soaked seeds daily, or seeds that have commenced to germinate. If you damp some rape and teazle and keep it in a warm place, it will commence to sprout in a few days. Before making this change give three drops of Syrup of Rhubarb and as much Glauber's Salts as will cover a threepenny-piece dissolved in his drinking water. I am doubtful if the bare place will be covered with feathers again until the bird moults, which he should do shortly; but, anyway, the change of treatment would be beneficial.

TO STEADY A MULE (John Geea).—You omitted to send your address. Kindly do so on a postcard. You can only steady your bird by repeatedly handling the cage, talking to him, and giving a grain or two of hemp or sunflower, or other seed that he is fond of whenever you go near him. Fortunately, there is no time so good as the present for this training process, and it should be continued all through the moult. You appear to be feeding him quite correctly to get him through. Let him bathe frequently. There is nothing better for the plumage than plenty of soft water. If you are going to colour-feed him you should commence at once, before he actually starts to cast his feathers. Glad to hear you are doing so well with your Mule breeding.

TREATMENT OF LINNET (Linnet Lover).—Your treatment is not generous enough, and unless you make a change in his diet you will lose him during the moult. Make up the following mixture: Canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, rape, charlock, and linseed 1 part each. Let him have this as his staple food. Give a little lightly cracked hemp three times a week. Make another mixture of gold of pleasure, dandelion, maw, mustard, and lettuce, and give a teaspoonful on the days you are not giving the hemp. Discontinue the milk sop, or only give it occasionally, and then mix two drops of cod liver oil in it. Supply all kinds of seeding grasses, shepherd's purse, and any other wild seeds you can collect.

BREEDING MEALWORMS (W. W.).—Do not spray your breeding mealworms. Keep them in a warm corner and disturb them as little as possible at this time of the year.

THE BEST SINGING BIRD (F. Moulding).—It is quite a matter of choice as to what bird you have for singing. Tastes differ, and some prefer the sharp notes of the Finch family, while others think much of the Softbills. If you have had no experience in the keeping of birds, I would advise you to try either of the following: the Linnet, Skylark, or Song Thrush. The Linnet is a consistent singer and easy to keep, as his principal food is seed, and if you are fond of the Finch song, you cannot do better than have one. The Skylark and Song Thrush would both be known to you; they are grand songsters, but need to be fed on soft food mixed fresh every morning in hot weather twice a day. Both these birds are very popular as songsters, and of the two you would probably do the better with the Skylark. A good one is difficult to beat as a continuous performer. Whichever you decide upon, I would advise you to send to this office for the Nutshell Booklet on the bird; it will give you much more information than I can in these short notes.

HOW BIRDS MOULT (Longton).—When seeking information the rules is for readers to send us their name and address. Will you please let us have it on a postcard. There is no hard and fast rule about birds moulting. Young birds commence by casting the feathers down each side of the breast. Old birds usually throw off the large wing and tail feathers first, but if a bird has accidentally knocked out, or had plucked, certain feathers, these grow first and frequently the moult will continue from that particular place and extend over the body. Invariably in all birds the head is the last part to finish.

COMPANION FOR LINNET (Auntie).—Sorry you have lost one of your Linnets. I expect the one you have left is sickening for the moult. Unless you go in for a highly-trained Roller it is difficult to see how a Linnet can spoil the song of an ordinary Canary. Personally, I should be more afraid of the Canary spoiling my Linnet's song. All Goldfinches do not worry the wires of the cage, although I am afraid the majority of them do; but a thoroughly steady bird is all right and a bright cheerful singer. If you are afraid of the restless nature of the Goldie, why not try a Greenfinch? They are common, therefore easily obtainable, and many of them are quite nice singers; so are the Buntings, although the song is inclined to be monotonous, but they are very persistent and quite easy to keep, as they will eat very little beside Canary seed.

THRUSH LOSING PLUMAGE (Mrs. Richards).—It is quite evident that your bird is suffering from insects called grey lice. These eat the feathers off close to the skin, which accounts for your not seeing any lying about. As you are a reader of CAGE BIRDS, I would advise you to study the correspondence columns, as just now several letters are appearing upon this very subject. You could try one

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

of the methods advocated. With a single bird you should not have much trouble in clearing him; the difficulty comes when one has a whole roomful affected. Now is a good time to attend to him, as he will soon be moulting, and if you get rid of the insects, he will come out of his moult with a full plumage. Attend to his general health; give an aperient such as Epsom or Glauber salts, as much as will cover a sixpence in two tablespoonfuls of water, after which feed him rather generously, give a little egg food two or three times a week, mealworms or other insects and fruit.

REED BUNTING (E. P. Maltby).—The Reed Bunting is a seedeater, and must therefore be exhibited in the class provided for Buntings or for seed-eating species. These birds will live almost exclusively on canary seed, but should have other seeds offered, such as small oats, rape, cracked hemp, maw, and grass seeds. You should also give a few ants' eggs, live ones, if possible, if not, soak some dried ones in milk, and put them on a cloth to drain before using. If you can get him to eat a little soft food, it will assist greatly in keeping him in condition. They do not care much for green food, but will sometimes nibble a little piece, when given fresh.

CATCHING FINCHES AND BUNTINGS ("Cinema").—As a reader of CAGE BIRDS, I am afraid you have missed reading many of the articles published from time to time on the catching of wild birds. A single bird or two can frequently be captured by the simple cage trap with a compartment underneath for the call bird. The spring net trap is another simple contrivance, although mostly used to catch softbills, the bait consisting of a lively mealworm. Limed twigs set near water or a similar place much frequented by birds are frequently successful, but the method mostly used by professional catchers is the clap net, in which part of a flock is frequently caught with one pull. The time to catch is regulated by the bye-laws in operation in the county in which you propose catching. In some counties the rarer birds are protected all the year round. August is rather early for bird snaring, as some of the Finches are still nesting and the majority are in moult. It would be as well to make enquiries in the district you proposed staying, before making a start. Lists of the birds scheduled can generally be obtained at the police station.

HYBRID BREEDING IN AVIARY (Novice).—The most successful Hybrid breeders use cages or small aviaries for breeding operations, and only allow one pair in each cage or aviary. In an aviary the size of yours I fear you would not have success with more than the one pair of British birds. You could use it for Mule breeding, putting in three hen Canaries and a cock Goldfinch, and in that case the Canaries could be allowed to rear their own young. Nesting places for them would be boxes, nest pans, or wicker cages. Hang up plenty, so that they can make a selection. You should not have much difficulty with your birds that have been wrongly fed. Give them a daily allowance of the seed they are particularly fond of, and reduce the quantity until you get to the limit. Give other seeds in another vessel, and let them always have some before them. It is impossible for me to tell you "what seeds to feed all your birds on" unless I know what all your birds are. If you send me a list I may be able to assist you. The birds you mention do much better by themselves, either in pairs or several pairs together. They are not always safe with British birds. You will find particulars as to the treatment of freshly-caught birds in the Nutshell dealing with the species in which you are interested. These Nutshells are 2½d. post free, or twopence each from your local newsagent.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

IN POOR PLUMAGE (Heard).—Such cases always progress slowly, and you must persevere with the treatment. As it is showing a dislike to the porridge, discontinue it—it will be better without it—and as it is fond of slightly moistened sponge cake, give this, putting five spots of C.L.O. Emulsion thereon, and then lightly dust with flowers of sulphur. If it will take this, give it a fair-sized piece twice daily. As regards seed, try it with the following: Giant Spanish canary, oats, hemp, and sunflower seed in equal parts; well mix, add half-pint of shelled monkey-nuts to each quart of mixture and again mix. Green peas and any kind of English and foreign fruit it will take can be supplied freely. Give it several drops of tasteless castor-oil direct to the mouth, from the end of a feather, piece of stick, or quill, or soak it into a piece of sponge cake if it will take it better that way. Give, say, 5 drops daily till the bowels have been fully moved, then the fluid magnesia given at intervals, should suffice to keep them properly regulated, if not you must have recourse to the castor oil again. Do not give milk in any form now if you can avoid it. Give it a handful of flowering and seeding grass occasionally to pick over. The trouble has evidently been going on some time. It can safely be assumed that there is something radically wrong with a bird that does not moult properly for several years. Now, you can only persevere with the treatment given here, in conjunction with that of our previous reply. Give it outdoor treatment on all suitable days, but do not subject it to cool winds or place it in an exposed position. Report progress again about the end of next month.

IS IT A COCKATOO? (Austin).—The description you give is that of the Rose-breasted (Roseate) Cockatoo. Other popular names in use among dealers and others are: Australian Grey Parrot, and Australian Grey and Red Parrot. You must note that the advert. you enclose does not mention African Grey Parrot. One of the latter, with the abilities, qualifications, etc., ascribed to your bird on the list, would have a minimum value of £5, and the price it was listed at would tell most people that it was not an African Grey Parrot. Of course, if you asked for an *African Grey*, and you have been sent an Australian, you have your remedy, though one could not speak definitely without the whole correspondence. Our legal expert would give you an opinion if you forwarded him copies of all correspondence and lists—your own as well as the vendor's—relating to the matter. While the description you send is certainly that of the Rose-breasted Cockatoo, there are surely, in such a town as yours, many fanciers who could name the bird for you if you let them see it, and so place the matter beyond doubt.

BUDGERIGARS NOT BREEDING. ARE THEY A PAIR? (Dereham).—Yes, they are a true pair. The cere of the hen becomes more and more blue as she goes out of breeding condition. As she returns to breeding condition the cere will become brown again. The cere of the hen in breeding condition varies, in individual birds, from a dark cream colour to a ruddy brown. Budgerigars are a gregarious species, and never settle down to nesting so quickly when kept in single pairs as when two or more pairs are kept together. Though many Budgerigars have been bred in cages, they always take longer to settle down to nesting under the conditions of cage life than when kept at semi-liberty in an aviary. You would probably hasten matters by either taking out the partitions and giving them the whole, also procuring another pair to keep them company, or by procuring another cage without any partitions and similar in size to your present. Keep two pairs of birds in it and they should soon settle down to nesting. Even under present conditions your birds should ultimately nest, but it may not be this year. Neither could one definitely say that two pairs turned into a large cage at this time of year would go to nest at once, though there is a probability that one or the other would soon do so, and then the other would emulate the example set them.

PARROT LOSING FEATHERS (M.J.C.S.).).—You give me no idea as to how you have been feeding it, consequently I cannot say whether it is the consequence of a long course of improper feeding, which some individuals resist for a long time, or whether it is merely a suddenly acquired vice. You had better repeat your query, supplying me with the particulars asked for. In the meantime, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water every other day, till you get a reply, but if the voidings should remain watery-loose for more than a day, then cease giving the magnesia. Grit and cuttlebone should be always in the cage, also a thickish piece of the branch of a tree for it to exercise its mandibles upon.

DIET FOR COCKATOO (D. Gibson).—Your bird will be better without the general mixture. Add to your present mixture some good oats and sunflower seeds; also offer it pieces of biscuit, various nuts, but only give a Brazil nut occasionally. It also ought to take a little fruit and green food (a leaf of lettuce after the fleshy stem has been cut out, flowering grass and other weeds), green peas, both shelled and in the pod. However, so long as it eats heartily of hemp and canary seed, it will not starve, but it would be better if it took a more varied diet. Do not be tempted to offer your bird a bit of everything, table scraps, etc., or you would soon ruin it. I never came across a Parrot or Cockatoo that would refuse sunflower seed yet, and I think if you coax it a little with some of the other items named, it will soon fall a victim to your blandishments.

OUTDOOR AVIARY (T.T.B.).—(1) Yes, I consider all the birds you mention should safely pass the winter in your aviary, presuming, of course, that you shut them up at nights and during the daytime of any very extreme periods. (2) So long as the earth is dry, a wooden floor is not called for. In my opinion the aviary would be better without it. Keep the earthen floor well-covered with gritty sand. (3) With Budgerigars in an aviary you can keep Lovebirds and Cockatiels, say, 2 pairs Budgerigars and 1 pair each Lovebirds and Cockatiels (I should advise Black-cheeked Lovebirds). I cannot advise keeping Budgerigars and Finches together. (4) The list of species you give should do well together and come within the scope of reply No. 1. I cannot advise putting the Java Sparrows in so small an aviary, though amiable pairs occur (I have possessed such). As a whole, Java Sparrows are more or less bullies. I do not consider artificial heat would be required. During the winter months you can fix up small sheaves of straw, amid which some at any rate, of the small Finches, would roost. I fear you will have to wait and seize your opportunity in these times for acquiring the birds. At the same time, unless you secure birds from some aviary, they ought to go out at once if they are to winter outside. If you can anyway spare the space, I advise you to increase the flight to three or four times its present size, and plant it with privet, aucuba, laurel, berberis, and euonymus, with grass and other weeds growing amid the bushes. Put in bushes of sufficient size to supply immediate cover.

BUDGERIGARS NOT NESTING (Esperance).—See our reply to "Dereham" in this issue; practically the whole of it meets your case. Foreign species; in fact, all wild species of birds, British or foreign, cannot be looked upon to settle down to nesting, as domesticated Canaries do, when put up for breeding. Three months is not a long period, but they will ultimately settle down to reproduce their kind, though it is quite possible they may not do so this year, and, again, they may. You will soon know when they are in breeding condition. The cere round the nostrils will be bright blue in the males and vary from dark cream colour to ruddy brown in the females; but if not settled down they may not breed even then. A keeper of wild species of birds cannot hope to succeed without unlimited patience. Once your birds start breeding they will go merrily on, practically all the year round, only pausing for the moult. The breeding season is not over till the end of October. They will get used to the slight movements you speak of. If you can do so, by all means have a place put up for them in the garden. (2) The Spice Bird is usually quite common and cheap, but only a very imaginative person could call it a songster. Birds, even those usually common, are scarce this war time. You will find all the shows given in due course if you watch the weekly issues of CAGE BIRDS.

SNEEZING BUDGERIGAR (F.H.).—I never knew a door yet that was entirely free from draught or window either, however good the fit of the middle join, or close fitting at the lintels. If this is the best position for the bird, then I should advise hanging over the doorway a thick curtain sufficiently large to properly screen the cage. Your dietary is satisfactory, but if you are not giving it, do not fail to supply grit (not sand) and cuttlebone regularly. You say your bird does not drink. Budgerigars drink very little, but undoubtedly take a few sips occasionally. Carefully catch the bird, and bathe its nostrils with a tepid glyco-thymoline solution. It will do no harm if a little is swallowed. Then while you have the bird in the hand, dip the end of a feather in castor oil, and smear this over the interior of the bird's mouth and tongue. Usually it is too distressing to catch a small bird up often, but so long as the sneezing continues you can spray the nostrils with the glyco-thymoline daily. Lightly colour the drinking water (only use quite a small drinker) with Chemical Food for the next two months. If the trouble does not pass in say a month, you had better write again giving full details, as I do not retain queries here.

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

J. H. Novice.—Scarcely any issue of CAGE BIRDS has appeared for many months past without some reference to the breeding and exhibiting of the Norwich Canary. It is too late now for any information as to its breeding to be of any use this season. Our book "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which we could send you post free for sevenpence, would give you all the particulars you desire, and a perusal of our back numbers would afford you a further fund of information.

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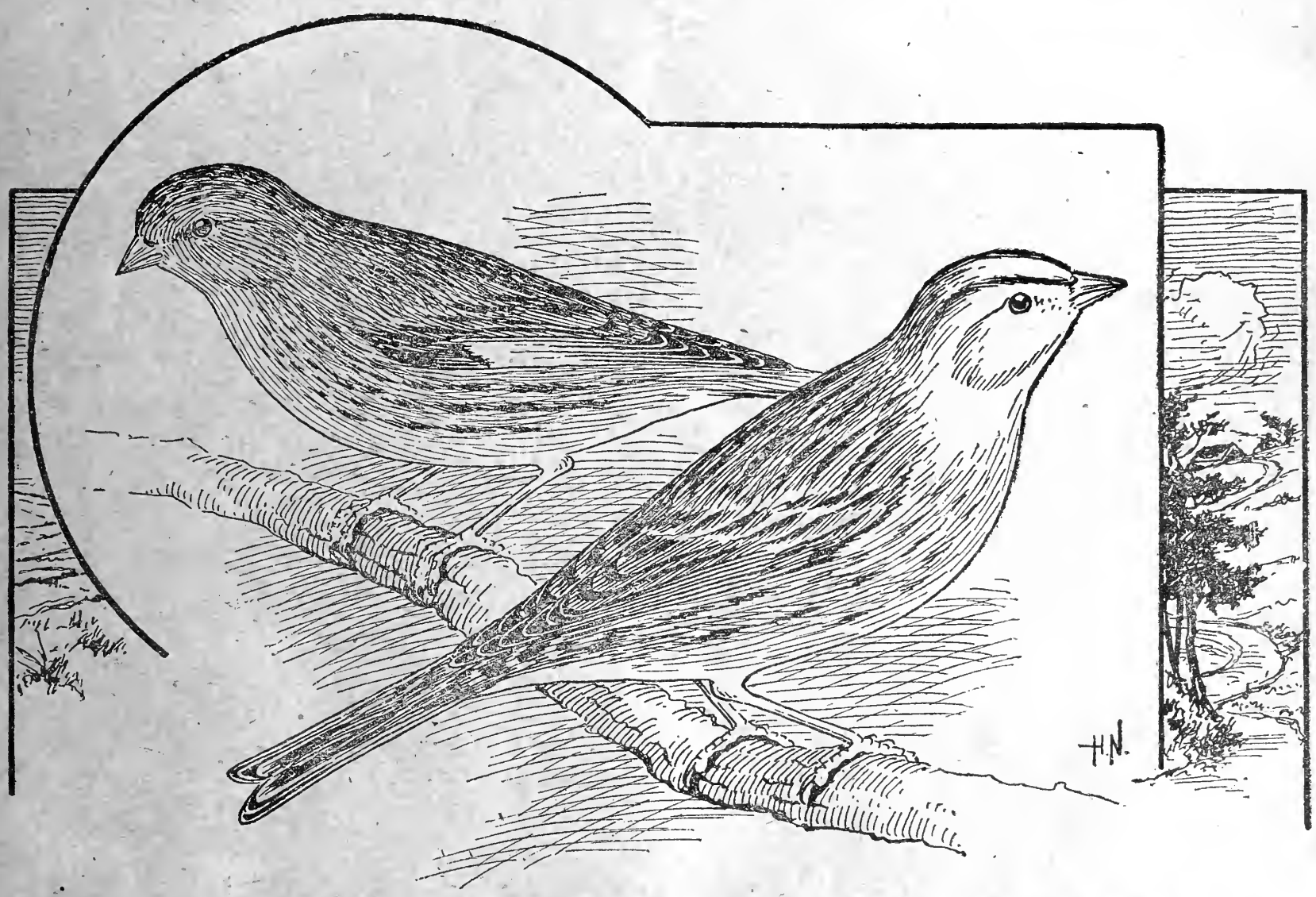

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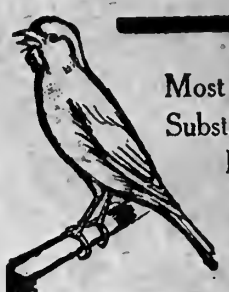

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WEST AUCKLAND.

Linnet contest, July 17, 24 birds entered and some good singing was heard. 1, 2, Walker; 3, Bell; J. Millian, judge; J. Parkin, timekeeper. (Report not signed.—Ed.)

KIPPAX.

Members' sing, Commercial Hotel, July 24, with only a moderate attendance. 1, Potter; 2, Collinson; 3, Plows. Timekeepers, R. Plows and R. Collinson. Tappers, O. Potter, W. Perkin. Special members' sing, July 31, when we trust all members will be present, as this is the contest of the season.—R. Plows, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair. Club sing, July 24; 19 birds entered for three prizes, 4min. time singing: 1, 2, Beard; 3, Pugh. Open sing, July 25; 14 entered for three prizes, 3min. time singing: 1, 2, Beard; 3, Jones.—S. Pugh, Sec.

Open Linnet contest, Cross Keys Hotel, Halfpenny Lane, July 10, for six prizes: 1, 2, W. Nelson; 3, 5, Plows; 4, Wingham; 6, B. Nelson. Open sing, July 11: 1, 2, W. Nelson; 3, Plows. Club sing, July 17: 1, Scotson; 2, 3, B. Nelson. Open sing, July 18: 1, W. Nelson; 2, A. Bull; 3, B. Nelson. Club sing, July 24: 1, Bull; 2, 3, Nelson. Open sing, July 25: 1, B. Nelson; 2, Bull; 3, Watkiss.—A. Bull, Sec. (Please send your address.—Ed.)

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, July 24; 14 birds sang for three prizes: 1, T. Johnson; 2, Blaney; 3, Stanney. Judges, Lacy and Naylor. July 25, 16 sang for three prizes: 1, T. Johnson; 2, Chippindale; 3, Hollingworth. Judges, Jennings and Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane; 16 birds faced the judges, and some very good singing was heard, before a crowded house: 1, Ward; 2, Hirst; 3, T. Chippendale. Judges, H. Wigfield, T. Summers. July 25, 15 birds sang for three prizes: 1, Hirst; 2, Ward; 3, Youhill. Judges, C. Biss and T. Summers.—W. Lipman. Hon. Sec.

Leeds Quality Singing Club, Plasterer's Arms, Skinner Lane. Grand contest, July 24, before a good company, and we had some friends from Kippax and Pudsey, with some very good birds; 20 birds contested. Judges, P. Madden and J. Wright; timekeeper, 1, Turner; 2, Booth; 3, shared by Turner and Walker. July 25, 19 birds sang. Judges, P. Madder and Alf. Lorriman. 1, Hargreaves; 2, Booth; 3, Turner; and Dearlove and Sharred.—F. Turner, Sec.

Club Reports.

EAST HAM F.S.

Half-yearly meeting, headquarters, The Earl of Wakefield, July 15. Balance-sheet for half-year ending June 30 was placed before the members. The hon. sec., in his report, referring to the balance in hand (£9 3s. 8½d.) congratulated the society upon its solvency. During the half-year the society has given 18 silver spoons won at their three monthly shows. Total receipts for half-year, £19 10s. 10½d.; expenditure, £10 7s. 2d. Ten new members were made during the half-year, and a further five were elected on July 15: Messrs. W. Hamilton, Lofthouse, R. Thompson, J. Edwards, and Catter.—W. A. Harwood, hon. sec.

PLYMOUTH W.C.O.S.

Meeting, July 20, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street, Mr. French chair. After business Mr. J. Bavage read a splendid paper on the management of Crests and C.B., which was greatly appreciated. Mr. Bavage brought one of his breeding cages showing how he fixes his nursery inside, all his cages having loose bottoms which is a great improvement. Questions were asked and answered to the satisfaction of all. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Bavage who suitably responded. There was some discussion on our coming October show, but it was decided to let it stand over until next meeting, when we hope all members will attend. One new member was elected.—W. Luscombe.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Meeting, headquarters, Crown Hotel, Station-st., July 7; fair attendance. Mr. A. Broadhurst, chair. Four members proposed: Messrs. O. Parker, S. Parker, R. Parker, and J. Baugh. Fanciers who wish to join now will only have to pay half-year's sub., 2/-. There will be specials for members' competition at both the members' and open shows. Will those who wish to become members send their names along? Decided to hold a members' show; date left open. We were very sorry to receive the resignation of one of our oldest members, Mr. Silvers, and taking into consideration the years he had spent with the Society, it was decided to make him a life member. We hope he will visit us whenever he can make it convenient. Next meeting, Aug. 4, at 8. Let us see a record gathering.—A. C. Shirley, Assist. Sec.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Meeting, Lockhart's Cafe, Grainger Street, Newcastle. Mr. W. F. Swan presided over a good attendance. Mr. James Stanger, Pelton Fell, and Mr. Coates, Beamish, were elected members. Decided to purchase another cup to replace the one Mr. Smith won outright last year; this gentleman has given two guineas towards same; it is to be competed for on the same conditions, twice in succession or three times in all. Decided that we give our patronage to one show only this year (Blaydon C.B.S.), Nov. 12 and 13. Agreed to give 15 medals for competition, cup and gold medal for best old bird; silver medal for best old bird in each class other than cup winner, also cup and gold medal for best young Crest, cup and gold medal for best young C.B.: Sec. has guaranteed a young yellow Crest or C.B. class extra. Three medals will be competed for in each class, no member to win more than one medal in each young class, silver medals will be given for best Crest and best C.B. in young classes, shown by a novice. Subs. now due.—Dobson, Hon. Sec.

WEST STANLEY (Victoria) F.F., &c.

Meeting, July 18, Mr. J. Armitage presiding over a good turn-up of members. We passed a good schedule of 48 classes and made rules for same. It was very pleasing to get such a good turn-up. Members, don't forget to give your vote to R. Peart and T. Nicholson, July 31, or Sunday morning, Aug. 1. It is to the interest of all members to record their vote, because they all know that it means a great helping to our show.—R. Hutchinson.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting and table show, July 14, Mr. Crawhall chair. The annual show was discussed, and it was decided to postpone this question until the August meeting. Members please note, there is a motion to include a few open classes in our schedule this year. Members who find it impossible to attend the meeting are requested to convey to the Sec., 6, Gill Street, Benwell, their opinion on this matter. Mr. Crawhall has obtained the usual quantity of colour-food, but as many members have not sent in their orders, a large quantity is likely to be left on his hands. This is not fair to Mr. Crawhall, as he has purchased this food out of his own pocket and re-sold it to the members at cost price. Entries at the table show showed an improvement, and birds of exceptional merit were on view, especially a ticked yellow exhibited by Mr. Havis, of Blaydon, a novice member. Mr. Crawhall will give a Yorkshire cock, value at least £1, for the best bird bred and exhibited by novice member at the table show, August 11. Fanciers residing within the four Northern counties interested in the variety are invited to join us. Entrance fee 1/-; annual sub. 2/6. Table show awards.—Champ. Cl.: 1, 4, Crawhall; 2, 3, Tindale. Mkd.: 1, 4, Tindale; 2, 3, Crawhall; vhc, he, Mather. Nov. Cl.: 1, vhc, c, Gregory; 2, Havis; 3, 4, vhc, Leach. Mkd.: 1, Havis; 2, 3, 4, Leach. Mr. J. Curry judged and gave great satisfaction.—R. Tindale, Hon. Sec.

The Shows.

IDLE C.B.A.

2nd F.F. show, Springfield Hotel, July 24. Mr. J. Lund (Bradford) judged 40 birds, giving complete satisfaction. Quality was of the highest order. Class 1: 1, 2, 4, Sparks; 3, Whitaker; vhc, Elsegood; he, Chippindale; c, Pearson. Class 2: 1, he, spl, best bird in show, Chippindale; 2, 3, Wood; 4, Elsegood; vhc, Whittaker; c, Baxter. Class 3: 1, Chippindale; 2, Wood; 3, Loyd; 4, Pearson; vhc, he, Baxter; c, Sudd.—T. Elsegood, Sec.

BURNLEY O.S.

Table Show, July 17, Star Inn; birds shown on last occasion debarred from entry. Mr. Braybrook judged again and gave satisfaction. Class 1: 1, Catlow; 2, 3, West. Class 2: 1, Hines; 2, West; 3, Broxup. Class 3: 1, J. Broxup. Class 4: 1, 2, J. Broxup. Winners of specials left over from N.F.S.: Mr. Edwards' sp., R. Hines; Mr. Spencer's sp., H. Catlow; Mr. Lingard's sp., J. Broxup. Next meeting Aug. 4.—T. Chadwick, Sec.

WIBSEY C.B.S.

Show, Horso and Groom, July 17, Mr. J. H. Fowle judged. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks: 1, 2, 3, Pickup; 4, he, Chapman; vhc, W. Crowther. Buff: 1, Pickup; 2, 3, Chapman; 4, Crowther; vhc, Farrer. Unseen Mkd. Yell.: 1, Chapman. Buff: 1, Chapman; 2, Farrer. Cinn. Mkd. Yell.: 1, 3, Pickup; 2, Walker; 4, Chapman. Foul Mkd.: 1, Chapman. Spl. best clear, Pickup; best mk., Chapman.—W. Chapman, Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Show, July 24, Victoria Hotel. 35 birds entered for Mr. H. Sutcliffe to judge, whose awards gave every satisfaction. Special best in show was won by Mr. L. Dykes. Points for cup and medals: Champ., Dykes 52, Goodwin 32, Bloomfield 32; Nov., Fretwell 32, Oldrieve 24, Myers 16, Alred 15. Cl. Yell. (4): 1, 3, Dykes; 2, Goodwin; 4, Myers. Buff (9): 1, Bloomfield; 2, Goodwin; 3, Myers; 4, Oldrieve; vhc, he, Dykes; c, Fetwell. Tkd. Yell. (7): 1, sp, he, Dykes; 2, Goodwin; 3, Bloomfield; 4, Fretwell; vhc, Alred; c, Myers. Buff (4): 1, 2, Dykes; 3, Myers; 4, Oldrieve. Mkd. Yell. (3): 1, Dykes; 2, Alred; 3, Goult. Mkd. Buff (4): 1, Oldrieve; 2, 3, Bloomfield; 4, Fretwell. Foul Mkd. (4): 1, Goult; 2, Alred; 3, Bloomfield; 4, Close.—H. Bryant, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Annual N.F. show, July 3, headquarters, Crown Hotel, Station St., with over 60 entries, not so many as expected. Norwich came up strong in number, particularly in novices. Yorks. were down. There were birds in both varieties which should answer for themselves during the coming show season. Several fine British birds were staged. Mr. J. H. Roe judged, and gave satisfaction.

Champ. Nor. Buff: 1, 2, Bastock; other entries absent. Var.: 1, Bastock; other entries absent. Yorks. Yell.: 1, sp, 3, Swinden; 2, Richards. Buff: 1, 2, Richards; 3, vhc, Aukers. Var.: 1, sp, Swinden; 2, Richards; 3, vhc, Aukers. Cinn.: 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, he, Derry. Nor. Nov. Yell.: 1, sp, vhc, Westwood; 2, Derry; 3, Ancott. Buff: 1, sp, 2, he, Derry; 3, vhc, Jones; c, Austin. Var.: 1, vhc, Jones; 2, c, Westwood; 3, Austin; he, Ancott. Nov. Yorks. Yell.: 1, sp, Clarke. Buff: 1, Clarke. Var.: 1, 2, Clarke. Mule or Hyb., Young Birds: 1, Ward. Brit. Hardbill, Any Age: 1, sp, 2, 3, Raby; vhc, Ward.—A. C. Shirley, Assist.-Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Young bird shows of the South Birmingham O.S., June 26th and July 20, Headquarters, Marlboro' Hotel; judge, Mr. Roe. There was not the usual number of birds owing to so many members being on war work and not finding the time to look after their birds. Junio show winners: Cowley Swindon, Bayliss, Baugh; special winners: Raby, Cowley, Yardley. Points towards the cups: Swindon 15, Cowley 13. No competition in British or novice section. July show; judge, Mr. Russell; brought a much better entry, and some fine Yorks. and Norwich were staged. Mr. Swindon's winning yellow is a gem. Winners: Champ.: Swindon and Bayliss; Nov.: Protty and Hawkesford, the latter showing a very fine variegated Yorks. Mr. Yardley also took 1st with two very fine Norwich. Points for cup: Swindon 18, Bayliss 13, Protty 12, Hawkesford 4. Special winners: Swindon (2), Hawkesford, Barron, Yardley. The meetings of late have been well attended, and 12 new members have joined. Owing to secretary being away from the city so much reports have not been dealt with so speedily as in the past, though no lack of interest or slackness has taken place, and the society is still pushing forward. Our members are helping the flow of munitions, so we can well afford to be proud, and no doubt the autumn shows will have record entries. —J. Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Second members' show of season, July 17, Mr. H. J. Cluttenden judged the 70 birds shown with every satisfaction. Open Yorks. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (7): 1, 2, vhc, Symes; 3, 4, he, c, Helliwell. Buff (4): 1, 2, 3, Symes; 4, Helliwell. A.O.V. (6): 1, Symes; 2, vhc, he, Wilcock; 3, Horsfield; 4, Helliwell. Nov. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (6): 1, 2, McEwen; 3, he, Bolton and Lunn; 4, vhc, Wood. Buff (9): 1, 4, Wood; 2, vhc, he, Bolton and Lunn; 3, McEwen; c, Rhodes. A.O.V. (12): 1, he, Wood; 2, 3, c, Bolton and Lunn; 4, Bromham; vhc, Cranoss. Nor. Yell. (10): 1, 4, Plowright; 2, vhc, Kaberry. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Plowright; 3, Roe; 4, Simonett; 3, he, Airton; 4, Plowright; vhc, c, Kaberry. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Playright; 3, Roe; 4, Simonett.—W. Helliwell, Sec.

MACCLESFIELD C.B.S.

F.F. show, Daybrook Street School, July 10, with well over 50 young birds—not bad considering that many of our members have joined the colours. The judges, Mr. F. Broadhurst, Champion, and J. S. Barrett, Novice, commented on the quality of the exhibits. The judges gave every satisfaction. Yell. Nor. Cl. (8): 1, 2, Howarth; 3, Sherratt; vhc, Barrett; he, Lee; c, Lee. Tkd. (5): 1, 2, Lee; 3, vhc, Barrett; he, Moon. Buff Cl. (5): 1, 3, Lee; 2, Sherratt; vhc, Lee; he, Barrett. Tkd. (9): 1, 3, Howarth; 2, he, c, Lee, jun.; vhc, Moon. Nov. Yell. Nor. Cl.: 1, Jackson; 2, Moores; 3, Harvey. Tkd. 1, 2, Moores; 3, Harvey; vhc, Ratcliffe. Buff Cl.: 1, he, Wootter; 2, Jackson; 3, c, Harvey; vhc, Moores. Buff Tkd.: 1, 2, Moores; 3, Dale; vhc, Ratcliffe; he, Harvey. A.O.V. Can. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 2, Jackson.—H. Hall, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX C.B.S.

2nd N.F. show, July 24, King Cross Band Room. Forty birds were staged for Mr. C. Pickup (Great Horton) to judge, and he was set a difficult task to find the winners in such a splendid lot of birds. His awards, as usual, met with the approval of all. Many of the exhibits will certainly be heard of again during the open show season.

Open—Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks: 1, Priestley; 2, Sutcliffe. Buff; 1, 3, Sutcliffe; 2, Priestley; 4, Stobart. Even, &c.: 1, 3, Priestley; 2, Stohart; 4, Sutcliffe. Nov.—Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Sladdin and Baldwin; 2, he, Wilson; 3, Stansfield; 4, vhc, Gelder; c, Child. Buff: 1, vhc, Gelder; 2, Stansfield; 3, vhc, Sladdin and Baldwin; 4, W. Horsman; c, F. Horsman. Even, &c.: 1, Child; 2, W. Horsman; 3, Sladdin and Baldwin; 4, Wilson; vhc, c, Gelder; he, F. Horsman. Self or Foul Green: 1, 2, Sladdin and Baldwin; 3, 4, vhc, he, F. Horsman. Messrs. Sladdin and Baldwin win spl. prize most points at the two F.F. shows with 55 points; runner-up, J. H. Gelder, 34.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec.

CHESTER-LE-STREET C.B.S.

N.F. show, Dun Cow Hotel, July 17, with a very fair entry of 52, considering the bad breeding season some members have experienced. Mr. Lindsay staged some very nice young Norwich, which should be heard of later, and there were also two or three nice young Yorks. Borders were not up to the usual standard. Mr. W. L. Smith (South Shields) judged to the satisfaction of all concerned. Nor. Yell: 1, 2, 3, Lindsay; vhc, Arnold; he, Forster. Buff: 1, 3, Stanger; 2, Lindsay. Yorks, Yell.: 1, Stanger; 2, Arnold. Buff: 1, vhc, Stanger; 2, he, Ward; 3, c, Arnold. Bord. Yell.: 1, Stanger; 2, Young; 3, Marron. Buff: 1, 2, Young; 3, Towers; vhc, Stanger; he, c, Marron. Cinn.: 1, Stanger. Crest: 1, 3, Stanger; 2, Forster. C.B.: 1, Stanger. A.O.V.: 1, Ward. Mule: 1, 2, Boyd; 3, Lindsay. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, 2, Lindsay; 3, Boyd. Greenf.: 1, Boyd; 2, Lindsay. Linnet: 1, 3, Boyd; 2, G. Towers. A.O. Hardbill: 1, 2, Lindsay; 3, Boyd; vhc, Young; he, c, Towers. Redpoll, etc: 1, 2, Wild; 3, Liudsay; vhc, Stanger—R. Ward, Sec.

HANLEY C.B.S.

Second F.F. show, July 17, Birchehead Hotel. The entry was fairly good considering the members had not experienced the best of fortune. Yorks. came up strong, and some very neat specimens were staged. Mr. Beckett makes a good sec., and had everything in order. Mr. F. Bates judged and gave every satisfaction.

Champ. Yorks., Yell.: 1, 2, 3, Pygott; 4, Lawton. Buff: 1, 3, Lawton; 2, Pygott; 4, vhc, Salt. Mkd. or Var.: 1, 4, Hawley; 2, Salt; 3, Lawton. Brit.: 1, Bates; 2, Pygott; 3, Hawley. Linnet: 1, 4, c, Pygott; 2, vhc, he, Bates; 3, Brown, junr. Nov. Nor. Yell.: 1 Oldham. Buff: 1, Oldham. Mkd. or Var.: 1, 2, Cooper. Yorks. Yell.: 1, 2, Beckett; 3, 4, Chadwick; vhc, Brown, jun.; he, Mycock; c, Banks and Hesketh. Buff: 1, Mycock; 2, vhc, Banks and Hesketh; 3, c, Beckett; he, Mycock; 4, Brown, junr. Mkd. or Var.: 1, vhc, Brown, sen.; 2, Chadwick; 3, Brown; 4, he, Beckett. Old Birds, Yell. Yorks.: 1, 2, 3, Beckett. Buffs: 1, 3, Beckett; 2, Hawley. Nor. Yell.: 1, 2, Cooper.

PONTYPOOL C.B.S.

N.F. show, Three Cranes Hotel, July 17. Mr. J. Hillman (Abertillery) judged and gave entire satisfaction. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (5): 1, Amphlett; 2, Gameson; 3, Prosser; 4, Mason; vhc, Vaughan. Buff (4): 1, 3, Mason; 2, 4, Amphlett. Yell. Var. (3): 1, 2, 3, Vaughan. Mkd. or Var. Buff (3): 1, Vaughan; 2, Prosser; 3, Amphlett. Yorks. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (1): Smith. Buff (4): 1, 2, Smith; 2, 3, Loveday. Mkd. or Var. Yell (1): Smith. Buff (3): 1, spl, Clark; 2, 3, Smith. Old. Birds—Nor. Yell. Ck. (1): Gameson. Buff (6): 1, vhc, Amphlett; 2, c, Gameson; 3, Welsh; 4, Vaughan; he, Prosser. Buff Ck. (1): Loveday; A.O.V. Can (4): 1, Clark; 2, 3, 4, Loveday. Goldf. (2): 1, Clark; 2, Sweet. A.O. Seedeater (4): 1, 4, Clark; 2, Welsh; 3, Morgan. Mule or Hyb. (1): Welsh. Mule or Hyb. 1915 (1): Sweet. Non-Fed. Yorks (1): Clark. Nor. (3): 1, 2, 3, Clark. A good number visited the show during the day and members are thanked for their assistance and support for the first venture, which was a complete success.—H. H. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

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In the Courts.

A Prosecution that Failed.

At the Alford Police Court, Edward Garner, Mablethorpe, was charged with an offence under the Wild Birds Protection Act, on June 23., P.C. Clark stated that he saw a bird cage on the defendant's lawn, and on examining it found four young Thrushes inside. The defendant stated that a visitor brought them to him. Witness told defendant he would be reported. Defendant, on oath, stated that a visitor brought the birds to him and asked him to take care of them. The man fed the birds in the morning and looked after them, and he (defendant) looked upon them as the man's property. He had, after the constable called, liberated the birds, and the man was very cross about it. The case was dismissed on the payment of costs.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

THOS. BENNETT, Judge of Cage Birds; life experience; terms moderate; 11, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. HOBBS, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, Cinn. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Ruthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience, Terms moderate.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties

C. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

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All matter *intended for publication must be written or typed on* **one side** *of paper only, and must reach us not later than the first post on Tuesday if insertion in the next issue is desired.*

Twitterings.

Mr. James G. Torbett, sec., writes that Muirkirk Annual Show will be held Nov. 13.

Mr. H. Norman will judge the members' young stock show of the Croydon F.A., Aug. 11.

Secretaries of Midland shows willing to accept patronage of the Midland Counties F.C.C. should please apply at once to W. Wells, Helmside, Erdingtoo, Birmiogham.

Upon the application of the Gloucester County Council the Starling has been exempted for two years from the protection of the Wild Birds Act.

Among birds seen in the town of Bedford lately are the Golden-crested Wren and the Lesser-spotted Woodpecker and young, the latter in Bushmead Avenue.—"Bedfordshire Times."

Mr. W. A. Harwood, hon. sec., writes that admission will be free at the First Feather show of the East Ham F.S., July 31, at the Earl of Wakefield, East Ham. Visitors will be welcome.

The many friends of the veteran fancier, T. Winter, writes Mr. W. L. Smith, South Shields, will be pleased to hear he is well on the road to recovery after passing a severe operation.

Next week being Bank Holiday week, we shall be obliged if advertisers and correspondents generally will send us their communications as early as possible. Matter for the editorial columns must reach us not later than Tuesday morning to be certain of insertion.

In our issue of June 26th Mr. Colquhoun, of Bilsby, Alford, advertised for a tame, hand-reared Rook, and has received an offer from a Mr. H. Cator, of Bett Cottage, Eastgate, Bury St. Edmunds. A letter accepting the offer has been returned to Mr. Colquhoun endorsed "Not Known." Will Mr. Cator please send to the advertiser an address which will find him.

The Y.C.C. of Scotland will allocate club patronage at the next meeting, Aug. 31, writes Mr. W. Priest, Hon. Sec. Societies who have not already applied should do so as early as possible. Classification same as last year: Cl. or tkd. yell. cock, ditto buff, cl. or tkd. yell. hen, ditto buff, varieg. cock, ditto hen, yell. cock bred 1915, ditto buff, hen bred 1915. Societies applying for patronage must state judge.

Many fanciers, writes the Manager of the Lambeth Aviaries, 35, Gladstone Street, St. George's Road, S.E., have dropped out through the war because of not having the capital to renew their stock; these are the fanciers we are after, and we are prepared to supply them on easy and reasonable terms. Those who find themselves short of ready-money through the stress of the times would do well to take advantage of the fair terms offered by the Lambeth Aviaries.

OBITUARY.

Many friends and fanciers, writes Mr. W. A. Lott, will hear with deep regret of the loss which has befallen Mr. R. Brownlie, Brockley, in the death of his wife, who passed away on July 24, after a long and painful illness. Mr. Brownlie is well known to many in the South of England as well as in Scotland as an enthusiastic Border Fancier and a lover of British birds, and I am sure that all who know him will extend their heartfelt sympathy to him in his sad bereavement. Mrs. Brownlie was interred at Brockley Cemetery on July 29.

MR. A. A. POOL (Bristol).

It is with sincere regret, writes Mr. W. H. Parker, that I have to report the death of Mr. A. A. Pool, 37, Manor Road, Bishopston, Bristol, which took place July 20, after a short illness. The late Mr. Pool was a much estemed fancier of about forty years' standing, meeting with considerable success, and was a great friend of the novice. I feel sure the Canary Fancy in general will be deeply grieved at his loss, and that their sympathy will be with Mrs. Pool in her bereavement.

MR. G. A. WALSH (Halifax).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. A. Sutcliffe, Sec. Halifax C.B.S., that I inform you of the death of George Amos Walsh, in his 18th year, after a short illness. He was the only son of that esteemed and well-known fancier, Mr. H. W. Walsh, a member of our society. He took a very great interest in his father's birds, and on many occasions has been a valuable help to the society, although not himself a member. When the first open show was held, in October 1914, it was no small part that he took towards the success of the venture. I am sure that every fancier will join with us in tendering to Mr. and Mrs. Walsh our very deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

MR. D. A. S. LONGDEN (Swansea).

Mr. S. J. Nicholas (Swansea) writes: "It is with deep regret I have to inform you of the death of my old friend, Mr. D. A. S. Longden (Swansea). Taken rather suddenly ill on Good Friday last, for some weeks his condition was precarious, but ultimately so marked was his improvement that his friends hoped he would recover. I am grieved to say he had a relapse, and gradually sank and passed away on Saturday last, July 24. By his death the Faney in Wales has lost a staunch and faithful friend, ever ready to do anything possible for the welfare of the hobby he loved so well. All fanciers will, I am sure, join in extending their deepest sympathy with his sorrowing widow and children in their sad bereavement.

MR. W. REID, Kilmarnock.

We are sorry to announce the death of an old and esteemed fancier in the person of Mr. Wiliam Reid, which took place on July 21, at his residence, 21, West Shaw Street, Kilmarnock, at the ripe age of 82. He was one of the founders of the Kilmarnock C.B.F.C., which is now in its 42nd year. He was a very enthusiastic Scotch Fancy breeder, and took a very important part in the management of both the club and open show. He had a kindly nature, was always very willing to help any new fancier in a difficulty, and seemed to be in his true element when engaged in some needful or philanthropic duty. He was a useful citizen to Kilmarnock, sober and industrious, a typical representative of the old practical shoemaker, and will be greatly missed by a large circle of brother fanciers and friends. He is survived by two sons and two daughters, to whom we extend our sympathy.

The July issue of "Bird Notes," the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, opens with an article on Cranes in captivity by the Marquis of Tavistock, who also writes about his Little Owls. Mr. Maurice Amsler contributes an account of the breeding of the Orchard Finch. Dr. Lovell-Keays continues his Nesting Results for 1914, and writes of the breeding of the African Zosterops. Among the other articles are "The Buzzard," by F. Dawson-Smith, and "Failures and their Lessons," by W. Shore Bailv.

The meeting place for the ramble of the Sheffield O.S. on August 1 is the Midland Station. Train leaves 2.25 for Grindleford. Tea at Checker House, Frogget Edge. Friends and ladies are invited to join.

I must congratulate your artist on the very excellent drawing of my winning Buff Norwich, writes Mr. J. B. Kerr. The bird which woo at the recent L.P.O.S. Young Bird Show was not the same bird. In the three shows at which I have exhibited, different birds have won, proving the uniform character of the youngsters. Being overstocked and having little time to give to the birds, I had to advertise last week offering some of my stock birds for sale, also a few of the youngsters, and refer you to the report of the L.P.O.S. Show, July 15, for latest awards.

It is reported that in some districts Goldfinches, Skylarks, and Starlings are markedly increasing in numbers. An appreciable increase in all of the three species together would be received with somewhat mixed feelings; none would object to greater familiarity with the beautiful and harmless thistle-eating Goldfinch; farmers with patches of autumn-sown wheat probably think that the Skylark population is already of quite respectable proportions, while in fruit-growing districts at least there would be few indeed to welcome more Starlings—there are already too many.

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Was There Canary Breeding in 915?

In an artiele entitled "The Trusted Pet," "The Nation" refers to the Canary as a bird "that has been bred for a thousand eaptive generations."

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing in our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

Two Nests in One.

In a copse at Codicote two Thrushes built their nests so closely together that although each nest was distinct, and each had its elutch of eggs, the two structures appeared as a double nest. This curiosity is now to be seen at Letchworth museum, where the nests are being shown in the actual twigs in which they were built.

Misguided Perseverance.

"F. H. S.," writing to the "Scotsman," relates that from one House Sparrow's nest he took five eggs on May 14, three on May 19, three on May 25, two on May 30, and two on June 4; fifteen eggs in all. The hen then seems to have decided that she was eogaged on a hopeless task, and she and her mate deserted the nest.

A Rare Summer Visitor.

A Red-breasted Flycatcher is reported to have been seen in a Midland garden last month. This beautiful bird is a very rare visitor to England, and its few appearances have been as an irregular passage migrant in late autumn. We think it has only once before been recorded in June, this being in Cheshire, near the district of the latest appearance.

A Curious Theory.

In reporting the presence of a cream-coloured Blackbird in some private grounds, a daily paper says: "When we noted the presence of variegated Blackbirds—we saw more than one, and a Robin as well, last winter—we attributed the failing colour to impaired vigour due to cold and lack of food. But these causes are hardly operative now, and the effect must be a result of peculiar constitution. Possibly the bird is one of our variegated specimens which has now completed the change."

An Anonymous Query.

We have received on a postcard headed "Waterhurst Place, Ardingly, Sussex," an enquiry respecting a sick Bullfinch, with a request for an answer by post. If the enquirer will send his name, which he omitted to give on his postcard, with full particulars of the feeding and treatment he has been affording his bird, his query will be sent to our Mr. Norman, who will be pleased to reply by post if a fee is enclosed in accordance with the rules at the head of the query columns.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

England.

Oct. 8-9.—**Preston O.S.**—(G. Buck, 5, Novett St.)
Oct. 12-13.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)
Oct. 14.—**Hanley C.B.S.**—(C. Beckett, 32, Hamilton-rd., Birkenhead, Hanley.) J.R.
Oct. 15-16.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(H. Warburton, 73, Ellesmere Rd., Lower Walton, Warrington.) H.W.B., G.L., J.D.L.
Oct. 16.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. Green, 205, Stoney Stanton Rd.)
Oct. 21.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Holliday, 58, George St.) J.R.
Oct. 22-23.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.)
Oct. 23.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.) J.R.
Oct. 23.—**York C.B.S.**—(V. G. F. Zimmerman, 7, Portland Street.)
Oct. 26-28.—**London and P.O.S.**—(H. L. Huggins, 130, Myddleton Rd., Bowes Park, London.)
Oct. 27-28.—**Carlisle (Border City) O.S.**—(J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.)
Oct. 29-30.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlboro Av., Manley Park, Manchester). L.D., J.B., R.B., J.D., H.J.C.
Nov. 3-4.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terr.)
Nov. 4.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.)
Nov. 5-6.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 39, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield.) J.R., J.C.B., H.W.B.
Nov. 6.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(J. W. Thornton, 43, Rydal St., W. Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M., W.N.
Nov. 6-8.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Frecstone, 79, Clarendon Street.) J.T., H.J.C.
Nov. 9-10.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(G. W. Jones, 156, Holdenhurst Rd.) H.N.
Nov. 12-13.—**Blaydon-on Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.) T.D., J.M., H.W.B.
Nov. 13.—**Barnsley C.B.S.**—(E. Toulson, 102, Cope St.)
Nov. 13.—**Chester C.B.S.**—(L. Cavanagh, "Berwyn," Vicar's Cross, Chester.) H.W.B.
Nov. 19-20.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.) W.M., H.W.B.
Nov. 19-20.—**Hattwhistle C.B.S.**—(Wm. Tuffantyre, South View.)
Nov. 27.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.**—(F. A. Green, 54, Caludon Rd.) H.W.B.
Dec. 1-2.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 211, Park Rd., Aston, Birmingham.) J.R., J.H.R.
Dec. 1-2.—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place, Southampton.) H.N.
Dec. 8-9.—**Watford C.B.S.**—(W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Rd.) F.E., H.N., A.S., H.J.W.
Dec. 10-11.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—(W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle).

Scotland.

Nov. 12-13.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital Street.) W.G., J. M'L., W. M'M., C.M., A.W., M.C.
Nov. 26.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S.**—(F. Baxter, 128, Union St.).

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Jan. 1.—**Wishaw, Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)

Wales.

Oct. 20.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(H. H. Mortimer, 4, Granville St.)
Nov. 17.—**Llandudno** (Welsh N. Counties F. and F.A.).—(G. E. Cragg, "Rocklands," Rhos, Colwyn Bay.)
Nov. 17-18.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.H.R.

Queen Alexandra as Patroness.

More than half a century ago a Danish Princess came to our shores to wed the Prince of Wales of the day, and for more than half a century there has never been any doubt as to who is the best loved lady in England. This gracious and beautiful princess, now Queen Alexandra, has ever been ready to identify herself with any properly directed philanthropic movement, and she has now granted her patronage to the National Egg Collection for the Wounded, a scheme for the amelioration of the lot of our soldiers in the hospitals. This gigantic organisation, the offices of which are at 154, Fleet Street, is backed up by thousands of supporters who are working without fee or profit, and has already been the means of supplying over seven millions of new-laid eggs for the benefit of our wounded. In one individual week nearly half a million eggs were contributed, and it is the ambition of the organizers, now that Her Majesty is patroness, to raise one million eggs in one week. It is proposed to institute an Alexandra Week to commemorate the patronage of Her Gracious Majesty, and readers of Cage Birds may join in the gigantic scheme by sending all the eggs they can spare or collect. Few or many will be equally welcome, and those who would like to be associated with the noble idea should write to the organising secretary of the National Egg Collection, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

SOCIETIES AND THE WAR LOAN.

A Grand Lead by the L. & P.O.S.

The Committee of the London and Provincial O.S. have decided to invest £50 of the Society's funds in the War Loan, and strongly urge other societies to invest all they can, so as to help bring success to our noble arms, writes Mr. H. L. Huggins, hon. sec. By lending funds to the country we can "do our bit," even if we cannot enlist. Now is the time to help our country and ourselves; every shilling invested is a silver bullet" needed for victory." We have also decided to make all members serving in His Majesty's forces honorary members until their return to civil life.

Canaries for Exhibition.

THEIR PREPARATION AND COLOUR FEEDING.

A Lecture Given by Mr. W. Roberts Before the Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A., June 7.

IN the process of colour-feeding and preparing birds for exhibition, we must remember there are many small, but all-important, items which are all necessary to ensure any measure of success on the show bench. In some varieties, such as the Norwich, my favourite, colour is of the greatest importance—the Norwich Plainhead Club allows 15 points for this alone.

To obtain the best results in colour-feeding we shall have to breed for colour; this will be accomplished by keeping some green blood in our stock. It is useless cramming your birds with colour-food if they have been bred from clears year after year, and I can assure you they will never win a colour-food medal. The time to start colour-feeding varies in individual birds; some that are hatched in May will break before others that were hatched in March, but, generally speaking, we may venture to put them on colour at the age of 10 weeks for the first and second rounds, and at seven or eight weeks for the third round; this will give time to get their blood charged with colour before they begin to cast their feathers.

How to Prepare the Colour-food.

When purchasing your colour-food, be sure that you get the best, as a cheap colour-food may only bring you disappointment. Some fanciers add oil to the colour-food; this I think is a great mistake. I have yet to see the colour-food which, in my opinion, needs oil. I will now give you my method of mixing: To 1lb. of cold pepper I add 2oz. of hot, and 4oz. of moist sugar, mixing all well together; this should stand at least a fortnight before use. When putting birds on colour I give only a very small quantity at first, just enough to colour the egg-food slightly, and this I gradually increase until I get on full strength, which is one in six—that is, one teaspoonful of colour to six of egg-food; this I consider is strong enough for all practical purposes.

At the beginning of the moult I single out all the best birds and moult them separately, covering the cages over with brown paper or a thin muslin cloth. This answers several purposes; it keeps them free from draughts, it also keeps them clean, it stops the sun from fading the colour before it is fixed in the feather, and lastly, they eat the colour-food more readily than when left in the open light.

When three parts through the moult—say, up to the neck and head, which are usually the last to finish—I give sulphate of iron in the drinking water twice a week; this helps to fix the colour in the feather and tones up the system. I also give a few grains of linseed on the cage bottom every other day; this is necessary to counteract the constipating effect of the iron, and produces that sheen on the feather so essential to our success on the show bench.

Don't leave off too soon.

At the apparent close of the moult many beginners take their birds off colour-food too early; it is thought that, because there are no loose feathers, the moult is complete, and surprise is caused when, in a few weeks' time, natural-coloured feathers are seen round the eyes and beak. I never take my birds off colour too early, but give one teaspoonful per bird each day until well through with the neck and head, and then continue every other day until at least a fortnight after the birds are fined down.

Having finished with the moult, we now come to the point of preparing our birds for the show bench. If we have got the required type, quality, and colour, we are still useless without condition, and as an instance of its importance, we often see good birds standing cardless, birds which, with condition, would be in the money. Now, I consider that different birds, even of the same variety, often require different treatment if we must put them down in their best show form; for instance, a good bird may carry too much feather, or be very slack in feather, such a bird will require different feeding through the show season than would a bird of good, tight feather and quality. The former I should keep in as "high" condition as possible to enable it better to carry a tight "jacket," whilst the latter would get plenty of flesh-forming food which will greatly add to its size.

One of the most important items in moulting and conditioning birds is the bath. I know of no finer thing to help them off with the old coat and on with the new. It is also one of the necessaries which tend to make that wax-like appearance we all so much admire. Lastly, we must have clean birds and clean cages. Nothing looks worse than a clean bird in a dirty cage.

Hints on Colour Feeding.

Some valuable advice by that well-known fancier and judge Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, Liverpool.

AFTER the worries and anxieties of the breeding season, the question of colour-feeding acts as a fillip to the average fancier. It is an art to get a red-hot specimen that is fit to stage in decent company; generally it is the rotters that carry the best colour. Why is this? Probably you have thrown all the "rotters" in a dark flight, and have given them the leavings from your best birds. These two happenings supply the answer.

By being in a dark corner, what colour has been put in the feathers has struck there, the sun or strong light has not bleached them. The leavings have been thoroughly impregnated with the colour-food, and every bit that is eaten by the "rotters" is full of the colouring agent. This proves we should mix our food overnight for use next day.

When you have got your stock well on the feed, mix sufficient colour-food with your egg-food to bring it to the same, or practically same, colour as the colour-food itself. I have found thirteen ounces of tasteless, and three ounces of hot natal, to answer the purpose of making the birds red-hot—that is, if there is any colour in the birds to bring out.

Breed, as well as Feed.

For years some fanciers have bred clear to clear until there was no colour left in them. You must have natural colour in your stock before you can expect to get a good artificial colour. A good variegated stock cock you must have as a foundation. Why I advocate a cock is that size and colour comes from the cock, and type and quality from the hen.

Give your birds sufficient pepper to make the colour visible in their droppings; you will then know their blood is thoroughly impregnated with the colouring agent, and you can regulate your quantity accordingly. A wise fancier will keep his best birds in single cages; this will prevent plucking, etc. It is hard lines when you have a good specimen and find it plucked three weeks before your pet show comes off; you have your work all over again.

If you find your birds are not taking the feed, try the Lancashire trick of putting a few spots of oil of aniseed in it; that will entice them. If this fails, you must try a mild form of starvation by taking their seed away until dinner-time every day. You may say this is cruel, but don't forget you are out to get your birds a good colour, and not half do it, so a little of the "mailed fist" is required; you must not stand on ceremony while your pals are beating you—play the same game as them.

How to Fix the Colour.

Your stock will require sulphate of iron to fasten the colour. I do not give any until half-way through moult, for it has a tendency to bring on costiveness, also to tighten the feather. What we want at first is all the old feathers off, so why give iron to tighten them on? When I do commence with iron they get it for breakfast every day. To those fanciers who can afford it, Parrish's Chemical Food mixed with the colour-food acts better than iron, besides being a good stimulant. Another fine thing I have found, that is, a little scalded clover meal given twice a week with the food; it is an admirable tonic, for the birds get sick of the colour-food in time. Bread is very good for us, but we require a little cheese with it now and again.

There are various ways of mixing colour-food, but whether you use bread, biscuit, or any of the prepared biscuit foods, add sufficient soft brown sugar (we call it Togy or dock sugar here) to make it palatable, and see that you thoroughly mix it so that the birds cannot discern the biscuit from the colouring agent; they are very wily. Linseed tea is very fine during the moult; it adds a sheen to the feather. A teaspoonful of linseed in a pint of boiling water will go round an average stock of birds.

Should your birds get stuck in the moult, stop your colour-food at once and give them a teaspoonful of the following mixture in their drinking water until they start again. One glass of rum, two pennyworth each of meadow saffron and gentian, mix together, cork up, and let stand overnight. Then add a noggin of water and shake up well before giving; this is a proved remedy.

Many fanciers ask which is the best colour-food; some swear by one, others another, but I suppose it all ends as Falstaff said, when asked which was the best ale: "There is none bad, but some are better than others."

The Colour Feeding of British Birds and Hybrids.

By J. MADDISON (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

HAVING been requested to write a few lines on the colour-feeding of Mules and British birds, I will give particulars of the method that I have adopted for a considerable number of years in the colour-feeding of Mules and British Hardbills.

For some time previous to the moult I give them a liberal supply of shepherd's purse, and when the birds begin to moult freely I stop giving green food to the birds that are being colour fed. Before they commence to moult, I get the Finches accustomed to eat egg-food, and to induce them to do so I use a piece of thin flat wood about two inches long, one inch wide, and notched at the sides. This is fixed between the second and third wires from the perch, and I place on it a small quantity of egg-food made into a paste.

The Paste Described.

All my Mules and British birds that are colour-fed are moulted upon this paste, which is placed on the flat piece of wood previously mentioned. The paste is composed of equal quantities of Spratts' cod liver oil food, broken biscuits, and scraps of white bread. I put the bread in the oven till it is nice and crisp; it is then easily crushed with a rolling pin or put through a mill; the biscuits also are crushed and mixed with the bread, the cod liver oil food, and a little sugar.

When making egg-food I put the required quantity of the above mixture into a cup or saucer, and pour sufficient boiling water over it to make it into a paste, but not too sloppy. The egg, having been put through a sieve, is then added and well mixed into the paste with a table knife.

I then put a little of the mixture on each of the pieces of wood already referred to, and if not given too much at a time, most of the birds soon begin to look for it. When they are eating the egg food freely I add just a little colour-food to it, the quantity can then be increased as required.

Mix Over Night.

When the birds begin to moult I mix the egg and colour-food at night, two parts egg to one part colour-food, and next morning I add to it an equal quantity of paste.

I give a teaspoonful to each bird every day till they are in full feather. Mixing the egg and colour-food overnight allows the egg to absorb the colour, thus causing some birds to eat more colour-food than they would otherwise do, as some of them are very clever at picking out the egg and leaving the colour-food.

Some birds refuse to eat the colour food so long as they can get plenty of seed. When I have such birds, I either remove the seed, or mix it with colour-food, to which a little extra oil has been added. The oil makes the food adhere to the seed, so that the birds cannot eat the seed without getting some of the colour-food.

My show birds are moulted in separate cages. I know there are fanciers who advocate large flight cages or aviaries, but some birds, when given too much room during the moult, require a lot of steadying afterwards, and many birds are beaten at the early shows through failing to do themselves justice, owing to their unsteadiness.

During the moult I cover the fronts of the cages with light coloured paper; it keeps the birds quieter, helps to keep them clean, and subdues the light. A bright light has a tendency to cause the colour to fade.

Snap Shots From Sheffield.

A series of short papers by the members of the Sheffield C.B.S., and read in a competition at the meeting of the society held June 4.

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The Young Birds After Leaving Their Parents.

WHEN the young birds begin to take to the perches they are about ready for taking from their parents, but a few days longer won't hurt them if the old birds do not pluck them. If, after taking them away, you hear any uttering plaintive chirps, put them into a nursery cage to enable the parents to feed them for a little longer. When you have decided to take them away, give them for the first day soft food similar to that they have been reared with by their parents. On the second day give them three parts of the food with one part of scalded cod liver oil food added. By a method of reduction and increase you will have them on a diet of the cod liver oil food solely in four or five days. On this method of feeding the young will thrive splendidly. For the mid-day meal give scalded bread and milk.

Hang the water glass in the usual place for them and fill for two days with water which has been boiled and allowed to cool. On the next day boil some tormentil root and give the liquid in place of ordinary water; repeat in this order. Give crusbed hemp and canary seeds and whole rape in a dish in the cage bottom, also give soaked or scalded rape instead of green food. Hang the seed-box on for them, almost filling it with plain canary and a good layer of rape seed on top. When the birds are well on plain seed reduce the soft food until they are having only about half-a-teaspoonful per bird per day. Keep this up until they are ready for colour-feeding. Offer the bath when they are about four weeks old. Also throw some Quaker Oats in the cage, these are a good food for both young and old. By following the above I have no doubt that a good percentage of young will be reared.—"ACORN."

What Makes Bird-Breeding So Fascinating?

WHAT is it that holds us so? At the beginning of the year we look forward to when we shall be pairing, with the hope that we may rear more and better birds than we did last season. When we have bred and reared them we look forward to a successful moult, watching with care the promising youngsters. When we have moulted them we look forward to the winter shows, which we hope may bring us fame, if not fortune.

It is this constant looking forward that stimulates us and keeps us interested.

But looking forward will not bring us much success if we do not add to it a constant striving after better results. When we pair up we must take all the care and pains we can to try and understand our birds, so that we may get the best possible results from the stock at our disposal. A man who has fair stock birds and uses them to the best advantage will often get better results than a man who has a long purse and is constantly buying here and there, yet never establishes a strain of his own.

A word of advice to those who have not much money to spare. Persevere with what you have; pick the best out each year, keep them, and, when funds will allow, buy a good one to introduce new blood. This is much better than clearing out and starting again because you have not won all the first prizes. The secret of success is, understand your birds and use them right, then time and patience will work wonders.

In breeding, do not be over fussy in your attentions. Remember that the birds will often carry out their domestic duties better without your assistance than with it. I do not mean by this that you should not help them sometimes (soaking the eggs, for instance, when they are a day or two overdue). But in all matters connected with bird breeding remember that the best you can do is to assist. Nature and the birds will by themselves bring you plenty of young ones.—"NEMO."

The Mascot of the Sherwoods.

A Jay is the latest accession to the ranks of living mascots so beloved by our soldiers. The "B" Company of the 12th Battalion of the Sherwood Foresters has a Jay which is said to know every man of the company. It helps itself indiscriminately to their rations, and is doing well on its curiously varied fare. It is intended to take the bird with the company when it is detailed for service at the front, and the men all have belief that it will bring them luck.

The Cinnamon Canary.

"The Bird of Royal Blood."

A Paper read at the meeting of the Western Counties O.S., Plymouth, on June 15th, by Mr. A. B. Brown, Plymouth.

(*Continued from page* 391.)

IN choosing Cinnamons for stock or show, colour must be the first consideration, and in all cases this colour must be sound or evenly distributed throughout the whole of the bird. Many of the richest-coloured specimens are ticked in places with light feathers; this is especially noticeable on the neck and wing butts, but the worst place on which this can appear is the vent, thighs, and under the lower mandible. It is very difficult for this fault to be bred out, and even after several generations it will crop up in the young. In the eyes of a good judge birds that are so mis-marked would be wrong-classed when exhibited in a class for selfs, as their proper place would be in the foul Cinnamon class.

There are several grades of Cinnamon colour, and each may be correctly termed sound throughout, but in accordance with the richness and transparency of colour so is its value. Some birds are very brown, others dull brown, some greyish-green, or what is termed smoky; others little better than Greens, whilst many have white feathers in wings and tail. None of these is desirable for stock or show, although many of the hens showing white feathers in the wing or tail might be used for stock if none better is available, and providing the remainder of the plumage is sound and rich in colour, and providing also that they be mated to a good self Cinnamon cock, bred from good rich-coloured parents which were in turn bred from self Cinnamons.

The Danger of Double Yellowing.

It has often been said in my hearing that a good Cinnamon has never the head properties of a good Norwich. This in the Yellows is very often true, as the richest-coloured selfs generally run small in head, and it is brought about by the practice of double-yellowing, which was and is now carried on to get increase of colour. In the case of the Buff there is not such difficulty, as the modern Buff Cinnamon carries a fair share of colour with size, and is often double-buffed to increase the size of head and chest, as a counter to the double-yellowing.

It will be easy to gather by the foregoing how best to select stock for breeding the Cinnamon. If care has been exercised in selecting for colour properties, it is obvious no fresh stock would be required on account of this for some considerable time, so that, given discretion, all energies may be concentrated on the gradual improvement of size. To do this correctly only large birds of sound transparent, bright, rich colour must be retained yearly for the following season's stock. If you have good, big-headed, and stoutly-proportioned yellow cocks, these are to be treasured, but it must not be forgotten that Yellows bred from Yellow cocks do not usually throw such big young as the Yellows bred from Buff cock and Yellow hen.

So it is plain the use of the Buff cock and Yellow hen to maintain size is equally as important as that of the Yellow cock and Buff hen to keep up colour, and although the Buff cock has his share of colour, it must not be allowed to dwindle away by constant pairing of Buff cock to Yellow hen. I advise a pair of each, and the progeny of the Yellow cock crossed into those of the Buff cock, alternately working backwards and forwards when the birds are of the quality suitable for the purpose in view.

Colour and Character.

Cinnamon colour and character are intimately associated with sex. They can only be propagated and perpetuated through the males. A cock quite free from Cinnamon blood can never breed Cinnamons, although he may be mated to a pure bred Cinnamon hen. A pure Cinnamon cock mated to a hen quite free from Cinnamon blood will never breed a Cinnamon-feathered cock, but may breed Cinnamon-feathered hens, while, before a Cinnamon cock can be produced, Cinnamon blood must be in both parents.

The choice of stock birds should not be haphazard, as in this variety, more than any other, a detailed history of the birds should be obtained. Again we are indebted to Cage Birds, as from week to week, we can read the doings of such and such breeder whose name appears therein from time to time in connection with the show-bench. If his birds gain high honour in good company, depend on it he has good stock, or knows others who have. If business is done satisfactorily at a fair price, the breeder will supply the necessary information.

Show birds, or stock birds of the right sort, may cost pounds to buy, but with their quality and history are cheaper than the ordinary common birds which eat quite as much, take the same amount of care, and never win anything nor breed anything which will win a prize, or sell for more than a few shillings, and even at that are wasters, as there is no hope of the future with them or their progeny.

(*To be continued.*)

Correspondence.

Intelligence in Birds.

Sir,—Mr. Teschemaker's letter in last week's issue is mainly devoted to pointing out the ethical superiority of birds over man. No man in his right senses ever denied that individual birds were possessed of some degree of intelligence; but how Mr. Teschemaker reconciles his assertion that a long period of captivity tends towards reducing the natural intelligence in birds with the undoubted ability of some Parrots, Starlings, and even Canaries is beyond me. What on earth the thieving of the Magpie has to do with the five civilized nations sacking Peking I don't know. But this I do know, which may interest Mr. Teschemaker, that I am writing this where Swallows are flying about and feeding their young over my head on the rafters, and not more than ten yards away, right in the heart of a veritable bird sanctuary, is a conservatory where most of my time is spent, and where for the last 30 seasons, to my knowledge, Flycatchers have nested inside on the ledges. It would seem therefore that I may not be so green about the habits of Flycatchers as Mr. Teschemaker would have your readers think. When I was a youngster I used to read in the children's fairy tale books the stories he recounts, but I never regarded them as other than pure fairy tales—much on the lines of Jack and his Beanstalk, St. George and the Dragon, and other yarns equally impossible. If only we could separate the warp of fact from the woof of fiction!

T. Johnson.

Sir,—This subject is of particular interest to me because I was originally responsible for its introduction some months ago. It is, of course, absurd to deny absolutely the existence of any intelligence in any creature which is capable of voluntary action, but in my last letter I tried to show that the mere fact that birds did anything which seemed wonderful or incomprehensible to man, did not in itself constitute any evidence that the psychologie force which inspired that action could be identified as intelligence. Especially must this be admitted when we remember that insects do far more wonderful things than birds can do. One can understand intelligence born of experience; indeed, it is fairly safe to assert that if even man himself were deprived from his infancy of the companionship of his fellow men he would have little or no intelligence when he reached maturity.

When, however, one remembers that the most wonderful things birds do are things of which they can have had no previous experience whatever, it is surely safe to assert that those actions are inspired purely by instinct. What previous knowledge, for instance, has a bird when it builds its first nest? It never saw the building of the nest in which it was hatched, yet it is quite capable of building its nest, precisely as its parents did, and of rearing its young to maturity. Mr. Teschemaker, as an all-round naturalist, will know of the marvellous provision made for its larvæ by the mud-wash, which goes on for successive generations, although one generation is dead before the next has reached the pupal stage. Surely all this is merely the blind workings of instinct?

Here, then, is the secret of the reason of the desertion of her nest by the Flycatcher as recorded by Mr. Teschemaker. She was sitting instinctively, and the death of her mate caused a disruption of the harmonious order of her life upon which that instinct was based, with the result that the brooding instinct died, just in the same way as I am told (although I never tried it) a broody hen may be cured of her craving for sitting merely by immersing her in a pail of water. This kills the brooding instinct; it does not cause her to "know" she "cannot" bring up her chicks.

The fact is that man is gifted with great intelligence and very little instinct to fit him for the more or less artificial environment with which, by civilisation, he has surrounded himself. Birds, as natural creatures, have finely developed instincts and very little intelligence, and if birds do things which are too wonderful for even man to do—as they do in many instances—it is merely because instinct itself is a higher psychologie phenomenon than intelligence. Birds could not succeed in living out their lives and enduring the vicissitudes they daily encounter were they dependent upon intelligence to guide them. I therefore think it a profound mistake to say that birds "know" anything in the sense that man understands knowledge, or that they have intelligence in the human conception of the word.

A. R. Coe.

Precocious Youngsters.

Sir,—Some time ago a reader of Cage Birds, in giving an account of the keeping of his birds, stated that he had young birds out of their nest at 21 days old. Although not an old fancier, I have had youngsters out at 15 days, and now have a cock singing at five weeks old. I have followed Claude St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and this has had a great deal to do with my success.

F. O'Sullivan.

The Cuckoo as a Bird of Prey.

Sir,—Apropos of the letter under the above heading in Cage Birds of July 24, I am sending you a cutting from "The Field." The Cuckoo mentioned therein was not exactly a Bird of Prey, but desperately near it. The letter was sent by the Rev. C. T. Wickham, of the Old Rectory, Twyford, and is as follows:—"My gardener has just told me the following story. On June 11 he saw a Cuckoo fly into a chestnut tree in the garden, whence it swooped down to an ivy-covered wall adjoining the house, and emerged in a moment carrying in its beak a Wagtail held by both wings, so that, as he described it, "the head and tail stuck out." With this burden it flew to a tree in a field about 100 yards off, and there disappeared. Returning presently without the Wagtail, it flew back first to the chestnut, then to the wall, where it busied itself for a moment or two, and finally flew off, and was seen no more. Almost immediately the Wagtail came back apparently none the worse for its adventure, and disappeared in the ivy. On inspection a nest was found with a Cuckoo's egg in it, but no others. The Wagtail has since deserted the nest, and is busy with its mate collecting material for another."

Another Irishman.

Leaf-mould v. Sawdust for Cage Bottoms.

Sir,—In your issue of July 2 Mr. Saywell recommends sawdust for cage bottoms. I have always considered it risky stuff for softbills in the event of some being swallowed, which is unavoidable when giving them snails, fruit, etc., which they always drag on floor of cage before swallowing, and I should be glad to know whether anyone has experienced any ill effects from its use. I use leaf mould, with a little sand in one corner, the mould being a deodoriser, and soft to the feet (my cages always smell sweet since using it). Mr. Saywell also states he puts baize round perches; this is very good, no doubt, but may harbour insects, etc. Couldn't cage-makers make all perches oval or round? Also the cross bars of cages might be made oval inside, and this would avoid injury being done to the base of the bird's beak, which sometimes occurs to fresh-caught birds. When you want to catch one, they blunder about cage, and the same injury may occur; this would not happen if inside of the crossbars were oval. I have often wondered why our cage-makers have not done it years ago.

It may interest Cage Birds readers to know I am trying to train another Blackbird, as in 1910 and 1911, but I don't think I shall ever train one as I did him. Any time, day or night, he would answer me and go through tunes, and never keep me waiting longer than two minutes.

E. Crisp.

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Lupin Seeds as Parrot Food.

Sir,—Will you kindly say, in an early issue of Cage Birds, whether seeds of the common perennial herbaceous garden lupin, both the white and the blue (not the tree kind) would be a safe food for a Parrot? A great many of these plants are in my garden, seeding profusely; I should be glad to find use for them.

H. F.

[We have had no experience of Lupin seed as food for Parrots, but we see no reason why it should not be used. It is rich in albuminoids (flesh-forming), and would need to be used with discretion, or the birds might become too fat. Perhaps some reader will oblige.—Editor Cage Birds.]

New Secretary for Blaenavon C.B.S.

Sir,—I have taken over the secretaryship of the Blaenavon C.B.S., and all communications in future should be addressed to me at 82, King Street, Blaenavon. I should like to correct a statement made by Mr. Vaughan, of Pontypool; that Blaenavon was up on the mountains, thus giving exhibitors the impression that their exhibits had to be taken to our show by aeroplanes. There are two main lines running into Blaenavon—the G.W.R. and L.N.W.R., and exhibits will arrive safely by either, and get every care and attention at our show. We intend to pay prize-money within seven days of show. I hope exhibitors will give us a bumping entry, and test the correctness of my statement for themselves.

G. Broome, Hon. Sec.

New Secretary for Llanelly C.B.S.

Sir,—At a meeting held at headquarters on July 24, the Llanelly C.B. Society had to face a problem of choosing another sec. in the place of our old and esteemed friend Mr. Dan John, who, I regret to say, has not been in the best of health for some considerable time. Words cannot express the esteem we have for this gentleman for the valuable services he has rendered his society in the capacity of sec. practically since its formation, and we must attribute its success mainly to his untiring efforts. The members, while deeply regretting his retirement, trust that he may long be spared to be with us, so that the society may benefit by any advice the old warrior may be pleased to give us. I have for the present agreed to take over the duties so long filled with distinction by Mr. John.

D. H. Davies.

24, College Hill, Llanelly.

In a letter informing us of the change, Mr. John writes:—"Am pleased to inform you that I have been relieved of the position of sec. to the Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S. by my resignation. I must congratulate the members on their selection in electing Mr. D. H. Davies to fill the vacancy, and I trust they will give him the same support which they have extended to me during the many years that I have held the position."

Catching and Feeding Softbills.

Sir,—Allow me to thank Mr. Yates for his kind appreciation of my article. It is gratifying to know I have done a little good in the Fancy. Good kinds of traps to use are advertised in Cage Birds. The next question is rather a difficult one to answer, as Skylarks are protected in certain areas all the year round. The best and safest way to catch Skylarks is to get permission from some farmer in the neighbourhood to go on his fields at night time. Take a drag net and a pocket flash lamp, and you can catch as many Skylarks as you require. I always use traps for I detest bird-lime; it make such a mess of the birds. I only use it when I see a much coveted songster sing on the same bough day after day, and when the only way to catch him is by liming the bough. I have caught birds in a trap, steadied, and shown them without moulting them. Yes, the gentles are ordinary maggots; I prefer meat-maggots myself, and find them very beneficial to the birds. I had a Jenny Wren that ate 30 per day. The flies mentioned in my article are the ordinary house-flies; of course, meat flies are good for the larger species, such as Wheatears, Wrynecks, Shrikes, etc., or any other live food obtainable may be used. I am only too pleased at any time to give any little information I can, and I would like to see the Softbill classes at our shows come up to the Hardbills.

J. W. Saywell.

How to Exterminate Lice in Canaries.

Sir,—I am very interested in this discussion, and I am writing to implore correspondents to stick to the subject. It is lice we are discussing now, not red mite. Many articles have appeared from time to time suggesting remedies for the latter; it is now the other gentleman's turn. The louse lives on the bird and the cages have nothing to do with his existence, although he can live 36 hours away from his feathered home. His propagation is regulated by climatic conditions, which fact is all in his favour.

Did we know the exact time the nits take to hatch, we could possibly deal effectually with him; as it is, we may go on killing the insects for weeks and still leave a few nits to hatch, so I fear the case is hopeless, unless someone can suggest a preparation to apply to the bird which is harmless and yet so objectionable that the insects cannot live on him, or one that will kill the nits. Paraffin will do this, but it will also do for the bird. Some of your correspondents write gaily of how to deal with the birds, but with 50 or 60 specimens to go over, it is no easy matter to people with limited time, and whatever anyone may say to the contrary, it is impossible to localise the pest. If you have lice in your room you must treat every bird, or none. I fear the lady who says she would rather "Deal with grey lice than red mite" has never had the genuine article.

"One Who Has."

Sir,—Obtain some paraffin oil and a small camel-hair brush, and oil the under portion of the wings to their full length. Do not saturate them, but oil lightly, so that the body feathers will not look unsightly. Let this be done in the evening, and I will guarantee that not a single louse will be found next morning. Eggs will no doubt have been laid, and these will hatch out in due course, so the oiling process must be repeated, say, 3 or 4 times at intervals of 3 or 4 days to be really effective.

R. Gibbie.

Sir,—My method is when limewashing my cages to add a little Jeyes' and put it on moderately thick. Then I keep a small jar of Stockholm tar, thinned with a little turpentine. With a small brush I go over all the outside, and occasionally when I put my birds together I take each in my hand and give a good dusting of Hellebore powder—one pennyworth will last a season. I am a believer in the old-fashioned box for nesting. When I put the hen to sit I give a good dusting of Hellebore powder, and again two or three days before they should hatch. I am never troubled with red mite.

J. Bastock.

Sir,—I see in this week's Cage Birds a reader complains of lice in the nest. I have kept birds for fourteen years, and I find powdered sulphur is the only remedy. I take the bird ont of the cage and, while gently blowing the feathers apart, spray with my bellows all among them. I have a Canary sitting and about once a fortnight I spray the nest when she comes off to feed. Please don't think I have sent this for the 2s. 6d., because I do not want it. I shall be glad in the knowledge that I have given relief to the little pets.

Sir,—This is how I got rid of lice, also red mite. I first take birds out of cages and then place a little hot fire on a dustpan, and drop fifteen drops of carbolic acid on the hot ashes. Repeat twice, and you will never see any more again; do not replace birds for two hours.

J. T. Sims.

Sir,—Take twopennyworth of white precipitate powder, mix with a little lard, say half a teaspoonful, put the mixture in a small custard tin, and place on the hob to melt. When melted put the tin in a cool place, and it will set. Rub it round your nest box or pan, and you will see them take their last bite. This is a good remedy also for baldness in birds; rub gently on the bald place with your finger.

J. Peters.

Sir,—One of the best cures I know for either lice or red mite is Keating's Powder, which is sold by all chemists. If the birds, nest pan and board, are well dusted with it, there will be no lice visible in two days, and it is harmless to the birds. Fancier.

Sir,—Five years ago I found one of my pairs of Norwich with young had somehow contracted lice. I well sprinkled nest and young with Keating's Insect Powder, also cage, and then took the parent birds in my hand and well dusted the powder under the feathers, under wings, and top of tail especially. This I did every other day for some days, then once a week for a short time. I completely cured the birds, and although I had at the time between 50 and 60 birds in my room, no other bird caught them, and I have never had another. This treatment will answer equally well for red mite. Your reader need not fear the powder hurting the birds, I always use it freely, and a year or two ago I had a Crested cock that always ate the powder directly I pnt it in the cage, and never took any harm. C. Townend.

(The Prize will be awarded next week.—Editor.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

THE SHOWS.

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BEDFORD AND BEDS O.S.

N.F. Show, Headquarters, July 22, Mr. A. Keech judge. Entries came up badly, but some good birds were on view. Decided to hold the annual show at Town Hall, Nov. 11, Mr. H. Norman judge. Also decided to purchase a silver-plated tea-set, for most points in novice classes at annual show. Cl. Yell. Nor.: 1, Notley, very typical, in excellent trim; 2, Hunter, trifle longer, otherwise good; 3, Millard, lovely little hen, hard lines. Mkd.: 1, Notley, nice size, rich qual. Cl. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Notley, all good, very little between them. Mkd.: 1, Millard, cap and wing mkd., extra good, rare type and size; 2, 3, Notley, both splashed, very nice, look like hens. Nov.: 1, 2, Brewer, mkd. buff, winner excels in type; 3, 4, Simons, clears, beaten in subs. Junior: 1, 3, Coley, smart birds, on the small side; 2, Simons, bigger, but rough in plumage.—J. C. Wilmot.

BURTON-ON-TRENT C.B.S.

Annual N.F. Show, Victoria Hall, July 24. Owing to many of the members having a poor breeding season only 44 birds were staged, but quality all round was grand, some very promising youngsters being staged. Mr. F. J. Weaver, Wolverhampton, judged, and gave satisfaction. Challenge Bowl: 1, Hathaway; 2, c, Draper; 3, Ford; 4, Lee; vhc, England; hc Bond. Hens: 1, Hathaway; 2, Elliott; 3, Lee; vbc, England; bc, Ford; c, Lee. Cl. Yell.: 1, England; 2, Ford; 3, Elliott; vhc, Bond; hc, Hathaway. Buff: 1, Hathaway; 2, England; 3, Bond; vhc, Wood; hc, Ford; c, Lee. Tkd. or Light Var. Yell.: 1, Draper; 2, Elliott; 3, vhc, Hahaway; bc, Ford; c, Wood. Buff: 1, Hathaway; 2, c, Ford; 3, Lee; vhc, Draper; hc, Bond. Heavy Var. or Gr.: 1, Hathaway. Nov. Yell.: 1, Freer; 2, Stevens. Buff: 1, Stevens; 2, 3, Freer. Mules or Hyb.: 1, Cameron.—A. Wood, Sec.

BOOTLE C.B.S.

Second N.F. show, July 24, headquarters. 77 entries. Mr. T. Rowlands judged. Specials this show, most points champ., Huyton. Nov., Handley. Best bird nov., Handley. Points towards cup and season's specials to date: Cballenge cup, Huyton 29, Algie 28, Bracken 16, Brown 23, Knight 12, Handley 9. Nov.: Handley 78, Worrall 70, Wilson 38, Critchley 32, Greenwood 17, P. Howard 6, Rutherford 4. Cbamp. Yorks. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Algie; 2, 3, vhc, Huyton; hc, Bracken. Buff: 1, 3, Huyton; 2, Algie; vhc, Bracken. Uneven or Var. Yell.: 1, Brown; 2, Worrall. Buff: 1, Bracken; 2, Huyton. Gr. Self Yell.: 1, 3, Brown; 2, Bracken. Buff: 1, Algie; 2, Brown. Gr. Foul Yell.: 1, Algie; 2, Brown. Buff: 1, Brown; 2, Handley. Nov. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 3, Worrall; 2, Handley; vhc, Wilson; hc, c, Critchley. Buff: 1, Handley; 2, vhc, Wilson; 3, hc, Critcbley; c, Worrall. Uneven or Var. Yell.: 1, Critchley; 2, 3, Worrall; vhc, Handley; hc, Wilson c, Howard. Buff: 1, vhc, Worrall; 2, Critchley; 3, Wilson; hc, Howard; c, Handley. Gr. Self Yell.: 1, spl, 2, vhc, Handley; 3, hc, c, Worrall. Buff: 1, Wilson; 2, 3, Handley; vbc, Worrall; hc, c, Greenwood. Foul Yell.: 1, 2, Handley; 3, Worrall. Brit.: 1, P. Howard; 2, W. Howard.—A. E. Huyton, Hon. Sec.

PLYMOUTH W.C.O.S.

Third N.F. Show, Oddfellows' Hall, July 21. Entries, 50, being about the same as the two previous shows, but below tbe average of tbe last five years. A number of members are serving in the Army and Navy, and in consequence the shows have suffered. Other members made a late start with the breeding season, and having missed the first show did not exhibit at the later. Yorks. may be considered to be on tbe up grade in the society, birds of good promise bave been staged. Norwich were a bit lacking in size, otberwise good. Crests were few in numbers, and hardly up to previous years in quality. Cinnamons were also down as compared with last year, but the cup winner (Mr. Brown) exbibited one real good buff. In British classes quality was well to the fore. cups for most points in the three shows: Yorks., Craven; Nor., Ough; Crests, Bavage; Cinn., Brown; A.O.V., Rowe; Mule, Hambley; Brit., Cbeney; Nov., Hambley, Hutchings. Judges were: Yorks., Mr. Cheney; Nor., Crests, and A.O.V., Mr. W. French; Mules and Brit., Mr. Pope.

Yorks. Yell., ditto Buff: All to Craven; Nor. Yell.: 1, 3, Ough; 2, Brown; Buff: 1, Brown; 2, Sleep; 3, Ough. Crests: 1, Hutchings. C.B.: 1, 2, Bavage; Cinn. Yell: 1, Brown; Buff: 1, Brown. Mule, Light: 1, 2, 3, Hambley. Dark: 1, 4, Hambley; 2, 3, Cheney. Gold. or Bullf.: 1, 3, Cbeney; 2, 4, 5, Hambley. Linnet, Etc.: 1, 2, 3, Cheney; 4, 5, Hambley. A.O.V. Seedeater: 1, 2, 3, Cheney; 4, Hambley. Small For.: 1, Chency; 2, 3, Hutchings. —T. Pope, Hon. Sec.

ABERAMAN.

Open show held by the Aheraman C.B.F.A., Swan Hotel, July 15. Entries numbered only 80, but this may he considered a fairly good support for a first attempt, especially considering that the prize money was rather small. The show was the first to be held in tbe Aberdare Valley, and it is proposed to make it an annual event. Competition for cup for best bird was very keen, and it was a close thing between Mr. Hubbard's Border, Mr. Powell's Yorks, and Mr. Davies' noted Norwich, a foul green of great quality. Tbe Border won on the day's form, the other two showing signs of the coming moult. Mr. J. Hoare judged and gave general satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, 2, Davies, winner foul green, nice size and qnal., good head and neck; 2, cl., good type and qual.; 3, Greaves and Richards; ex 3, Jones; vhc, Evans; hc, Thomas; c, Burrows. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Davies, cl., fine size and qual., beautifully shown, 2nd loses a little in size; 3, Greaves and Richards; 4, Jones. NOR. HEN: 1, spl, 2, Davies, clears, right col. and type; 3, Hotchkiss; 4, Jones. YORKS YELL. CK.: 1, spl, 2, Powell, clears, winner fine length and qual., best of wings and tail, 2nd crosses wings a little; 3, Curtis; 4, Hughes and Woods; vhc, hc, Burrows; c, Walker. BUFF: 1, Curtis, variegated, good length and qual., nice type; 2, Davies, cl., good wings and tail, stands well; 3, Hughes and Woods; vhc, Burrows; hc, Walker; c, Jones. HEN: 1, spl, Curtis, cl. buff, good all-round; 2, Davies, cl. yell., nice type and qual.; 3, Hughes and Woods. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, spl, cup, 2, Hubbard, cl. yell. Bord., lovely type and col., fine qual., best of wings and tail, in top form; 3, Walker, C.-B., in nest feather; 4, Hughes and Woods; vhc, Walker; hc, Jones; c, Burrows. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, Curtis, Light Goldf., nice size and col., shown A1; 2, Jones, variegated. Goldf., nat. col.; 3, T. Davies. BRIT. SEEDEATER: 1, Davies, Goldf., good size, best of face, tannings, and buttons; 2, Evans, Goldf., good col., only loses in size; 3, Challenger. FOR.: 1, spl, res, Thomas, fine Blue-fronted Amazon, in tip-top form; 2, 3, W. Thomas, Cockatoo and Amazon, nicely staged and talking throughout the show. YORKS, 1915: 1, spl, 2, Powell; 3, Curtis. NOR.: 1, Rickets; 2, Hotchkiss; 3, Jones.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Second F.F. show, Nash's, Hayes, July 21. Unanimously admitted a success numerically and otherwise. Norwich were particularly strong, and these now seem to be taking the lead here, as Yorkshires and British have done in days gone by. We had a few of the latter, "welcome little strangers," and hope soon to see a further improvement, as there is certainly ample room in the society for a few enthusiastic Yorks. and British men. Messrs. Whetton, Maggs, and Davies judged, and their awards were well received. The prompt fixing of prize cards enabled the officials to close the show half an hour before the advertised time. The best thanks of the committee are due to Messrs. Banks, Whetton, Thomas, Smith, Brailli, Ball, Maggs, and Davies, for the splendid list of cash and other specials provided at this and the previous shows.

Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, sp best Nor., Allsopp, eye tkd., lovely head and neck, short wings and tail, sbould moult a topper; 2, Thomas, cl., similar, but inclined to slip perch a bit; 3, 4, Rev. Jolliffe. Buff: 1, Allsopp, bead tkd., splendid all round, but just a trifle loose at waist, beautifully shown; 2, vhc, hc, James and Wells, good head and chest, nice qual. featber; 3, Thomas; 4, Phelps; c, Rev. Jolliffe. Var. Yell.: 1, Rev. Jolliffe, heavily mkd., lovely bead and body, good bird for a novice; 2, Allsopp, head and wing mkd., very nice; 3, James and Wells. Buff: 1, Allsopp, head, neck, and tail mkd., grand head and type, good qual., trained to perfection; 2, Winstone, eye and wing mkd., good head, nicely moulded; 3, 4, James and Wells; vhc, Rev. Jolliffe. Nov. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 3, Phelps, cl., not over large, but a good one, 3 head tkd., good head, crosses wings trifle; 2, c, James, wing tkd., medium size, lovely qual.; 4, vhc, Townsend; hc, Hurd. Buff: 1, 2, Escott and James, cl., good all round bird, bit soiled, 2 cl., almost as good, loses in head; 3, Phelps; 4, vhc, hc, Jenkins; c, Townsend. Var. Yell.: 1, sp best nov., Phelps, nice body; 2, 3, Escott and James, 2 wing mkd., 3 head and wing mkd. Buff: 1, 2, Escott and James, heavily mkd., real good bird, a bit too young, 2 head and neck mkd., nice and cobby. Yorks., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, sp, best Yorks., Bale, lovely col., good body and feather, typical, 2 nice, but not so good in feather; 4, James and Wells. Buff: 1, 3, Bale, lovely boxy feather; 2, Raymond, larger, but not so good in featber; 4, vhc, James and Wells. Var. Yell.: 1, 2, James and Wells, nice feather, good head and neck, 2 failed in neck. Buff: 1, 2, Bale, good body, typical, 2 large, strong, bit too much over perch; 3, 4, James and Wells. Nov., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Palmer, good body, breaking into moult; 2, 3, Quinlan, smaller, fails length and chest. Buff: 1, Palmer, good bird, close run for sp. Var. Yell.: 1, Palmer. Buff: 1, 3, Palmer, nice body and head, very smart; 2, Quinlan; 4, Raymond. Bord., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Raymond, cl., lovely col. and qual., nice head and neck; 2, James, eye tkd., larger, grand feather, trifle open on chest. Buff: 1, 2, Pearce, cl., nice col., well filled, good head, 2 neck tkd., trifle gone in neck; 3, Raymond, cl., lovely qual.; 4, James. Var.: 1, 2, 3, sp best Bord., Raymond, buff, 4-pointed, extra good qual. and cond., very prettily mkd, 2 buff var., well filled, nice col. and qual., 3 var. yell., grand qual., fails trifle neck and tbighs. A.O.V. Bord.: 1, 2, Pearce, buff Cinn., grand type and qual., fine waist, close run for sp, 2 self green; nice feather, trifle slim. Mule, 1915: 1, 3, 4, Peterson, dark Linnet, good subs. and col., nice qual., 3 similar, probably nestmate, little to choose; 2, Winstone, jonque Greenf., lovely col. and qual., but bit too slim; vhc, Price, Goldie. Mule, any age: 1, Winstone, yellow Siskin, fine col. and markings. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, Price, Goldf., nice col. and qual., trifle wild; 2, Winstone, Bullf., steady, good col., gone in feather. Siskin, etc.: 1, Winstone, yell. Siskin, nice type, col., and qual.; 2, Price, Linnet, good col. and qual., small. A.O. Hardbill: 1, Winstone, Bramble, grand col. and qual., nice type.

BOWLING B.F.A.

Last F.F. Show, July 24, Napoleon Hotel; 52 birds were judged by Mr. J. Bailey, Girlington, who gave entire satisfaction. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, L. Hodgson; 2, 3, Pacey; 4, Thompson. Buff: 1, 3, Padgett; 2, Pacey; 4, Hodgson. Even, Etc., Yell.: 1, 4, Padgett; 2, Hodgson; 3, Duckworth. Buff: 1, 2, Hodgson; 3, Padgett; 4, Duckworth. Points gained in F.F. Shows: Padgett, 51; Hodgson, 51; Pacey, 29; G.M. special, Padgett, 56; Hodgson, 41, Hudson, 17. Nov., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Hardman; 2, 4, Crabtree; 3, H. Hodgson. Buff: 1, Crabtree; 2, Wood and Mirfield; 3, 4, H. Hodgson; Even, Etc., Yell.: 1, 3, Nicholl; 2, Wood and Mirfield; 4, Hodgson. Buff: 1, Wood and Mirfield; 2, 3, Nicholl. Points in F.F. Shows: Wardman, 38; H. Hodgson, 38; Crabtree, 39; Wood and Mirfield, 32; G.M. sp., Nicholl, 31; J. G. Hodgson, 6; Wood and Mirfield, 7.—J. Nicholl.

DONCASTER C.B.S.

Second N.F. Show, Druids' Arms, Bentley, July 17; 92 birds faced the judge and gave him plenty of work to find the winners, competition being very keen. Fine Yorks. were staged by Messrs. Truman, Blanchon, Norman, Whittington, and Hunt. Norwich were a bit low in numbers, but good birds were put down by Messrs. Flint, Evans, Truman, and Smith. British were very good, both in quality and numbers, and there was a nice show of small Foreign. Gold medal was won by Mr. Twine with a grand young C.B.; special for most points at 1st and 2nd N.F. Shows, Blanchon, 90 points; 2, Truman, 71. Mr. Barker judged, and gave general satisfaction.

Cl. Tkd. Yell., Yorks.: 1, Blanchon; 2, Whittington; 3, vbc, hc, Truman; c, Wade. Buff: 1, vhc, Truman; 2, 3, Blanchon; hc, Whittington; c, Hunt. Var.: 1, Hunt; 2, Truman; 3, Whittingon; vhc, hc, Norman; c, Brown. Yell. Nor.: 1, Wade; 2, Smith; 3, vhc, Evans; hc, Simpson. Buff: 1, Evans; 2, 3, Flint; vhc, Simpson. Var.: 1, Flint; 2, Evans; 3, vhc, Simpson; hc, Truman. A.O.V.: 1, Twine; 2, Cowling. Young Mules: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Blanchon; hc, Simpson; c, Cooke. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, c, Truman; 2, bc, Evans; 3, Cowling; vhc, Ball. Linnet: 1, vbc, c, Evans; 2, Ball; 3. Blanchon; hc, Truman. Greenf.: 1, 2, 3, vbc, Blanchon. Siskin, Etc.: 1, Smitb; 2, vhc, Ball; 3, Blanchon; hc, Cowling; c, Cooke. A.O. Hardhill: 1, Tomkinson; 2, bc, Truman; 3, Ball; vhc, c, Simpson. Softhill: 1, Cowling. For.: 1, 3, vbc, c, Hartsborn; 2, hc, Truman.

WALLSEND (Mid-Tyne) C.B.S.

Show of young Canaries, Mules and British birds, July 17. Entries numbered 100, an excellent gathering considering the very poor season members are having, and showing the keenness of tbe fanciers. Quality was well up to the usual standard, and tbere was a very good attendance. Mr. Wigglewrotb won challenge cup for the 2nd year in succession, with tbree Yorks.; Mr. R. Studholme, runner-up, medal. Nor. and Bord. were of very good quality. Mr. Render won sp. best bird in show, with a Green Bord., and Mr. Blakey 2nd best with a very fine cl. buff Bord.; best Britisb, Johnston, a grand Redpoll. Linnets were extra good ones, and a novice, Mr. Muse, won with a grand bird, which will be heard of later. As usual, the management was all that could be desired, coaxing of entries by the genial sec., Mr. Greenwell, helping to make show a success, while every credit is due to tbe show manager to Mr. Heslop and stewards, Messrs. Scott, Craig, and White, a most courteous set of fanciers. Mr. T. C. Crawhall judged, and his awards were highly satisfactory.

Nor. Yell.: 1, Scott; 2, Ender; 3, Fleck; 4, Smith. Buff: 1, 2, McKay; 3, Ender; 4, Scott; vhc, bc, Fleck. Mkd. or Var. Yell.: 1, 4, Mathewson; 2, Scott; 3, McKay; vhc, hc, Jackson; c, Smith. Buff: 1, 2, Fleck; 3, Ender; 4, Jackson. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Wigglewroth; 2, R. Studholme. Buff: 1, Wigglewroth; 2, 4, W. Studholme; 3, R. Studholme. Mkd. or Var. Yell.: 1, R. Studholme; 2, W. Studholme. Buff: 1, R. Studholme; 2, Wigglewroth; 3, W. Studholme. Bord. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Smith; 2, Johnston; 3, Espie; 4, vhc, Bevor. Buff: 1, Blakey; 2, Johnston; 3, Smith; 4, vhc, Bevor. Mkd. or Var. Yell.: 1, Espie. Buff: 1, Johnston; 2, Smith; 3, Espie. Gr. Yell.: 1, 3, Blakey; 2, Smith; 4, Render. Buff: 1, 2, Render; 3, Parker; 4, c, Greenwell; vbc, hc, Blakey. Cinn.: 1, Espie; 2, 3, Parker. Mules (Dk.): 1, Fleck; 2, Bevor. Goldf.: 1, Scott; 2, Masterman. Greenf.: 1, 4, Masterman; 2, Greenwell; 3, Simpson and Messenger. Linnet, H.M.: 1, 3, Muse; 2, Fleck; 4, Greenwell; vbc, hc, Mannerman; c, Studholme. F.M.: 1, Simpson and Messenger; 2, Heslop. Chaff., Etc.: 1, Simpson and Messenger. Siskin, Etc.: 1, Johnston; 2, Simpson and Messenger; 3, vhc, Greenwell; 4, Masterman; hc, Masterman.

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THE SHOWS IN AUSTRALIA.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Canary and Cage Bird Improvement Society.

8th annual show, St. George's Hall, Newtown, May 21 and 22; the show was a record, entries being about 50 more than last year, and type and quality in every section showed a marked improvement. The uniform pattern and colour of the show cages gave a very neat and attractive appearance to the show. The outstanding feature was the number of Norwich Plainheads, the classes being well supported. This variety is going very strong, and there were many birds of exceptional merit. Mr. Douglas captured most honours, also sp. for best in section. Crests and Crest-breds were well above the average, both in numbers and quality, Mr. Earle taking chief honours with a grand team. Cinnamons also were a grand lot, Mr. W. H. Taylor staging a brace of gems, new chums, we understand, from a well-known stable in England. These birds have left a winning career in England, and will no doubt bring many honours to their present owner. Mr. Meale, the hon. sec., along with the genial president, Mr. Ryder Crofts, and a hard-working committee, did their utmost to make the show a success, and it is pleasing to record that their labours were crowned with success. Judges: Scotch Fancies and Crests, and C.-B., Mr. J. Currab; Nor., Mr. Miller; Yorks., Mr. Comley; remainder, Mr. Tucker.

Scotch Fancy: 1, spl, 2, 3, Rae, good team, leader cl., good reach and drive, travels well, 2nd similar, not the snbs. or pos.; vhc, hc, Hall. Yorks. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Barnsley, nicely drawn, neat head, good col.; 2, Kensey, good length, not so well tapered; 3, Morrison, nice pos. and length; vhc, Mills; bc, Pinfold. Cl., Tkd., Var., or Buff: 1, 3, hc, Miller, good pos., well drawn, nice qual.; 2, c, Morrison, shapely, well up on leg; vhc, Barnsley. Var. or Gr. Yell.: 1, spl, Miller, var., good pos., nicely tapered, good qual.; 2, vhc, Barnsley, var., rare shape and qual., close up; 3, Morrison, good size, A1 qual., a bit slack in neck; hc, Pinfold. Rung 1914: 1, 2, Miller, not much between, good type and qual.; 3, Kensey, very shapely, good carr., A1 qual.; vhc, c, Reynolds; hc, Pinfold. Hen: 1, Barnsley, cl. buff, grand type and feather; 2, 3, Miller, good ones, all there for qual. and type. Challenge Trophy: 1, res, Miller. Nor., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, vhc, Douglass, rare subs., good col.; 2, Beattie, lovely typo, clean cut, not so massive, but must have pressed hard; 3, Kensey, good type, nice wings and tail; hc, Beattie; hc, Smith. Buff: 1, Stone, rare subs. and shape, good head and neck, A1 qual.; 2, Taylor, grand type and qual.,

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fails a bit in head and neck to winner; 3, Douglass, nice cobby body, good wings and tail, A1 quality; vhc, Inglis; hc, Boylo; c, Mealc. Var. Yel.: 1, spl, 3, hc, Douglass, 1st heavily var., rare subs., grand qual., rather faulty in wing carr., 3rd not the subs. or polish; 2, Saunders, lightly variog., nice type, grand qual., must have pressed; vhc, Inglis; hc, c, Beattie. Buff: 1, Stone, grand model, rare subs., nice round head, lovely type and qual.; 2, Beattio, not quite so well cut, still full of good points; 3, Saunders, plenty of subs., good type, A1 qual.; vhc, hc, Douglass; c, Howard. Hen, Yell.: 1, 3, Douglass, leader heavily var., grand cobby body, A1 qual.; 3rd not so good in head and neck, rare subs., good qual.; 2, Saunders, grand type, A1 qual.; vhc, Meale; hc, Stone; c, Beattie. Buff: 1, Douglass, cl., rare subs., good qual., beaten in subs.; 2, Russell, good qual., nice type; vhc, Stone; hc, Saunders; c, Hinkman. Rung 1914: 1, Adams, cl., grand cobby shape, A1 qual.; 2, vhc, hc, Douglass, leader tkd. buff, good shape, nice head and neck; 3, Saunders, shapely, nice wing carr., grand qual.; c, Thompson. Colour-fed: 1, 2, Douglass, real good ones, grand subs. and shape, leader a little better in col., both correct type; 3, c, Inglis, grand col., beaten in subs. and type; vhc, hc, Adams. Challenge Trophy: 1, Saunders; res., Thompson. Nov.: 1, 2, c, Boyle, leader cl., grand type, A1 qual., 2nd more massive, loses a bit in head properties; 3, Sinclair, grand shape, good qual., close up; vhc, hc, Miller. Cinn. Cl. Yel.: 1, spl, 2, Taylor, a pair of real stormers, grand sound col., rare type; 3, hc, Saunders, leader good col., nice type and qual.; vhc, Tanner; c, Smith. Buff: 1, 2, hc, Saunders, leader sound col., nice cobby body, 2nd good col., loses in subs.; 3, Farrell, good col. and type; vhc, Taylor. Variog.: 1, Adams, grand col., rare subs. and shape; 2, hc, Saunders, leader grand col., correct shape, close up; 3, vhc, Inglis, good shape, sound col., A1 qual.; c, Farrell. Challenge Trophy: 1, res, Saunders. Crest, Cl. or Tkd., Dark or G.C.: 1, 2, 3, Earle, leader massive body and clear crest, of rare size and shape, 2nd grey crest, big body, neat crest of good formation, loses in size to winner; 3rd cl. body. D.C., neat, but loses in size. Variog.: 1, 2, 3, c, Earle, grand team, leader heavily var., big body, immense crest of good formation, neatly centred, 2nd good body, lovely crest, broad leafy feather, perfect radiation and droop, loses in size, 3rd rare subs., big crest, a bit horny at back; vhc, hc, Pyo. Cl. Tkd. or Lightly Var.: 1, 2, Earle, leader buff, big body, lovely domed skull, wide entrance, nice rise, 2nd lightly var., immenso body, good head feather, loses in shape of skull; 3, c, Pye, dark head, good body, grand shaped skull, good thatch of nice leafy feather; vhc, Stevenson; hc, Crofts. Heavily Var.: 1, spl, Earle, good body, grand shaped skull, heaps of feather; 2, c, Davis, rare size, good head, wide entrance; 3, Pyo, green, big body, right shaped head good turnover; vhc, Osborne; hc, Stevenson. Gouldian: 1, vhc, Hawksley; 2, Tancred; 3, Reynolds; hc, c, Sneddon. Blood Finch, &c.: 1, hc, Sneddon; 2, c, Hughes; 3, vhc, Reynolds. Zebra Finch, &c.: 1, Reynolds; 2, 3, Hughes; vhc, Tancred; hc, Reynolds; c, Lansdown. Diamond Sparrow, &c.: 1, 2, hc, Reynolds; 3, Sneddon; vhc, Hughes; c, Hawksley. Goldf., &c.: 1, Osborne; 2, Reynolds; 3, Matthews; vhc, Taylor; hc, Tancred; c, Sneddon. Maunikin, &c.: 1, 3, Tancred; 2, Sneddon; 3, Lansdown; vhc, hc, Reynolds. Waxbills: 1, hc, Sneddon; 2, vhc, Reynolds; 3, Tancred. Javas: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Reynolds; hc, Lansdown. A.O.V. Small: 1, hc, Tancred; 2, 3, Reynolds. Large: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Reynolds; 2, Hawksley; c, Tancred. Mules or Hyb.: 1, Inglis; 2, hc, Taylor; vhc, Matthews; 3, c, Osborne. Parrot: 1, Sneddon; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Reynolds.

PARRAMATTA.

Annual show, Town Hall, Parramatta, April 29, 30, May 1. The show was a record for entries, which was very encouraging to the officials and members who did their best to make it a success. Mr. J. Currah judged. Crest: 1, ch, 2, 3, Earle. C.-B.: 1, 2, Saunders; 3, Earle. Yorks., Cl. Yell.: 1, 2, Coupland; 3, Barnsley; Tkd. or Varieg. Yell.: 1, Coupland; 2, Barnsley; 3, Lipscombe. Buff: 1, ch.; Barnsley; 2, Coupland; 3, Lipscombe. Tkd. or Varieg.: 1, 3, Coupland; 2, Lipscombe. Nor.: Cl. Yell.: 1, Saunders; 2, Beattie; 3, Smith. Buff: 1, 3, Beattie; 2, Stone. Tkd. or Light Varieg. Yell.: 1, Beattio; 2, 3, Saunders. Buff: 1, 3, Saunders; 2, Stone. Yell., Ring, 1914 bred by exhibitor: 1, Beattie; 2, Stone; 3, Saunders. Buff: 1, Saunders; 2, 3, Beattie. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Beattie; 3, Saunders. Buff: 1, Beattie; 2, Saunders; 3, Stone. Nor. Gr. or Heavy Varieg. Yell.: 1, 2, Saunders. Buff: 1, 2, Stone; 3, Saunders. Nor., Cinn., Self: 1, Tanner; 2, Saunders; 3, Smith. Variog.: 1, 2, 3, Saunders. Amat. Nor. Yell.: 1, 3, Sinclair; 2, Boyle. Buff: 1, Boyle; 2, Sinclair; 3, Goodman. Gouldian, &c.: 1, ch, Tancred; 2, Reynolds; 3, Hughes. Redhead, &c.: 1, Reynolds; 2, Hughes; 3, Hawksley. Plumhead: 1, Hughes; 2, Hawksley; 3, Tancred. Mannikin, &c.: 1, Tancred; 2, Reynolds; 3, Hughes. Waxbill: 1, 2, Hawksley; 3, Tancred. Goldf., &c.: 1, Lansdowne; 2, Miss Fleming; 3, Hawksley. Diamond Sparrow: 1, Reynolds; 2, Hawksley; 3, Hughes. Java Sparrow: 1, Goodman; 2, 3, Hughes. A.O.V. Finch: 1, Reynolds; 2, Hawksley; 3, Clayton.

NEW SOUTH WALES O.S.

21st annual show, June 11 and 12, Daking House, Sydney. The hall is admirably suited for the purpose, being excellently lighted and free from draughts. Looking back to three or four years, one is particularly impressed with the marked improvement in the type and quality of every variety of Canary shown. The Scotch Fancies especially were a grand lot, Mr. Orr's champion tkd. yell. again capturing sp. for best in section. Mr. Gordon Rae showed two grand young yellows, and won challenge trophy. Yorks. also were well above the average, both in numbers and quality, averaging 11 per class over a liberal classification of 10 classes. Mr. Coupland had out a grand team and captured a good list of honours. Mr. Day, from Brisbane, also exhibited a few good ones, and most of his winners changed hands. Norwich were a hot lot, and the quality and type of this popular variety are making marked progress, chiefly due to the enthusiasm of the members of the N.S.W. Norwich and Cinnamon C.C., who gave their patronage to this show. There were many birds of exceptional merit, Mr. L. Stone's heavily variegated buff, a grand model of the real Bullfinch type, being awarded sp. for best Norwich. Cinnamons were also a choice lot, Mr. Taylor's two yellows (new chums) attracting much attention and comment. Crests and Crest-breds were a grand show in themselves. The young clear Crest put down by Mr. Earle was a bird of great merit and captured sp. for best Crest. Mr. Trevail also put down a stormer in a young yellow variog. C.-B., which took sp. for best C.B. Mr. Saunders, hon. sec., and Messrs. Earle, Moyle, Osborne, Trevail, Beattie, and Coupland, all did their level best in striving hard to make the show the great success it deserved to be. There was a good turn up of fanciers, many coming long distances, a real gathering of the clans from near and far. Here, as at home in England, fanciers look forward with pleasure to the annual reunions at the shows. The judges were: Scotch Fancies, Nor., and Cinn., Mr. J. Currah; Yorks., Crests, and C.-B., Mr. L. Stone; Native and For.: Mr. Peir.

Scotch Fancy, Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2, Rea, gems, leader good pos., grand reach and drive, lovely feather, 2nd loses a bit in colour; 3, Thew, not quite the length or pos., nice head and shoulder, travels well; vhc, hc, c, Orr. Variog. or Gr.: 1, sp, best in section, Orr, rare size, lovely type and qual.; 2, Rea, nice snaky head, gets tail well under perch, travels well; 3, hc, Thew. Cl. or Tkd. Buff: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Orr, grand team, not much between them, leader wins on position and feather; hc, Thew. Variog. or Gr. Buff: 1, 2, vhc, c, Orr, leader correct type, grand shoulder, good reach and drive, 2nd similar, not the subs.; 3, Rea, nice pos., good head and shoulders, close up; hc, Thew. Breeders' Champion Stakes: 1, res, Rea. Yorks., Cl. Yell.: 1, 3, hc, Coupland, leader grand length, good head, nice taper, lovely col. and qual., 3rd not so finely drawn, fails a bit in neck; 2, vhc, Barnsley, rare type, lovely qual., not the sub. of leader. Tkd. or Lightly Var. Yell.: 1, vhc, Coupland, 1st lovely shape, nice pos., good length, A1 qual.; 2, Frazer, rare length, good head; 3, Lipscombe, a wee bit flat on head, grand long-sided bird, well up on leg. Heavily Var. or Gr. Yell.: 1, Barnsby, rare subs., good length; 2, 3, Coupland, leader grand type, lovely head and neck, close up, 3rd not so fine in feather. Hen, Cl., Etc., Yell. (20): A strong class: 1, sp, best in section, Day, nicely drawn, good col., A1 qual.; 2, c, Frazer, rare length, good head, nice taper, well up on legs, A1 qual.; 3, Coupland, cinn. mkd., very shapely, grand qual., close up. Cl. Buff: 1, Day, rare length, good taper, correct pos.; 2, Barnsby, lovely col., feathered like boxwood, correct type, must have pressed; 3, Frazer, nice length, good wings and tail, A1 qual. Tkd. or Lightly Var. Buff: 1, Hodgson, good shape, nice feather; 2, Day, grand type, lovely qual. and col., must have pressed hard; 3, vhc, hc, Coupland, good size, a wee bit slack in feather. Heavily Var. or Gr. Buff: 1, 2, 3, c, Coupland, grand team, all cinn. mkd., leader lovely qual., grand length, correct type; 2, 3, similar, not quite the bloom or finish. Hen, Cl., Tkd., or Var. Buff: 1, 3, hc, Coupland, leader cinn. mkd., lovely shape, A1 qual., 3rd not quite so good in head and neck; 2, Frazer, lovely type and qual., nice pos. Breeders' Champion Stakes: 1, res, Coupland. Nor., Cl. Yell.: 1, 2, Beattie, beauties, 1st grand head and neck, cobby body, good wing carr., 2nd if anything better in type, cleaner cut, lovely qual., had to take 2nd place on account of slipped claw, hard lines; 3, Smith, rare subs., nice wings and tail, good qual. and col. Tkd. or Lightly Var. Yell.: 1, Beattie, grand shape, clean cut, A1 qual.; 2, vhc, Saunders, grand head and neck, nice back, good carr.; 3, Stone, rare size, nice round head, full neck, A1 qual. Cl. Tkd., or Var. Yell. Hen: 1, hc, Saunders, leader rare subs., right shape, good carr.; 2, Bunham, correct cobby type, nice wings and tail, A1 qual.; 3, Meale, shapely, grand qual., loses a bit in subs. to winners. Breeders' Champion Stakes: 1, Stone; res, Beattie. Cl. Buff: 1, Tanner, lovely shape, good broad chest, good head and neck, clean cut; 2, Stone, rare subs., good head, neck, and back; 3, Taylor, nice type, full of qual., good col. Tkd. or Lightly Var. Buff: 1, vhc, Stone, grand shape, lovely qual.; 2, Beattie, correct shape, good wings and tail; 3, Bunham, good head, nice neck and back, good carr., close up. Cl., Tkd., or Var. Buff Hen: 1, Carter and Glover, grand shapely hen, good col. and qual.; 2, Tanner, nice type, not quite the subs., but full of qual.; 3, Saunders, good size, nice type, A1 qual. Cl., Tkd., or Var. Buff, rung 1914: 1, sp, best in section, Stone, stands out a clear win, one of the best seen for a long time; 2, Beattie, good type, A1 qual.; 3, Stone, not the subs. or finish of leaders. Challenge Trophy: 1, Stone; res, Beattie. Gr. or Heavily Var.: 1, 3, Brown, 1st yell., grand col., good type, 2nd buff, good shape, sound col.; 3, Stone, rare subs., beat in depth of col. Amat. Yell.: 1, sp, 2, c, Sinclair, leader cl. yell., grand type and qual., good col., 2nd var., good head and neck, nice wings and tail, close up; 3, vhc, Boyle, var., nice type, good head and neck. Buff: 1, sp, Goodman, lovely shape, A1 qual.; 2, Boyle, rare subs., good col. and qual.; 3, Sinclair, nice cobby body, clean cut, good qual. Nor., Cinn., Self Yell.: 1, sp, 2, Taylor, gems, leader grand col., rare type; 2, not far behind, not quite so sound in col. or type; 3, Saunders, good col., nice type and qual. Buff: 1, 2, hc, Saunders, good col. and type, leader a little the better in col.; 3, Dobson, rare size, grand type, close up. Var.: 1, 2, Saunders, leader rare subs., good chest, nice carr., 2nd good head and neck, cobby body, good col. and qual.; 3, c, Dobson, good size, sound col., A1 qual., close up. Challenge Trophy: 1, Saunders. Crest, Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Earle, leader a massive cl., expansive crest, radiating from a neat centre, takes sp. best in section, 3rd cl. buff, grey crest, good round crest, big body; 2, Trevail, big body, nice round grey crest, well on to end of beak, a good one. Variog. or Gr.: 1, 2, Earle, leader big body, lovely crest, radiating from a neat centre; 2nd not so massive, loses in size of crest; 3, Pye, green, big body, big dense crest, lovely qual. of feather. Hen: 1, vhc, hc, Earle, 1st var., large crest, lovely veiny feather; crest as round as a rim; 2, Trevail, green, big body, large neat crest; 3, Pye, big crest, neat centre, nice droop. Amat., Any Col.: 1, sp., Freeman, good body, neat crest; 2, c, Dasin, rare subs., neat crest, loses a bit in size of crest; 3, vhc, Best, not the size or neatness, will improve. Breeders' Champion Stakes: 1, Trevail; res, Pye. C.-B., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, sp, vhc, Earle, massive body, big skull, clothed with heaps of feather, well lashed; 2, 3, Byrne, good pair, leader a bit longer in head feather, nice entrance, good lash. Lightly Var.: 1, 2, 3, Pye, grand team, not much between them, leader grand body, good shaped skull, wide entrance, nice dome, grand lash; 2, 3, close up. Heavily Var. or Gr.: 1, Trevail, var. yell., real stormer, big body, lovely shaped head, heaps of feather, grand entrance and lash; 2, hc, Pye, big body, grand head, nice rise, good entrance and lash; 3, Earle, massive body, good skull, nice entrance, well lashed. Challenge Trophy: 1, Trevail; res, Pye. Amat., C.-B.: 1, 2, Davis, leader heavily var., good big body, nice domed skull, good wide entrance, 2nd good body, not so wide in entrance, good head feather; 3, Freeman, good body, big skull, nice rise, well lashed.

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Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Aug. 3, St. Thomas's Old Schoolroom, entrance Chapel Street, 8. Excursion on annual show. Ticket money for July show.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Aug. 3, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, 8. Arrangements for F.F. show, etc.—J. Whitehead.

Aberdeen Amalgamated C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Trades' Hall, Belmont Street, 8. To decide as to holding show for 1915, and business there anent. New members specially invited.—R. J. Robertson.

Burton-on-Trent.—Aug. 3, New Inn, 8. N.F. prize money.—A. Wood.

Burnley O.S.—Aug. 4, Star Inn, Church Street, 7.30. Subs. due; intending members requested to attend.—T. Chadwick.

Bradford East O.S.—Aug. 3, Park Chapel Schools, 8. General business.—J. Spencer.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Co-op. Library, 7.30. To consider schedule for annual show; also other important business.—Geo. Havver.

Blaenavon C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Crown Hotel, 6.30. Paying prize money for F.F. show and other important business.—Geo. Broome.

Bootle C.B.S.—Aug. 3, St. Andrew's Parochial Hall, 8. General business.—A. E. Huyton.

Clapham C.B.A.—Aug. 3, Clock House, Clapham Park Road, 8. Lecture by Madame M. A. Feist-Madewell, on Crossbills, and distribution of prizes Y.B. show.—T. J. Hose.

City and County of Perth C.B.S.—Aug. 2, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, 8.—J. S. Smith.

Chorley C.B.S.—Aug. 4, Shepherd's Hall, 7.30. Prize money paid for N.F. show; other special business.—J. H. Welch.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Aug. 4, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 8. General business.—J. H. Jones.

Darlington C.B.S.—July 31, George Hotel, 2. 2nd N.F. show. Classification: Yorks., Nor., Bord., A.O.V. Can., Goldf. or Bullf., Mules, Hyb., Chaff., Bramble or Greenf., Siskin, Linnet, Redpoll or Twite, A.O.V. Brit. Mr. T. Wright, York, judge.—F. Stothard.

East Ham F.S.—July 31, Earl of Wakefield. F.F. show. Staged at 5 Admission free; visitors welcome.—W. A. Harwood.

East Ardsley C.B.A.—Aug. 7, Black Swan. Table show; birds staged at 6.—A. Walton.

Ecclesbill C.B.S.—July 31, Fountain Inn, 2.30. Second F.F. show, birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. W. Richmond, Redley.—S. Wilcock.

Great Horton O.S.—July 31, Station Hotel, 3 F.F. show. Judge, Mr. T. Bennett.—A. W. Hartley.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Aug. 7, 122, Ingram Street, 3.30. Young bird show; classes: 4 Nov., 3 Bord., Yorks., A.O.V., Nov., Mule or Hyb. 13 specials. Judge, Mr. J. Howie.—J. H. Adam.

Guisley and Yeadon C.B.S.—July 31, F.F. show, Judge, Mr. P. Mason, Shipley. Entries close Friday night or Saturday morning's post. Birds staged 2.30.—W. Rose.

Guisboro' Priory C.B.S.—July 31, Wear's Cafe, 7.30.—A. Knaggs.

Halifax C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Trafalgar Inn, King Cross, 8. General meeting and discussion on colour feeding.—A. Sutcliffe.

Idle C.B.A.—Aug. 4, Springfield Hotel, 8. "Are we to hold an open show this year?"—T. Elsegood.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Aug. 4, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Open show business and other important items.—W. H. Symes.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Greyhound Hotel, 7.30. F.F. and members' show.—D. H. Davies.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Aug. meeting postponed to Aug. 9, owing to falling on Bank Holiday.—F. Hayward.

Middlesex O.S.—Aug. 5, St. John's Schools, 8. Show business and new members to be elected.—R. Cambers.

Macclesfield C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Daybrook Street School, 7.45. Paper on Colour Feeding, by Mr. F. Broadhurst.—H. Hall.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, 7.30. Open show business. Judges and hall; important. Subs overdue.—J. W. Reed.

Nelson and Colne C.B.S.—Aug. 3, 117, Every Street, 8. General, etc.—D. Watts

North Manchester C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, 8. Table show of Brit., Young Yorks., Nor., and Bord. Fee 3d. per cage; sp. for best young bird. Friends invited.—A. Colley.

Northern Border F.C.C.—Aug. 4, Pillar's Cafe, Pink Lane, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 7.30. N.F. show. 4 classes each section. Judges: M. C. Potts, champ.; C. Farrer, Nov. Allotment of patronage. Members are requested to stage birds as early as possible.—C. Farrer.

Queensbury C.B.S.—July 31, Granby Hotel. Members' show. Judge, Mr. A. M. Craven, Bradford. Birds staged at 3.—W. Jagger.

Radcliffe and District C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Headquarters, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8.—G. Lord.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Aug. 4, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 7.30. Report of F.F. show. Table show of Lancashires (2 classes, Coppy and Plainhead). Judge, Mr. G. Adams.—J. Coupe.

Rotherham C.B.S.—July 31, Mail Coach Inn, 7. Delegates' report re Sheffield combined show.—Taylor and Dransfield.

Redhill C.B.S.—Aug. 4, Watkin's Hotel, 8. Statement on young bird show. Sec. hopes that all members will attend to hear how the society stands.—G. Martin.

Runcorn B.B.A.—Aug. 5, Headquarters, Old Cocoa Rooms, 7.30. Table show and other business. Judge, I. Bradbury.—E. Rene.

Southampton C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Waterloo Hotel, 8.30.—W. L. Page.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Aug. 9, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Postponed one week, owing to meeting night falling on Bank Holiday.—J. Pitchford.

South Moor C.B.S.—July 31, South Moor Hotel, 6.30. Schedule for annual show, and other important business. Intending members invited.—G. F. Bates.

Sacrieton P.P.R. and C.B.S.—July 31, Mrs. H. Abbot's Tea Room, Front Street, 7. Settling of schedule, etc., for show, Nov. 6. Intending members; please attend.—Dodd and Wilfred.

Sheffield O.S.—Aug. 1, Ramble, meet Midland Station. Train leaves for Grindleford 2.25. Tea at Checker House, Frogget Edge, friends invited, ladies included.—E. C. Job.

South Moor Social Club.—Aug. 1, Headquarters, 6.30. Important business.—Geo. Lane.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Little Regent Inn, 8. Business. Report of F.F. show.—J. W. Jones.

S.E. London F. and F.A.—General meeting postponed till Aug. 11, owing to holidays.—R. Jackson.

Tredegar C.B.S.—July 31, "Silver Grill," 7. Advisability of holding open show, and important business in connection with cups competition.—W. B. Watkins.

Windhill C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Blue Bell Hotel, 6.30. Balance sheet for July show. Open and members' shows business, etc. Subs. due.—J. Taylor.

Walkden Roller Society.—Aug. 3, Stock's Hotel, 7.30. General business.—E. Hibbert.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Headquarters, 8. Open night for discussion.—Wm. Mallinson.

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canary seed, and place on top of it each morning a pinch of summer rape. In addition to this give, say, for each brood of four, a heaped teaspoonful of egg food each morning, and mix it rather on the dry side. Now and again you may vary this by giving instead an equivalent quantity of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. In the afternoon remove any soft food that may remain, and give a teaspoonful of cracked hemp (see that it is of good quality), and the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts crushed dry biscuit and broken groats. When they have been separated a week or so, instead of this afternoon ration give the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts cracked hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats. You may also then begin to give a few seed heads of shepherd's purse, or plantain stalks three or four times a week. Of course, you will give pure fresh water daily from the first.

PLAGUE OF EARWIGS (H. R.).—I should suspect that you have some favourite habitat of these insects near at hand, such as a creeper or ivy-covered wall or tree, in which case the only way to exterminate the pest is to first of all remove its breeding ground. You cannot prevent them being more or less of a nuisance all through the autumn months as long as you have a favourable breeding ground close at hand, but there are several means of reducing the nuisance to a mini-

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Batlye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages", (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

mum. You may lay traps of hollow cylindrical sticks about a foot long—elder sticks, with the pith removed, answer the purpose excellently—and drop these into boiling water each morning, or well dust about the shelves, cages, and in any places where they are found to harbour, with Keating's, freshly-ground pyrethrum powder, flowers of sulphur, or naphthaline (which is also sold under the name of "carbon"); and scour the floor and shelves once a week, adding a tablespoonful of turpentine to each gallon of water. Painting round floor against the walls, round doors and window cases, and on shelves once a week with paraffin will also keep them away, and if no birds are at liberty to fly about room, covering the floor with Jeyes' Sanitary Sawdust would have the same effect. Personally, I should be more inclined to introduce a Robin, or similar soft-billed bird, to fly at liberty about the room. The earwigs would make excellent provender for it—as long as they lasted. Their presence is quite harmless to the Canaries, except that there is the slight risk that they may occasionally disturb a bird at night by creeping on to it and cause a little panic.

TO CHECK BREEDING (A. J.).—It is quite too late to allow hens to go on nesting any longer with any hopes of success, but as your hens appear to have laid another clutch already, I see no reason why you should not allow them to incubate them, as no harm will result, even if the effort proves futile. But you should remove the cocks as soon as the hens begin to sit, and do not return them again this season for any purpose. If the eggs prove unfertile, or the hens desert them before incubation is complete, or as soon as the young leave the nest, whichever the event may be, take away the nest and all nesting material, and turn the hens into a flight cage, where they will get plenty of exercise, and leave them to take their chance thus until the moult begins, which will effectually put a stop to their nesting desires for this season.

AN UNNATURAL PARENT (Yorkshire Hen).—Sorry, but I cannot tell you how to cure the hen of the vice of eating off the feet of her babies as soon as hatched. As you have tried her with and without the cock with similar results, I am afraid you can do nothing else. It is too late now to let her breed again this season, and she has also done more than sufficient this year. But if you wish to get young from her on account of any particular qualities, you should next season take away her eggs as laid, and give them to a foster hen to hatch out and rear. You might try the effect of fixing a morsel of raw beef or mutton on the end of a perch for her to peck at when young are hatched. This is said to have cured a hen of the habit, but hens of this kidney are rarely worth troubling with. If of no exceptional typical qualities, a long whiff of chloroform is the best thing for them.

MISSING EGG, ETC. (A.R.P.).—(1) If events do not prove that the missing egg must have been covered with nesting material, or overlooked in a corner of the nest-box, assuming boxes are used, I should say that it was dragged or thrown out of the nest and got broken, and it would very easily get overlooked when the cage was cleaned. The hen is evidently out of condition, which is partly the cause of the feet being so frequently clogged. You do not say what you use on the floor of the cage. Keep cage well strewn with clean gritty sand, and a piece of cuttlefish stuck in the wires for her to peck at any time. Each day give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, dusted with carbonate of bismuth, and for green food give a few seed heads of shepherd's purse or seedy sprays of chickweed In the drinking water for two consecutive days, add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice, and after that six drops of dilute sulphuric acid and three of tincture of steel for a day or two. (2) I suspect the bird which does not sing is a hen. The behaviour of the Yorkshire cock towards it when you placed them together is very significant of this. Had you left them together undisturbed a while you would doubtless soon have had sufficient proof of this, but it is too late now to try the experiment this season. (3) You should begin to give the youngsters a little weak colour food every third day at once, and increase the frequency as soon as you see them showing signs of the approaching moult. As soon as you see a few stray feathers cast, give the colour daily, and gradually increase the strength until in the course of a week you are giving it the full normal strength.

CANARY AND HEMP (S.M.).—The sample of canary sent is of very fair size, clean, bright, well ripened, and quite sweet, and of good all-round quality. The hemp is a first-rate sample, of very good quality.

A LATE BUILDER (A Constant Reader).—I am rather dubious of the "cock" which has built a nest and taken the trouble to sit in it at times. I should suspect it of being a little too ladylike, despite its beautiful colour and the fact that it has sung once or twice. It is too late now to hope for any further developments this season, and the best advice I can give you is to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager will send you for 7d., post free, and master its contents between now and next spring, when you will be able to start then with a greater chance of successful results. It is quite a matter of taste which is the best breed to start with—Yorkshire or Norwich. The latter has the richest colour, but the Yorkshire is not so very far behind in this respect, and its upstanding, slim shape gives it the most aristocratic appearance. So far as case of management and freedom of breeding is concerned, there is nothing to choose between them.

BEST FOR BREEDING (S. Pearson).—As a breed the Roller is far ahead of any other as a songster, but it is about the worst in appearance, being small and colourless. Therefore, if you want the best in song you must be a little blind to æsthetic beauty. I cannot commend your idea of keeping the bird in a hanging cage, which, I take it, is open wire all round, in front of a window.. Whatever the advantage may be from an ornamental standpoint, it is about the worst possible position for the bird's long-continued health and comfort, which should certainly be the first consideration. You will doubtless find the best method of caging discussed in the Nutshell booklet you have. You should get a very nice singer suitable for your purpose for 10s. 6d., or you may go higher up to 30s., 40s., or 60s. for more highly-trained birds. In a few weeks hence you will see plenty offered in our advertisement columns. Just now moulting and training will be the order of the day. Sorry we cannot single out any individual for mention here

THICK AND MOPISH (Puzzled, Leicester).—(1) The soiling of the feathers around the beaks points to the birds having to breathe a smoky or dust-laden atmosphere. You should see that they are kept in a bright and healthy place, well aired, but free from direct-cutting draughts, and keep cages and perches as clean as possible. In addition to the staple diet of canary and rape, give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazelnut, on which you have dropped two drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and sprinkled with maw seed, to each bird daily for a fortnight. Give also every second day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats, and on the alternate days a few seed heads of shepherd's purse, or a plantain stalk. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea, for two consecutive days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of opium, and dilute sulphuric acid two days in every three for a week. (2) To help birds to break away freely with the moult, and also assist them to shed their feathers easily, you may add five drops each of syrup of saffron and sweet spirit of nitre, and 20 drops of rum or whisky to the water four days a week during the first month or so.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

REDPOLLS NESTING (E. C. W.).—If your Redpolls continue to incubate well, the eggs should hatch out on the thirteenth day, but if they do not appear then do not disturb them, as they may not have sat closely at first, so you had better allow a few days longer to make certain. Feed the birds as usual as regards seeds, and give in addition a little egg food, made by boiling a fresh egg for ten minutes. Beat a portion of it up with a fork, and add three times the quantity of crushed biscuit or stale sponge cake; also supply a little soaked seeds and plenty of wild food, such as seeding grass, chickweed, groundsel, shepherd's purse, etc. This can be given in bunches, and the birds allowed to hunt it over and take what they like. Do not separate them; leave both birds together. The cock will no doubt assist in rearing the young; they are generally good parents, so your chances of success are very good.

LOSING FINCHES (J. Redmond).—You give me no information about the species of birds you are losing, nor the seeds you are feeding them on. As far as I can gather from your letter, your treatment must be at fault. Perhaps the seed is not first class. I would therefore advise you to procure some from an entirely different source, and throw the other away, also give the birds boiled water to drink. You should supply them with plenty of seeding wild food, which is plentiful everywhere just now. See that your cages and perches are kept perfectly clean.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

HOW THE LINNET MOULTS (C. Garland).—I am sorry I did not quite understand your question. Your query now is respecting the wings only. The general rule is this: One of the large primary feathers drops out and almost at the same time a corresponding feather on the other wing follows. The first to go is usual about the fourth from the outside; then the other large ones follow, and perhaps one or two of the inner feathers at the same time. There is no absolute rule or regularity about it. The only thing that Nature is careful about is that a bird of flight has sufficient feathers always in the wings to escape from its enemies and to seek its food. Some of the ducks are an exception, but these bide in the rushes and waterside plants until the feathers grow again.

THRUSH NOT SINGING (Bad Appetite).—It is getting rather late now to get much song out of a Thrush, as most of them have commenced to moult. The secret of keeping a caged bird in song is the method of feeding. If you treat him generously he will repay you with melody. I have no caged Thrushes just now, but when I had I fed them mostly on high-grade insectile food. It came a little bit expensive, but I had my reward in the healthy condition of the birds and the music they gave me. I would advise you to add a little hard-boiled egg occasionally to his food, and be pretty liberal with insects and grubs, either what you can collect, or mealworms. He will then romp through his moult and commence to sing soon afterwards. Glad to hear my previous advice was successful.

TREATING A LINNET (A Constant Reader).—Procure the Nutshell booklet on the Linnet, No. 2, post free 2½d. You will then understand more about the requirements of this songster and be able to treat him properly. As he has had nothing but dry seeds he has become fat and dull, so give him at once a dose of Glauber Salts, as much as will cover a sixpence, in his drinking water, and repeat three days later. Supply him with plenty of seeding seeds, and, if necessary, take away his seeds for an hour or so, which will cause him to partake of them; they are much better for him than dried seeds. You might also occasionally supply a spoonful of soaked rape and teazle. Some birds are very obstinate about what they eat, but by a little management they can generally be led in the right direction. If he will not bathe, gently spray him early in the morning on fine bright days.

VARIOUS QUESTIONS (Novice, E. H.).—I do not suppose your Finch will sing properly again until after the moult. I would advise you to give him a course of Chemical Food. Put a small teaspoonful in his drinker, fresh daily; boil the water first or it will not mix. If he goes through the moult well he should sing properly afterwards. Very few birds sing well after being mated. (2) Yes, your Linnet will be all right to breed with next season. You should have no difficulty with him. (3) The cage you mention will do nicely. You are not obliged to have a partition; you can teach your birds to run into another cage when required. This can be managed by inserting a stick between the wires and gently driving the birds towards the door; after a time they run into the other cage directly the door is open. (4) You could mate your Linnet either with a Greenfinch or Redpoll; these are the earliest, but neither is particularly striking. Other partners to choose from are the Siskin, Goldfinch, and Bullfinch. The last-named crossing produces a very handsome Hybrid, and a good specimen is an almost certain prize winner and a valuable bird but, like all good Hybrids, rather difficult to get. Whichever you go in for you should try to procure a hand-reared hen or a young brancher—that is, a bird not yet moulted.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

PARROT WITH INDIGESTION (E. J. M.).—It is not a case of acute indigestion, though, of course, it may become so. You must watch the dietary closely. Do not give yourself, or allow others to, tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. The regular dietary should consist of: seed mixture, ripe fruit, and green food, with grit (not sand), cuttlebone, and a piece of a branch for it to exercise its mandibles upon always in the cage. Any of the following may be given as extras, not necessarily all at once, but at intervals to vary the diet; nuts, stale crusts, plain cake, biscuits, dry boiled potato, and raw carrot. For the present put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every third day, and twice a week lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food. If the voidings should become watery loose, then the magnesia must be given less frequently. Treat as above for a month at least, and then, if need be, report progress. Keep a watch on your young people and see that they do not give unwholesome tit-bits.

GREEN SINGING FINCH WEAK ON LEGS (F.K.).—It is difficult to form an opinion. It may be old age, for which there is no remedy. You are not very explicit and I am unable to fully gather your accommodation. Is your aviary merely a C.P. aviary-cage? If so, possibly they are not getting quite all they require. Your seed supplies are satisfactory, but grit (not sand) should regularly be supplied. Green food should be supplied daily. Cage the weak bird again for a time, and while it is in your hand give it two drops of castor oil direct to the beak, but let it swallow one drop before giving it the second. Also take a piece of sponge cake as large as a walnut, spot over it ten drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and then pour over it a little more boiling milk than it will absorb. A little chemical food in the drinking water will also be of benefit.

PARROT IN POOR CONDITION (C. M. Philp).—Your query is very incomplete; in fact, you give me no data whatever save the two facts that it is in poor condition and is picking at its feathers. You do not even tell me what kind of Parrot it is! If it is a Grey, you had better get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot" (2½d. post free from our Manager), and diet and treat your bird as stated therein. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water daily, till the bowels become really loose, then cease for a time and only give an occasional dose to keep them properly regulated. Well spray (use a fine sprayer) twice weekly with a tepid quassia solution. You had also better scald out the cage, perches and all food vessels to make sure no parasites are harbouring therein. If you repeat query with full details, I shall be pleased to try and give you more definite help.

WEAVERS AND AVADAVATS (Kingston, Gloucester).—Weavers have an eclipse plumage, and only wear the bright nuptial plumage during the breeding season. At other times they may reasonably be compared to a Corn Bunting. When in nuptial plumage the Orange Weaver is mostly fiery orange and black. It would appear that your bird is a Red-billed Weaver, if it still retains the present hues till the moult. It is in any case a cock, as the hen birds retain their plain garb all the year round. Both species have been bred in garden aviaries. The average incubation period of Adadavats in my aviaries has been eleven days, though it is not always easy to fix the period to a day. These charming mites feed their young mostly on spray millet and such flies and blight as they can get in the aviary. I have also seen them picking out ants' "eggs" from the soft food dish. Flowering and seeding grass and other weeds in a similar stage are more freely taken at this period than in the usual course. In the Nutshell, pages 22-24 are comprehensive, and cover the breeding season.

MOCKING BIRD (J. Rankin).—Taking your queries in sequence. This bird belongs to the *Turdidae*, and is about the size of a small Thrush and is as suitable a cage bird as that species. Yes, there are other kinds, but it is mostly the American species that reaches the English market. The sexes are very similar; the hen is greyer on the underparts than the male and her throat is not so pure a white as his. A good cock is a musical treat and has a very varied song. Once established they are not difficult to keep. He requires insectile mixture containing a "dash" of grocer's currants, fruit, and insects (mealworms and almost anything you can capture, viz., earwigs, beetles, smooth caterpillars, spiders, etc.). They should have a large cage at least 24 inches long, 15in. deep, and about the same height. The cage will require constant attention to keep it sweet, but a daily clean should suffice, if you have a good covering of dry earth or sand on the cage-tray as an absorptive. They need no coddling, but must be kept out of draught. Once they are established a cold room would suffice, or any ordinary living-room, but I consider in a kitchen the temperature is too fluctuating to form good quarters for birds.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 26 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

WHITE-THROATED FINCH (H. A.).—Nearly all the genus *Spermophila* are good songsters, but they are quarrelsome birds, and for a series in rather confined quarters I do not consider them suitable, so did not include them in the list in the reply you refer to. At various times they have been on the market in fair numbers, and only command quite a moderate price. Another reason for not including any of these small Grosbeaks in the list was that I did not think them likely to be obtainable in the present restricted state of the market. One of the patriarchs of my aviary, a little Grey Finch (*Spermophila griseo*), is a charming songster, and a really handsome little fellow, even though Nature has clothed him modestly.

CEYLON HANGING PARRAKEET (T.W.M.).—These have appeared on the show bench on many occasions in the course of years, but they have seldom been plentiful, though I can remember at least two occasions at London shows in which several were staged; but, unless there has been quite a record influx I should say they were quite scarce at the present time, and I do not know of any being on the market. At the present time I can't give values; it would be what the vendor could induce the purchaser to pay, say, a probable minimum of 50s. to 60s. At all times this species would be likely to catch the judge's eye.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box **direct to Mr. Yates**, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. **Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away**, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

F. E. Mather.—Young Roller died from the effects of an injury, how produced being difficult to surmise. There was extensive hæmorrhage on the left side under the skin.

E. Rose.—Impaction of the proventriculus (true digestive stomach), with inflammation changes in its walls.

C. B. Massicks, Esq.—Death occurred from pulmonary hæmorrhage, induced by fright. The lesions about the head, in my opinion, were caused by rats, this being a favourite seat of attack, and no doubt a post-mortem occurrence.

Yorkshire Hens.—Peritonitis was cause of death, due to inertia of and subsequent infection from the oviduct. Are your birds too confined? The food would bear no relation to the disease.

H. L. Appleyard.—Pneumonia affecting both lungs, probably the result of a chill.

W. Richards.—Ptomaine poisoning.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

P. Jacques.—According to our information, you may catch Linnets in Cumberland between Aug. 1 and Mar. 1, except on Sundays and Christmas Day. Enquiry at your local police station would confirm or correct this. Please see Rule 7 at the head of these columns, as to replies by post.

F. George.—If it is the keeping of the Grey Parrot about which you require information, you will find full details in our Nutshell No. 17, 2½d. post free, from our Manager, or twopence from your local newsagent or bird dealer. Mr. C. P. Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" gives full instructions as to the keeping of various kinds of Parrots, and we could send you this for sevenpence.

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WANTED, gent's mackintosh, 5ft. 6ins., or cycling cape, good; exchange exhibition Yorkshires to value: Thomas, East Heath, Wokingham. (390)

WANTED, large Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, also foreign birds and speaking Parrots: Mrs. Martin, 9½, Coweaddens-st., Glasgow. (241)

WANTED, young Yorkshire and Norwich Mules, any quantity, cash deposited; particulars, stamp reply: Oliver, 101, Bridport-pl., Hoxton, N.

WANTED, handsome singing Nightingale, cheap; pay through "Cage Birds" deposit system; four days' approval: Doyle, Cloncrave, Kinnegad, Meath. (388)

WANTED, Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Canaries, half-grown chickens, young rabbits; state lowest price cash: Brain, Merchant, Aston, Birmingham. (389)

WANTED Canaries, all varieties, for cash; or exchange cock and two hens, Silver Sebright Bantams, winners, sell 25/-: Martin, Cage Manufacturer, Castle Douglas. (392)

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WANTED, any quantity Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches, Siskins, and Bullfinches, cash same day as birds arrive, and no waiting; state lowest price when sending: Merrington, Bird Specialist, 40, Besson-st., New Cross Gate, London, S.E. (388)

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Mainly British.

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Miscellaneous.

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RE my advert. in last week's "Cage Birds," I wish to thank all who replied: Castle, Honley, Huddersfield. (391)

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THREE Pom. puppies, slight cross, 8 weeks, 7/6 each; exchange birds, ducklings, or nets: 71, Sheepwash, Mansfield, Woodhouse. (390)

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POCKET camera, No. 2 folding Brownie, cost 20/-, sell 12/6; exchange rabbits or birds: Tebbutt, 101, Princess-st., Kettering, Northants. (391)

EXCHANGE new cycle cover and tube, 28 x 1½, for Canaries, Mules, or dog; offers wanted: Higgins, 9, Newton-st., Hulme, Manchester. (390)

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GRAMOPHONE and two dozen records, in excellent condition, bargain, 30/-; or exchange singing Canaries or fowls; good lion zither harp; exchange singing cock Canary; yours first: 44, William-st., Swansea. (388)

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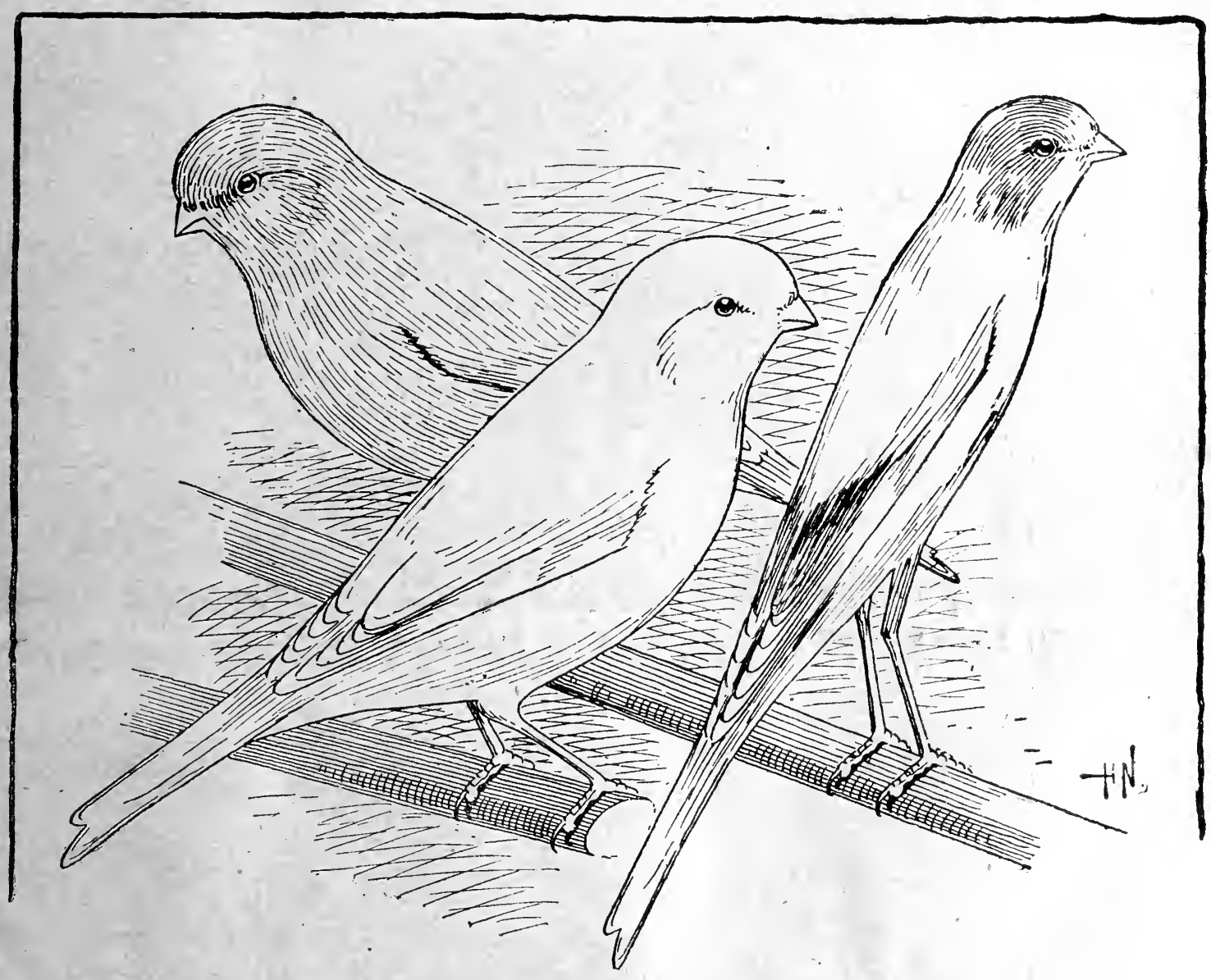

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ROLLER CANARIES.

Season 1915-1916.

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I left London on Wednesday, July 28th, for Rotterdam, by s.s. "Batavier V.," and returned on Sunday, the 1st August, by s.s. "Mecklenburg," where I perfected arrangements for the supply of Roller Canaries, Cocks and Hens, for the coming season.

I am now enabled to state that there will be a great shortage of these birds for 1915-16 season, more particularly in first-class cocks. I have, however, arranged for weekly supplies of both cocks and hens. The young cocks will be arriving regularly some time in September; a few have arrived this week. The following figures may prove interesting to the readers of "Cage Birds." From January to July, 1915, a period of seven months,

20,188 CANARIES WERE SOLD, VALUE, £2,000.

In selling such a number there must be naturally some complaints. The Editor is at liberty to state publicly how many he has received. I believe only six in all—a truly wonderful record. Six complaints selling two thousand pounds' worth of live birds is worth recording. Anyone doubting any of above statements can by giving £5 to any charitable institution have the above figures and facts verified by the Editor of "Cage Birds," for I will place my books at his disposal.

TERMS.—There will be no alteration. During the last seven months not a single Canary has been sent to anyone, either to dealers or to amateurs, without cash with order. Every dealer has been treated alike. The average profit is sixpence on each cock and twopence each hen, which does not allow me to take any risk whatever.

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The Shows.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' show, Granby Hotel, July 31. 21 birds were judged by Mr. A. M. Craven, Shipley. Cl. Yell.: 1, Blagbrough; 2, 4, Womersley; 3, Allatt; vhc, Rolfe. Buff: 1, Allatt; 2, Blagbrough; 3, Womersley; 4, Rolfe. Tkd. Yell.: 1, Rolfe; 2, Clayton. Buff: 1, Allatt; 2, Womersley; 3, Clayton; 4, Sugden. Mkd. Yell.: 1, Allatt; 2, Sharpe. Buff: 1, 2, Sugden. Foul Mark Yell. or Buff, more Dark than Light: 1, Sharpe.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Third N.F. show, July 31, Headquarters; 40 birds staged, all Yorks. Mr. E. Clegg, Dewsbury, judged, and gave general satisfaction.

Cl. Yell. (9): 1, F. Sykes; 2, Townend; 3, vhc, Hicks; hc, Atkinson; c, Buttle and Coupland. Buff (11): 1, 2, 3, Skinu; vhc, hc, Townend; c, Wood. Tkd. or Var. Yell. (7): 1, hc, c, Skinn; 2, F. Sykes; 3, Atkinson; vhc, Smithies. Buff (9): 1, 2, hc, Skinn; 3, Buttle and Coupland; vhc, F. Sykes; c, Hicks. Cinn. Mkd. (4): 1, Hicks; 2, Buttle and Coupland; 3, Wood; vhc, F. Sykes.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Second N.F. show, July 31, with a very satisfactory entry, and some real good quality throughout. Mr. T. Wright, York, judged, and his awards were well received.

Yorks. (16): 1, 2, 3, Stothard; 4, Blackbourn; vhc, G. Robinson; hc, Gray; c, Harrow. Nor. (16): 1, 2, Heslop; 3, 4, hc, Gale; vhc, Stephenson; c, Jeffries. Bord. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Harrow. A.O.V., Ck.: 1, 4, Blackbourn; 2, 3, Jeffries. Mules (4): 1, 4, H. Robinson; 2, 3, Stephenson. Hyb.: 1, Hearfield. Goldf. or Bullf. (15): 1, Mr. Carter; 2, Gray; 3, Gale; 4, Warrington; vhc, Stothard. Greenie, Bramble, or Chaff. (15): 1, 2, Robinson; 3, Stothard; 4, vhc, Gray. Linnet, Etc.: 1, Gray. A.O. Brit.: 1, Gray. Points to count: Gray 31, Stothard 27, Harrow 27, H. Robinson 26, Blackbourn 16, Gale 16, Heslop 14, Stephenson 14, Jeffries 12, Harfield 8, Carter 8, Warrington 4, G. Robinson 3.—F. Stothard, Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

Young stock show, July 8, "Feathers," Westminster, the most successful held for some years, not only in point of numbers but in merit—very encouraging to the new secretaries. Mr. J. Robson judged. Special winners: Most points, J. Dewhurst; best Yorks., Ayers; Crest or C.B., Turner; best Nor., Thurley; second most points, Offord. 17 other specials of 2/6 each presented by members were competed for.

Champ. Nor., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, Leach. Variegs.: 1, 2, Leach. Amat. Nor., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, Thurley; 2, c, Offord; 3, vhc, hc, Burt. Varieg.: 1, Burt; 2, Offord. Yorks., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 2, Ayers; 3, vhc, Clarke; hc, Penton; c, Dewhurst. Varieg.: 1, 2, Ayers; 3, Penton; vhc, hc, Clarke; c, Dewhurst. Nov. Yorks., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 2, Johnston; 3, vhc, Madell. Varieg.: 1, 2, Johnston; 3, Madell. Champ. Crests: 1, Turner. C.B.: 1, Turner; 2, 3, vhc, Watcham. Amat.: 1, Wallington. Champ. Bord.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Sayer. Nov.: 1, 2, Goymer. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, Stephens; 2, vhc, Offord; 3, Dewhurst. Linnet: 1, Leach; 2, Stephens; 3, Dewhurst. Siskin, Etc.: 1, Stephens; 2, vhc, Offord; 3, Dewhurst. Greenf., Etc.: 1, Stephens; 2, Dewhurst. Brit. Hen: 1, Dewhurst. A.V. Seed-eating British: 1, Dewhurst. Insectiv., A.V.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Dewhurst. For. Birds, A.V.: 1, Wallington; 2, 3, Dewhurst; vhc, hc, Shepherd.—A. J. Watcham, Hon. Sec.

BARROW C.B.S.

N.F. show, July 10, Dalton Rd. Schools, with a record entry and excellent quality. Mr. J. Stewart (jun.), Whitehaven, judged.

Yorks. Yell.: 1, Henderson and Crosby; 2, Forge; 3, vhc, Woodward; hc, Morgan; c, Miss Winder. Buff: 1, sp, 3, Woodward 2, vhc, Henderson and Crosby 3, c, Forge. A.O.V.: 1, c, Forge; 2, 3, Woodward; vhc, Harrison; c, Miss Winder. Bord. Yell.: 1, 2, cup, Shackley; 3, Trantor; vhc, Armstrong; hc, c, Gill. Buff: 1, Mossopp, jun.; 2, 3, c, Shackley; vhc, Forge; c, Hudson. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Shackley; vhc, hc, McFarlane; c, Armstrong. Bord.: 1, Gill; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, McFarlane. Nor. Yell.: 1, 3, cup, Hodgins; 2, Neal; vhc, McFarlane; c, Plumb. Buff: 1, Johnson; 2, Neal; 3, c, Hodgins; vhc, McFarlane; hc, Wagstaff. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Plumb; 3, Neal. G. or Bullf., H.M.: 1, Neal; 2, c, Hudson; 3, Johnson; vhc, Shackley; hc, Miss Winder. Linnet, H.M.: 1, Johnson; 2, 3, hc, c, Miss Winder; vhc, Neal. Siskin, Etc., H.M.: 1, Shackley; 2, Miss Winder; 3, hc, Johnson; hc, McFarlane; c, Saul and Hall. A.O.V., H.M.: 1, McFarlane; 2, Neal; 3, Johnson; vhc, Miss Winder. Mules: 1, 2, Wagstaff. Old Birds.—Yorks. Yell.: 1, 2, vhc, Henderson and Crosby; 3, Woodward; hc, Saul and Hale. Buff: 1, 2, Woodward; 3, hc, Forge; vhc, Miss Winder; c, Saul and Hale. A.O.V.: 1, 2, hc, c, Harrison; 3, vhc, Forge. Bord.: 1, 2, 3, Willison; vhc, Saul and Hale; hc, c, Gill. Nor. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Johnson; vhc, Neal. A.V.: 1, Wagstaff; 2, Johnson; 3, Neal; vhc, Saul and Hale.—D. McFarlane, Hon. Sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

F.F. show, Station Hotel, July 31. Judge, Mr. T. Bennett gave every satisfaction. Champ.—Class 1: 1, Ormonroyd; 2, 3, Hartley; 4, Midgley. Class 2: 1, 3, 4, Midgley; 2, Hartley. Class 3: 1, 4, Hartley; 2, 3, Midgley. Class 4: 1, Hartley; 2, Ormonroyd. Class 5: 1, 3, Hartley; 2, 4, Midgley. Class 6: 1, 3, Midgley; 2, Hartley. Novice.—Class 7: 1, Hudson; 2, 4, Sutcliffe; 3, Oliver. Class 8: 1, Firth; 2, 3, Collins Bros.; 4, Sutcliffe. Class 9: 1, 4, Sutcliffe; 2, Oliver; 3, Shackleton. Class 10: 1, 2, Self. Class 11: 1, 2, 3, Collins Bros. Class 12: 1, Shackleton.—Sec. A. W. Hartley.

LEIGH C.B.S.

Annual N.F. Show, July 24 and 25, about 70 birds staged. Mr. W. Ordish won special best bird in show; Mr. J. W. Clemmison, Preston, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Nor. Yell.: 1, Ordish; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Dawson; vhc, Lomas; hc, Dawson; c, Collier. Buff: 1, 3, vhc, Ordish; 2, Dawson; hc, Taylor; c, Collier. Yorks., Yell.: 1, 3, Hamer; 2, Ashton; vhc, Walkden; hc, c, Spiby. Buff: 1, Ashton; 2, Walkden; 3, hc, Hamer; vhc, Charnock; c, Spiby. Crest: 1, 2, Green and Son; 3, vhc, Lomas. C.B.: 1, Lomas; 2, 3, Green and Son. Mules: 1, Green and Son; 2, Walkden; 3, Lomas. Brit.: 1, Gaskell Bros.; 2, Cann; 3, Charleson; vhc, Walkden. For.: 1, 2, 3, Cann; Extra Stock: 1, Dawson; 2, Spiby.—R. Charleson, Sec.

WOMBWELL B.F.S.

Annual N.F. show, held July 24; 39 birds staged; Mr. F. Gregory, Ecclesfield, judged. Entries were handicapped by the members having their birds in the moult, and poor breeding season generally.

Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks.: 1, Waters; 2, Sargeantson. Buff: 1, Sargeantson; 2, vhc, Waters; 3, hc, Malpass. Uneven. Mkd.: 1, Sargeantson; 2, Dean. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Nor.: 1, 2, Waters; 3, Malpass. Buff: 1, 2, Waters; 3, Malpass. Uneven.: 1, 2, Waters. Old Birds.—Yorks. Ck.: 1, c, Malpass; 2, Sargeantson; 3, vhc, hc, Humphreys. Hen: 1, 3, Humphreys; 2, Waters; vhc, Dean; hc, Malpass. Nor. Ck.: 1, 2, Waters; 3, vhc, Hinchcliff. A.O.V. Can., Mule or Hyb.: 1, Dean. Linnet, Etc.: 1, 2, Humphreys; 3, Dean. A.O. Brit.: 1, 2, 3, Humphreys.—J. W. Dean, Sec.

ECCLESHILL C.B.S.

Second F.F. show, July 31, Fountain Inn, with a very good entry of 49. Some very good birds faced Mr. W. Richmond, of Rodley, whose awards were well received. Sp. best champ., Sparks; best in show and best nov., Simonett.

Cl. or Tkd. Yorks. Yell.: 1, sp, hc, Sparks; 2, vhc, Whitaker; 3, Chippendale; 4, Simonett; c, Stebbings. Buff: 1, 2, Chippendale; 3, hc, Sparks; 4, c, Close; vhc, Wilcock. Mkd. Yell.: 1, vhc, Baxter; 2, Chippendale; 3, Stebbings; 4, Close; hc, Simonett; c, Pearson. Buff: 1, sp, Simonett; 2, Baxter; 3, Pearson; 4, Fretwell; vhc, c, Wilcock; hc, Jenkinson. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Nor.: 1, Jenkinson. Buff: 1, 4, Simonett; 2, Jenkinson; 3, vhc, Pearson. Mkd.: 1, Simonett; 2, Pearson; 3, Wilcock.—Sam Wilcock, Sec.

OPENSHAW GORTON C.B.S.

2nd N.F. show, July 31, with 85 entries. Mr. Davies, the judge, remarked that the show was one of the finest displays he had seen, and gave his awards with every satisfaction. Best bird, most points in 1 and 2, and best Yorks., Gilbert; best nov. Nor., most points on show and most entries, Dixon; best Nor., and most points in 3 and 4, Peters; best Brit. (2), Daley; most points Bord., Newton; best nov. Yorks., Beddall. Amat.—Yorks. Yell. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Gilbert; vhc, Green. Buff (12): 1, 2, 3, 4, Gilbert; vhc, hc, c, Dewar. Nor. Yell. (11): 1, 2, vhc, c, Peters; 3, 4, Richards; hc, Chilton. Buff (16): 1, 3, Peters; 2, 4, hc, Chilton; vhc, Richards; c, Hadfield. Nov.—Yorks. Buff (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Beddall. Nor. Yell. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Dixon. Buff (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Dixon. Bord. (11): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Newton; hc, Chilton; c, Johnson. Goldf. or Bullf. (7): 1, 2, Daley; 3, Chilton; 4, vhc, Green; hc, Newton; c, Beddall. Greenf., Etc.: 1, 3, Newton; 2, Beddall. Linnet, Etc.: 1, 2, Daley; 3, Newton.—A. W. Newton, Hon. Sec.

SKELMANTHORPE C.B.S.

3rd F.F. show, Liberal Club, July 31. Some very promising youngsters were staged. Mr. J. Burdekin, Halifax, judged, and gave general satisfaction. Champ.—Cl. Yell. (10): 1, Dyson; 2, hc, Hirst; 3, Wadsworth; 4, Fisher and Dyson; vhc, Jebson; c, Hutchinson. Buff (8): 1, 2, Hirst; 3, Radley; 4, Peel; vhc, hc, Fisher and Dyson; c, Jebson. Tkd. Yell. (9): 1, vhc, Taylor; 2, Dyson; 3, Jebson; 4, Peel; hc, Hirst; c, Radley. Buff (13): 1, 3, hc, Hirst; 2, Taylor; 4, Fisher and Dyson; vhc, c, Radley. Heavy Mkd. Champ. and Nov. (13): 1, c, H. Lodge; 2, Hirst; 3, Hellawell; 4, W. Lodge; vhc, A. Radley; hc, F. Radley. Nov.—Cl. Yell. (10): 1, Morley; 2, vhc, Beaumont; 3, H. Lodge; 4, Roberts and Radley; hc, J. Radley; c, Taylor. Buff (11): 1, W. Lodge; 2, hc, Heeley; 3, Bower; 4, J. Radley; vhc, Hobson; c, Beaumont. Tkd. Yell. (10): 1, H. Lodge; 2, Hobson; 3, W. Lodge; 4, Roberts and Radley; vhc, Fisher; hc, Bower; c, J. Radley. Buff (13): 1, H. Lodge; 2, Taylor; 3, Heeley; 4, Beaumont; vhc, W. Lodge; hc, Bower; c, Taylor.—Percy Hirst, Asst. Sec.

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Club Reports.

FIFE C.B.L.

Meeting at Lochgelly, July 31, Mr. R. T. Campbell, president, chair. The minutes of Dunfermline meeting were read and adopted. Owing to Mr. Cordery not seeing his way to carry on the work of secretary, I was appointed in his place for the year; agreed to pay 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. as prize money at League Show, to be held in Methil, Oct. 23. Entry money 1s. 6d.; sec. of each society is asked to get as many specials as possible. Delegates were instructed to put before their respective societies and report at next League meeting how many entries to make a full class. Agreed that all League meetings start a little earlier, and each society was asked to provide a lecturer or anything that would be of interest to members. Next meeting Cowdenbeath, Masonic Arms, Aug. 21, at 5.—Joe Sneddon, Sec.

BARROW C.B.S.

Meeting, July 28, Mr. A. Hudson presiding. A full account was given of the N.F. show, July 10, in aid of his Worship the Mayor's Tobacco Fund for the local Territorials at the front. It was a record show in every respect. There was a very large attendance of people at the opening by Mr. J. Fisher, in the absence of his Worship, who was detained owing to extra pressure of work. Mr. Fisher, in declaring the show open, expressed pleasure in the honour conferred on him in being asked to perform this duty. He was quite sure everyone who devoted their leisure to bird study reaped their own reward. He was pleased to learn that the society had decided not to abandon the show because other shows had been abandoned. The shows were undoubtedly educational, and people could not keep pace with them unless they were followed up. Before they were another year older he hoped they would have arrived at the end of the present titanic struggle, and that our dear ones might be home again and the country down to its normal level once more. He hoped that his two sons, like many others, might return home safe and sound. Many of those present had suffered by the loss of friends and relatives, for undoubtedly the district had fought well and had suffered. He wished the show every success and hoped the financial result might be a good one. On behalf of the society, Mr. D. McFarlane pointed out that in Mr. Fisher the society had an ideal Vice-President. He took a special interest in the welfare of the society, and was always willing to do what he could for it. As the proceeds of the show were for a patriotic object, viz., for the Mayor's fund for providing our boys with tobacco—and they remembered that Mr. Fisher had two sons serving the colours—they could not find a more suitable gentleman to open the show. As a token of the high esteem in which they held Mr. Fisher, the members of the society had arranged a little presentation, and he wished to explain that this had been subscribed, not from any funds, but by the private and voluntary subscription of the members. They had tried to secure the service of the oldest member of the society, Mr. R. Willison, the well-known Scotch Fancy breeder, to make the presentation, but had failed to do so owing to over-pressure of work at present, and in his stead he had secured the youngest member to perform this pleasing duty. This gentleman, Mr. Roberts, then handed over a gold-mounted walking stick, suitably inscribed, to Mr. Fisher, and accompanied this with complimentary remarks. In returning thanks, Mr. Fisher pointed out that the society had in Mr. McFarlane an ideal secretary. He thanked the members of the society and Mr. Roberts for the presentation, and intimated that he would treasure it. The presentation had taken him by surprise, and he valued it, not for its cost, but the kind sentiments which lay behind it. He was pleased to see so many present, and hoped the show would be highly successful. Members note.—There will be a special meeting, Aug. 11, to discuss the advisability of holding either a 40-mile radius or an open show, and other business. Secretaries of clubs who would render support, kindly correspond with secretary, also specialist clubs. The pleasing sum of £15 was handed over to the local Tobacco Fund.—D. McFarlane, Sec., 26, Lord Robert Street, Walney, Barrow-in-Furness.

Country Rambles

A DELIGHTFUL DAY AMONG THE BIRDS.

On July 13, members of the Glasgow Calton Bird Club availed themselves of the half-holiday and of the invitation of Sir Samuel Clincher to visit his estate at Camlachie. Sir Samuel has the unique personality of being one of the most enthusiastic fanciers, and at the same time one of the least known in the West of Scotland; the latter must be attributed to his strong aversion to showing for cash prizes. His estate is a happy home of bird life, and his keepers are relentless in their pursuit and destruction of any enemy of his feathered friends, be they biped or quadruped. About twenty members availed themselves of the invitation, and a wagonette conveyed them to Sir Samuel's stately mansion, which is situated almost in the centre of a veritable forest. After partaking of the hospitality of Sir Samuel and Lady Clincher, we proceeded to explore the sylvan groves, which are literally chock a bloc with almost every variety of British birds.

Sir Samuel, who feeds his feathered friends all the year round, gave us a unique display of the friendship which exists between him and his numerous birds. It was the regular hour of feeding, and while we remained in the background Sir Samuel, with two keepers and food, went to the lawn scarcely fifty yards from the Manor House. A few blasts of a shrill metallic whistle caused great commotion among the bushes, and the air was full of birds. In a few minutes Sir Samuel was literally surrounded by them. Not satisfied with partaking of his generous hospitality, many of his older bird friends perched on his shoulders, and an extended arm contained two Starlings, a Mavis, two hen Blackbirds, seemingly fresh from the duty of incubation, and a Robin waiting for the mealworms which they knew were coming. The birds seemed absolutely indifferent to the movements of Sir Samuel, who was obliged to move cautiously lest he should tread on them. Many of the familiar ones, Sir Samuel said, had been reared in captivity and then given their liberty, which, by the way, some of them would not wholly accept.

One old cock Starling was very amusing, and carried on a continual conversation with Sir Samuel. He was called "Bill," and when he hopped on his host's shoulder, Sir Samuel said "Hello, Bill." "Hello, Sam, anything good to-day?" was the unhesitating reply, and a mealworm passed into kingdom come. A photograph of this unique spectacle was taken, but we fear the distance was too great. Should it turn out all right we will send one for reproduction. When we started on our ramble the old Starling followed up for a considerable distance, shouting "Hello, Sam," with an extraordinary human voice.

The inside of the porch at the grand entrance to this manor, which is thickly covered with ivy, contains the nests of two Mavis, one Blackbird, and several others, and although Sir Samuel, his family, servants, and many visitors pass in and out daily, the birds seem not to mind. Our ramble through the grounds, which are very extensive, brought us at almost every step to birds and nests of nearly every known British variety. One portion of the demesne, known as the White Vale, was densely populated, and nests seemed to be placed almost "but an' ben."

Lord Provost and Lady Dunlop, together with Sir A. Scott Gibson and Lady Gibson, later on joined the party, and we spent fully four hours exploring the bird homes under the personal guidance of Sir Samuel, who seems to know every nest on the estate. Nowhere have I seen birds display such amazing confidence in the human being. If the theory of re-incarnation holds good, and we are allowed any choice in our next appearance, I shall insist on coming back as a bird to Sir Samuel's estate. Needless to say, we spent the most enjoyable day of our lives, and we motored home full of gratitude to Sir Samuel and Lady Clincher.—W. Hutchieson.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/ must be sent to our manager.

England.

Oct. 8-9.—**Preston O.S.**—(G. Buck, 5, Nevett St.)
Oct. 12-13.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)
Oct. 14.—**Hanley C.B.S.**—(C. Beckett, 32, Hamilton-rd., Birkenhead, Hanley.) J.R.
Oct. 15-16.—**Warrington C.D.S.**—(H. Warburton, 73, Ellesmere Rd., Lower Walton, Warrington.) H.W.B.; G.L., J.D.L.
Oct. 16.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. Green, 205, Stoney Stanton Rd.)
Oct. 21.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Holliday, 58, George St.) J.R.
Oct. 22-23.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.)
Oct. 23.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.) J.R.
Oct. 23.—**York C.B.S.**—(V. G. F. Zimmerman, 7, Portland Street.)
Oct. 26-28.—**London and P.O.S.**—(H. L. Huggins, 130, Myddleton Rd., Bowes Park, London.)
Oct. 27-28.—**Carlisle (Border City) O.S.**—(J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.)
Oct. 29-30.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlboro Av., Manley Park, Manchester). L.D., J.B., R.B., J.D., H.J.C.
Nov. 3-4.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terr.)
Nov. 4.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.)
Nov. 5-6.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield.) J.R., J.C.B., H.W.B.
Nov. 6.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(J. W. Thornton, 43, Rydal St., W. Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M., W.N.
Nov. 6-8.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street.) J.F., H.J.C.
Nov. 9-10.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(G. W. Jones, 156, Holdenhurst Rd.) H.N.
Nov. 12-13.—**Blaydon-on Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.) T.D., J.M., H.W.B.
Nov. 13.—**Barnsley C.B.S.**—(E. Toulson, 102, Cope St.)
Nov. 13.—**Chester C.B.S.**—(L. Cavanagh, "Berwyn," Vicar's Cross, Chester.) H.W.B.
Nov. 19-20.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.) W.M., H.W.B.
Nov. 19-20.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(Wm. Tallantyre, South View.)
Nov. 27.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.**—(F. A. Green, 54, Caludon Rd.) H.W.B.
Dec. 1-2.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 211, Park Rd., Aston, Birmingham.) J.R., J.H.R.
Dec. 1-2.—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place, Southampton.) H.N.
Dec. 8-9.—**Watford C.B.S.**—(W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Rd.) F.E., H.N., A.S., H.J.W.
Dec. 10-11.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—(W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle).

Scotland.

Nov. 12-13.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital Street.) W.G., J. M'L., W. M'M., C.M., A.W., M.C.
Nov. 20.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S.**—(F. Baxter, 128, Union St.).

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Jan. 1.—**Wishaw, Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)

Wales.

Oct. 20.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(H. H. Mortimer, 4, Granville St.)
Nov. 17.—**Llandudno** (Welsh N. Counties F. and F.A.).—(G. E. Cragg, "Rocklands," Rhos, Colwyn Bay.)
Nov. 17-18.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.H.R.

Ireland.

Dec. 3-4.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(W. Montgomery, 62, Church Street).

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Twitterings.

Mr. R. T. Lonsdale, 80, Tiverton-st., Wavertree, Liverpool, is now secretary of the Garston B.B.A. in place of Mr. A. T. Mulloch (resigned). All communications should be addressed accordingly.

Will societies in Yorkshire and Lancashire requiring the patronage of the Yorks and Lancs. British Bird and Mule Club apply as early as possible to T. H. Inman, Hon. Sec., 43, Derby Road, Thornbury, Bradford?

We are open to receive applications for patronage from societies up to Aug. 11, writes Mr. F. W. Laidlow, Sec., Northern Norwich P.H.C., 55, Colston-st., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, as we require two more to make up our number.

Societies desiring to have the patronage of the Northern British, Mule and Foreign Club should apply before August 28 to Mr. W. Curry, sec., 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle, as patronage will be allotted on that date. The number of classes and the name of the judge must be stated.

I beg to thank you for producing on the Front Page of last week's Cage Birds the photographs of my last season's winning Yellowhammer and Linnet, writes Mrs. Lilian E. T. Dalton. The picture does your artist great credit.

By an unfortunate accident the advertisement of Llanrwst show was omitted from our issue of last week, and we therefore would specially call attention to the advt. which appears on this page this week. Entries close on Aug. 10.

Mr. R. Jackson, sec. S.E. London F. and F.A., writes that the society has altered its headquarters to the North Camberwell Constitutional Club, 432, Old Kent Road, where the postponed general meeting will be held Aug. 9, at 8. Fanciers and friends invited.

We have received the Rule Book of the London C.B.A. Besides the ordinary rules of the society and the show rules the booklet contains a list of names and addresses of members. Mr. A. J. Watcham, hon. sec., 192, Mare Street, Hackney, will be pleased to forward a copy to anyone desirous of joining the Association.

A ramble of the members of the Garston B.B.A. takes place on Sunday, Aug. 8, meet at Mr. Jones's, 35, Church-rd., Garston, at 2.30. The ramble will be along the foreshore to Oglet, thence inland. Tea will be provided at Oglet for a small charge. Members and friends of other societies are cordially invited, especially a botanist to give a little advice on the numerous wild seeds growing on the banks of the foreshore.

OBITUARY.

It is with the deepest regret that I have to announce the sudden death of Mrs. W. Gledhill, wife of our oldest member, Mr. W. Gledhill, of Lockwood, writes Mr. A. Lawford, Sec., Huddersfield O.S. I am sure that every fancier will join with us in tendering to Mr. Gledhill and daughter our very deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

The leading article in the August issue of "British Birds," Messrs. Witherby, High Holborn, 1s. monthly, is an account by Mr. J. H. Gurney and Miss E. L. Turner of the nesting of the Long-eared Owl on the ground, and among the usual interesting "Notes" is a record of the Tawny Owl also nesting on the ground. The article is illustrated by reproductions of some fine photographs by Miss Turner of the hen Owl on the nest.

It is with deep regret that I have to report the sad lot that has befallen T. Seddon, a former member of the Leigh C.B.S., whilst doing his duty at the Dardanelles, writes Mr. R. Charleson, sec. He has lost his left leg through shrapnel shell, and I am sure all fanciers who knew him will wish him a speedy recovery to bodily health. He was always an enthusiast in Mule breeding, and no doubt he will wish to take up the hobby again when he returns home.

The bird promised by Mr. Crawhall is for most points over this year's table shows commencing with our next show, Aug. 11, not for best bird as in my report of our meeting and table show, writes Mr. R. Tindall, Hon. Sec., Northern Yorks C.C., 6, Gill-st., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. This is an opportunity that should not be missed by our novices. Mr. Crawhall will make it either cock or hen as the winner wishes. I shall be glad to receive the names of anyone wishing to join our club, also all applications for patronage, which will be allotted shortly.

The Value of a Pet Bird.

Bills displayed in the windows of tradesmen in Streatham, London, offer a reward of £3 for the recovery of a tame Raven.

Where Parrots are Popular.

It is said that among the mining population of the Black Country and S. Staffordshire there are more Parrot owners than in any other industrial district.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing in our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

From a Soldier to his Nurse.

A wounded soldier in the City of Dublin Hospital writes that his account of his birds in better times has so interested one of his nurses, especially when he told her of the effect of colour-feeding, that he is making her a present of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," so that she may gather fuller particulars on the subject.

One Nest Inside Another.

Included in a list of unusual nesting sites given in the August issue of "British Birds" is an account of the nest of a Robin, built inside the nest of a Song Thrush after the young Thrushes had flown. The Editor points out that instances have previously been recorded of Robins building in old nests of the Blackbird, Thrush, Hedge Sparrow, and Swallow.

The Cinnamon Canary.

"The Bird of Royal Blood."

A Paper read at the meeting of the Western Counties O.S., Plymouth, on June 15th, by Mr. A. B. Brown, Plymouth.

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ON the other hand, the wise buyer of stock makes one purchase, the right sort, probably wins a few prizes right away, and after the show season is over, breeds some more winners which in turn bring grist to the mill, and so works his way upwards to the top of the exhibition ladder, and all because he paid a reasonable price for stock birds, which were the outcome of many years patient exercise of the other man's brain.

Thus the newcomer commences with the finished material, and it has been recorded that beginners have actually bred birds from such stock, which beat the birds bred by the original breeder who had spent years of trials in the gradual building up of this strain.

Now we know where we stand with regard to quality of stock! The next question is—how many birds do we require for successful Cinnamon breeding? The answer, I suggest, is four. Self yellow cock and self buff hen and self buff cock with self yellow hen. These should be of one breeder, and the two cocks must not be near relations. The young of the respective pairs can be worked on for years without additional introductions from outside, and the breeding of good Cinnamons is assured.

Sometimes it occurs that the fancier has bad luck; he loses the young, or one of the parents, or his birds lose in colour, size, and type, and he may be quite unable to remedy it by birds of his own stock. Whenever this happens, the best means to employ is to get the required birds from a Cinnamon breeder who has the pure bred birds which excel in the qualities desired.

It may happen they cannot be acquired, and in this case he thinks it justifiable to try an outside cross; a course which is correct, provided the fancier knows how to do it, and is perfectly acquainted with the peculiarity of Cinnamon blood. And herein lies the secret of successful Cinnamon breeding.

As already mentioned, Cinnamons can only be propagated through the males. No matter how pure the Cinnamon hen, unless she is paired with a Cinnamon bred cock, there will never be bred a Cinnamon feathered or Cinnamon ticked young. On the other hand, a Cinnamon cock paired with a hen of any variety, without a spot of Cinnamon blood in her veins, may breed self-coloured Cinnamons of rich colour, but it is absolutely certain that each of these Cinnamon feathered, or Cinnamon ticked young will be a hen, and the cocks green.

This has never been known to vary, for wherever a case has been thought to be otherwise, a search in the records of the birds' history has proved the existence of Cinnamon blood in both parents, and this, although it had lain dormant in the strain for years, had come to the surface on mixing with a stronger flow of Cinnamon blood.

If green cocks are paired to their sisters (of the cross from the Cinnamon cock and Non-Cinnamon hen) purest Cinnamon-coloured young may be got, both cocks and hens, but extreme care should be taken in the use of these Cinnamons; although they are sound in colour, they should be mated back to Cinnamons of known purity of blood.

It is just here, after showing how easy it is to get Cinnamon-coloured young, we should also show how impossible it is to get Cinnamons from a Non-Cinnamon bred cock paired with a pure bred self-Cinnamon hen; the young from this cross would be Greens, and variegated birds, but never a Cinnamon-coloured feather. Pair these young together, and clears and variegated or green will result.

Now compare the results of the respective crosses, and it will be very evident that the power of the Cinnamon character is in the males. Armed with this knowledge, it becomes easy to add another element to make up any deficiences we may have in the Cinnamon stock. And so we set to work, with a thorough confidence of being able to improve the Cinnamon where necessary.

(*To be continued.*)

Bird Sentinels.

A soldier on leave from the trenches tells how birds warn the Allies of the coming of the clouds of poison gas when the Germans attempt that mode of attack at night. In the darkness the coming of the gas is unseen, but long before the smell of the fumes can be detected in the trenches there is a great clamouring of birds awakened from their night perches. The birds fly away beyond reach of the fumes, and in the meantime the British soldier is prepared.

The Old, Old Story.

"W.C.," in the "Manchester Dispatch," says that a reader has sent him an interesting experience of a few years ago, in which he recalls that for several days the Swallows and Sparrows had battled for possession of a nest. He noticed that the fight had been broken off, and on making an examination he found that the Swallows had "built in" the Sparrow, that bird being found dead in the nest. I have a recollection of having heard a similar story, says "W.C.," but this is authenticated by a reliable correspondent. I make no comment upon it, except that Mr. Sparrow did not live up to his reputation if he allowed a pair of Swallows to imprison him in a mud-coated nest under the eaves of a house.

Many Vices: One Virtue.

In an interesting article headed "Dogs With Bad Names" in the "Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News," Mr. Frank Bonnet says: "The Jackdaw, beneath a pleasing exterior hides a blackened soul. We all owe him a grudge for having practically driven from our shores that much more handsome member of the corvine race, the Cornish Chough, but, quite apart from that heinous crime, the Jackdaw is guilty of many and serious misdemeanours. He is an inveterate destroyer of game, searching most diligently for the eggs of both Pheasant and Partridge in the open, and destroying their young as well whenever opportunity offers. Young poultry he will kill in wholesale fashion; he will rob the nest of any hen that "steals her nest" away from home; and he will plunder the pigeon lofts of eggs and young birds in the most systematic way. Because of these his many wickednesses the Jackdaw undoubtedly deserves all he gets, and it may be added, for he is an exceeding wary bird, that he does not often get all that he deserves. All that can be said on the Jackdaw's behalf is that, in common with the Rook, he does some good, as the farmer will testify."

Where Hornets Guard Birds' Nests.

Not long ago when walking over the veld, says a correspondent to "The Field," writing from N.W. Rhodesia, I noticed a bird's nest in a tree, and going up to look at it more closely in my usual inquisitive way was startled by a buzzing round my head, only to discover that I had nearly run into a hornets' nest. On looking up at the bird's nest again I saw the nest of the hornets about 1½ft. away. I did not think much of the incident at the time, but on another occasion I saw another nest made in exactly the same way on the same kind of thorn tree, known as "trachem bichee," or bitje, which in Dutch means "wait-a-bit," so called on account of its awful thorns which hold you if you get entangled. As before, I went up to look at it, and was again startled by the same angry buzzing round my head, and, to my great astonishment, on looking up I saw a nest of hornets in the same relative position to the nest as on the previous occasion. Since then in my rambles over the veld I have seen hundreds of nests of the same sort in the same kind of tree and the same little hornets' nests protecting them. Is this reasoning, or instinct? I have pointed it out to many persons, hunters, and men always on the veld, and none of them had noticed it.

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WILD FOODS FOR SEED-EATING BIRDS.

By CHAS. PRIOR (Ropley).

The useful greenfoods, etc., available during August are herein described. Previous articles appeared in our issues of April 10 and the first weeks of the following months, and we have, we are pleased to say, been able to arrange with the Author to contribute a continuation in the first issue of each month.

THE goodly array of autumnal weeds bequeathed, while yet undeveloped, by the departing July, are hurried along to maturity with the scorching and breathless days of August. The wild foods now are companions of the harvest, and their muster soon becomes swollen to maximum dimensions.

Plantain, one of them, familiarly known also as "ratstail," needs no detailed description. It is one of those time-honoured items of bird dietary whose association with avicultural fare is as ancient as that of groundsel. In a state of purple semi-ripeness it is regarded with some favour by Linnets, Canaries, and other seedeaters, and it is reputed, in the case of the first-named, to exercise an enhancing influence upon soundness of breast colour.

But its value can easily be overrated. It appears to impose considerable strain on the digestive powers of the birds that feed upon it. The excreta is voided with difficulty, and is whitish and odorous, and not well formed either, as the excrement of healthy assimilation invariably is. This is not good, and such a drawback cannot but modify any apparent benefit.

Many Names; Many Uses.

Knapweed, another wild food of August, on the other hand, is uniformly safe and wholesome, and has, moreover, a wider range of usefulness. Goldfinches, Linnets, Twites, Redpolls, Siskins, Greenfinches, and Canaries all eat it with infinite relish, while Bullfinches, and even Hawfinches, now and then accept it with some measure of approval. In all cases its use is attended by highly satisfactory results, and wisdom points in the direction of using it with all freedom throughout the moulting period.

This weed, also called hardheads, horsenobs, and by other localisms, has latterly come to be very well known as a food for birds. It is widely distributed, and common enough, appearing most frequently in rough grass lands and neglected pastures, often also by the sides of little used country lanes and roads. The plant at the time of flowering is seldom less than two feet high, and generally more. The stems are tough and wiry. The blooms are numerous, and of a bluish-purple hue, and they have a counterpart, refined by cultivation, in the cornflower of the garden. The time to gather is when the petals of the flowers are dead, and just before they fall, or even just after, because the small cup-like seed-head is then packed full of ripened seeds. The flowers, although numerous, as already observed, are not all produced simultaneously, but in succession; consequently there is a correspondingly lengthy period of seeding.

The Lesser the Better.

There are two prominent wild knapweeds. One is larger and coarser than the other, and the seed-heads of this greater knapweed are more bristling and scaly, while its seeds are fitted with a small, hairy tuft. The lesser one is in every way the better. Wild Goldfinches and Linnets are often to be seen feeding upon this weed, but never on the plantain, unless I am much mistaken.

Thistle seeds are the favourite autumn food of the Goldfinch at liberty, and they should be made the special quarry of all who keep Goldfinches in confinement. The sturdy, robust specimens known as Scotch—possibly because of their dourness and ubiquity—are the Goldfinch's chosen speciality in thistles, and their prickly heads yield to his practised dexterity as tamely as the tender spring dandelion. But the mere human who aspires to the joys of thistle scalping needs to proceed with some discretion, for nothing more instantaneously penetrating than the invisible bristle point of a well-matured thistle is imaginable. The prick of a needle is, by comparison, as the prod of a bludgeon.

The seeding head, however, has its vulnerable point. A firm grip of finger and thumb on the tuft of pappus at the top fixes an effectual strangle-hold. A sharp pair of scissors applied to the stalk directly below effects a bloodless capture, and the seed-head is straightway dropped into whatever receptacle the gatherer is using. An ordinary open handle-basket is an excellent vehicle. The time for performing this operation is when all purple colour has faded from the flower, and the head is turning brown.

Give Thistle-heads Intact.

The heads of thistle so secured should be handed over to the Goldfinches intact as they are gathered, or with no preparation beyond just straining them asunder with a steady pull. This feat is simplified, and the risk of "punctures" reduced, by damping the number of heads required for immediate use by means of a wet cloth, which is laid lightly over them for a few hours beforehand; overnight, for instance, for to-morrow's supply.

It is a mistake to extract the seeds yourself. This not only because of the Goldfinch's native deftness in manipulating these thorny subjects unaided, but also because he derives greater actual benefit from feeding upon thistle seeds which his own exertions have wrested from their natural stronghold than he would from the same seed threshed out and fed to him in a hopper. There may be many sound reasons for this. One suffices. That is, that the occupation undoubtedly contributes to his happiness—witness his eager gusto over it. And it may be taken as a general principle that the first thing to be observed in the tending of all classes of stock, if they are to do their best, is to make them happy; and the Goldfinch wrestling with a thistle head is a happy bird.

Thistle seed-heads will be flourishing and ripening throughout August and most of September, and measures should soon be taken to lay in a store for use during the winter. September is, for various reasons, a better time than August for doing this, and a few lines in next month's notes will be devoted to hints thereon.

Seeds With Wings.

It may be expedient to observe hereabouts that the wild seeds most usefully employed in bird-feeding can be roughly divided into two distinct groups. Group 1 embraces all the composite plants, of which the dandelion is typical, while the thistles may not improperly be described as near relations. The seeds of this group are "winged," i.e., fitted with plumes of feathery pappus whose purpose is to ensure wide distribution. They are essentially the natural food of Goldfinches, for no winged seed appears to come amiss to these birds. Siskins and Redpolls relish them equally with Goldfinches, and most of them appeal also to the Greenfinches' accommodating taste.

Group 2 comprises the crucifers, of which the wallflower is a popular floral example, and the cabbage an equally well-known vegetable representative, both being highly developed by long cultivation and selection. Charlock will serve very well as an illustration of the wild crucifer. The seeds of these cruciferous plants are produced in narrow elongated pods, and they are usually round and black, though sometimes the colour is a dark purplish-red, and occasionally yellow, as in the various rapes and mustard, which are all crucifers.

The seeds of this order of plants are preferred by Linnets, Chaffinches, and Bramblefinches, and are also eaten to some extent by Greenfinches and Twites, but Goldfinches do not touch them. There are numerous varieties of each order—composite and cruciform—whose seeding time runs through the autumn, but limitations of space forbid detailed specification of them all, even if their individual worth warranted it, which it does not. Their use in feeding birds is covered by the application of the broad general rule outlined in the foregoing.

Other weeds of distinctly useful character that enter the seeding period in August are the wild convolvulus-like plants variously known as cornbine, bindweed, lilybine, etc. They are ramblers in habit, sprawling untidily over the ground—unless, indeed, there is anything handy for them to climb. In a corn field, for instance, they twine themselves about the cornstalks, and cling to them like scarlet runners to a bean pole. Their seeds are three-cornered in shape—like buckwheat—and shiny-black in colour when ripe. There are two distinct varieties. One, the smaller and more favoured, has seeds about the size of winter rape, and is more an untidy litterer of the ground and less a climber than the larger, which latter bears seeds about the size of small buckwheat. Both are eaten very freely by all the seed-eaters. Even Chaffinches and Bramblefinches, which are indifferent to so many of the wild foods that are a joy to other birds, are very fond of these wild bindweeds.

Milk Thistle Enhances Colour.

Milk-thistle—one of the composites, by-the-bye—contiues to produce clusters of seed-heads throughout August, and these should be sought for now, particularly on behalf of Bullfinches and Greenfinches, because of the beneficial influence they have on the development of colour in these birds. The other Finches being well provided for in the ample number of other weeds now available, it is as well exclusively to allot to the properties of milk-thistle their most profitable use.

SOME EAST COAST BIRDS

By J. FEW (Wigan).

AS the holiday season is now with us, a few notes on the wild birds of our East Coast may be of interest, although at the mention of the East Coast one naturally thinks of the Germans and their efforts to make the world recognise their "frightfulness." It is not, however, my intention to write about the Huns and their savagery, but to say something of what I saw of the birds of the Yorkshire coast during an afternoon's walk in June.

Getting Back Its Own.

Leaving Bridlington, I proceeded northwards along the sea-cliff, which is gradually being washed away, reminding me of a similar erosion on the Lancashire coast between Blackpool and Bispham. Judging by the number of sea-shells and pebbles that studded the face of the cliff, of which I got a glimpse here and there, what is being removed was obviously deposited by the sea at some remote age.

A few yards in front of me a Pied Wagtail runs from side to side of the beaten track after flies, now and then taking a short flight and uttering the note "chissie." In passing, I may say that a hand-reared "Peggy-Dishwasher" makes a charming pet, and furnishes a little variety in an aviary by its black and white plumage, its quick-running movements, and lively motion of its tail. Moreover, its song, though short, is sweet.

On a fence, a Spotted Flycatcher is perched, whence it darts upon winged insects, returning with graceful sweep to the spot it has just quitted; and, subsisting on similar fare, a Sand Martin flits to and fro alongside the face of the cliff. From the next field a flock of garrulous Rooks rise in a body and alight on a clump of trees in the distance. Now suddenly springing out of the long grass a Skylark with rapturous song soars almost perpendicularly, higher and higher, and then

"Poised in air,
"And warbling his wild notes about the clouds,
"Almost beyond the ken of human sight,
"Clapped to his side his plumy steerage, down
"Drops—instantaneous drops, the silent Lark."

—Dodd.

Flying here and there over the North Sea are several Herring Gulls, and not far from shore on the brilliant blue waters a few common Guillemots, Razorbills, Puffins, and Cormorants are busily engaged diving in pursuit of their finny prey. These birds are from the world-famous sea-birds' home on the north side of the headland, an account of which appeared in Cage Birds of Feb. 7, March 21, and May 2 last year.

Entering a well-wooded vale, the gaily-attired little acrobat, the Blue Tit, proclaims its presence, and a Chaffinch breathes out defiance with "pink, pink." In the trees overhead, flying from branch to branch, the plainly-clad sweet singer, the Willow-Wren, is searching the foliage for insects for its nestlings in the domed nest among the long herbage, and a Blackbird in the distance is fluting through its yellow bill.

Quitting the agreeable coolness of this sylvan retreat by a steep incline, our most popular and almost perennial songster, the Redbreast, presents itself on the top of a post, and with the usual curtsey says, "tit-it-it-it." In a meadow on the right a solitary Lapwing, in company with a small flock of Starlings, is foraging for worms and other edible creatures.

Spring's Impelling Voice.

Arriving at the village of Flamborough, several ubiquitous House Sparrows are dusting themselves in the gutter, and flying swiftly up and down the roadway the "clime-changing" Swallow is sweetly twittering.

"Swallow, why homeward turned thy joyful wing?
"In a fair land I heard the voice of spring;
"I found myself that moment on the way—
"My wings, my wings, they had not power to stay."

—Montgomery.

In this neighbourhood the archæologist finds delight from the quantities of stone axes, flint arrow-heads, and other relics of the ancient Britons which have been found. There are some curious pits or depressions, which, according to some authorities, are British pit-dwellings. The churches in the district contain a number of fine Norman fonts and interesting old bells. At Hunmanby, a British chariot, with horse trappings, was excavated in May, 1907.

Leaving the village of Flamborough, existing in almost mediæval simplicity, and proceeding northwards along the main road, the cheerful little Wren arrests attention by its welcome and varied roundelay, which it executes in brilliant fashion. From overhead comes the note "pee-ep" of the Yellow Wagtail, and hopping beside the hedgerow a Dunnock is constantly picking up the tiniest of morsels.

(To be continued.)

Snap Shots From Sheffield.

A series of short papers by the members of the Sheffield C.B.S., and read in a competition at the meeting of the society held June 4.

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Don'ts for Novices.

EVERY novice has to make a beginning, and I would ask them to note the following "Don'ts."

Don't, when buying your birds, buy here, there and everywhere, as it is an uncertain way to success; better buy from a man who breeds his own winners.

Don't buy birds that are unhealthy. No matter if they be off Palace winners they are dear at a gift, and a disappointment to whoever owns them.

Don't keep unhealthy birds. If bred by yourself, better kill them off.

Don't squander your money unwisely; be sure you get full value, and if you are in doubt ask your fellow members, who will no doubt see you right.

Don't expect too much off a 10s. 6d. pair. Be prepared to pay for something decent; the best is cheapest in the end.

Don't be gulled by fanciers who "puff off" their birds; you are sure to meet such. Give them a wide berth; it will pay you.

Don't, when buying, be put off with anything. Have what you want or leave it alone. Anything bought unsuitable is so much money wasted.

Don't, when your birds are breeding, "play" with them. Also don't invite strangers into your bird-room. Many a good nest of young ones has been lost by doing these things.

Don't think anything will do to feed Canaries on. Always get the best of seed; it is the cheapest.

Don't be downhearted over failure. "If at first you don't succeed try, try again."—"KITCHENER."

Correspondence.

Societies and the War Loan.

Sir,—I was delighted to read in this week's Cage Birds, that the London P.O.S. has decided to invest in the War Loan, £50 from its funds. This will undoubtedly give an impetus to other societies to do likewise. My society, the City and Suburban A.C.B., has already invested £20 in it from patriotic motives as so admirably described by Mr. Huggins in his note.

V. Wynn.

Cheltenham Will "Carry on."

Sir,—Last year, owing to the unsettled state of the country, we considered it advisable to cancel our open show. However, as we have been asked by several prominent fanciers to hold our show this year, we have decided to do so, and trust that the Fancy generally will accord us their generous support. The management will be in the same hands as in previous years, and we shall as usual provide a comprehensive classification. We are doing this solely in the interest of the Fancy, as we believe that without the shows interest would flag considerably, and we hope exhibitors will appreciate this and show it in a practical manner by sending us a record entry.

A. S. Treasure,
W. Poundsett,
Hon. Secs., Cheltenham C.B.S.

Will there be Rhea-Emu Hybrids?

Sir,—An interesting event has just occurred at our Scottish Zoo. The pair of Rheas have hatched out a nest of promising chicks. As mentioned in my article, "A Day With the Birds at the Scottish Zoo," of January last, the peculiarity of the Rhea's family affairs is that the hen merely lays the eggs (a hole scooped in the sand being all the nest she troubles to make) and leaves the incubation and feeding to the "mere male," while she remains a perfectly disinterested looker-on. Our particular Rhea, however, has found an unexpected helper in his arduous duties in the person of a hen Emu (kept in the same enclosure) which has formed an attachment for him and his chicks. She tends the latter as if they were her own. It is indeed a most interesting sight, and has attracted a lot of visitors. The Zoo officials seem to have an opportunity of producing Rhea-Emu hybrids next year.

Dan McArthur.

Blaenavon and its Show.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Broome, of Blaenavon, I was quite correct when I said Blaenavon was away up among the mountains, as Blaenavon is 1,000ft. above the sea level, Pontypool 500ft., and the distance between about five miles. You will see it is not a very gentle rise, 100ft. to the mile. I did not wish to cast any reflection on Blaenavon as regards train service, or any other service for that matter. What I wished to show was that it was out of our way as regards joining their society, for unless you are strong in wind and limb, you need some kind of conveyance to get there. If it is not among the mountains then I fail to understand what a mountain is. I was taught that a mountain is a hill one thousand feet high, and Blaenavon is among mountains much higher. My statement as to the respective altitudes of Pontypool and Blaenavon are taken from the Gazetteer of the British Isles by J. G. Bartholomew, F.R.G.S.

H. H. Vaughan.

P.S.—I would like to say, further, that the article containing that statement was not intended for publication and was sent separate from other intelligence published in the same issue.

[Matter not intended for our printer should always have the words "not for publication" written on it.—Editor.]

The Black Mealworm Returns.

Interesting Experiments by Mr. Claude St. John.

Sir,—The majority of your readers may perhaps have forgotten the correspondence on this subject two years ago, and our old friend, Mr. C. P. Arthur, who very kindly sent me a number of the so-called "black" mealworms for observation, must long ago have lost hope of hearing of them again. The excuse for my long silence is the slow development of the mealworm. It may be remembered that I have many times contended in your columns that the cycle of the metamorphoses of the mealworm is much longer than is generally supposed, and in the last correspondence I stated my belief that this cycle occupied probably two or three years. Now I am able to say definitely that, at least when kept under normal conditions of temperature, the cycle from beetle to beetle is quite two years.

The specimens Mr. Arthur sent me became beetles in June, 1913. Eggs were secured from them, isolated, and kept under frequent observation through all the stages until the next generation of beetles began to emerge, which was not until June of the present year, when two beetles emerged, and four pupæ died, but up to the present no other worms have entered the pupal stage, although all the eggs from which they were produced were deposited about the same time. At some future time I hope to tabulate and arrange the notes I have made during this experiment, but for the present I will content myself with saying that one result is that I am sufficiently convinced that there are two distinct varieties of beetle whose larvæ we know as mealworms, and the so-called "black" mealworms belong to the variety known to entomologists as *Tenebrio obscurus*, the ordinary light coloured variety being known as *T. molitor*. The larvæ and beetles produced from the larvæ sent me by Mr. Arthur have been identified at South Kensington as *T. obscurus*. I say so-called "black," because it really does require some stretch of the imagination to believe them so. In reality they are of a sooty tinge, and never really black, and seem to differ as much in dullness and lack of gloss as in colour. More than this I will not say at this moment, but hope to go more fully into the question at some future date.

Claude St. John.

To Exterminate Lice in Canaries

Sir,—The treatment for lice on Canaries is very different to that for red mite, as the louse lives and breeds on the birds, and the red mite on the cages, etc. I have always found birds a little out of condition most subject to them, hens towards the close of the breeding season, and weakly young ones. The best remedy I know is to take two tablespoonfuls of quassia chips to one quart of boiling water, and let it stand till cool. This I put in a bottle and keep in the bird room. Give the bath daily, adding two tablespoonfuls of the extract, this will kill the nits as well as the lice and is much better than handling the birds to dust them with insect powder. It will also prevent red mite feeding on them. If the birds drink any it will act as a tonic to them.

F. G. B.

Sir,—May I venture to suggest that the correspondents on this subject should confine themselves to the various means of destroying the pest, and avoid dealing with the life history of creatures. Such details must be very obscure and exceptionally difficult for the average mind to grasp, as the effort to explain things of which one has but a very dim and imperfect knowledge can only create confusion and do harm. This suggestion is the outcome of reading a letter on the subject in your issue of July 17, in which the writer, reasoning by analogy from the human louse, says it is "killed by being deprived of its food, i.e., human blood, for about a week." When I say that the louse does not feed on blood, this writer, and also your readers who are interested in the question, will doubtless recognise the wisdom of leaving these obscure life histories alone. Mites have a sucking mouth, and feed by extracting blood from their victims, whereas lice have a gnawing mouth, and subsist on the skin, and the tissue of feather and quills, and do not extract blood in the operation.

Observer.

Success after Failure.

Sir,—In Cage Birds of July 31, a correspondent stated that he had had youngsters out of the nest at 15 days old. This being my first season, I started with three pairs, and like a good many more beginners had bitter disappointments. The first round came to nothing, but in the second round I succeeded in getting eight youngsters, only to lose them when about a week old. I was on the point of giving up for this season, but did not like being beaten, so I sent for Claude St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and then I saw where I had made my mistakes. I started for a third time, and followed his directions. I tried one pair of Canaries, and had three birds on the perches at 21 days' old and all doing well. I also paired a cock Linnet and hen Canary; result four eggs, but the cock broke two, so I took him away, and let

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the hen sit the other two. She hatched one youngster which got all her attention, and at 12 days' old it got out of the nest. I felt disappointed as I thought it was too quick, so I put it back in the nest, but it was out again in a few minutes and hopping round the cage bottom, so I left it to the hen, and on the 14th day it was on the top perches; then my spirits rose, and I felt I had succeeded at last. Has any reader ever experienced a youngster leaving the nest at 12 days' old? I had a brother fancier in to see it the other day, and he said he had never heard of such a case. The youngsters are all doing well now, thanks to Claude St. John and your valuable paper, Cage Birds.

R. Ellerby.

Intelligence in Birds.

Sir,—I note that my critics have returned to the subject of reasoning power in birds though they previously adjured me to talk about "conscience," and solely to oblige them, I did so. This, however, is the only complaint that I have to make, for Mr. Coe writes a letter with much of which I am in accord. I did not claim the desertion of her young by the hen Flycatcher as an instance of pure reasoning, and it is quite likely that instinct had a good deal to do with it—the instinct that tells a bird which has lost its mate or its nest to seek at once another mate and make another attempt. I am also prepared to admit that the actions of insects are based on instinct rather than on intelligence, though one cannot read such a book as Lubbock's "Senses of Animals" without seeing that there is also mind and reasoning power in the insect world.

When, however, he claims that it is not possible to prove that a bird's actions, however wonderful they may seem to man, are not dictated by instinct, I join issue with him. A bird may build its first nest by instinct, or, in other words, by the inherited experience of many thousands of previous generations, but when it finds itself faced by a combination of circumstances which never have occurred before in all the previous history of the race it is quite clear that it must rely on its reasoning powers or follow blind chance. Let us take such a case and attempt to analyse the mental processes involved.

Not long since I was very much amused by a bird story which went the round of the press, because it appeared to be a combination of Irish humour and up-to-date journalism. Great was my surprise to find, on taking up a copy of "British Birds," that an ornithologist had investigated the matter on the spot and that the story was really true. Anyone who knows that severely scientific magazine, "British Birds," and its Editor, Mr. H. F. Witherby, will know that no fairy-tales are admitted there. A Thrush built its nest on the axle of a carriage of an Irish railway. Note that railway trains are a quite modern invention, and that therefore instinct could not possibly help this particular bird in dealing with this particular combination of circumstances. Note also that instinct would have counselled the bird to avoid anything strange, and to build its nest in a natural site. But this carriage was not stationary, it ran up and down daily on a short length of line. When the carriage reached its destination, the Thrush used to leave the train to have a drink and a snack of something to eat—just exactly, let us observe, what we should have done ourselves—but it always returned to the station in plenty of time to catch the train when starting on its return journey. One day, however, the time-table was altered; the train left ten minutes earlier, and the Thrush returned to the platform to find that the train had gone. Now let us note that in all the years that have elapsed since this planet made its appearance in space no Thrush had ever before presumably been in such a predicament; therefore instinct could not come to its assistance. What did it do? Did it desert its nest? No, it was an intelligent bird. It pursued the train; it caught the train (N.B., except to those who know Irish railways or who dwell near the London, Chatham, and Dover line, this may seem improbable) and, when the train reached the other terminus, this clever Thrush was peacefully incubating its eggs. Now, will any reader come forward and say that this bird did not think as we think—reason as we reason?

W. E. Teschemaker.

In the Courts.

Skylarks as a "Nuisance."

James Holder, of Ealing, was summoned at Brentford for keeping "noisy animals."

Arthur Cole, the complainant, said that Holder was a lover of birds, and his principal pets were Skylarks, which he had placed in four cages outside his windows. The noise was so incessant that witness could not use his garden.

The defendant said he only kept two Skylarks, and he took every possible care of them. He contended that they were not a nuisance, and twenty-one neighbours had written to that effect. The Court, however, imposed a penalty of 5s.

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DARVEL C.B.S.

F.F. show, July 27, Town Hall, Mr. G. Alston judged.

Nor. Yell.: 1, 3, Anderson; 2, W. and J. Taylor; 4, Connell. Buff: 1, 3, W. and J. Taylor; 2, Dykes; 4, Connell. Bord. Yell.: 1, 2, Allan; 3, Connell. Buff: 1, 2, Allan; 3, Dykes; 4, Nisbet. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Anderson. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Alston for his services, who after judging the birds pointed out their merits and defects; he was also very highly delighted to be the first judge to place Mr. T. Anderson's Hybrid Song Thrush-Blackbird. Decided to hold a meeting third Tuesday in September to make arrangements for annual Club show.—J. Fairful, Sec.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

F.F. Show, July 31, Cairns Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road. Entries numbered about 60, a slight decrease from last year, but quality was all that could be desired. Mr. John Holmes judged and gave satisfaction. Yell. Nor.: 1, Muir; 2, Weir; 3, Thomson; 4, Hunter; 5, Morrison. Buff: 1, Muir; 2, 4, Charlton; 3, McGinty; 5, 6, Thomson. Gr. or Var. Yell.: 1, Thomson; 2, Stormont; 3, 6, Hunter; 4, Morrison; 5, Charlton. Buff: 1, Muir; 2, Stormont; 3, Charlton; 4, McGinty; 5, 6, Frier. Crest or C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Morrison. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Bord.: 1, 5, Weir; 2, 6, Muir; 3, Hutchison; 4, Brown. Buff: 1, 3, 6, Brash; 2, 4, Weir; 5, Hutchison. Yell.: 1, 2, Hutchison; 3, Muir. Buff: 1, 3, 4, Rice; 2, 5, Hutchison. Varieg. Mule: 1, Hutchison. Goldf. or Linnet Mule, Dark: 1, Morrison. A.O.V. Mule, Dark: 1, Hutchison.—J. C. Charlton, Sec.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—Aug. 11, Station Cafe, 8.30. Lecture on Moulting, Mr. J. Critchley.—C. Bailey.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Aug. 12, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 7.30. Debate on Colour-feeding.—E. Johnson.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Aug. 7, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, 3. Members' F.F. show; judge, Mr. H. Boothman.—J. Whitehead.

Alfreton C.B.S.—Aug. 14, Red Lion Hotel, 6. Important show business; drawing up of schedule, and other business.—G. Beardall.

Birmingham South O.S.—Aug. 11, Marlboro' Hotel, 8.30. Report of young bird show; prize-money and specials paid out; debate on winter shows.—J. Sheppard.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Mr. W. L. Smith, South Shields, has kindly promised to read a paper on his experiences in the cage bird Fancy. I hope that all members will turn up and bring friends. Note the date, Aug. 14, Dun Cow Hotel, at 6. All fanciers welcome.—R. Ward.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Aug. 9, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8. British Birds (part II.), by Mr. A. J. Marley. Visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.—Aug. 11, Alexandra Hotel, Private Entrance, Penge, 8.30. Balance-sheet of F.F. show. Committee please attend to save special call in reference to choice of cups.—W. D. Fryett.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Aug. 14, Black Bull, 7. Discussion on holding annual members' show, and other important business.—G. Hunt.

Farnworth C.B.S.—Aug. 11, Church House, Church Road, 8. Show business, etc.—W. Dawson.

Glasgow West of Scotland.—Aug. 7, Nelson Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Mule and Hybrid F.F. show. New members still being enrolled.—W. Hutchison.

Halifax O.S.—Aug. 7, Plummet Lino Hotel, 7.30. Members' meeting, also to discuss about applying for Norwich Plainhead patronage.—H. Clegg.

Ilkeston.—Aug. 7, New Inn, Bath Street, 7. Important.—Geo. Siddown.

Keighley C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Hare and Hounds, 7.30. —C. W. Town.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Aug. 7, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5.30. Young bird show; specials for best Nor., best Bord., and most points. New members specially invited.—T. J. McGregor.

Leeds C.B.S.—No meeting this month.—E. Norton.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Aug. 10, White Swan, 8. "The Norwich Plainhead," by Mr. W. A. Gibbins.—A. Freestone.

Manningham C.B.A.—No meeting on Aug. 7, owing to holidays.—F. Darwent.

Norwich Plainhead Club.—Aug. 7, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deangate, Bolton, 3.—F. Cunliffe.

Northern Norwich P.C.—Aug. 11, Shields Cafe, Bigg Market, 8. Allotting of patronage and other very important business.—F. W. Laidlow.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—Aug. 11, Shields Cafe, Bigg Market, 8. Table show, two classes in each section. Question of annual show.—R. Tindale.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Aug. 11, Club-room, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. General business, prize-money, etc.—A. W. Newton.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Fleece Hotel, Stanningley, 7.30.—Roy Kell.

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—Aug. 14, Colliery Inn. Selection of judge and arranging classification for annual show, Nov. 20.—J. Stanger.

S. Shields.—Aug. 7, Cyprus, 7. Judge for annual. —Notice unsigned (Editor).

South London Col. and F.A.—Aug. 12, headquarters, 8. General meeting; annual show business, etc.—Geo. Burton.

Swansea C.B.A.—Aug. 14, Mansel Hotel, 8. To pay prize-money, specials, etc., won at F.F. shows, and to consider advisability of open show.—Rees and Hitchings.

Tong C.B.S.—Aug. 7. Members' show and meeting. Birds staged 3. Meeting while judging; judge, Mr. T. Benuett, of Bradford.—W. Walker.

York C.B.S.—Aug. 9, All Saints Schoolroom, 8. Lecture by Mr. F. B. Sissons on British Finches; proposal re alteration of date for open show.—V. G. F. Zimmermann.

West Stanley Empire F.F. and C.B.S.—Aug. 8, Club Room, 7. Important.—R. Hutchinson.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Horse and Groom, 7. Monthly business; subs. due.—W. Chapman.

Walton, Everton C.B.S.—No meeting this month owing to holidays.—W. C. Robinson.

Windhill C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Blue Bell Hotel, 6.30. Open and members' show business, etc.; subs. due. —J. Taylor.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

CLICKING NOISE IN THROAT (E. H. M.).—One cannot say definitely what the cause of this trouble may be without knowing something about the conditions under which the bird is kept and its general treatment. It may be bronchial trouble, or even simply overfatness. See that the bird is not exposed to direct draughts, heated and unhealthy fumes from burning lights in the evenings, sudden extremes of heat and cold, and do not hang it high up near the ceiling. In addition to the usual seed diet give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day. On the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of hemp, niger, white millet, and teazle, and give a little green food daily. Every second day for a week add to the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give instead five drops each of oxymel of squills, tincture of lobelia and ipecacuanha wine every second day for a fortnight. If not then well, please write again and give full particulars of your management hitherto, when I will advise you further. But remember that the removal of the exciting causes is the most important part of the treatment.

MISS M. H., and J. G.—Replied to by post.

ABOUT ROLLERS (Chas. Joy).—(1) A "Pure Randall" should mean that the bird in question is directly descended from the strain of the well-known breeder and exhibitor of that name. (2) Seifert and Glucke Rollers are the same breed of Canary, but bred and trained for different types of song. The Seifert may be termed a kind of variety artiste, and the Glucke a specialist in the performances on the song tour known as the "glucke." (3) Sorry, but I cannot at the moment say whether Mr. Randall specialises in both or either of this class of songster. (4) No, it is not advisable to mix well-bred and trained birds of different types of song, such as would occur by mating a Seifert cock with a Glucke hen. To keep the strain pure and efficient you should mate a Glucke cock with a Glucke hen, and similarly with other strains. (5) The secretary of the B.R.C.C. is Mr. J. W. Norris, 31, Scylla Road, Peckham Rye, S.E.

BARE AND SORE HEAD (H. C.).—Sorry, but your first query was temporarily crowded out, and a postal reply seems to have gone astray. Treat generally the same as advised in the reply which has been re-sent, and instead of the ointment you are now using dust the sore spots liberally with plain, dry boracic powder, and in the intervals when the moisture is not troublesome anoint them about every second day with Lanecyllin ointment. You may also add to the drinking water every second day for a week 15 drops of fluid magnesia and ten drops of lemon juice, and omit the chemical food altogether whilst you are giving this. After the first week give the chemical food as previously advised for three weeks, and you may repeat this until the end of the moult or until the sores have quite disappeared, whichever may happen first.

PLUCKING AND ACCOMMODATION (Brushwood).—(1) The constant plucking about the ears can scarcely fail to injure the bird more or less. Your best plan is to put the youngster in a nursery, or you might rig up a small open wire cage as a temporary nursery, and hang it on the front of the cock's cage, so that he could feed the youngster through the wires if so inclined. This, of course, is assuming that he is still partly feeding the youngster, but if he is not, and it is able to do without any assistance of this kind, you should remove it at once to a cage by itself for a week or two to enable it to gather a little skill in getting about the perches. Then you may place it in the aviary. It is not likely that the plucking would cease if both birds were in same cage as the hen. Considering his egg-eating proclivities, the cock would be best caged alone. Possibly, if you were to keep a dummy egg in the cage during the winter, he may tire of trying to investigate the internal economy of such trifles by next spring. (2) With proper attention to cleanliness an aviary of the size you name would accommodate 40 Canaries. This would be "a full house," and would not allow of breeding, so that I see no reason for any judicial allocation of sexual proportions. If you want to breed in it, then three cocks and 10 or 11 hens would be sufficient to begin with each season. Possibly the cock referred to in No. 1 might forego his plucking habit in the aviary, but only the actual test can prove this.

MRS. B. SIMONET and E.M.T.—Replied to by post.

REARING YORKSHIRES (W. J.).—Sorry I cannot read your pseudonym, so am replying under initials. Had you given me some particulars as to how you feed and treat the birds generally, and some idea as to the condition of health they are in, and the number of each sex and size of the aviary I might have been able to give you some definite information which would have been useful, but in the absence of any tangible clue to work on nothing short of a general résumé of the management of breeding stock would be of any material use to you. Therefore, as it is also too late to continue efforts to breed any longer this season, I cannot advise you better than to get one of our handbooks on the subject, and master the contents between now and next spring, when you should, by following closely the advice thus obtained, be able to rear the young after hatching almost or quite as easily as you get them hatched. Probably, if the birds fly loose in the aviary, you have too great a proportion of cocks among them. The general management and feeding of Yorkshires for breeding does not differ in any way from any other breed of Canary. For general information about rearing young get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free; or for information on the separate breeds House's "Canary Manual," 1/2, post free, would suit you.

MOULTING BIRDS SINGLY (A. Bradshaw).—Yes, certainly; you can moult your cock birds singly, just as well as in twos or threes. The hens also, if necessary on account of plucking, may be moulted singly. The only advantage of moulting two or three together is that the birds generally take the colour-feed more freely. But if the birds pluck each other, particularly in the case of Lizards, all those addicted to the practice must be moulted singly in separate cages. With Lizards it is very essential that this should be done at once immediately any signs of plucking are detected.

DEFORMED TOES (Neil Hunter).—Allow the bird to wear the one ring for a fortnight at least, and then remove it and put a similar ring on the other toe, and also put in the cage thin, and nearly round perches—about the size of an ordinary lead pencil. Allow the second ring to remain in position three weeks, then remove it, and leave the thin perches to complete the correction of the deformity in the ordinary course of nature. Keep the thin perches in cage until you see that the bird has a fairly good grip of the perch with the hind toes, which may be in two or three months hence.

IN MOULT (D. McGill).—Six weeks is not an exceptionally long time for a bird to be moulting, neither is there anything at all abnormal about a bird being now in moult. Place a light cover over the cage, such as a piece of unbleached calico, and keep it in a fairly warm and well ventilated position, which will help it to complete the moult more quickly and thoroughly. Allow it to bathe daily if it will do so. In addition to the usual staple diet of canary and rape, give every second day a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, or half a teaspoonful of egg food sprinkled with maw as a variant, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, mullet, teazle, linseed and broken groat. Four times a week give also a morsel of green food, or a few wild seed heads. As soon as you notice new quills about the head you may add to the drinking water six drops of dilute sulphuric acid and a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a large hemp seed three times a week until the plumage is quite fully grown.

TOES TURNED UNDER (Novice, Kidsgrove).—It needs a very intimate knowledge of the birds themselves to enable one to say with any degree of certainty what is the cause of this deformity in any given case. There can be no doubt that in some cases it is a congenital defect, though it may not show itself until the young birds leave the nest. But in the majority of cases it is probably due to straining or similar injuries to the feet, which may occur in the nest when there are only one or two youngsters in the brood and they have to make more effort to support themselves whilst being fed, or it may be due to unsuitable, badly fitting, or awkwardly placed perches. On the other hand, I have seen a bird actually bring on the defect almost instantaneously by dashing excitedly in play from perch to perch. If only the hind toes are affected, an early application of rubber bands, and treating as advised to "Neil Hunter" in this issue will remedy the defects in a great number of cases, but if all the toes on each foot are affected I am afraid you can do nothing for the bird, beyond giving it rather wide and flat perches on which it can stand, rather than perch in the usual way, and place them rather low to enable it to reach them with the minimum of effort.

STILL RATHER SQUEAKY (L. Gibson).—Glad to hear the bird has made a fairly good improvement, but from your description I fear it is beyond being quite cured. Still it may be worth trying a little longer. Make yourself quite sure that it is not exposed to any exciting causes as named before. Stop all medicine for the next fortnight, and during that time give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed every third day, and during the first week add to the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day. At the end of the fortnight stop these extras, and begin again with the medicine previously advised, except that you should omit the spirits of nitre, and add in its place five drops of tincture of tolu and continue this every second day for two or three weeks. Remember that the fullest success may depend far more upon the elimination of the causes than upon any amount of medicinal treatment. Glad to be of assistance at any time.

TWO HENS (Alice M. Cook).—(1) If the hen is not more than two or three years old it may be quite worth while keeping her to try again next season, but if over this age I should not think it worth risking. It does not by any means follow that she will behave in the same way in nesting next season as she has done this year. The probability is that if you had given her a brood of young chicks of some kind when she had been sitting a little over a fortnight it would have roused her dormant instincts, and set matters right. (2) Keep the cage, perches and water vessels of this bird as clean as possible, and in addition to the staple of canary and rape, give every second day a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut well dusted with carbonate of bismuth, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, broken groats and maw seed. In the drinking water add six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of opium for two consecutive days and then every second day until the droppings become normal.

A WHEEZY YORKSHIRE (Arch Dunn).—I'm afraid you have spoilt the chance the bird had by keeping it without treatment so long. Still, you may try what the following will do for it. See that it is kept in a comfortable temperature, not necessarily a very high one, but free from direct cold draughts, or sudden extremes of heat and cold. Do not hang it near or over a burning light in the evenings, nor in or very near a window. In addition to the staple diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give a morsel of banana. Give a spray of watercress or two crisp young leaves of dandelion daily. During the first week add to the water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day, and in the next week give instead five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia and sweet spirit of nitre every second day. The latter may be continued for a fortnight if necessary. Unless the bird fully recovers you would be well advised not to breed with it again.

AN ESCAPADE (W.H.).—You cannot do better than allow the hen to remain as quiet as possible until she resumes activity of her own accord. Probably the escapade resulted in the bird being injured in some way, possibly a little crushed in catching her hurriedly, and the best you can do for this is to leave it to nature to remedy, aiding it only by rest and quietude. The most I would advise you to do is to add a small crystal of sulphate of soda to the water for two days if any aperient seems to be called for. Glad to hear the former advice was successful.

MATING ROLLERS (Balbee).—(1) I do not think there would be much likelihood of really serious results from the cock's vigorous wooing if you mated the birds and left them to take their chance until the hen had laid her clutch of eggs; then you could remove him and leave her to hatch and rear the young by herself. But if you do not care to risk this I see no reason why you should not try him with the variegated hen, and let the other cock take his place with the green hen. Better still, you might mate him with the variegated hen first, and when she has begun to sit, remove him and mate him with the green hen when she is rather forward with nesting, so that he would be with her only a few days before she laid her clutch. It would not even be essential for him to remain with her constantly if there seemed any fear of him driving the hen too fiercely. It would suffice to let him run with her for two or three hours each morning until the eggs were laid, and then keep him away altogether until the young were reared. (2) In using the mixture for soft moult you should give 20 drops in an ordinary drinking vessel, which, except some of the old-fashioned bottle fountains, usually holds a little over a fluid ounce. To be precise, add 20 drops of the mixture to each ounce, i.e., two tablespoonfuls of water.

THROWS SEED ABOUT (S. W. F.).—It is undoubtedly suffering from digestive derangements. The following should soon set matters right, but see in the first place that the bird is not exposed to direct cold draughts or extremes of temperature. As staple diet give plain canary only. Give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of dry summer rape and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet and teazle and a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with soft sugar. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea daily for three days, and then every second day for the rest of the week. After this give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight.

KEEPING HEN BACK (A. M. J.).—Turn the hen into a fairly large cage or flight where she can get plenty of exercise; feed on a diet of plain canary seed with just a pinch of summer rape twice a week, and a small teaspoonful of egg food once a week, and give a liberal supply of green food—watercress, chickweed, or groundsel, but not dandelion—and, if convenient, keep her out of sight and earshot of the cocks. If she appears to be getting very forward add to the drinking water for three consecutive days as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. Nothing else should be necessary. If a casual egg now and again should be deposited on the floor, throw it away; it will be of little moment, and need cause no anxiety at all. The fee you name certainly seems excessive for setting a broken leg, but I am afraid the only remedy is, if the necessity should again arise, to go elsewhere. Glad to know the other birds are now better.

TO PAIR WITH YELLOW-RUMPED FINCH (Birdie).—The most suitable variety of Canary to pair with the above would be a Hartz, but any small variety would meet the case, and a green bird would possibly be more readily accepted than a yellow or buff, but the two latter would probably throw better variegated progeny.

NOT NESTING (F. E. H.).—You have probably shortened the hen's career of usefulness as a stock bird by overtaxing her last season. Most likely

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she will come into breeding condition rather late this season, but may begin in earnest any time now. Her lack of condition is not the cause of the too vigorous wooing of her mate; that is more likely to be due to his own excess of vitality. Treat her as follows for a fortnight or so, leaving the wire slide between them until the hen shows more pronounced signs of nesting. In addition to the staple seed diet give half a teaspoonful of egg food, or its equivalent in bread and milk, every second day. On the alternate days give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts of maw, gold of pleasure and sesame. Give also a small growing stool of fresh young dandelion daily. In the water add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea and ten drops of syrup of buckthorn daily for three days, and after this give every second day for a week or ten days six drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid.

BRITISH BIRDS MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

LINNET NOT SINGING (Storey) I am doubtful if your Linnet is quite through the moult yet; it seems much too early. It is possible that if you have patience it will be all right later on. You do not say how you are feeding him, but just now a little lightly cracked hemp of good quality would do him good. Also give him a course of chemical food; put a small teaspoonful in his drinking water (boil the water first). Supply him with plenty of wild food; it is abundant just now, and there is nothing better for them during the moult.

MIXED AVIARY (P. Wardle).—It is, of course, impossible to feed birds separately when they are all flying together in the aviary. What you must do is to feed for the most delicate of the lot, and always keep your eye on him; if you notice at any time he is not getting his share of the good things going, take him out for a week or so, and feed him separately. (2) It is quite a matter of taste about colour-feeding. I do not think it is necessary with your bird; feed him on plenty of natural food, and either let him moult in an aviary or in a large cage placed outside as much as possible. (3) Privet and bilberrice are not the same. One is the fruit of the privet shrub, and the other grows on a dwarf shrub, mostly on the moors. The privet will grow almost anywhere, and is common in many hedges and borders of woods in the Southern Counties.

LARKS WITH CRAMP (L.T.).—Cramp in young Skylarks is caused through improper treatment, and of your method you give no hint, neither do you say if your birds are hand-reared or freshly-caught. If you are hand-rearing, it should be on good food, something that the birds can easily digest, such as a good brand of insectile food with a little hard-boiled egg added. If they are old enough, give them a mild aperient, such as Epsom or Glauber salts, dissolved in the drinker, and write to this office for the Nutshell booklet on the Skylark, price

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2½d., post free; it will give you full instructions on hand-rearing and feeding and subsequent treatment—much more fully than I can in these replies.

BULLFINCH UNWELL (No Name).—You are probably feeding your Bullfinch wrongly. I can only infer this from his symptoms, as you tell me nothing of your treatment. You had better get the Nutshell booklet No. 11, on the Bullfinch, and treat him according to the full instructions given in it. Until you get it, give the bird a cube of stale bread dipped in hot milk with just a dusting of powdered bismuth on it; this you can repeat daily until he is better. At this time of the year his chief food should consist of wild seeds, berries, and fruit; the supply should be continuous right through the autumn months.

FEEDING MULES (R. Rennie).—The book you should get is "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding," 1s. 2d. post free. It will not only interest you immensely but give you all the information you require. I gather from your letter that your Mules are feeding themselves, and that you are giving them what you call a Goldfinch mixture. It is a mistake to leave off egg food altogether; this should be given at intervals and varied with a little bread and milk. Offer soaked rape seed, and occasionally a little cracked hemp; also include a few split groats and crushed sunflower. Gather handfuls of seeding wild seeds and supply these freely—there is nothing better for young growing Mules and Hybrids, such seeds are plentiful just now (see article this week), and can be given freely. Gather, if possible, in the full sunshine, and strip off any large coarse leaves. If you keep them in separate cages the cock will soon commence to sing. (2) You could keep your hen Canary for another year if she is not an old bird. The fact that she laid a couple of soft-shelled eggs does not mean that she will always do so; it is, as a rule, a matter of health, probably she required a tonic. One of my own birds did the same, but she was all right the second nest. I gave chemical food; you should do the same, it is a safe remedy.

WHAT BIRD? (P. F. Stride).—Your bird is a cock Ortolan Bunting. He will live almost entirely on Canary seed, but should be offered a little mixed seed as well. Buy a packet of wild seed mixture and let him pick over a spoonful of it occasionally, also try him with a few split groats. Let him have a bath frequently; this will tighten up his plumage and keep him in good feather. These birds are not much of singers, their song somewhat resembles that of the Yellow Bunting, but is scarcely so continuous.

LINNETS MOPY (Linnet Lover).—If your birds have been out of sorts since Whitsun you should certainly have written before; the sooner these ailments are attended to the better. It would be as well had you sent me a sample of your screenings from the stack yard, as these frequently contain seed that are of no value to a bird in captivity. For the present let them have the stock mixture, a little soaked seeds daily, and plenty of seeding wild food. Collect shepherd's purse, chickweed, sow-thistle, seeding grass, etc., and give a daily supply, strip off all large leaves. Give 10 drops of syrup of rhubarb in the drinking water, watch their motions, and see that the medicine moves them freely. You must not expect much song just now as they will soon be going into moult if they have not already started. Anyway, if, as I expect, you see an improvement in their health, that is all you should expect now, they will go through the moult all the better.

TREATMENT OF YOUNG MULES (Jack).—The critical period with young Mules, is, as with most young stock, when they leave the old birds and commence to do for themselves. For the first week keep them supplied with egg-food, as given to the old birds when rearing. At the same time, supply split groats, cracked canary and rape, also a little hemp, but only give a small quantity of the cracked hemp at a time, just as much as they will clear up. As they begin to eat the seed, gradually leave off the egg-food giving it less frequently and not so much of it. You should also vary this with milk sop made by soaking a cube or so of stale bread in hot milk. This will regulate the bowels, especially if a dusting of brown sugar is added to it. Should any of them show signs of illness, increase the milk sop, and if necessary add a drop or two of cod liver oil to it, but not unless you think they are losing flesh. Let them bathe daily on suitable days, it strengthens them and keeps away insects. Do not give them much green-food, but the seeding tops of plants they can have pretty liberally. With this treatment they should do well.

ACCOMMODATION (Bosco, Watford).—Your cage accommodation is certainly too limited for the number of birds your have to find room for, but you might, with strict attention to cleanliness, run the risk of keeping them until the latter end of the year, when they will be well over the moult, and you will be able to make a final selection of those you wish to retain as stock for next season and dispose of the rest, which I take it is your object. Anyway, I would not advise you to keep all of them any longer than is absolutely necessary in the space now available, as they will be decidedly overcrowded. If you can make up groups for each cage without mixing up the old and young stock, at the same time keeping the sexes separate, by all means do so, but if this is not practicable, then you should give the preference to keeping the sexes separate. In the larger Crystal Palace cage keep 11, in the smaller one 7, and in each of the 4ft. flight cages 8. Remember, this is nearly double the number the cages will properly accommodate; therefore, to ensure a fair chance of keeping the birds free from the evil effects of overcrowding you should keep the cage floors well covered with sawdust or clean sand, and clean out the cages every second or third day, putting in fresh sand or sawdust each time (do not sift the floor covering and use it a second time). If small drinkers are used, cleanse and refill them every morning and night. It would be far better in such circumstances to use self-supplying fountains, to ensure a more pure supply of water, which is an important matter in such circumstances.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

RING-NECKED PARRAKEETS WITH LOOSENESS (Lawrenson).—Make their drinking water just saline with glauber salts for one day. Follow this by lightly colouring the drinking water with chemical food for about one month, but giving them clear water once a week. Get one quart each giant canary, white millet, and white oats, one pint each dari, hemp and sunflower seeds, half-a-pint shelled pea nuts. Well mix and keep supply in cage. The matter of sand on cage tray is unimportant, but the birds should be given a pinch of Parrot grit daily; scatter it on whatever you use as an absorbent on cage tray. If they eat freely of fruit, greenfood is not important, but I think they would take fresh green peas. These are hardy birds, but while they do not need coddling, they must not be subjected to draught.

GREEN PARROT WITH COLD (Mrs. Askew).—You do not give me sufficient data to form an opinion as to what your bird is really suffering from. I do not think chill is the cause. Repeat your query next week with full details as to how you feed and treat, and how long you have had it. In the meantime make the drinking water saline with glauber salts for one day, and as it refuses its seed you had better prepare the following sop: Half a small sponge cake; spread over this half-a-teaspoonful of cod liver emulsion, one teaspoonful of condensed milk, and about half a teacupful of boiling water; when cool supply to the bird. Give this daily till you get our further reply. Keep it warm and supply the seed mixture regularly, and after the one dose of salts lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food daily. Grit and cuttlebone must be continually in the cage.

REARING RIBBON FINCHES (R. W. Carr).—Ribbon Finches, while ready enough to go to nest and hatch out, often prove unsatisfactory parents. Once a good feeding pair is obtained they are very prolific. In a roomy natural aviary they should catch sufficient live food to rear their young without difficulty, but I suggest that you supply live ants' eggs and gentles when the next brood hatches out, and if they will not rear them, you may as well get rid of them as being hopelessly bad feeders. Keep your series under close observation for a time, and note whether the Budgerigars are causing trouble by nibbling round the outside of the nest. Canaries, too, are intensely curious, and I have known their prying ways to cause both Foreign and British species to forsake their nests at all stages. It is always well to strive thus to ascertain the cause of failure, as the conditions of every aviary vary to some extent, and all general rules must be modified accordingly.

CHANGING PLUMAGE (Dark Feathers).—The colour of the plumage varies to some extent at different ages; again, sometimes too much hemp has a tendency to darken the plumage. I should say there was sufficient hemp in the mixture without your supplying it separately. Continue to feed on the boiled maize, but in lieu of the hemp supply the following mixture: 1 pint each giant canary, white millet, white oats, hemp and sunflower seeds, ¼-pint shelled pea-nuts. Well mix and keep supply in the cage. Supply also ripe fruit (apple, banana, grapes, etc.), pieces of stale bread and biscuit. Cuttlebone must be continually in the cage. Grit must only be supplied sparingly at first. Give a small pinch occasionally and gradually increase frequency and quantity. When the bird has become accustomed to it, supply daily without limit. Till the bird is well established, keep it in quite warm yet well-ventilated quarters. It must not be subjected to draught or cold winds.

TREATMENT FOR PEACH-FACED LOVEBIRDS (F. H.).—The first thing is to secure a good sized cage, say about 20 inches square at base and two feet high. Do not have the usual straight perches, but put in a branch reaching from top to bottom, consisting of twigs both thick and thin, so that the birds can exercise their propensity for climbing to the full. Seed mixture: 1 quart each canary and white millet seed, 1 pint each oats and hemp-seed—well mix the whole together and keep a continuous supply in the cage. Also supply green-food (such as green peas, flowering and seeding grass, lettuce, weeds, etc., according to the season); ripe fruit can be regularly given, any kind they will take. The following can be given as extras, and to vary the regular diet a little; dry crusts and biscuits, few monkey nuts and plain cake, such as sponge and madeira, etc. Grit and cuttlebone must be kept continually in the cage—by grit I do not mean merely gritty sand, but grit; such can be obtained from many of our advertisers. Once established, these birds are not delicate, but should be carefully protected against draught. Do not allow them to become constipated, whenever the voidings are stiff and hard give a mild laxative in the drinking water as required to keep them regulated. Parrakeets, to which group the Lovebirds belong, are woodcutters, therefore an all-wire cage is the best, but a light wood screen to cover up two of the sides should be provided and kept at a sufficient distance from the cage to prevent the birds exercising their beaks thereon. Water should be regularly supplied, also tufts of wet, English grass for them to roll in. A small barrel should be fixed at top of cage for nesting purposes—a useful size is 6in. diameter by 9in. deep.

AMAZON SNEEZING, ETC. (A. A. B.).— Spraying or bathing, if carefully done, should not alarm the bird or delay the taming process unduly—attendance of all kinds should be carried through quietly, and never done in a rush. Bathe or spray the nostrils with a dilute solution of glyco-thymoline daily till the running ceases. The bowels should move quite freely, but without undue looseness; put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia into the drinking water daily until this state has been reached, then only give an occasional dose to keep them properly regulated. Keep the bird strictly out of draught, and, till the trouble has passed, in fairly warm quarters. On hot days (about three weekly) you can safely give it a light spraying with a tepid quassia solution. During the present shortage of supplies watch your seed mixture—refuse any that does not smell fresh and sweet in every way; if there are any mildewed seeds among it reject the whole. You can also give dry crusts and biscuits, a little plain cake and nuts. Grit, cuttlebone, and a piece of a tree branch for it to exercise its mandibles upon must be continually supplied. Get a packet of proper Parrot-grit and scatter a pinch over cage tray daily. If the bird is at all thin give daily a little cod-liver oil emulsion thinly spread on sponge cake or anything similar that it will eat. It would also be quite safe to give a little honey and borax in the same manner as the C.L.O. emulsion. The tail movement you mention is caused at times by bowel trouble, also it is a quite natural movement with many Parrots; report progress a fortnight hence with full details.

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GREY PARROT (Gun-Bexhill).—I think it will be sufficient to put this bird on a course of bynophosphates and fluid magnesia. That is, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days put half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the water. Once a week, for a month or six weeks, dissolve 3 drops of tincture of opium in a little syrup and stir this into the drinking water in lieu of the phosphates. Keep continuous supplies of grit (not sand) and cuttlebone in the cage, also a piece of wood for it to cut up. It would be well to examine its mouth and throat, and if at all slimy or furred, put a little honey and borax into the mouth daily till the mouth is quite clean. Exercise, such as a little liberty outside its cage, as opportunity occurs, will also benefit the bird. Never permit constipation. At the least signs of this give the laxative at once. The bowels should always move quite freely, at the same time there should not be chronic undue looseness.

DOUBLE-FRONTED AMAZON (A. S. S., Fleetwood).—Keep the bird warm and put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day. Foment the eyes (as the skin is evidently broken you had better only use tepid water); dry with a soft cloth and then anoint lightly the bare parts with boracic ointment. After draining all water from the boiled maize, soak into it half a teaspoonful of cod liver oil emulsion, and then dust with flowers of sulphur and supply to the bird. In addition to the diet you name, supply ripe fruit daily, such as sweet apple, banana, etc. Twice or thrice weekly put half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the drinking water, but not on the same days as you give the magnesia. Do not omit grit, this (Parrot grit) should be supplied regularly as part of the menu. If the bird's mouth is at all furred or slimy, put a little honey and borax therein daily, so long as any sliminess remains. Report progress in two or three weeks with fullest details.

FEATHER-PLUCKING (Miss A.M.).—Spray with a tepid quassia solution twice a week. Cease giving the table scraps, etc., which have wrought the mischief, and feed only on the normal dietary. It will be a tiresome task breaking the bird of the habit, and you may not entirely succeed. Give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, continue this for some time, but if the bird should become abnormally loose, then only give the magnesia once a week. Twice a week put half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the drinking water. Confine the dietary somewhat as follows: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, greenfood, crust of stale bread, pieces of biscuit, and plain cake; this will give ample variety. Cuttlebone and grit (not sand) must be continually in the cage; also a thickish piece of a branch for the bird to exercise its mandibles upon.

OVERGROWN BEAK, ETC. (E.B.H.).—I should advise the Dinneford's Magnesia and Chemical Food for this bird, and to leave the Chemical Food alone for the time being. Lettuce is quite wholesome for birds, large and small, but the fleshy centre stem should always be cut out. Of course, whenever the beak is abnormally long it must be cut back, but not far enough to make it bleed, the Friar's Balsam is to check the bleeding when the error of cutting too far back is made. Put a little cod liver oil (not the emulsion, as he objects to that), a few drops, on the daily supply of boiled maize, and if allowed to soak in, and then the maize stirred with a fork, the bird might take it unnoticed. Give it pieces of tree branches, thick and thin, to exercise its mandibles upon, and if you have a lump or two of old mortar rubbish about he may bite at these, and thus assist in keeping his beak normal.

PIGEONS, DOVES, ETC. (Esperance).—As regards the cage for a pair of doves or pigeons, any roomy box will do, but you must make it rain and wind tight, and you must fix it on the wall well out of the reach of cats; if you nail a sheet of zinc underneath the bottom of cage, and let it extend three or four inches to the front and ends, bending the projecting portion slightly downwards, this will make it very difficult for cats to get at it except from above. It will certainly be best to keep them penned up for a bit, and this means covering up the hole they are to get in and out by. I take it that you are in the midst of a thickly populated district, therefore I think a pair of pigeons would suit you best. You should get a young pair that have not been previously let out. You must have a pair, as odd birds would seek mates and not stay with you. The only way to check breeding is to remove the eggs after the birds have incubated them about a week. You can remove while fresh if you choose, but this has a tendency to cause exhaustion from over-laying. Some maker's catalogue of pigeon cotes would help you as to design. If you will repeat your query as to local shows, and give your full name and address, the Editor will give you an answer. Questions on different subjects should not be mixed up on the same sheet of paper. Re Budgerigars, I am under the impression I have already answered your query on these. If not, if you will read replies to other correspondents, you will easily be able to apply them to meet your need. As regards the magnesia, give a dose of this sufficiently often to keep the bowels moving freely, yet without any appearance of undue looseness. Please note your query only arrived at our office on Friday morning, after CAGE BIRDS was actually on sale! Queries received during any week are answered in the issue of the next week after.

AILING GREY PARROT (L. Hunter).—Put one teaspoonful of Fluid Magnesia in the bird's drinking water every other day, but if the voidings become watery loose, then cease giving the magnesia for a time. Get a box of honey and borax from your chemist, and give the bird a little once or twice a day—there are several ways of doing this, and in your case I should thinly spread a little over a piece of bread, as your bird is accustomed to take pieces of bread, but if he will not so take it, then try it with the other items you give it, viz., with the rice or potato; if all these methods fail you must smear a little on the end of a small stick; you can easily tease the bird into biting the stick, and thereby getting the mixture smeared on tongue and mouth. Only a clean stick must be put into the mixture. Treat the birds so for a fortnight, and then report progress, fully describing its condition.

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

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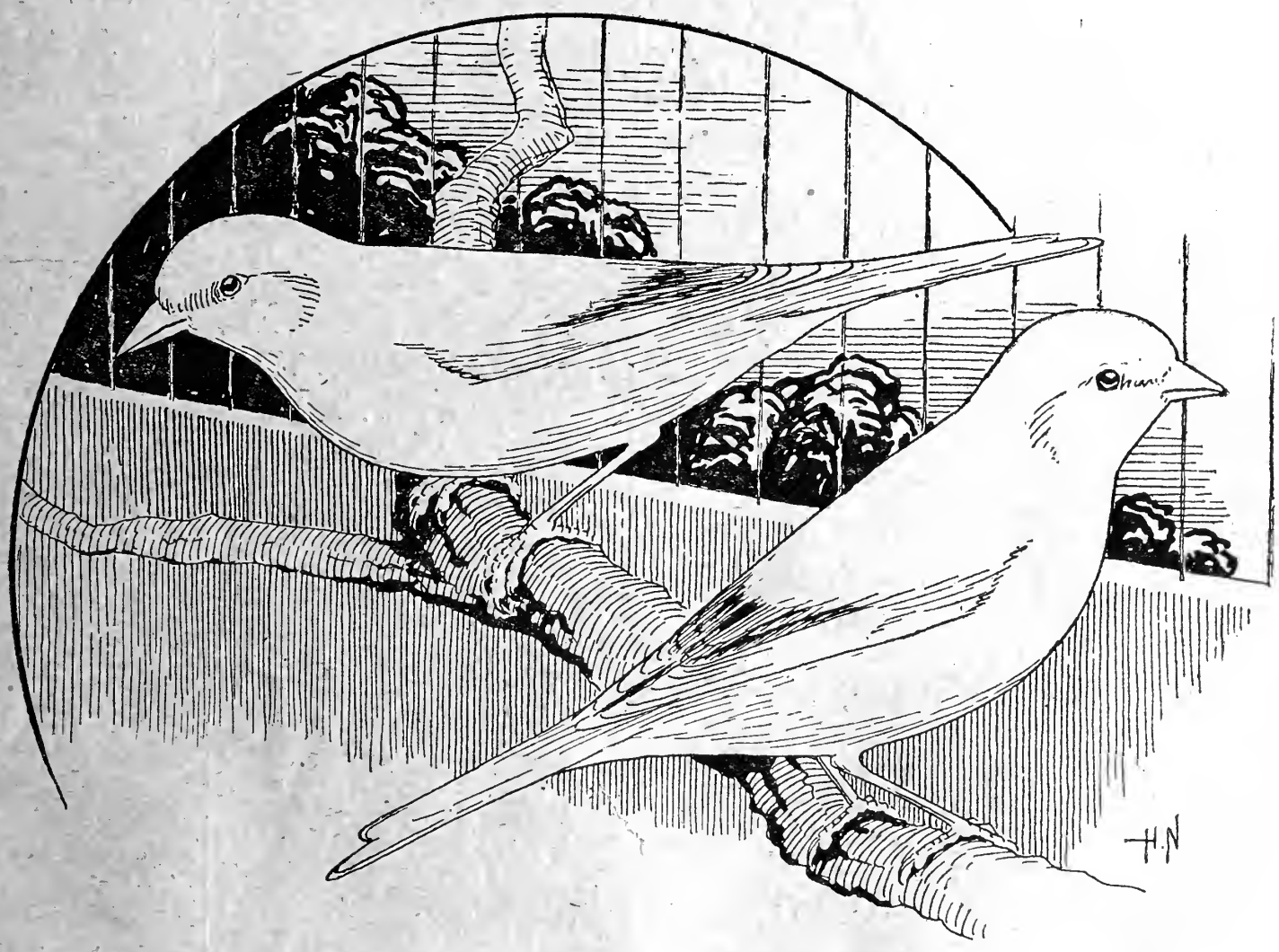

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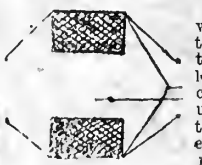

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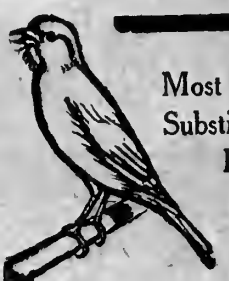

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Twitterings.

All our members on active service, writes Mr. J. Peacock, hon. sec., Sunderland C.B.A., will be free members so long as the war lasts.

Mr. L. Mellor, sec. Bulwell F.A., writes that the 3rd young stock show, all sections, will be held Aug. 28 at the Red Lion Hotel. The show will open to the public at 2.

Secretaries of societies desiring the patronage of the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League should apply to the hon. sec., Allen Silver, 7, Bampton Road, Forest Hill, S.E., not later than Aug. 31. Classification, name of judge, and particulars of prize-money should be given.

We have received from the hon. sec., Mr. V. Wynn, the quarterly statement of accounts of the City and Suburban A.C.B. This shows the very satisfactory credit balance of £25 in bank, and £6 3s. 3d. in hand. The enthusiasm of the members is well shown by the fact that no fewer than 105 have already paid their annual subscription.

Secretaries of Midland shows desirous of receiving the patronage of the Midland Counties Y.C.C. for 1915, should apply as soon as possible to W. Wells, hon. sec., Helmside, Erdington, Birmingham.

Mr. G. Large, Barrow-in-Furness, writes that all the awards which appeared to the credit of "Forge" in our report of Barrow C.B.S. show were won by him. Throughout the report, therefore, "Forge" should read Large.

We are just now getting numerous queries as to birds which may be legally taken in various localities during the season which opened in most places on August 1. Those who are interested in the subject should refer to the answer to J. A. Scott published this week under the heading of "General" in our Queries columns.

A very useful catalogue is to hand from S. Young, of the Enterprise Appliance Works, Misterton, Crewkerne. It is difficult to say what is not included in this very exhaustive list, and there would scarcely seem to be anyone who would not find something to his taste among the thousand and one things that are offered. It is certainly a catalogue that should be in every household.

I was delighted to see the drawing of my Bullfinch in last week's Cage Birds, writes Mr. A. J. Rhodes; the picture does the artist great credit. He won 1st at Tonbridge, 1st Maidstone, 1st Ramsgate, 2nd in mixed class at Malling, and commended with 5s. special for best F.M. bird in a class of 29 at Brighton, only times shown. I wish Cage Birds success.

OBITUARY.

It is with deepest regret, writes Mr. R. Plows, sec. Kippax Linnet Club, that I have to announce the death of Mrs. J. Liversidge, wife of one of our members, Mr. J. Liversidge, of Kippax. I am sure that every Linnet fancier in the district will join with us in tendering to Mr. Liversidge and family our very deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

MR. J. BENTICK, GREENCROFT.

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. R. Peart, that I have to inform of the death of one of our most esteemed members, Mr. J. Bentick, of Greencroft, after a very short illness of typhoid. He was a well-known fancier in the North, being a keen fancier for Linnet singing. He was a member of the Anfield Plain C.B.S., Stanley C.B.S., and South Moor C.B.S. He leaves a widow and four children to mourn his loss, and I am sure all fanciers will join with me in expressing deepest sympathy to Mrs. Bentick and family in this their sudden and sad bereavement.

DEATH OF A PALACE SHOW NOTABILITY.

Mr. HARRY SMALL.

Fanciers throughout the country, writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden, will learn with regret that Harry Small, the old Palace Feeder, has passed away. He was at the Palace one day as usual, looking to his stuffed birds and animals, went home in the evening, and passed away before morning. Mr. Small had been a feeder and attendant at the National Crystal Palace shows for 45 years, and was known and respected by all exhibitors and visitors to the shows. His portrait appeared in the Special Supplement of the Jubilee Palace Show published by Cage Birds, Feb. 23, 1907.

Please accept my best thanks for the honour done my Cinnamon marked Yorkshire in placing him on the front page of this week's issue of your valuable paper, among the winners at the City and Suburban Young Bird Show on July 3. I must also congratulate Mr. Norman on the excellent portrait he has made of the youngster. With best wishes for the continued success of Cage Birds.—M. S. Runchman.

I am very sorry our meeting has fallen on the same date, August 14, as Chester-le-Street, as we are both in one district, writes Mr. J. Stanger, hon. sec. Pelton Fell C.B.S. Mr. Smith, of South Shields, has kindly promised to give us a lecture to help the Fancy and draw fanciers together, and I would like any fancier that is not a member to come and hear the lecture. All will be welcome. We arranged our meeting for Aug. 21st, at Pelton Colliery Inn, at 6.30.

It was with great pleasure that I saw on the front page of Cage Birds my clear yellow Norwich, shown at the City and Suburban young stock show, July 3, writes Mrs. Stopher, Walworth. This was the only time it has been shown, and the bird took 1st and special for best Novice Norwich and cup for best bird shown by a lady. I have bred 30 young this season, and have already won 3 firsts, 2 seconds, 1 third, and 5 specials at three Young Stock shows. I am a constant reader of Cage Birds, which has provided me with a great deal of very useful information, and I wish it every success.

A TRUE STORY OF A CAT AND A PARROT.

By W. A. LOTT.

LET me begin by saying that this little story is a true one, correct in every detail, and that I had it at first hand from the owner of the pets. The family of this friend of mine had as household pets a Grey Parrot and a lovely Persian cat, tame, obedient, and no rover, in fact without a fault except occasionally a little jealousy shown towards the Parrot when the latter was receiving what Puss considered an undue amount of petting.

Every incident of home life was always noted by these two favourites of the household—master off to business, wife out to market, daughter practising the piano, the calls of the butcher, the baker, etc.—the great event of the day being the return home of the "Lord of the Castle," for they knew that this meant petting and fussing for both of them, not to mention a share of the good things on the table.

Each evening at the approach of bedtime puss was let out into the garden, to see if any strays were contemplating a burglary into the larder, and when the door was opened for her return she was always there waiting to take up her position for the night on a cushion near the Parrot's cage.

One night, however, the cat was not at the door as usual, and calls were unanswered; neither did a search in the immediate neighbourhood disclose her whereabouts. In the meantime, Polly was showing her uneasiness in many ways; she tore the cover from her cage, and was in a very excited and unamiable mood. All efforts to recover puss having failed, nothing remained to be done except to wait events until the morning, and Polly was left to wonder what had become of the companion from which she had never before been parted.

The family were all in a more or less troubled sleep when the master fancied he heard a faint moan. Going into the garden with a lamp the pitiable cries were heard close at hand, and a search revealed the cat stretched out flat, and apparently in a dying state. Carefully lifting the animal in his arms, he concluded that by some inexplicable means the poor creature's back had been broken, and, although it was then two o'clock in the morning, the family doctor was summoned. The case was pronounced a hopeless one, and it only remained to put the cat as quickly as possible out of its misery.

Before this, of course, the whole family had become aroused, and all were lamenting the loss of the pet, loudest of all being Polly, who was continually calling "Where's Puss?" "Puss wants milk," "Puss, kiss Polly," and many other phrases of the kind.

Twenty-four hours passed, and it was noticed that Polly was neither eating nor drinking, but continually calling for puss. Fuss and attention were lavished to no purpose, dainties of all kinds were offered and refused, and Polly showed by her listless eye and drooping body that something was seriously wrong.

The doctor was again called in, and drugs were tried without avail, and after three days' fasting and fretting for her five years' friend and companion the Parrot gave up her life and was buried in the same grave. After this, who shall say birds have no intelligence?

The August issue of the Avicultural Magazine, the journal of the Avicultural Society, opens with an article by Dr. Graham Renshaw on the Vulturine Guinea Fowl. Dr. Bernard E. Potter, who is with the Field Ambulance of our Forces, writes a most interesting account of "Birds in Flanders." Dr. E. Hopkinson continues his useful "English Names for the Parrots," and among the other articles are "Bird Notes from the Fjords," by R. Staples-Browne, and "Winter Treatment of Foreign Birds," by Gerald Rattigan.

The Bird's Legacy.

£1,000 has been left, by a lady recently deceased, upon trust to pay the income therefrom during the lives of her bird and her dog.

The Chough in Wales.

The Chough has nested, according to a Manchester gentleman who has a house in Mid-Wales, says "W. C." in the "Manchester Dispatch," not far from the source of the river Wye. It is evident, thanks to the protection afforded by bird lovers, that some of the birds that were rapidly becoming extinct are in the wilder districts still to be found.

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A Royal Cockatoo.

King George, says "The Star," has always been very fond of birds, and has a venerable Cockatoo, who is no respecter of persons.

The Border F.C.C. Patronage.

"The committee meets to grant club patronage on the last Saturday of August," writes Mr. W. B. Smart, 13, High Street, Loanhead, N.B., "and secretaries should make application in time for meeting. For open shows state number of Border classes, and if equal prize money in Cage Bird section, also name of judge (who must be a member of B.F.C.C.). Confined shows must state what radius the show is open for. Fanciers wishing to join the club can do so up to the end of the month. Annual sub., 2s. 6d."

The Escapade of "Charlie."

The lecture on "Charlie," my pet Crossbill, to the members of the Clapham C.B.A., writes Madame Feist-Madewell, nearly had a tragical ending for Charlie himself. Before the lecture I took him out of his cage, as he is perfectly tame, and always returns, and he went in all right. Then I happened to say "He walks all round the table," and George drew the cage further away, just under the gas-light. Charlie, instead of trotting home, flew up and settled on the edge of the gas-globe. Finding, I suppose, it was very hot, he flew to the windows (they were all open very wide at the top). Then he flew to the wall, and fell on the floor. I thought he was lost to me for ever, as there was a trap-door a few yards from him—dark as night, but one of the committee caught him, and I got him back safely, very little the worse for his flight and fright.

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The Crossbill as a Pet Bird.

A Lecture before the members of the Clapham C.B.A., August 3. by Madame Feist-Madewell.

THE Committee of this Society, the Clapham C.B.A., wish me to say a few words in a short time, I believe half an hour is the limit, about the Crossbill (Loxia curvirostra). I spell it for you that you may please not ask me to pronounce it. Now our worthy members know very well my weakness for Charlie, my Crossbill (my husband's name is George), so they knew they were pretty safe in asking me, as perhaps any other subject might have been a failure.

With this I will tell you that among the British Birds which are but infrequently seen upon the show-bench, must be numbered the Crossbill, and the reasons for this infrequency are not far to seek. Firstly, it really must be admitted that excepting from an avicultural point of view, the bird has very little to recommend its being kept in captivity, and secondly it has many properties detrimental to its possession by any ordinary cage-bird lover. Certainly an adult caught male, with its bright rose-coloured body plumage, and its blackish wings and tail, presents a certain amount of beauty, but this, its only attraction, is but like a dream or a good dinner—it passes away, and there is nothing left of it but the memory, for with a cage moult, the rose-coloured plumage entirely disappears, and is replaced by a dingy yellowish-green which is far from beautiful.

A Curious, but Useful Beak.

Then another thing, viz., the extraordinary formation of its beak, which gives the bird its name, amounts to quite a deformity in the eyes of those who, while they may have full appreciation of the wise provision of Nature, which has endowed the bird with effective means of extracting the kernels of the pine cones which abound in their homes (wherever they may be) yet would take no pleasure in the possession of a bird furnished with a beak that is totally different from any other British bird.

Further, it requires a very strong cage, and it must be a very strong cage indeed, to resist the constant endeavours of these birds to splinter every blessed piece of wood that will yield to the attacks of their powerful mandibles. Well do I know it, for certainly it is the most destructive bird possible—something after the Parrot kind, but if anything, worse.

Now when I bought Charlie in Club Row. Oh! I beg your pardon, I ought to have said Selater Street, but please excuse me, for I am not entirely to blame. When I go to "Birdie Land," and ask the conductor very sweetly for Sclater Street, he does not seem to quite understand, and twice it has happened that they told me that they did not know where it was; so if I say Club Row, it is all right and saves bother.

Well, as I was telling you, when I bought Charlie he was a poor enough little chap; he looked as though he had passed a bad quarter of an hour, not over clean, and not over happy. I took him home and put him into a cage, not very elegant, and not very large. I gave him two nice, smooth wooden perches, but needless to say they did not remain perches long—he made them complete wrecks. Seeing this, I procured some nice smooth pieces of banboo cane, and made him two more perches, for which, instead of being grateful, he was absolutely furious, because he could make no impression on them. Never mind, they are still in his cage (same cage) after having stood the test of his dear old beak for quite three years, if not more.

A Pretty Legend.

Now many of you perhaps have heard the beautiful legend of the Crossbill, which is that at the time of Christ's Crucifixion the Crossbills (whose beaks were straight like all the other birds at that time) came to the spot and tried to pull out the nails from His Sacred feet. Alas, the cruel executioners had done their work only too well, so that it was beyond the strength of our dear little feathered friends to extract the nails, and in their vain efforts to effect this, their beaks became crossed, and have remained so ever since as a souvenir of that act. Of course it is but a legend, but, even to those who do not believe it, does no harm. We tell fairy tales to our children (when we have any), I do not mean grown-up fairy tales; oh, no!

But I must continue, or my half-hour will be up before I have finished. Now if the Crossbill is taken from the nest and hand-reared, it will grow up quite tame and without fear of its owner, and except for its destructiveness makes a very interesting pet. But such birds (those taken from the nest and hand-reared) never come into the colour proper to an adult Crossbill—a cock Crossbill in full wild colour has a very fair chance of success on the show bench in a mixed class (but you have to get it first, do not forget that).

Some people say that excepting for exhibition purposes it is not worth the trouble of keeping. I beg to differ; for ever since I have had dear old Charlie he has been a continued source of interest and pleasure to me, which I can say with truth is now over three years.

How to Feed the Crossbill.

In captivity the Crossbill may be fed upon almost any grain—nuts, especially monkey nuts, apple cores, hawthorn berries, mountain ash, and other berries. In their free state they are partially insectivorous, and even in captivity will generally accept and enjoy an occasional mealworm. Charlie, however, does not like them, he turns them out of his cage quicker than you put them in. He is like his mistress, he has a very strong affection, a very strong antipathy to anything creepy, crawly or snakey.

If you could be fortunate enough to obtain a good supply of fir cones, it would afford them a grand occupation, and keep them "pro tem." from pecking their cage to pieces, but I find it difficult to get even one cone, let alone a good supply; if, anyone present can give me a tip where to get some, I should be most grateful.

Although Crossbills are annual migrants to this country, arriving in summer and departing in spring, it appears that they are rather capricious in their coming and going, while many remain, or did remain, with us to breed. Sometimes they visit us in very large numbers, the flocks running into hundreds, while in other years (as now) they are scarcely to be seen. On the other hand, in some years they are reported as breeding in great numbers in parts of the Continent, where they have for long been unknown. Now I am speaking of before the war broke out, a few years ago this happened in Switzerland. The early time records of their remaining with us to nest were infrequent, but latterly they have been found breeding in many counties.

It appears that in 1910 they nested to quite an unusual extent in the south-eastern counties. I only wish they did it now, then perhaps I should have been able to procure a partner for Charlie, as some one said to me one day: "Madame, have you ever tried to mate your Crossbill?" Of course I said "No," but needless to tell you the question did not fall into the water. I set to and scratched my ear to find with what to marry Charlie. I had but one Crossbill, and he was a poor, lonely orphan, with not, as far as I knew, a single relative in the world, so after long and painful reflections, I thought of a sweet-tempered Snow Bunting that he seemed to have cast loving eyes upon. You must know that this Bunting lived in a cage near his own (not too near, for he had already tried his beak on it, I mean the cage).

An Unfortunate Marriage.

So one Saturday (Saturday being, up till then, my lucky day) I put lady Bunting into Charlie's cage and waited; I did not have to wait long. Alas! my dear friends, he made very short work of his marriage ceremony and rendered the poor lady Bunting like unto his first perches, that is to say, a complete wreck. I never tried marriage bliss for him again, and since then he has lived very peacefully alone with the sole consolation of monkey nuts and chillies.

Now I must not forget to tell you that the Crossbill is neither welcome nor loved by the apple-growers, for the birds destroy an enormous number of apples to get at the pip (not to get the pip, but at the pip), although it is said that they will not do this to any great extent so long as they can attain plenty of seeds of the pine, fir, or larches which are their natural food in a wild state.

The Crossbill a Nomad.

On the Continent the bird ranges (or did range) in Europe from extreme north to extreme south, and is, or rather was, found in many parts of Asia; in fact it may be said that the Crossbill is the bird that has travelled the most, being continually on the move in search of food from one country to another at random, so long as sustenance for itself and young may be found in the neighbourhood.

It appears that there are two other kinds of Crossbills, very closely allied to the Common Crossbill (little Charlie) namely the two-barred Crossbill (Loxia bifasciata) and the White-winged Crossbill (Loxia leucoptera). Not knowing anything about either of the latter, I am quite unable to tell you more about the Crossbill.

What We All Hope.

But one thing I must do before going home to bed, is to thank your all for the kind indulgence and patience you have accorded my little effort. If, dear friends, I have succeeded in amusing you, and made you forget for a short time the dark and terrible cloud hanging over us, rich and poor, then I am contented, and I most sincerely want you to join with me and turn your thoughts to those near and dear to us in the trenches, to those whom we have seen among us here, and who are now far away fighting that we may ever be free. Do not forget—"That we may ever be free." Let us raise our hearts and thoughts to our boys; may God bless them, and give them health, strength, courage, and a safe and speedy return, with the deep and lasting satisfaction of having done their duty in helping to crush the most bitter, the most vile enemy that civilization has ever encountered. May its head be bowed low, so low that it will never, never be able to raise it again.

THE TRAVELS OF A TYNESIDER.

Mr. J. N. F. Scott, late of Newcastle, tells of his experiences in Canada and his migration to Australia, and gives some notes on Canadian Birds.

AS most Tyneside fanciers know, I struck out for Canada and arrived at Montreal all safe. On the voyage I ran across a Border fancier, one who had been among the first to exhibit Greens, and who I believe exhibited the famous hen, "Border Queen"; we had a good few talks together. At Montreal I obtained work with an English Company, the same that I went to Newcastle to work for originally, and they sent me on to Winnipeg. Here again I ran into the Fancy, as my labourer was an old Linnet fancier from London, so we got along all right.

Always the House Sparrow.

Here I was able to look around, and first noticed the cheeky House Sparrow was, as usual, top dog on the streets. I also noticed the Swallow, but it was much heavier and more sluggish in its flight than the graceful birds we knew at home. Here also I was introduced to the American Robin, larger than our Nightingale, but built on the same racy lines. City life, however, does not give much scope for observation.

I was not many weeks here when I was ordered to Kenora, on the "Lake of the Woods," but work still demanded most of my time, and I only noticed one new bird I could not name. This bird and the House Sparrow were doing great execution among some grasshoppers that were on the wing, and they were catching dozens of them.

After another three weeks I had to move again "Westward Ho" to Saskatoon, and it was here that my better-half and family joined me, for no one is happy without his mate. I here came in contact with the so-called Meadow Lark. I heard its call over and over again when out on the vast and apparently boundless prairie during the summer, and it beat me for some time to locate it, but at last I found it. It sits on a stone and there gives forth its call very much like "Half a pint of mild and bitter," with a monotonous regularity. As its colour closely matches the prairie grass and stones it is hard to notice until you know its habit, as one naturally looks on poles for it.

I was here during migration, and saw a few more species which I could get no names for, as no one was interested in anything unless it led up to the "Almighty Dollar." One thing, however, cheered the soul of a fancier. In that cheerless spot, 1,000 Rollers were sold in about three weeks at prices that would open the eyes of fanciers at home who get 1s. for hens and 1s. 6d. for cocks for export. Let us hope not many were disappointed in their song (?).

I spent the Canadian winter here, and when one has that experience it gives him some idea why the Creator has instilled into our feathered friends the instinct of migration. When one sees the thermometer going down, down, day after day, until he thinks the mercury has taken a fit till it stops way down at about 59 below zero, and sees everything frozen solid, and the snow so crisp, he realises that under such conditions bird life is impossible. Yet during summer this vast continent is a happy hunting ground, indeed a very Paradise, for insectivorous kinds especially.

Winter Joys.

To ourselves the Canadian winter is not such a fearful experience. It was to myself a pleasant one, for one feels good, and that he could eat horse nails. Any unpleasantness was offset by the sleigh rides the better-half and I enjoyed. The job finishing, however, meant another move, and marching orders came, so once more it was "Westward Ho," and we never stopped until the mighty Pacific lapping the shore cried "Halt."

In Victoria, British Columbia, we pitched our home for some eleven months. It was a big change from the frostbound prairie, still in the mighty grip of Jack Frost, to being where the flowers were blooming. There my work was laid in pleasant places, and I was in a bird sanctuary as it were. Man's rough hand was only just laying his first grip on it.

As I held the position of foreman here, I had many opportunities for observing bird life as I stood on the job, and the first thing that struck me was the number of Woodpeckers which were about. There were three species of them; a large kind, reddish brown and white, a black and grey one, with white spots, also a smaller kind, and scarcer. It was nothing to see half a dozen at once of the larger species on the old stunted tree I remember well. It seemed a trysting place every forenoon and afternoon. Often one could see a dozen or so on it, all chattering, and their bills digging. Hw different to the conditions at home, where one must wait days to see one Woodpecker. I have often been not thirty yards away from the birds on this tree, and from all parts of the woods around one could hear the sonorous boom reverberating through the woods as a 'Pecker way up yonder on the topmost limb of some dying monarch sent a ringing and playful "Ya, Yo."

Here also during the summer in one of the denser wooded parts I enjoyed a rare treat, that of seeing the Humming Bird in its natural state. I stood still one day as I noticed a flash of colour go, quick as a streak of light, into the bush. I watched and waited, and at last I saw a couple climbing upwards with wings beating so fast that they looked as if of gauze. They climbed some 100ft. into the air, and then came back again, and ere they reached the ground they were going so fast that the eye lost them.

Thoughts of Home.

The next outstanding feature was on going home one evening I brought my friend to a sudden standstill. Could my ears deceive me; was I wrong; could it really be a bird singing in this great songless land? No; I was right; it was an English Skylark singing. Where was he? Yes, there the little songster was, way up in the blue vault of Heaven. Nearing the end of his climb he was pouring forth his soul in a grand and melodious outburst. I dare say none heard him but ourselves, but until the songster came again to mother earth, and his last tremulous note ceased, we stood and listened, then went our way rejoicing that at least some of the importations from the homeland were doing well, and thinking of many happy boyhood days to which memory's strings pulled us back.

There were a few Hawks about who levied unremitting toll on the smaller species, and a few large Brown Owls, soft of wing. As one walked through the woods, they flitted past like ghosts of the night. During the duller days they wander abroad in the open, and it was delightful to see them zigzag over an open space in search of food and suddenly drop into the grass.

Here also for a few weeks we had some large bird of the Eagle or Vulture tribe, of the former I think, as the Rooks used to kick up no end of a racket when they noticed it on a big tree it used to frequent; they often went within ten feet or so of it. Here also were many Quail running all over the lawns in great coveys, and a good many Pheasants. No prettier sight have I seen than the view I had one morning of some fifty Quail, a dozen Pheasants, and two Jack Rabbits, all feeding within fifty wards or so. Along the shore one of course could see the usual Seagulls, and many others of the Diver and Duck kind.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

The Classification of the Y.C.C. of Scotland.

Sir,—We notice in the "Twitterings" columns of Cage Birds that the classification of the Y.C.C. of Scotland is to be the same as last year (no classes for novices). It is the fashion now to be "wanted," but it is to fill the classes, and ensure full prize-money for the professional "knuts," that the novices in the Y.C.C. of Scotland are wanted, or at least it seems so to Two Novices.

Breeding Bullfinches in Captivity.

Virginian Cardinal Fosters Bullfinch.

Sir,—The following may interest some of your readers. I have an aviary in my garden in which I keep about fifty mixed birds. A pair of Bullfinches built and hatched on June 15 four eggs. When the young were a few days old, the parents for some reason deserted their young. On July 15 they built again, and hatched five eggs, but a few days later I found the nest again disturbed and four of the young dead. I left the other, as it was too young to bring up by hand. I discovered, however, this young bird lived, so I kept watch and saw it being fed by a cock Virginian Nightingale; this "foster-father" fed the young hen Bullfinch, which is now able to look after itself, and has grown into a strong, healthy bird.

Lallan.

Sir,—In Cage Birds of June 19 you published a letter of mine re breeding Bullfinches in captivity. As only two Cage Birds' readers replied, and their letters referred to outdoor aviaries only, I take it that my failure need have caused no surprise. At the same time, I wish to thank Messrs. Wilmot and Blake for the information given. You see, I was trying to breed them in a large cage indoors. The result was as follows: Both birds were in good condition, the cage was 4ft. x 2ft. x 2ft., carefully fitted with shrubs, etc., they paired, built, hen laid three eggs, sat three days, then quarrelled with the cock. One egg was smashed, one thrown out of nest, and the other went cold, for she absolutely refused to return to the nest. Final: Exit of both from my bird-room. Without doubt the funny eccentricities of some birds are puzzling. As I write I have one of my Roller hens sitting on eggs by a favourite cock Linnet, house-moulted once. This particular hen would have nothing to do with any other cock, Canary or otherwise, so as she seemed bent on this Linnet I put him in to her. I was afraid he would be too big as I have never heard of Mules being bred from Rollers before; anyhow, she is a highly-trained hen, so with the combination of song, if reared successfully, they should be "some singers," as the Yankees say. Of course, they will be of no size, but that will not matter if the song is there. I should like to know if this cross has been bred before. Wishing Cage Birds ever increasing success.

Stanley Dare.

The Norwich Plainhead Club.

Alteration of Rules to Meet Altered Circumstances.

Sir,—The Committee of the N.P.C. met at Bolton on Aug. 7 to consider applications for patronage. Interest in the proceedings may be judged from the fact that there was only one absentee, and there were present Messrs. T. Dent in the chair, J. Trengrove, A. Hirst, P. Waring, S. Cook, E. Sutton, J. Spencer, J. Davies, A. F. Fildes, T. Johnson, J. Hopkins, and F. Cunliffe. Correspondence was read from societies applying for patronage, and after a lengthy discussion, in which it was pointed out that societies, owing to the present circumstances, were not in a position to open out indiscriminately, a motion was adopted which rescinded the standing rule regarding classification and judges at patronage shows.

Hitherto, the rule affecting the club's patronage was to the effect that societies must provide eight classes for champions and six for amateurs, and must also give four money prizes in each class and engage a N.P.C. judge. Now the committee have withdrawn these restrictions, and also the rule limiting the cup shows to five. It was decided to notify secretaries of societies through the advertisement columns of Cage Birds (as will be seen by the advertisement under Norwich) that these restrictions had been withdrawn for the present, and to ask them to apply for patronage, stating number of classes provided, the judge elected, etc., on or before Sept. 18, when the committee will again meet to consider all applications on their merits, regardless of number of classes. The committee desire to thank those societies who have already applied, and to say that their applications will be considered at the next meeting, and in the interim, they crave the indulgence of secretaries.

It would seem from the foregoing that the N.P.C. are to move with the times, and that the interests of smaller societies are to be considered equally with those of larger ones; and having regard to the fact that there is a substantial balance in the bank, and that the prize list is likely to be augmented (and also the members) the committee hope for a considerable number of applications at their next meeting. Societies wishing for patronage, with its consequent attractiveness from a visitors' point of view, will do well to make application to the sec., Mr. F. Cunliffe, 9, Lark Street, Burnley, before Sept. 18.

T. Johnson.

Idle to Have an Open Show.

Sir,—The Idle C.B.A. have decided to hold an open show on Oct. 6. We are giving a liberal classification, catering for Yorkshire, Norwich, Borders, and British. With fancier-like generosity, Mr. C. A. House and Mr. J. Chippendale have guaranteed the society against loss. Mr. W. Mundell has been selected as judge, and the management of the show will be in the hands of Mr. C. A. House. We ask fanciers to rally round us and give this our first open show their whole-hearted support.

J. Elsegood, Sec.

72, Mount St., Eccleshill.

The Extermination of Lice in Canaries.

Sir,—With regard to "Observer's" criticism of my letter, I cannot agree that the life history of the louse is unimportant, as regards treatment, or that it would prove too much for the average mind to grasp, did we know it. There is no doubt whatever that the human louse feeds on blood, as "Observer" will see for himself if he looks up the latest works on the subject. That the bird louse does the same, and to what extent its life history is similar to the human louse, I am not in a position to state for certain, but there seem to be many analogous points. I offer the suggestion for what it is worth, and as some sort of a guide for treatment; and, as such, I contend that the treatment recommended by your experts is the best available until we know details of the life history and of the powers of resistance of the "nits." As to the louse eating the feathers, we all know that infested birds will frequently show bare areas around head and neck, but I read that this may be caused by the red-mite alone, which "Observer" himself says is a "sucker." I hope "Observer" will give us further details on this point, for I am sure there are many like myself.

Interested.

Intelligence in Birds.

Sir,—Mr. Teschemaker says he agrees largely with my last letter, yet that letter was written in direct opposition to the sentiments he had previously expressed. He says, moreover, that he never claimed that the desertion of her young by the Flycatcher was an instance of pure reasoning. His original letter certainly gave me the impression that such was his view, and in his letter of 24th July he actually chided a Mr. Johnson for having "a poor opinion of the Flycatcher's intelligence, and even asserted that "she *knew* (mark the knew) that it requires two active 'Catchers to rear one baby 'Catcher." With regard to the latest tale of the Thrush, Mr. Teschemaker's facts are doubtless right enough, but his application of them is all wrong. Instinct is *not* "the inherited experience of thousands of generations." For although continual action of a certain nature for thousands of generations may produce gradually a tendency to instinctively act in the same manner, yet *experience* itself must be imparted if it is to be accumulated, and birds lose interest in their young long before they can learn the battle of life. As for the Thrush, at the risk of being monotonous, I must say that bees would have done the same under similar circumstances.

I still assert that birds have little or no intelligence, and to support my assertion I may as well tell a tale myself, as it seems that to attack is to secure the better strategical position. Some time ago I had a Nightingale. I kept it through the summer in lovely tame condition until the autumn came, when it developed a shocking wildness and absolutely spoilt its plumage. It had, of course, got what we call "migration fever." Now, this bird ought—if it had the reasoning intelligence that Mr. Teschemaker would claim for it—to have "known" from "experience" the futility of its efforts to migrate, instead of which we find that in actual practice the instinct which bade it migrate was stronger even than the knowledge that it was caged.

A. R. Coe.

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The Song Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid.

Its First Appearance on the Bench.

Sir,—At last I have got the photo of my outside garden aviary taken, and am sending this to give you a slight idea of the place. It is a clematis that covers the aviary, with roses over the bowers, and the place looks its best when the roses are in bloom. I am glad to say the Hybrids are doing well, and are now well started in the moult. I only managed to rear two of the last nest. One fell out of the nest two days before the others left it, and another got hurt by flying against the aviary wire, and died next morning. The other two are doing well.

I had the pleasure of showing one of the younger nest last week at our Darvel First Feather show, and it carried itself well, and promises to be quite steady in a show cage. I don't mean to trouble them much till they are quite clean moulted in the open flight, so that they may have the best chance. I have never been a great exhibitor of birds, but if the shows are still going this season, and the birds do well in the moult, I hope to turn some of them out a bit. With best wishes. T. H. Anderson.

[The photograph received shows a really ideal home for birds. We regret, however, that it is too small to permit of a satisfactory reproduction in an ordinary issue, but we hope to be able to use it as one of the illustrations of a special number.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

Precocious Youngsters.

Sir,—I was reading in Cage Birds of July 31, F. O'Sullivan's account of his young birds singing. I started breeding last year with two cocks and three hens, and I reared 9 birds out of 11 hatched. This year I went in for a better class of birds, good Rollers, two cocks and four hens, and I have finished with 24 young birds reared out of 25 hatched. I reckon to have my young birds out of the nest at between 17 and 20 days. Out of my first nest of three one was singing at a month and four days. My last nest was four young hatched July 11, and one July 12. The last bird was thrown out of the nest, but I followed "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and brought it back to life and put it back in the nest. The hen has reared them herself—she would not allow the cock to help her in any way. One of her youngsters has started to sing to-day, August 3; that is, singing in 23 days. I would give an account of my style of breeding and feeding if you care for it. It is all plain feeding, as I work 79½ hours' night, and 63 hours' day work, so I have no time for fancy feeding. I had about 20 clear eggs last year, but I have only had five this year.

J. A. Shrives.

[We shall be glad to receive the account of breeding and feeding kindly promised.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

Are we Downhearted? No.

Sir,—Will you allow me, through your valuable columns, to have a word with my fellow secretaries? It is the lot of a secretary to have the guiding of the society to some extent, and at the present time we have problems facing us we never had before. However, if men at the front are not downhearted, we ought not to be, and let us see how we can help them in some way if it is only to make the lot of those who are wounded the brighter. My own society is hit hard, about 50 per cent. having joined the colours, and we who are left at our ordinary duties are very hard-worked sometimes. We have indeed a lot to be pessimistic over, but "we won't, and that's an end to it." Last year we took £3 17s. 6d. gate and ticket money, and the whole of that, without any expenses being deducted, was given to the Mayor's Fund for National Relief, the Mayor doing us the honour of presenting the prize-money, etc., on the evening of the show. It was a grand finish up, and we felt we had done a little bit to make Tommy's burden lighter. This year those of us who are left are going to put our shoulders to the wheel to try and overcome our difficulties and keep our society alive, so that our fellow fanciers in the fighting line will know on their return that we have tried to do our best to keep things together. We have already engaged the Town Hall for our annual show Nov. 11, and Mr. Norman as judge, and decided to give all our gate and ticket money to a fund in connection with the war. My own opinion about cancelling shows is that it is a fine way to kill a society. We are hoping to have even a bigger turn-out than last year seeing we are well off financially. As secretaries, let us get some optimism into our fanciers, and we shall not regret it when the war is over. Arthur Simons

(Hon. Sec. Bedford and Beds. United C.B.S.)

A Recipe for Egg Food.

Sir,—In the July 24th issue of Cage Birds I gave some account of my hen Bullie feeding and bringing up two young Canaries. They are Yorkshires, and fine young birds now; she started sitting again on July 17 on her third egg, laying the fifth egg on the 19th. She has sat her full time again, but had three clear eggs, one addled, and one good. She hatched that one on July 29, and I also put a young Green Yorkshire with the young Hybrid, as I find one young one does not often do well by itself. She is feeding both, and they are showing wings and tails now, this being their tenth day.

In reply to your request, I send you the method I adopt for making egg food. I put one tablespoonful of milk to one egg, whisk it up together in a basin until it becomes frothy, put the basin with its contents into a saucepan with water, and boil for thirty or forty minutes. I keep the cover of the saucepan over the basin for about half that time, then remove the cover and let the steam escape; this partly dries it. When done, I press it through a perforated zinc box, add 2oz. of biscuit powder or dry crust of bread powdered, also rubbed through the zinc box, and well mix with it two teaspoonfuls of white sugar. This gives 5oz. of what I think a superior food, with no disagreeable smell whatever. I have kept Canaries for about fifty-eight years, but only for the last two years have I adopted the plan I now recommend to fanciers. It was in 1858 that I started in the Fancy, and from about 1860 to 1862 I made up several breeding cages with mahogany fronts screwed on. Each year, including this, I have bred in these cages, and they will last longer than I shall, although I am still no weakling, I am thankful to say. J. F.

Tynesiders Meet in Australia Through "Cage Birds."

Sir,—I am pleased to inform you that I have been able to locate Mr. Currah through my previous letter to Cage Birds, our only regret being that we are so far apart, Mr. Currah being in Sydney while I am in Melbourne. I also got in touch with another old friend who, noticing my letter, made haste to let me know that he was not far distant. Even before I had got my Cage Birds or word from Mr. Currah, and when I was not even expecting anything, as no English mail was due, I got a letter which had been posted locally with my address in an unknown writing. Who could the writer be? I got a big surprise when I opened it and found it was Mr. G. Ellwood if you please, late of Tyneside, and I must say he nearly beat the clock to let me know. But of George more anon, as I will see him ere this goes to the mail. Now Mr. Editor, it is long since you had anything from my pen, and I am sending a few brief notes on my travels, hoping they will be of interest. By the way, is Mr. Mackenzie still alive? I sent some four letters to him, and received no reply. To all old friends I send greetings, wishing them a good show season. As to Australia's birds, more anon, and if the Editor wills I may write on them. Mr. Currah reports doing well, and is in the Fancy judging shows.

J. H. F. Scott.

P.S.—I have seen G. Ellwood, and he is doing well in this new land, but, like myself, he misses the cages and his feathered friends. We had a long talk over old times, and our many friends on Tyneside.

[Mr. Scott's interesting notes appear on another page, and we are sure that they will be read with pleasure, especially by his old friends in Newcastle. We shall be glad at any time to publish the further notes Mr. Scott so kindly promises.—Editor, "C.B."]

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Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Aug. 17, St. Thomas's Old Schoolroom, entrance, Chapel St., 8. Ten minutes' paper by any member. Open show business, appointing judges, committee, etc.—J. Spencer.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—Aug. 14, Mr. Hanagan's, 6.30. Important.—W. Thompson.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Aug. 14, Shoulder of Mutton, 7. Lecture on Yorkshires, by Mr. J. Thomas, of Otley; anyone interested invited.—F. P. Terry.

Barry F. and F.S.—Aug. 14, Headquarters, 7.30. Fix date for members' show and consider the request of the Welsh National Fur Club.—H. P. Thomas.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Aug. 17, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Discussion on Colour Feeding.—G. Morton.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Aug. 14, Masonic Arms. Special meeting. Important business.—J. Sneddon. —(Time not stated.—Ed.).

Clydebank C.B.C.—Aug. 19, 81, Kilbowie Rd., 7.45.—Wm. Kane.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Aug. 19, Maskell's Hotel, 8. To decide arrangements re annual open show, also payment of prize-money won at young bird show.—E. Thomas.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Aug. 16, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Important business.—F. A. Green.

City of Bradford O.S.—Aug. 14, Flying Dutchman, 6.30 prompt. General business; samples of seed on view.—W. Helliwell.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Aug. 14, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. To consider holding open show. —Smith and Lees.

Chorley C.B.S.—Aug. 18, Shepherd's Hall, 7.30. Important business.—J. H. Welch.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Aug. 14, Dun Cow Hotel, 6. Lecture by Mr. W. L. Smith, etc.—R. Ward.

Darlington C.B.S.—Aug. 18, George Hotel, 7.15. Important business re open show.—F. Stothard.

East Ham F.S.—Aug. 19, Earl of Wakefield, 8. Arrangement for young stock show, etc.—W. A. Harwood.

Fife C.B.L.—Aug. 21, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath. Replies from judges, etc.—Joe. Sneddon.—(Kindly forward your address.—Ed.).

Great Horton O.S.—Aug. 14, Station Hotel, 7.30. General meeting.—A. W. Hartley.

Garston B.B.A.—Aug. 18, Schoolroom; Earp St., 8. Important show business, etc.—R. T. Lonsdale.

Glasgow and Western Counties' Club.—Aug. 14, Headquarters, 7. To make arrangements for all day ramble on Trades' Holiday, Aug. 28; other business.—J. H. Adair.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Aug. 14, Queen's Head Inn, 7. Business important.—(Notice not signed.—Ed.).

Llanelly C.B.S.—Aug. 21, Greyhound Hotel, 7.30. Members' show and other important business.—D. H. Davies.

Leigh C.B.S.—Aug. 18, Railway Hotel, 7 p.m. Table N.F. show, 4 classes; judges, Mr. E. Clare and Mr. H. Taylor. No birds accepted after 7.30, 4d. entry. Fixing date and judge for old show.—R. Charleson.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Aug. 21, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7. Report of young bird show, other special business. New members invited; near closing date.—T. J. McGregor.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Aug. 16, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Election of show committee and general show business.—F. Hayward.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Aug. 17, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, 8. November show business. New members and friends invited.—A. Colley.

Pontypool C.B.S.—Aug. 14, Headquarters, 7. Special business to be considered for next show.—H. H. Vaughan.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Aug. 14, Station St. Cafe, 6.30. Third N.F. show, entrance fee 3d., cage birds staged by 7. Class for each variety; two specials given by Messrs. Farrer and Davidson, also members' judging competition; meeting to follow to decide whether or not to hold open show. Subs. now overdue.—J. Peacock.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Aug. 19, Duke of York, Princess St., 7. Business very important; re open show.—W. Harrison.

West Stanley Victoria F.F. and C.B.S.—Aug. 15, Club Room, 7.—R. Hutchinson.

Wigan Roller Club.—Aug. 9, Legs of Man, 6.30. Club. bus.; rule books ready.—P. Greenall.

Wanstead F. and F.S.—Aug. 19, Cambridge Park Hall, Wanstead, 8. General meeting, arrangements for young stock show, Sept. 16.—H. S. Lofthouse.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road, open contest for quality Linnet singing, July 31, 14 birds sang for three prizes: 1, Chippindale; 2, Gawthorpe; 3, Hollingworth. Judges, W. Sissons and T. Varley. Aug. 1, 18 sang: 1, 2, T. Johnson; 3, J. Chadwick. Judges, Hardcastle and Naylor.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Aug. 8; 17 birds sang for 3 prizes: 1, Johnson; 2, Chippindale; 3, Blaney. Judges, Hardcastle and Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane; 15 birds sang for 3 prizes, and some very good singing was heard before a crowded house. 1, Binner; 2, Hirst; 3, Ward. Judges, Messrs. Bryan and Copper. Aug. 1, 14 sang for 3 prizes: 1, Hirst; 2, Wigfield; 3, Ward. Our Bank Holiday contest was a very good match; 19 birds faced the judges. 1st contest; 1, Binner; 2, Hirst; 3, Wigfield. 2nd contest: 1, Wigfield; 2, Brown; 3, Hirst. Judged by Messrs. F. Appleyard and Sellers. We were pleased to see some of our Linnet fancier friends from Kippax; we will give them a return visit. Aug. 7, 13 sang for 3 prizes: 1, Ward; 2, Wigfield; 3, Huchinson. Judged by F. Appleyard and Sellers. Aug. 8, 12 birds sang for 3 prizes; 1, Ward; 2 and 3 shared, A. Binner and G. Hirst.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

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CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest, George and Dragon, Bridge Street, August 7, for 3 prizes. 1, Morley; 2, Watkiss; 3, Hartley. Annual general meeting for election of officers, Aug. 21.—S. Morley, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing, Aug. 7, Commercial Hotel, 18 birds entered for three prizes: 1, Plows; 2, 3, shared between Plows and Cooper; time-keepers, O. Potter, R. Plows; tappers, A. Cooper, W. Perkin. Some good singing was heard, especially considering the conditions of moulting time. We expect some of our Leeds friends to judge our birds on quality.—R. Plows, Sec.

LEIGH.

Leigh Linnet Club. Contest, Globe Inn, for time and quality, Aug. 7, for six good prizes. Quality 1, Darbyshire; 2, Whittle; 3, Hayes. Time: 1, Knowles, 104; 2, Litherland, 83; 3, Jones, 46. Timers, W. Meadows, R. Statham; minutes, G. Amison; judges, Gibbons and Statham. The club will hold its annual "Feed", Aug. 14, when it will commence a fresh season.—R. Disley, Hon. Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Open Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, July 31; 19 entered for 4 minutes' time singing: 1, Pugh; 2, Blackshear; 3, Beard. Open sing, Aug. 1; 20 entered for 3 minutes' time singing: 1, Jones; 2, Beard; 3, Pugh. Open Linnet contest, Aug. 7, 18 entered for 4 minutes' time singing: 1, Beard, 33; 2, 3, Pugh, 30, 20. Open sing, Aug. 8; 22 entered for 3 minutes' time singing: 1, 3, Jones, 37, 25; 2, Pilkington, 35. Mr. Beard sang Mr. Pilkington after contest for a nice prize, Mr. Beard winning just easy. All open sings until further notice.—J. Beard, Assist. Sec.

Cross Keys Hotel, Half-penny Lane. Club sing, July 31, 11 birds competed for 3 prizes: 1, 2, B. Nelson; 3, Bull. Open sing, Aug. 1; 15 birds competed for 3 prizes: 1, Bull; 2, W. Nelson; 3, B. Nelson. Open sing, Aug. 2, for 3 prizes. We had some of the best birds from all round the district. 1, 3, Beard; 2, R. Plows. Our members will be very pleased to see them all give us another visit. Open sing, Aug. 7, for 3 prizes: 1, B. Nelson; 2, Bull; 3, Walters. Open sing, Aug. 8, for 3 prizes: 1, Plows; 2, J. Blacksheair; 3, B. Nelson.—A. Bull, Sec.

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Club Reports.

WEST STANLEY C.B.S.

Meeting, July 24, Mr. G. F. Bates chair, and a better attendance than for a long time. Mr. R. Bewick and Mr. J. Storey were made members. Schedule was drawn up for our show; now members, turn up at our next meeting and have it adopted. Mr. J. Risboro', Sunderland, was elected to judge annual show.—W. Cresswell, Sec.

WEST STANLEY EMPIRE F.F. AND C.B.S.

Meeting, Aug. 8, Mr. R. Peart presiding, and a good turn-up of members. Mr. Taylor gave us a reply he got from the inspector regarding showing pigeons, and pigeon members should attend next meeting, Aug. 15, to get to know what to do.—R. Hutchinson.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Meeting with a good turn-out of members. Sec. announced that Blaydon had received the following patronages: Northern Border C.C., Open Norwich Plainhead Club, and also the full cup patronage of the N.C.C. Mr. P. Lynn, Winlaton, was admitted a member. On the whole, our members have done fairly well in the last round of the breeding season.—G. Havver.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, July 29, Headquarters, Seven Stars, John's Lane, Wolverhampton. Mr. Wilows, chair, and only a fair attendance. New member proposed, Mr. Ball. Decided to hold no meeting for August. After business we had the pleasure of listening to a few choice Rollers brought by our worthy chairman, this being very instructive to the novice members. Vote of thanks to Mr. Willows terminated an enjoyable evening.—J. W. Thomson, Hon. Sec.

ROSSENDALE C.B.S.

Meeting Aug. 2, Swan Hotel, Bacup, Mr. G. Wantling chair, and a grand turn-up of members. We were very sorry to receive the resignation of our sec., Mr. H. Wantling, on account of removing out of the district; Mr. G. Johnson was elected to fill the vacancy. It was decided to change the name of the society to Bacup Roller Canary Club, as practically all the members now are Roller fanciers. The annual singing contest Nov. 19-20 was discussed, and drawing up of the schedule was considered. The following judges were appointed: Messrs. Lyons, Massay, and Oldroyd. Will all Roller secretaries please note date and avoid clashing of shows. Roller fanciers wishing to become members may do so by sending in their names to the secretary, or attending the meeting at the Swan Hotel, Bacup, the first Tuesday in the month at 7.30.—G. Johnson, 6, Brunswick-terrace, Stacksteads, Manchester.

NORTHERN BORDER F.C.C.

Meeting and table show, Pillar's Cafe, Pink Lane, Aug. 4, Mr. A. Affleck presiding. Applications for patronage were considered, but owing to a lack of particulars the whole of these could not be definitely dealt with. R. Thomlinson and C. Cubby, Carlisle, were elected members. The demands of the Government for munitions are having an adverse effect upon the entries at the table shows. Mr. Render being the only exhibitor in the novice section, it was arranged that he compete against the champions, and a rare fight he gave them, coming out with two 1sts, one 3rd, one 4th, and he, his Wallsend cup winner being again placed 1st in the Green class. Cl. or Mkd. Yell.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Render. Buff: 1, Render; 2, Johnston; 3, Smith. Green: 1, 4, he, Render; 2, 3, Johnston; vhc, c, Smith. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. M. C. Potts, who judged.—C. Farrer, Hon. Sec.

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CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH C.B.S.

Meeting, Laidlow's Rooms, Leonard Street, Aug. 2, Mr. D. Brown, president, chair. Sec. read replies from judges, Mr. J. Adams, Dundee, for Canaries, and Mr. R. B. Gibb, Glasgow, for British, Mules, Hybrids, and Foreign, for Club Show, Nov. 13. Decided to have a washing exhibition Aug. 16, in the Stormont Arms, South Street, at 8. New members enrolled: Miss Livingston, Mr. Gillan. Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to chair.—J. L. Smith, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting Aug. 3, Headquarters, Mr. W. G. Fellows, chair. New member elected, Mr. W. G. Hayson. The suggestion from Hastings and St. Leonards re forming a Southern League, was fully discussed, but whilst the idea commended itself to most it was decided that the present time was unfavourable. The hon. sec. presented the accounts for the F.F. Show, which showed a balance of £1 1s. The chairman kindly promised another challenge cup for competition at the annual show as a points cup, details to be settled later; this makes the society's seventh cup. Members were asked to turn up in goodly numbers to Mr. Gamble's lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, Sept. 1, at 7.30.—G. J. Slade, Asst. Sec.

SOUTH MOOR C.B.S.

Meeting, July 31, W. Cresswell, chair. Schedule for annual show was compiled. Decided to have a new scale for payment of prize-money, viz.: 5 in a class to claim full prize-money; 4 and 3, 2nd and 3rd money; 2 and 1, 3rd money. Decided to have another guessing competition, as we did so well last year; also to distribute complimentary tickets to patrons and donors of specials. A discussion amongst the Border fanciers ended in favour of each contributing 2/6 to a fund for purchase of two trophies, one for best bird and one for runner-up, each exhibitor to nominate two birds, not necessarily one colour; these birds to be judged in two classes, yellow and buff, before being judged in the classes in which they are entered.—G. F. Bates, Sec.

CLAPHAM C.B.A.

Meeting, Aug. 3. Mr. A. Hawkins was nominated for membership. After having handed to exhibitors present prize money won at the recent young bird show, the Sec. announced that the show had resulted in a loss of 1s. 4½d., and this amount was at once made up by the Chairman, Mr. W. H. Vale. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Sec., Mr. Hose, for having so ably managed the show, and also to Mr. C. Cooper, the auditor, for having checked the accounts. Resolved to have an annual show exactly similar to the one of last year, namely, open to all exhibitors who will undertake the delivery and collection of their birds. The date is to be fixed at a later meeting, and will probably be about the middle of Oct. Resolved that in future our meetings be reported in the "Clapham Observer," in addition to CAGE BIRDS. After business a lecture was given by Madame M. A. Feist-Madewell on the Crossbill. The members were very pleased with the lecture, which, however, almost ended in a tragedy, for "Charlie," Madame Madewell's Crossbill, escaped from his cage and flew round the room, dangerously near the gas brackets, much to the alarm of his owner; but was eventually recovered, none the worse for his excursion. A vote of thanks to Madame Madewell ended the proceedings.—A. R. Coe.

The Shows.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Table show headquarters, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale-road, Aug. 3, for young birds; 25 birds were judged by Mr. Deakin, Newton Heath. Yorks.: Howarth. Nor.: Robinson. Bords.: Colley. Brit.: Daley. Mr. Daley won special for best bird with a Bullfinch. We have arranged our annual show for Nov. 27. Mr. Beswick, Stockport, judge.—A. Colley, Sec.

TONG C.B.S.

Show, Aug. 7, Dudley Hill; 63 birds were judged by Mr. T. Bennett, Bedford. Champ.—Class 1 (5): 1, Hodgson, sen.; 2, 4, Gledhill; 3, Casey. Class 2 (9): 1, Casey; 2, Baker Bros.; 3, 4, Padgett. Class 3 (8): 1, 4, Padgett; 2, Casey; 3, Gledhill. Class 4: 1, Baker Bros. Nov.—Class 5 (13): 1, 3, Raper; 2, Crabtree.; 4, Parker. Class 6 (11): 1, Naylor; 2, Wardman; 3, Dockerill; 4, Parker. Class 7 (12): 1, Raper; 2, 4, Dockerill; 3, Crabtree. Class 8 (4): 1, Parker; 2, Wardman; 3, 4, Naylor.—W. Walker, Sec.

EAST ARDSLEY C.B.S.

Table show, Aug. 7, Black Swan, with not a very large entry, but quality of the best. Mr. W. Waind, Leeds, judged and gave every satisfaction. After the judging Mr. Waind officiated as chairman for the meeting that was held, and after business was finished kept the company alive with a few of his anecdotes on birdy and other matters in his well-known inimitable style. Linnet: 1, Burnell; 2, Walton; 3, D. Bedford. Redpoll, &c.: 1, Burnell; 2, 3, vhc, R. Bedford. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Burnell; 3, D. Bedford; vhc, Humberstone; hc, c, Walton.—A. Walton, Sec.

REDCAR C.B.S.

2nd N.F. show, Ship Inn, Marske, July 31. Owing to the majority of the members' birds being well advanced into the moult there was not a very large entry, but we are looking forward to a good young stock show. Mr. T. Thompson, New Marske, judged, and seemed to give general satisfaction. The principal prize-winners were:—Champ. Yorks. Yell.: Clarke, Bray, Dixon. Buff: Dixon, Bray. Nov. Yorks. Yell.: Dunn, Green, Walton. Buff: Close, Bell, Dunn. Linnet: Walton, Clarke, Dixon. Goldf. and Bullf.: Bray, Boagey. A.O.V. Brit.: Clarke, Boagey, Bray. For.: Boagey.—W. Boagey, Hon. Sec.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS C.B.S.

Young stock show, Pied Bull Hotel, July 31. Several very nice Yorkshires were shown, notably the buff which won for Mr. Waddington, a very slim typical bird which should moult out well. The exhibits were nicely staged and well looked after by the committee. Mr. Waddington made a courteous and efficient sec. The show was visited by a goodly concourse of visitors. Mr. C. House judged. Yorks. (10): 1, 4, Waddington, smart cl. buff, slim and straight; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Bray, nice team, hardly so tight; c, Newport. Heavily Mkd. (3): 1, 3, Bray, smart yell., nice shape and style; 2, Newport, almost a green, and a good one. Brit. (2): 1, 2, Sharp, nice coloured Goldf. leading.

GUISELEY, YEADON C.B.S.

F.F. show, Regent Hotel, Guiseley; 54 birds faced the judge, Mr. P. Mason, Shipley, who gave entire satisfaction. J. Andrews won spl. most points and W. H. Dibb spl. for 2nd most points. Class 1: 1, Long; 2, Dibb; 3, Andrews; vhc, Hardaker. Class 2: 1, Long; 2, Dibb; 3, vhc, Andrews; hc, Mountain; c, Brown. Class 3: 1, Fawcett; 2, Andrews; 3, Scott; vhc, Dibb; hc, Boulton. Class 4: 1, Brown; 2, Dibb; 3, Mountain; vhc, hc, Hardaker; c, Andrews. Class 5: 1, vhc, Andrews; 2, Scott; 3, Fawcett; hc, Hardaker; c, Brown. Class 6: 1, Webster; 2, 3, Andrews; vhc, Mountain. Points for cup: Champ.: Andrews 18, Dibb 17, Hardaker 10, Fawcett 9, Brown 8. Nov.: Long 13, Scott 8, Mountain 7, Webster 4, Boulton 1.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

F.F. show, July 31, Graham's Road. Entries were fair, the total being 39 birds, and some very good ones among them. Mr. J. Jeans judged.

Nor. Yell.: 1, 3, Smart; 2, Marshall. Buff: 1, spl, Hunter; 2, Smart; 3, spl, Leishman. Bord. Yell.: 1, McDougall; 2, Reid. Buff: 1, spl, 2, Reid; 3, McDougall. Crest: 1, spl, Whytock; 2, Burnett; 3, Smart. C.B.: 1, Whytock; 2, Smart. Finch: 1, Penman; 2, Burnett; 3, McDougall. A.O.V. Brit.: 1, spl, Richardson; 2, Penman; 3, Burnett. Decided to hold annual show Dec. 11; settled on one judge meantime till the September meeting; will see by that time if we require another. Cup placed the same as last year for points specials to count where there is competition. Next meeting August 28, Temporary Hall; intending members come forward at 7.30.—W. Clarkson, Sec.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB.

Young bird show Aug. 7, headquarters. Entries showed a marked improvement on former years, while quality was all that could be desired. Mr. Jas. Findlay won special for best Canary with a cl. yell. Nor., and Mr. S. Mallon sp. best Mule or Hyb. with a very promising Goldf.-Bullf. The show was well patronised by visitors, and a good many well-known faces were seen. Mr. Jas. Downie judged.

Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Nor. (5): 1, 2 spe., Findlay; 2, Bannerman; 3, 4, Whitelaw; 5, sp., Hamilton. Buff (7): 1, Bannerman; 2, 4, 6, Findlay; 3, Cross; 5, 7, Whitelaw. Var. Yell. (4): 1, McGowan; 2, 3, Findlay; 4, Whitelaw. Buff (11): 1, 2, 7, sp., Cross; 3, sp., McGowan; 4, Findlay; 5, Reid; 6, Whitelaw. Cl. or Tkd. Bord. (8): 1, sp, 2, 5, 6, Findlay; 3, 4, McJury; 7, sp., Adam. Var. (7): 1, 2, 3, Jack; 4, 5, 7, Findlay; 6, Adam. Gr. or Cinn. Bord. (8): 1, 2, 4, Adam, Greens; 3, 5, sp., 6, 7, Chalmers. Yorke. (13): 1 sp., 2, 5, sp., Robb; 3, sp. 6, 7, O'Hagan; 4, Adam. Can., A.O.V. (3): 1, McJury; 2, Millen; 3, Adam. Nor. (7): 1, 3, 7, Robb; 2, Whitelaw; 4, 5, 6, O'Hagan. Mule or Hyb. (10): Good class; 1, sp., 2, 4, Mallon, Goldf.-Bullf. and Dark Goldf. Mules; 3, Jamieson, Goldf. Mule; 5, 6, Adam, Goldie Mules; 7, Jack, Green. Mule.—J. H. Adam, Sec.

Country Rambles

GARSTON B.B.A.

Owing to the inclement weather on Aug. 8 the prospects of a ramble of the members were not very bright; but as the weather cleared up towards the appointed time, 14 members sallied out to face the elements, and were well rewarded for their keen interest in birds and bird life. Leaving Garston at 3 o'clock, we made for the shore, which, after the heavy rains, was a bit heavy for walking; but as numerous discussions arose as to the different varieties of wild seed, which was in abundance, the time and walk passed off well. Reaching Oglet at 5.30, we went on to Mr. W. Leadbetter's house, and sat down to a substantial tea, ably provided by his parents. All the members appreciated the way they were generously catered for. During the repast the rain again started and put a damper on any further rambling, and after it ceased we made back towards home along the lanes and bye-roads, arriving Garston at 9. It has been decided to hold another ramble, Aug. 28, from where we finished, when we trust to be favoured with better weather and a larger muster of members and friends. Needless to say, bird life was a bit scarce; but with a fine day next time we trust to have plenty to occupy our time.—R. T. Lonsdale, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

The Bank Holiday ramble of the Sheffield O.S. was held on Aug. 1. On the morning the clouds appeared very low and heavy, giving us a feeling of disappointment as we had all been looking forward to old Sol shining as he had never shone before. A generous announcement was made by our genial treasurer, Dr. Craig, who promised to pay for teas (ham and egg) to all members exhibiting at the N.F. show; this proves the interest the doctor takes in the society and its members. About 36 assembled at the Midland Station to journey by train to Grindleford, and then to ramble through the woods to the Chequer's Inn at Froggat Edge for tea. Mr. Towers, of Keighley, was again one of the party, and we were jolly glad to see him and enjoy his company. The main body arrived at Grindleford, but on leaving good old Yorkshire, Derbyshire looked very black and continued to do so, so we all made up our minds for a downpour. Just on the very moment of entering the wood down came the rain, but it proved only a shower, and was over when we commenced our ramble through the woods. The birds were fairly numerous, and after one of the most enjoyable rambles we arrived at our rendevous for tea. After tea we had a few minutes' chat, which eventually drifted into a meeting in connection with our great All England show. So enthusiastic was every one that all took tickets and guaranteed to sell them; in fact, some members paid for them then. After the meeting Grindleford Station was reached in good time, and on arriving in Sheffield every one was of the opinion that the ramble was the nicest we ever had.—J. A. T. Woodall, Press Corres.

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RAPE AND MOULTING (Crest).—(1) Glad to hear that the bird is improving so well. Continue the treatment a little longer, and substitute good summer rape for that which you are now using, as advised in No. 2, and the hen will soon be quite well again. (2) The sample of seed sent consists very largely, if not wholly, of charlock, sometimes called winter rape. It doubtless increases the tendency of the birds to diarrhœa. A pinch in a seed mixture is beneficial, but as part of the staple diet get a sample of summer rape, which has a mild nutty flavour when a little is chewed in the mouth. (3) Keep the bird quite on the warm side, with a light cover over the cage, and every second day add to the drinking water five drops each of syrup of saffron and sweet spirit of nitre, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece. On the alternate days give a morsel of bread and milk dusted with flowers of sulphur, and then sprinkled with soft sugar. After a week or ten days of this treatment, if no signs of moulting are present, stop the drugs for the time being and place the cage and bird, still covered, in a quite cool place for a week or so. This should suffice to set the moult going freely.

BUILDING A STRAIN (W. J., Sheffield).—As you have already acquired some experience by breeding the commoner varieties of Canaries, it depends largely upon the amount of space you can devote to the birds, and the depth of your pocket, how many birds you should begin with next year to build up a strain of your own in Yorkshires. It is, however, just as well to begin in a moderate way and let your breeding stock increase, as it were, with your experience. Three pairs of birds, or two trios—each of one cock and two hens, the cock to be run with the two hens consecutively during the breeding season—would be quite sufficient for a start. If you have three pairs, none of them should be closely related, and if two trios, each trio should be as distantly related as is consistent with them being of the same strain. This will be best assured by getting the birds of a good breeder who runs a fairly large stock, and leaving the selection with him. If you get two trios, you may get them from two different breeders, provided that you assure yourself first that the strains will mix, as by so doing you will be able to go on much longer without introducing fresh blood. You omit to say what class of marking you wish to aim at particularly, or whether you wish to go in for green or cinnamon-marked, so I'm afraid I cannot tell you what colour birds you should procure, beyond saying that yellow and buff should figure in each pair or trio. On the whole, you would be well advised to confide in a reliable breeder and leave the initial selection of the stock to him. Then, for future guidance, get the handbook, "Yorkshire Canaries," 1s. 1½d., post free, from our Manager, which will give you much fuller details than it is possible to do in this column.

DROPPING FEATHERS (E. Linsell).—I do not quite understand the point of your query as to whether you should keep the bird a little longer or return it now. Is is because you think the dropping of the feathers unnatural, or in what other way do you think it not suitable for you? It is quite natural for a young bird to be moulting, and consequently dropping feathers, at this time of year, and it is also natural for it not to sing much whilst this process is going on. Keep it in a comfortably warm place, not overheated, but free from direct chilly draughts. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and in addition give separately half-a-teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, linseed, and broken groats every third day. On the intervening days give first half-a-teaspoonful of egg food, or its equivalent in bread and milk well sprinkled with maw seed, and next a spray of seedy green food, which you may vary almost at pleasure just now. In the drinking water you may add 20 drops of whisky and five of syrup of saffron two days in every three for a week to get the moult going freely. Offer a bath daily, except when weather is really chilly.

A WHEEZER (Nor'-West).—I very much doubt the wisdom of using this bird for breeding, even though it is the best you have. First of all make yourself quite sure that the exciting causes of the condition, which I am constantly reiterating in this column, are eliminated. Then, if the bird is in good plump condition, treat as follows for a fortnight. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only. Every second day give separately a third of a teaspoonful of maw seed, and on the alternate days a fairly liberal supply of green food in variety. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day. If the bird is not in plump condition, give this dietary and treatment for two consecutive days only, and then, in either case, go on to the following treatment. In addition to the above staple diet, give half-a-teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, lin seed and broken groats twice a week; on two other days a similar quantity of egg food or a morsel of bread and milk, either well sprinkled with maw seed, and on each of the remaining days give a morsel of green food or wild seed heads. Every second day for a fortnight add to the drinking water five drops each of syrup of saffron, sweet spirit of nitre, ipecacuanha wine, and tincture of lobelia; then miss a week and give it again for another fortnight. The wheeziness will probably last more or less until after the moult is quite finished, so do not give up hope too quickly. Keep bird on the warm side, and do not give the bath except on quite warm days, say, about twice a week.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BREEDING YORKSHIRES (R. B.).—Yes, most certainly it is possible to breed and rear Yorkshires in a large attic, facing south, even though it is not possible to use artificial heat of any kind. It is not only possible, but, if the attic is free from damp and cold cutting draughts, it will make a most excellent breeding-room, which could only be improved upon by having a prospect facing south-east or south-west, instead of direct south. But this is quite a minor consideration. The absence of artificial heat is more an advantage than otherwise if you start with a robust class of birds, which have been bred and reared under normal conditions of temperature. It may interest you to know that many of the most aristocratic Yorkshires on the show bench are bred, reared, and kept under conditions similar to those your birds would be kept under. Get the handbook on "Yorkshire Canaries," by Battye, which our Manager will send you post free for 1s. 2d., and go in and win.

ROLLER QUERIES (H. A.).—You may give the green hen a diet of plain canary seed only, supplemented with a fairly liberal supply of green food in variety daily for a week or two, and every second day for one week add to the drinking water as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice. Beyond this I do not think you need trouble about her continually calling to the cocks, as the moult will soon stop that now. It depends upon the age of the birds whether it is worth keeping them to try again next season. If they have large coarse scales on the legs and feet, and thick overgrown claws, indicating that youth has been left in the rear, you would do well to discard them at once, but if these points are the reverse of above, they may be well worth trying again. If you wish to discard them, and do not want to keep them on a superannuation list, a whiff of chloroform is the most humane means of dispatch. If at all "nervy" about it, take the birds to a chemist and ask him to do the job for you, which he should do for a very few pence.

OBSTINATE DIARRHŒA (Thirst).—The wet cage floor is due to excessive diarrhœa, the great thirst being an effect rather than the cause of the trouble. Treat as follows until the droppings become quite normal. Keep cage floor and perches as clean as possible, which end would be more easily attained by keeping the cage floor well strewn with clean sawdust for the time being. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape seed, and see that the latter is of a mild nutty flavour. In addition, give separately every second day a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut well dusted with carbonate of bismuth, and a third of a tablespoonful of maw seed. On the alternate days give half-a-teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle, and crushed arrowroot biscuit. Give no green food for the present, but you may give as a substitute a small teaspoonful of well-boiled summer rape two or three time a week. In the drinking water add five drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of opium, and dilute sulphuric acid for three consecutive days, and every second day afterwards until the droppings are quite normal.

AN IMPROVEMENT (E. M. T.).—Glad to know you have so far stemed the tide of mortality and got the birds on the way to recovery; but if, as you fear, the deaths recur when the birds get on to seed, I still think you would be well advised to get a post-mortem on one of the bodies, and thus ascertain what is the exciting cause of the inflammation, which is of more importance than the more fact of knowing it is inflammation with which they suffer. There certainly seems to be something unusual in the condition of these birds. You should not quite suspend the use of soft food for them for some time after they are on a seed diet. Continue to give a little—say, a teaspoonful, between two or three birds—daily for a week or two after they are well on seed, and vary the bread and milk with crushed sponge cake or broken groats. Do not give any very succulent green food for a few weeks, but such things as seed heads of shepherd's purse, mouse ear, or plantain stalks on which the seeds are in the milky stage, should do no harm in small quantities twice or three times a week.

CANARIES VOMITING (Bowling, Burnley).—I am afraid I cannot give you "a speedy remedy" for this complaint without some more definite information to form some opinion as to what is really wrong with the bird. Vomiting is not usual in Canaries, neither can it be described as a disease in itself, but rather a symptom of many disorders, and you give absolutely no clue as to the general condition of the bird's health. Is it in good health to all external appearances, and fairly active? On the whole, I think you had better write again and give full particulars of the bird's condition, and describe any other symptoms as closely as you can, and also say when and how often the vomiting occurs. You might also describe the act of vomiting. Then I may be able to help you. Meantime, you may give a small piece of bread and milk dusted with carbonate of bismuth daily for a week, and every second day add to the drinking water a crystal of sulphate of soda as large as a small pea.

BREATHES QUICK AND HEAVILY (Panting, Norwich).—I do not think there is much wrong with this bird. Possibly he is not quite recuperated after the moult. It would help much to pull him together if you could remove him to a comfortable temperature for a week or two, until he has resumed normal activity. In addition to the staple seed diet, give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary, and on the alternate days give a morsel of banana. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days, and after this give instead 20 drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and six of glycerine every second day for a week.

CLOGGED FEET (Hopeful).—It is probably nothing more than a dirty habit of the bird to always have the feet clogged with filth from the floor of the cage. Some birds are much more slovenly than others, and yours is doubtless one of this type. It is sometimes caused by an abnormal glairy and viscid nature of the droppings, but if this was the cause in the case of your bird, some of the others occupying the same cage must have been troubled in the same way. Keep the floor of this cage well strewn with clean, dry sawdust for a time. Give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days a morsel of banana. Stop all other kinds of soft food for the time being. In the water add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and ten drops of lemon juice for three or four days. After this give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week or so. Wash the feet clean with warm water, in which you have dissolved a little boracic acid, twice or three times a week, and after drying them, rub gently all over a little spermaceti ointment, but do not leave any surplus grease about them to attract the dirt.

ROLLER HEN INACTIVE (Aldridge).—You do not say how old the hen is, and it may be that the inactivity at this season is merely the natural result of having left her youth a little too far behind. Try the following treatment for a fortnight, and if not well in that time write again, and I will advise you further if necessary. In addition to the staple seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day. On the alternate days give a morsel of banana and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet and teazle. In the drinking water add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice daily until the droppings are quite free, but not watery. Then stop it and give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight.

CAKED VENTS (Will Pill).—Separately cage the birds so affected. Give plain canary seed only as staple diet, and in addition give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts niger, millet, and teazle. Once a week on the alternating days give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and on each of the remaining days give a small spray of watercress, if available fit to use, or as a substitute a morsel of sweet apple. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and ten drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and afterwards give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tinct. of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. It will be quite safe to offer the bath twice a week to all birds in a normal state of health. If any appear unduly susceptible to chill after it, it may be withheld from such specimens with advantage.

EYELID HALF CLOSED (W. H.).—Catch the bird and closely examine it to see if one or more of the very minute feathers around the edge of the eyelid are turned underneath and, if so, carefully return it to its normal position. You may also bathe the eye once a day for a few days with a solution of boracic acid, then absorb the surplus moisture with a piece of soft linen, and place a tiny scrap of spermaceti ointment on the eye, and hold the bird for a few moments whilst it melts, and help it to work its way around the eyelid.

TEMPERATURE AND COLOUR FEEDING (Caretaker).—(1) Any Canaries in a normal condition of health which have been bred in a garden aviary, even though not fully exposed to all conditions of weather, and now kept in a cold room indoors may be quite safely trusted to withstand any degree of cold we are likely to get in this climate as far south as London. Should we get an exceptionally severe winter, a little extra heat-forming foods would be all that is really necessary to ensure their well-being. You may safely take the appearance of the birds as a guide. As long as they appear bright and active there will be no necessity whatever to increase temperature. But if any considerable proportion of them should appear to get miserable and lethargic during any period of unusual severity, it would be as well, having the radiator available, to utilise it to maintain a temperature somewhere between forty and forty-five degrees until the normal temperature resumed this height. This amount of heat would be ample under the circumstances. (2) No, it would be quite useless giving colour food to birds nearly through the moult. To do so would at best only make the plumage patchy in colour, which is a greater drawback than a level colour of a pale natural tint.

THREE IN ONE (J.W.).—(1) The principle of mating buffs together is certainly very common in the Crest fancy, much more so than it need be, or ought to be, as it is responsible for much of the coarse rough plumage we get in that breed, as well as the washed-out colour. Size is certainly not lacking, but with it there is far too much coarseness and untidiness of plumage. Good yellows are undoubtedly scarce, but the colour is very far from being so rare as you suggest, and more use ought to be made of it. If the pair of birds you refer to are not both very far removed from yellow blood, I see no reason why you should not mate them, but I certainly do not advise you to eliminate yellow blood from your stock, or you will rue it in other ways. Something more than mere size and feather is required to make a good specimen you know. (2) Yes, there is a reason why you should remove the cock from the second hen when running him with two hens. If not removed when the hen is beginning to sit, the latter in many cases will be found to brook no separation afterwards, so that if you wanted to return him to the first hen before the brood of the second was safely reared you cannot rely always upon being able to do so. It is much better to keep him caged alone during the intervals. The extra attention he requires is certainly not much. (3) You would find the chapters on the Crest in Parts XII. and XIII. of "Our Canaries," and Parts IV. and V. contain the chapter on Exhibiting, in which you would find information about preparing birds.

YOUNG WITH DIARRHOEA (Nor' West).—Possibly you are a little too liberal with the green food, or give it of a too succulent nature, perhaps forced in growth, when the young are getting ready to leave the nest. Or you may give too much at a time, so that the youngsters are able to get nibbling at stale portions of it. If you attend well to this matter, see that your hemp is quite sound in the kernel, and that your rape is a well-matured sample of summer rape, I do not think you will find any trouble with the young leaving the nest with diarrhœa. If you do, then a few days before they are ready to leave the nest decrease the proportion of bread in the egg food by one-half, and make up the same bulk with crushed arrowroot biscuit. If the looseness develops very soon after they have left the nest and they appear to sit sipping at the drinking water most of the time, add four drops of dilute sulphuric acid to it to render it slightly acid and prevent them toying with it all the time.

MATE FOR CINNAMON (D. G.).—You do not mention the breed of the bird, nor whether you have any particular desire in the way of colour of young produced. The green cock from which this young bird was bred undoubtedly had some cinnamon blood in his veins, so that this cock mated with a self cinnamon would in turn breed cinnamons, self and broken. It could, however, also be used to improve the colour and depth of tone in yellows of the green type. For the latter purpose mate it with a clear yellow hen of good type, and close and boxy in feather. This should produce some young of excellent quality of plumage, and deep, rich tone, and the ticked and clear young mated the following season with other typical birds of the green type will give a combination of type and quality in a high degree, which should make a distinct advance in these qualities in your stock. No fee is required for replies given in these columns. Always pleased to help.

A NERVOUS SUBJECT (C. M. D.).—Possibly the noise the bird makes is merely the outcome of its nervousness, and of no material importance. Still, you may give it half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days during the first week add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the drinking water. In the second week add to the water instead of the above five drops each of tincture of lobelia, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre every second day. You can do nothing at all for the nervous condition beyond treating it with the greatest care and gentleness, and trying to gain its confidence. Keep it where it will always see someone about, but not where it will be subjected to sudden movements or noises, and frequently offer it some tit-bit and devote a few minutes each time to "talking" or "weeting" to it until you have so far gained its confidence that it shows no fear at your presence, or when attending to its wants. Once its reserve is overcome, such a bird frequently becomes most tame and familiar, but until the ice is broken they need very gentle handling to avert a sudden demise from sheer fright.

OVER-EATING (A.M.J., Cricklewood).—Glad to know that most of the birds are better. Continue the same method of feeding and limiting the supply of the two that have not made so much progress as the others, as advised in last reply. Continue it until the birds seem to be quite well. Also add to the water of these birds six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda as large as a small pea daily for three days, and after this give instead a crystal of soda as above, ditto of sulphate of iron half as big, and six drops of dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week. Then stop all drugs and rely upon the system of feeding to complete the cure. It would be beneficial to give all the other birds the soda and rhubarb mixture

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as above for two consecutive days now. If you only gave the birds pure tasteless peppore, either with or without a moderate proportion of Natal, it could have nothing at all to do with the birds' present condition.

NOT PERCHING, ETC. (W. Stone).—(1) It is probably only an idiosyncrasy of the bird to try to find a cosy spot to eroneh in out of the chilly, raw atmosphere we have had this season. Quite a large number of birds seem to have the same way out of an unpleasant situation this season. You may try bathing its feet once in a warm solution of boracic acid for a few minutes, then dry, and gently rub on a little carbolised vaseline, but do not leave on any surplus grease to attract the dirt from the cage floor. Also give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days add to the water six drops of tincture of gentian and four of diluto sulphuric acid. It would help the bird considerably if you could keep it in a little warmer place for a week or two, but do not overdo the heat. (2) You cannot depend upon more than one pair breeding successfully in the aviary you name. If you introduce more than one pair they will be almost certain to make a hash of things by interfering with each others arrangements. A cock and two hens might possibly succeed if you happened to get birds of just the right temperament, but you cannot rely upon doing so. The only other way by which you could make it do for more than one hen is to place a partition across the middle and divide it into two equal parts. Then you could keep a hen in each division and run one cock with them alternately.

CAGES FROM BOXES (Cannabina).—(1) With a little ingenuity you can make quite decent cages out of a variety of trade packing cases. The size you name, 14ins. by 12ins. by 7ins., would do nicely for stock cages to keep single birds or couples in, but would not be large enough for breeding. But you must strictly avoid those with rough coarse surface. The rough wood may not harm the birds, but affords such harbour for red mites as to cause endless trouble and work to keep them free from this pest. Smooth down any rough surfaces with coarse sandpaper, if you cannot plane them smooth. You would also be well advised to do the insides with white sanitary distemper in preference to whiting and paste, and the outsides with Brunswick Black. The extra cost would be very small, and the effect considerably better. You should also endeavour to make your fronts to fit the stock sizes of punched bar fronts you see advertised. This is easily done by regulating the width of the front pieces you will put in over the turn-rail. I have not seen any of the fronts at the price you name, so cannot say whether they are quite good or not. (2) Some Rollers become corrupted in song much quicker than others. I have one myself at the present time, which, a twelvemonth ago, was a highly-trained bird, and a fine singer, and now sings a perfect Linnet song, some coarse Norwich jabber, and scarcely a note of anything worthy of a Roller. On the other hand, I had one nine years in constant company of mixed birds, which deteriorated exceedingly little. Try a staple of three parts canary to one part cole for this bird. If it refuses that, give plain canary, and offer a little scalded rape occasionally.

COLOUR OF CAGES (F. R. S.).—The colour of the dressings of breeding and flight cages, both inside and out, is a matter of individual fancy. There is no "correct" or compulsory colour for these cages, as there is for show cages. In small or badly-lit rooms, white for the insides is certainly the best, as affording the maximum of light available, but in larger rooms and large cages a light bluish-green, or a bluish-grey looks more cosy. Light autumn-green and electric-green are very nice colours for the insides of cages. Outside mahogany colour suits any colour inside. Your cages will do very nicely as they are, and there is no real necessity to alter the colour at all. By the way, your single breeders are very low. You should have made them at least 14 ins. high.

LUXURIOUS FARE (F. C.).—Neither linseed nor hemp should form any material portion of the regular dietary of Canaries. These seeds are not necessarily injurious if used with discretion and in limited quantities. A good mixture for occasional use as a luxury is composed of two parts each, by measure, hemp, niger and white millet, one part each teazle, black rape, or cole and broken groats, a quarter part each of maw and gold of pleasure, and just a slight sprinkling of linseed and mustard seed.

SLEEPY NORWICH HEN (A. J. E.).—Frankly, I should discard her as a breeding unit. You may try what the following treatment will do for her. In addition to the staple of plain canary seed give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every third day, and on the intervening days give first half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet and teazle, and next a good-sized spray of watercress or a morsel of banana. In the drinking water add as much Epsom salts as will lie on a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and after this give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for another fortnight or so. If not well in the course of a month write again, and give more particulars about her.

TO GET THE BEST (Novice, E.R.H.).—You will doubtless get out the best that is in him in song when he is in good sound health and quite free from moulting, but you can only get the best in colour by feeding him at the proper time, viz., when he is about to commence moulting. About August you will find full details of this process in our columns. It is useless to attempt it now. As regards the loss of feathers, I should suspect that, if the bird is really free from exposure to draughts, the room must get very chilly at night. Does the cage stand near a window? If so, remove it further into the room, and see that it is in a place where the temperature will keep fairly equable at night.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

REARING HYBRIDS (R. Downing).—I am pleased to hear of your success in hatching Canary-Bullfinch Hybrids. I presume you are giving some kind of soft food for the old bird to rear them on, but you do not say what it is. Anyway, the following mixture answers the purpose, and many fine birds have been reared on it. Boil a fresh egg for ten minutes, and when cold break up as finely as possible, and add to it double the quantity of powdered Osborne biscuit and best quality insectile food, making the whole crumbly moist. Many birds have been reared on ordinary egg and biscuit, and one brood I know of was brought up on insectile food, but, whatever is used, care should be taken to see that the old birds will feed on it, and for this reason it is a good plan to get them accustomed to it before the young arrive. Give also ordinary seeds, including a little cracked hemp, and sunflower, groats, and soaked seeds. Do not give all these things at once; giving them separately induces the hen to feed. She should also be supplied with seeding wild food, shepherd's purse, chickweed, sowthistle, etc., particularly any weeds that have greenfly on them. A cube of bread soaked in hot milk can be offered occasionally for a change. Do not discontinue the use of egg food too suddenly when the young can feed themselves, or they will not thrive. (2) I should think your rearing 25 Mules from one cock Linnet almost a record.

BIRDS IN THE AVIARY (W. J. Delves).—The time that you turned your birds into the aviary had nothing to do with your non-success, although if I read your letter correctly your hens did not lay all unfertile eggs, but you do not say what proportion These unfertile eggs are not at all uncommon, particularly where the parents are of different species. All those birds that are moulting well I would advise you to leave where they are, but if the others do not soon make a start you had better catch them up and cage them indoors; the change is almost certain to have the desired effect. You should feed them rather generously. Supply the birds in the aviary with their usual food and a little extra hemp, sunflower, and maw seed, also bundles of seeding wild plants.

TAMING A CHAFFINCH (British Bird).—A cage 12ins. long, 7ins. wide, and 9ins. or 10ins. high, would do nicely. It should have a rather deep front bar to it, and the perches placed on a level with this. You can fix a net top to it if you think it desirable, but if the cage is built low this will hardly be necessary. In the Nutshell booklet on the Chaffinch you will find an illustration of this cage, but the sizes given there are larger and suitable for a stock cage, the smaller size is very useful to keep a wild bird in for a time.

BIRDS FOR AN AVIARY (Aviary).—The following birds, all cocks, would suit you: Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Siskin, Linnet, Twite, Redpoll, Yellow Bunting, and Cirl or Reed Bunting. These would give you a nice variety of song, and look well, as most of them are of good colour. Do not overcrowd them; six or eight would be quite enough, the birds keep cleaner and look much better when they have plenty of room.

VARIEGATED MULE (Happy).—If your bird is large enough to exhibit he certainly should be coloured. You should commence to give it at once, and not wait until he begins to drop his feathers. As regards value, so much depends upon his size and shape. They are useful birds in club shows, and at the large exhibitions there is usually a class for variegated specimens. I would advise you to moult him out, and see what he is like. These birds as a rule make up a lot between the moults, so that you should not be in a hurry to part with him.

EXHIBITING BLACKBIRDS (J. McCorrisken, jun.)—Some judges would disqualify your Blackbird with the light feathers, as they would consider it to be a rare feathered specimen. Perhaps he will moult out quite black this time. If the other bird has not been determed too long it is possible to cure it. Get a small elastic band and fasten the hind claw back to the leg If you keep it like this for a few days he will be able to grip the perch when it is released. A piece of court plaster, wetted and bound round the toe and leg, answers the same purpose. The Thrush should have had a little colour-food before he commenced to moult, but if you give the Blackbird some now it will be in time, as it is the beak and eye cere that are mostly improved, and this takes place when the head moults. Buy a pound of colour-food and mix a little of it in the soft food, until

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

they get used to it, when the strength can be increased. There would be no harm in giving the Thrush some as well, even if he has dropped a few feathers. Wasp grubs are capital food for soft-bills, and certain birds will kill the insects, but I have never used them myself for captive birds. I like them best when they are a long way off.

A MIXED AVIARY (Likaamixture).—Your assortment of birds is so varied that they will consume almost all the seeds used for caged birds. I would advise you to manage them in the following manner: one seed hopper to contain nothing but canary, another with a mixture of 3 parts teazle and 1 part summer rape. A portion of sunflower seed to be given daily; most of the birds will eat it, but it will be given principally for the Hawfinch and Bullfinch. Make a mixture of hemp, niger, and maw, and allow half a spoonful to each bird 3 times a week. On other days a spoonful of wild seed mixture to each bird. Millet should be supplied for the benefit of the foreign Finches, and this should be given separately if possible. The softbills will require feeding according to the species, but whatever mixture of birds you have you must always feed for the especial benefit of the tenderest subject, as you cannot expect a delicate Warbler to thrive on food suitable for a Blackbird, but the Blackbirds will keep lusty on the Warbler's diet. I think you would be more successful if you only turned in the hardiest species.

FEEDING A CUCKOO (Cuckoo).—The Cuckoo is not by any means a desirable cage bird, and, although I have had several, I have never cared to keep them for any length of time. They get dirty and untidy-looking, no matter how clean one keeps the cage. You are fortunate in getting your bird to feed himself; this is as a rule the last thing a young Cuckoo thinks he ought to do. They are not particular as regards food, and, like chicken, will eat almost anything they can gulp down, but if you intend to try and keep your bird for any length of time he should be fed on a good brand of insectile mixture; make it crumbly moist with scraped raw carrot or a little new milk, and occasionally chop up a little green-food with it. Sometimes you can add a spoonful of hard-boiled egg to his soft food. Also supply beetles, caterpillars, mealworms, etc., and just a morsel of shredded lean meat. Give bananas, ripe pears or other soft fruit. Keep the cage floor covered with sifted peat moss or coarse sawdust, and clean out daily. (2) I have never yet seen one at a show, the difficulty is to keep the bird in good plumage. It would be shown with the "Any other species of Soft-bills," that is, birds for which there is no special class.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AVIARY QUERIES (A. C. W.).—(1) I should supply the following mixtures, viz., canary, white and Indian millet in equal parts, also a combined Bullfinch, Goldfinch, and Siskin mixture. (2) I rather like a suspended wooden tray, say, 24ins. long, 12ins. wide, by 4ins. deep. Nail a fillet along the two inside ends 1½ins. from top, and on this rest a board 8ins. wide, into which you cut three or four circular holes to receive either glass dishes or glazed earthenware saucers, which will rest upon their rims. The tray catches husks and scattered seed, and it both makes for tidiness and prevents waste. (3) In such an aviary it would be better not to allow them access to open flight during the winter; with such as Bullies, Goldies, etc., mixed among your foreigners you would get no plant life at all if you let them use it all the year round. As regards values, demand exceeds supply at the present time of the species you enquire about, and you may take it that you will be asked at least double what they commanded before the war broke out. You will have to watch our advert. page and secure them as you are able, but unless you buy direct from an outdoor aviary you must not put the foreign Finches out of doors now, or if you do you must bring them in in mid-October, and not put them out again till Spring. Of course, most British seedeaters can be put out now and left out, but queries regarding these must be refered to our Mr. Norman.

SAMPLE OF SUMMER RAPE (L. Smith).—Very few kinds of seeds are obtainable in such quality as before the war broke out. The sample sent is uneven, some grains have the appearance of being old; it was, however, sweet and seemed fairly well cleaned, but I could not form a definite opinion, as the small envelope had burst in the post. I thoroughly tested the seeds by taste, and found this reasonably satisfactory, and such as I should not hesitate to put into my aviary; considering the times, it is what I should call a fair sample. It would be well now to sift all seed before use, as I have found many samples of seed of all kinds and from many sources less clean than during peace-times.

SEPARATING A SERIES (Lallan).—(1) Budgerigars, Saffron Finches, two pairs Zebra Finches, Lavender-headed Lovebirds, White Java Sparrows, Bullfinches, Virginian Nightingale. (2) Four pairs Zebra Finches, one pair each Saffron Finches, Bronze-winged Mannikins, White Java Sparrows, Chaffinches, Redpolls, Green Singing Finches, Cut-throats, and St. Helena Seed-eater. In so separating them I am assuming that the prospective aviary will be of a similar size to the existing one. Of course, for series 1 it is no use planting the aviary, you'll have to be content with ground herbage and tree branches. The aviary for series 2 should be wild and natural, a tangle of undergrowth and bushes, in which evergreens should have a prominent place, and a rambler rose to climb up the standards; as regards wild plants, bramble, honeysuckle, dock, mallow, cow paisley, dandelion, thistle, and the other weeds usually used as greenfood should all have a place.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

PARROT IN POOR CONDITION (C. M. P.).—It is an Alexandrine. Prepare the following mixture: One quart each giant canary, white millet, and best white oats; one pint each hemp and sunflower seeds; half-pint each shelled pea nuts and small maize; well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also procure a packet of Parrot grit and scatter a pinch over sand-tray daily. Also supply ripe fruit (any kind it will eat according to season), and keep a piece of cuttlebone hanging in the cage. It can also have dry crusts, plain biscuit and plain cake. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking-water daily, till the bowels have been well moved; then only give it sufficiently often to keep them moving quite freely, but not in a state of chronic watery-looseness. On the days you are not supplying the laxative lightly colour the drinking-water with chemical food. Spray it twice weekly with a tepid quassia solution, and it would be well to treat the cage as advised in our previous reply. Report progress a month hence.

SMALL AVIARY FOR BUDGERIGARS (Esperance).—Your description reads satisfactory; my only objection is, that having a wood floor, it would be more satisfactory if the whole of the top was covered in, or the general state of wetness will soon spread over the whole floor. As regards the box, you can either sow canary and millet, or keep it planted with growing grass; whichever you have it will be better to take the box outside, well water it, allow the water to drain from the soil, and then put it in the aviary; such procedure will keep undue moisture from the structural parts of the aviary. By lining back and ends with twiggy branches I mean fastening such all round these parts in a perpendicular position; small screw-eyes or staples can be put in the back, etc., of aviary, and the branches (pea sticks) fastened to these with a little binding wire. Use three parts each of canary and white millet to one each of oats and paddy rice. By grit I mean grit (you can buy it in packets) as distinct from gritty sand—it consists of flint and shell, you are supposed to use both, sand as an absorptive and the grit for them to pick up; dry earth can be used instead of sand. Hang the husks under the roof of both shelter and flight, with their openings towards the light.

PARROT VOMITING (E. S.).—If you can get this bird to eat sufficient dry seed, fruit, crusts, biscuit, etc., do not give any more sop; at any rate, only supply the latter in small quantities and wean it from it entirely as soon as possible. Read our reply to "C. M. P.," in this issue, and treat your bird on similar lines as to medicines and seed mixture, the only exception being leave out the maize from the mixture. The bird has got into a bad condition, and you will have to persevere with the treatment, as it usually takes considerable time to undo mischief of this kind. It is largely correcting the trouble by cleansing out impurities and getting the bird settled on a wholesome dietary. It would, however, be well to get a box of honey and horax from your chemist, and give it a little daily, either by spreading on a piece of bread or anything similar it will eat, or from the end of a piece of stick, but only a clean stick or other utensil must be put into the mixture. Report progress again at the end of the month, but you must repeat query in full, as I do not keep queries by me.

A WEAKLING (H.C.).—It is quite possible for the breeding of the bird to be the real cause of the bare and sore heads, in which case no treatment is likely to be very effectual except as a temporary relief of the symptoms. In any case, your only course is to build up the system and strengthen the bird as much as you can, and trust to nature to remedy the defects at the proper moulting season. Treat as follows, and you will probably find the bird get through the moult in a considerably improved form. Every second morning, in addition to the staple diet of plain canary seed, give a small teaspoonful of egg food, mixed rather on the dry side, and on the alternate mornings give a similar quantity of boiled summer rape. Now and again you may vary the egg food by giving an equivalent quantity of bread and milk instead. Each afternoon throw out any soft food that may be left, wash out vessel, and give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats. Give a plantain stalk, or a few seed heads of shepherd's purse about every second day. In the drinking water add 20 drops of Chemical Food three times a week. Well dust the bare places with boracic acid, when moisture appears. Allow bird to bathe freely if it is fairly active afterwards.

DIET FOR RING-NECKED PARRAKEET, ETC. (Novice, T.S.).—Get one quart each of giant canary seed, white millet and best white oats, also one pint each hemp and sunflower seed, and shelled monkey nuts; well mix the whole and keep supply in cage. You can also supply pieces of stale bread, biscuit, plain cake, ripe fruit, and green food (flowering and seeding grass, groundsel, lettuce, etc.). Grit (not sand), cuttlebone and water must be continually in the cage. Keep the bird at all times out of draught, and till it is established keep it in a fairly warm, even temperature. As regards the Java Sparrows, white millet and canary will suffice, but they are usually fond of crushed oats, and I am of the opinion that if you continue to offer greenfood, such as lettuce, seeding and flowering grass, seeding chickweed, etc., they will ultimately take to it, and the sooner this occurs the better for the birds. Do not forget to supply grit and gritty sand on cage tray; keep a piece of cuttlebone hanging in the cage, and give a daily bath.

BLUE-FRONT ILL (Miss B.).—If you can induce the bird to eat it, give a little milk sop daily, prepared so: half a dozen pieces of sponge cake about size of walnuts, half a teaspoonful of cod-liver oil emulsion, one teaspoonful of condensed milk, and sufficient boiling water to make a sloppy sop. Give this till the bird recovers strength, then gradually wean it from the sop to the ordinary diet. Put three drops of whisky in the drinking water daily, and spread a little honey and borax on anything suitable that the bird will eat, while the contents of a small box last. Keep it warm, and bathe the affected eye with a tepid rose-water and zinc solution, dabbing the surrounding plumage dry with a soft cloth afterwards. If there is any running at the nostrils, bathe or spray these with dilute glycothymoline till the trouble ceases. The main cause of the trouble has been the difficulty of voiding the egg, and during the exhaustion following she has evidently caught a chill—a heavy strain on an aged bird, but I think there is a good prospect of her pulling through with careful nursing in really warm quarters. In addition to what is stated above, supply the normal dietary for the bird to help itself to as inclined. Report progress about fourteen days hence; if the bird should become suddenly worse, write again at once.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box **direct to Mr. Yates,** with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. **Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away,** and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

J. H. Askew.—Septic fever, a highly infectious and fatal disease.

W. H. Jones.—The bird was in a bad state of decomposition on arrival, so it was impossible to make a thorough examination.

A Derbyshire.—Disease of the liver. This organ was abnormally large, and of a hard fibrous texture. The disease had been maturing some time.

J. H. Anderson. — The bird examined died of ptomaine poisoning due to impurities partaken of in the food. The bowels were in a state of inflammation, and the lungs were affected with pneumonia. I could not detect anything wrong with the seed.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

British Bird.—According to our information the Goldfinch is protected all the year round in the county of Glamorgan, but the Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Linnet and Redpoll are not in the schedule of protected birds in the Wild Birds Act of 1880; neither are they mentioned in the special order, dated 1909, which sets forth certain additions to the 1880 Act to apply to the county of Glamorgan. On the promontory known as Worms Head, however, wild birds and their eggs appear to be protected during the whole of the year, and in certain districts all birds are protected on Sundays. Your local police authorities would inform you exactly how the matter stands in your own district. (2) It is not proposed to republish in book form the articles you mention. We could send you the back numbers containing them if these are all still in print.

J. A. Scott.—It would be much too tall an order to explain in our columns "The Law Regarding the Wild Birds Protection Act," as you desire. We would advise you to get the "Bird Dealers' and Catchers' Guide," published at sixpence by Messrs. Trower and Co., Caledonian Road, London, N. This handy little guide gives the full schedule of birds protected by the Wild Birds Act of 1880. It endeavours to explain the meanings of the various Acts on the subject, and the variations as to different localities. Besides this, Messrs. Wyman and Sons, Fetter Lane, London, E.C., publish, at one penny each, pamphlets giving extra "Statutory Rules and Orders," made since 1880, and applying to individual districts. The pamphlet referring to Surrey, f.i., your own county, has additions to the 1880 Act which would take columns of our journal to set forth fully.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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WANTED

any quantity of 1915 Canaries, including Borders, Yorkshires, Norwich, and Rollers; good prices given; cash by return of post, no waiting: G. Chapman, Highst., Birmingham.

WANTED, HEN CANARIES

Norwich or Yorkshire, old or young, 18/- a dozen; common or small, 15/- a dozen; Goldfinch Mules, hens, 1/ each; cash or deposit with Editor: Rutherford, Bird Importer, Leytonstone. (341)

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

WILL give 13 Skylarks and little cash for pair clap nets, or good Siskin: Marnoch, 65a, Melville-st., Lochgelly (409)

FINE Greater White-Throat, well meated off, 4/-; fine cock Linnet, 1/6; offers: W Comic, 43, Newtown, Rannds, Wellingboro. (410)

SALE or exchange cock Brown Linnet, singing, and Goldie Mule, 3/- pair; particulars: Plumtree, Normanby rd., Crosby, Scunthorpe. (407)

EXTRA large 1914 cock Goldfinch, grand blaze, clean, house-moulted, 7/6; exchange Flemish giants: Foyle, Platelayers Arms, New Barnet. (410)

GOOD Linnet and Greenie cocks, hen Goldies and Bullies, cock Charlie, C. M., full song, sell, exchange anything: Griffin, Bretforton, Honeybourne, Worc. (408)

Mainly Canaries.

ROLLERS, cocks, singing, 4/-; hens 2/-; exchange anything useful: Jopson, Newton Heath, Manchester. (409)

GRAND Pom. pug bitch, in kindle, 25/-; exchange young Yorkshires: Blackett, 2, Poole-st., New North-rd., London. (409)

FOR sale, Norwich cock and hen, 12/-; exchange anything; also 4 Bantam cocks, 5/-: Logan, Artimr-st., Newton Stewart. (409)

YORKSHIRE cock Canary for sale, 6/6, or exchange anything useful: Leighton, 82, Nichols-square, Hackney-rd., London, N.E.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires and pair Rollers, first-class birds, for Toy Yorkshire Terrier: J. Kearney, 1, Athol-st., Liverpool. (407)

WANTED Roller cock, exchange four good hens, Yorks and Norwich; sell cheap; particulars: W. Barrow, Low Wray, Ambleside. (407)

THREE Norwich, 1 Crestbred hens, 10/- lot; or exchange British Goldfinches or Linnets preferred: Hewes, Brinsley Moor, Eastwood, Notts. (406)

PAIR Norwich Canaries, 12/6; exchange pair field glasses or cycle covers, 28in. by 1½in. (wired); offers: James Simpson, Stirling Village, Boddam, Aberdeenshire. (408)

BIG buff 1914 Norwich cock, good stock bird, 12/6; two buff Norwich hens, 7/6 the two, or exchange clap nets or H.-M. Goldfinches: Smith, 24, Bilton-pl., City-rd., Bradford. (405)

EXCHANGE cock Linnet, Yorkshire hen, mulers, for Roller cock, full song; sell 8/6; little cash for good songster; offers: Willis, 13, Lower Bailey-st., Wattstown, Glam. (406)

GOOD Norwich cock, 8/6; Yorkshire hen, 3/-; two Roller hens, 7/-; exchange Yorkshire cock or Norwich show cages, or offers: Place, 22, Rhodes-st., Wilson-st., Castleford. (405)

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, and Roller Canaries, sell reasonable, or exchange, pure or crossbred poultry, geese, or ducks: McKeand, Hamilton Place, Castle-Douglas. (399)

ONE pair of show Crests, pair of Yorkshires, pair Borders, 3 pairs show Norwich, pair Green Budgerigars, sell, cash £5; exchange mack, top coat, suits, boots, new pony harness; anything value £6 10s.: Mann, Red Burn-row, Fencehouses, Durham. (407)

GREEN Crest hen, green Crest-bred cock, 15/-; variegated Crest hen, 4/-; three good Norwich hens, 1/- each; buff Norwich cock, can win, 15/-; yellow Yorkshire cock, 6/-; buff hen, 4/-; yellow hen, 4/-; on approval: Foster, 7, Church-terr., Helmington-row, Crook. (398)

EXCEPTIONAL offer. Waverley Book Canaries and British Birds, new, 16/-; Norwich travelling case and 3 cages, 7/6; gent's silver lever, capped and jewelled, good timekeeper, 10/6; two 1915 Norwich clear yellows, 10/-; offers lot or separate: wanted gent's gold albert, good: approval: particulars: West, 17, Kimberley-st., Briercliffe, Burnley. (407)

Mainly Foreign.

LEMON crested Cockatoo, extra tame, splendid condition, talker, with cage, nearly new; rare bargain; 3 -: Palmer's, 352, Upper-st., Islington, N.

Miscellaneous.

GENT'S cycle, exchange for gramophone or Norwich: F. Moss, 3, Brydon-st., Ardwick, Manchester. (406)

SIX 1914 Roller hens for sale, good feeders, 8/6 lot; cash: Walker, 6, Lambert-terr., Aberdare, Wales. (410)

WHAT offers in birds for that grand book, "Canaries and Hybrids," new: 80, Ordsall-lane, Salford. (406)

ONE dozen of large new ditch nets, what offers in birds; yours first: Dennett, 5, Bruner-rd., Walthamstow. (408)

EXCHANGE, strong field glasses for brass hanging cage, sell 8/6; yours first: Harrison, 136, St. Paul's-st., Hull. (406)

EXCHANGE 2 gallons of White Enamel, value 38/-, for Canaries: Frank Thomas, 39, Lefroy-rd., Shepherds Bush. (410)

EXCHANGE, smooth-coated red Terrier, good yard dog, for British birds, sell 12 6: Carr, 59, Haydon's-rd. Wimbledon. (408)

SEVEN British show cages, good as new, 2/- each, 12 6 lot, or exchange laying pullets: Fildes, Llanrhos, Llandudno. (407)

LARGE pair Norwich, exchange for good watch or gramophone, value £1, or exhibition rabbits: Jones, Vaynol, Harlech. (408)

GOOD Irish Terrier dog, would exchange for two good young Norwich cocks, in song: E. P., 19, Burchell-rd. Peckham. (409)

WANTED Bull pup, give banjo-mandoline in case and cash for right sort; pup first: Worsley, 11, Hope-st., Bradford, Manchester. (410)

SALE or exchange, lovely Pom. puppies, black and white, sell cheap to good home: Meredith, Tailor, Congleton, Cheshire. (402)

FOR sale, or exchange, pure Whippet bitch, seven months, 7/6, 14lbs. weight, 15ins. height: Mrs. Gilman, 34, Double-row, Kilwenny. (408)

TWO hen Canaries, cock Goldfinch, muler, cock Bullfinch, large, exchange cock Roller, songster: Astell, Hairdresser, Frome, Som. (405)

COCK Bullfinch, 5/-, 75 clean "Cage Birds," 10d.; Charles I. shilling, 1/5; three old Roman coppers, 1/-: Hubbard, North Kilworth, Rugby. (408)

WANTED offers Canaries; exchange pair Scotch blankets, or new silver lever watch, sell 25/- each: Drummond, Hutchison-st., Glasgow. (402)

PICCOLO, silver keys, ebony tube, new, cost £2; sell, or exchange anything useful: Smith, 95, Coxst. West, Balsall Heath, Birmingham. (408)

EXCHANGE, gent.'s medium size raincoat, nearly new, for Mule or Roller in song: Cunningham, Tobacconist, Mountain Ash, South Wales. (408)

½-PLATE hand camera, holds 12 plates, and accessories, exchange Mules, Canaries, fowls, or records, sell £1: 81, Summerstown, Tooting. (407)

EXCHANGE 2 Aylesbury ducks, laying, also banjo, for anything useful, or really good songster: Jackson, 8, Sheredan-rd., Highams Park, London, E. (410)

WILL exchange C.E.S.G., M.B.R., or Birchen Bantams, Modenas, or red Jacobiu Pigeons for foreign Finches or Canaries: Mrs. Gant, Hellingly. (405)

EXCHANGE pair good 1914 Ferrets, workers, for Canaries, British, or anything useful; approval willingly: Carpenter, Palmerston-road, Wealdstone. (404)

WILL exchange, one pair of ladies' best boots, or one dress length or suit length for 5 young Canaries, as bred, or 5 old hens: Cummings, 4, Richmond-terr., Leeds. (406)

NOTICE! We want Birds, Parrots, Poultry, Rabbits, Cavies, Gramophones, Records, anything in exchange for cutlery or plate; write: Smith Bros., 49, Pear-st., Sheffield. (405)

EXCHANGE, ladies' and gent.'s umbrellas, solid silver mounts, also ladies' and gent.'s silver watches, for cock Canaries, or any live stock; offers: Dobbs, Manufacturer, 866, Rochdale-rd., Manchester. (408)

CHINCHILLA Queen, highest pedigree, £3; three gross twopenny packets Keelenzo, for cleaning paint, etc., sponges; two pounds quick-silver; exchange, offers: Chinchen, Park-st., E. Cowes. (406)

BOY'S suit, 10/-, suit boy 14 years; 2 young geese, 10/-; gramophone, disc, 35/-; incubator 100 40/-, another, 25/-; wanted, Canaries, camera (½-plate), or aquarium: J. Cockburn, 4, Carson-road, Canning Town, London, E. (404)

WHAT offers, in Seifert Roller cock Canaries or Yorkshires, for splendid pair of Ayrshire blanks, very heavy value for 21/-, and a good linen table cloth, value 6/6: Particulars, A. Anderson, 8, Byers-rd., Partick, Glasgow. (407)

EXCHANGE pair of clap nets, 12 yds. long each side, 6 ft. deep, poles, etc., complete, for cock Linnets and Redpolls to value 14/-; ⅝-in. mesh: S. Capper, 534, Manchester-rd., Hollinwood, Oldham. (402)

WILL exchange two 10ozs. distemper brushes, genuine, new, for young Yorkshire Canaries, cocks or hens; what offers; cost 10/- each; also pair of boots. 8's, cost 12/6, new: Mrs. Robinson, 86, Ethelred-st., Lambeth Walk, S.E. (405)

SALE or exchange, pair gent.'s leggings, 10/6; six-chamber revolver, 7/6; 2 cock Goldfinches, proved mulers, offers wanted in young Canaries, Norwich or Yorkshire, as bred, approval: W. Kilty, 24, Jubilee-terr., Annfield Plain, Durham. (407)

TO SPORTSMEN.—One of the gamest little Fox Terrier bitches living, thoroughly broken ferrets, go to ground, and will kill fox 2 years; no more; 25/-, offers, exchange: a bargain at £5: Particulars apply, 43, Hermitage-rd., Coalville, Leicestershire. (404)

EXCHANGE household goods, boots, bedding, cycle tyres, draperies, cuttery, etc., for live stock of all descriptions, birds, monkeys, Parrots, dogs, rabbits, fowls, etc.; hundreds of testimonials from leading fanciers: Jopson's Exchange Stores, Newton Heath, Manchester. (397)

PROMISING Wire Fox Terrier bitch, 5 months, very compact, by Leeds Surprise, ex Moor Lane Gipsy; full pedigree sent, cost 30/- ten weeks old, exchange British hardbills, Canaries, indoor aviaries, breeding or box cages; approval both ways; yours first: Whitford, Ogmy-st., Nantymoel. (408)

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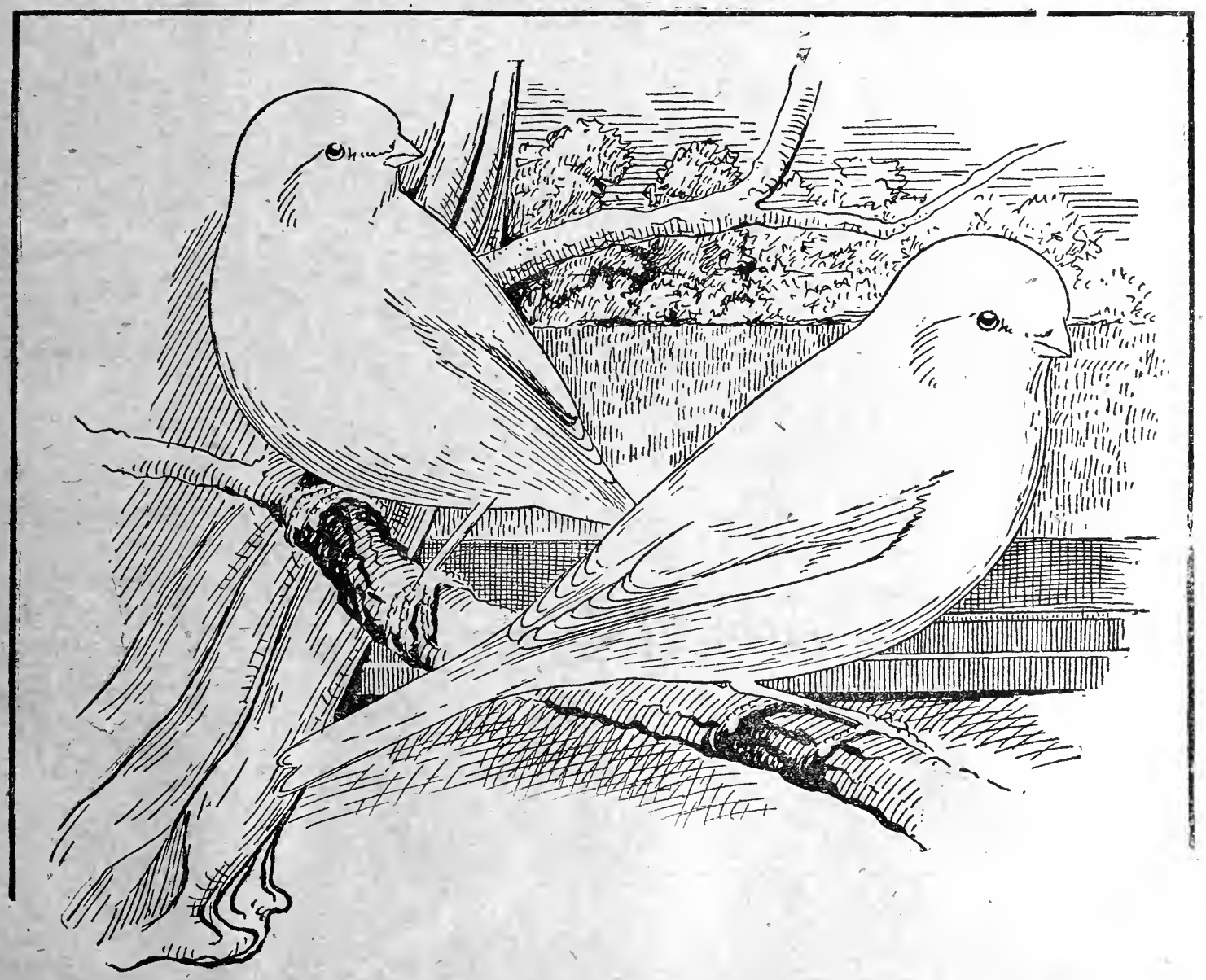

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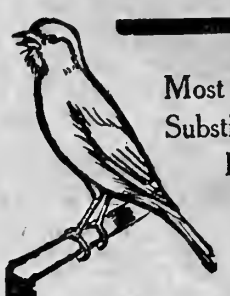

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The Shows.

OXFORD C.B.S.

Young bird show, July 15. Mr. F. C. Scott judged. Nor. Cl.: 1, Lewin; 2, Gough; 3, vhc, Wren. Mkd. or Varieg.: 1, Lewin; 2, 3, Wren. A.O.V.: 1, Gough. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, 2, Wren; 3, Gough. A.O. Brit.: 1, Wren. Mule or Hyb. (Old Birds): 1, Gough. Canary Hyb. (1915): 1, 2, 3, Wren. Selling: 1, Lewin; 2, 3, Lees.—A. F. Fifield.

CAMBUSLANG.

F.F. show, July 31, Mr. G. Smart judged. There were three good classes, Norwich, Borders, and Mules. Nor.: 1, 3, Shaw; 2, Crawford. Bord.: 1, 3, Leighton; 2, Brownlee. Mules: 1, Crawford; 2, Lindsay; 3, Shaw. Mr. Smart's awards were well received. During judging, meeting was held, Mr. Crawford, chair. Agreed that we try to raise some money for local Red Cross fund by sale of birds. Next meeting, Aug. 28.—S. Lindsay, Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS C.B.S.

Young bird show, July 31, the members staging 62 birds. Mr. Reid judged. Nor. Yell.: 1, 2, Tucker; 3, Priestley. Buff: 1, Priestley; 2, 3, Coppack. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Baxter. Buff: 1, Baxter. Bord. Yell.: 1, 3, Hirons; 2, Scott. Buff: 1, Hirons; 2, Dixon; 3, Scott. Cinn. Yell.: 1, 2, Winter. Buff: 1, Winter. Crest: 1, Winter. C.-B.: 1, 2, Winter. Goldf.: 1, 3, Tucker; 2, Dixon. Linnet: 1, Pattison; 2, Dixon; 3, Smith. Finch, A.O.V.: 1, Duke. Redpoll: 1, Scott; 2, Smith. Mule: 1, 3, Tucker; 2, Scott.—W. L. Smith, Hon. Sec.

CROYDON F.A.

Young stock show, St. Michael's Hall, Aug. 11. The cage bird section of the show was quite a strong feature, and proved a great attraction. Mr. H. Norman judged and gave complete satisfaction. Nor. Yell.: 1, Paterson; 2, Soper; 3, vhc, hc, 2, Halhead. Buff: 1, 2, Soper; 3, Paterson. Yorks. Yell.: 1, hc, c, Soper; 2, Last; 3, vhc, Bacon. Buff: 1, 2, Bacon; 3, vhc, Soper. Bord. Yell.: 1, Bacon; 2, 3, Last; vhc, Rev. Soames. Buff: 1, Bacon; 2, Last; 3, Rev. Soames. A.O.V.: 1, Bacon. Mule: 1, 2, Everett; 3, Bacon

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Young bird show, Aug. 7, in Y.M.C.A. Halls. In spite of many members having had a bad season, there was a fair entry. Mr. Wm. Clark judged and gave general satisfaction. Mr. J. Cuthbertson won spl. best Norwich; Mr. D. Marley best Bord.; and Mr. J. Allan most points. Nor. Yell. (5): 1, spl, Cuthbertson; 2, Allan; 3, 5, Rundall; 4, McGregor. Buff (7): 1, Cuthbertson; 2, Allan; 3, 6, Rundall; 4, 5, McGregor. Bord., Yell. (6): 1, spl, Marley; 2, Rundall; 3, 4, Allan; 5, 6, Robertson. Buff (11): 1, 3, 4, Marley; 2, Allan; 5, Robertson; 6, Gibb. Mule or Hyb. (3): 1, 3, Rundall; 2, Melvin. —T. J. McGregor, Sec.

TREDEGAR C.B.S.

N.F. show, Tredegar Arms, Aug. 14. Entries were very poor in champion section, but novices came out strong. Mr. D. Davies judged and gave general satisfaction.

Champ.—Mkd. Yell.: 1, Powell. Cl. Buff: 1, Watkins. Mkd.: 1, Powell; 2, Watkins. Nov.—Cl. Yell.: 1, hc, Bennett; 2, Thomas; 3, Morgan; 4, Harding; vhc, Llewellyn. Mkd.: 1, Morgan; 2, Harding; 3, Llewellyn; 4, hc, Harris; vhc, Griffiths; c, Thomas. Cl. Buff: 1, Harding; 2, Llewellyn; 3, c, Thomas; 4, Morgan; vhc, hc, Bennett. Mkd.: 1, 4, Griffiths; 2, 3, Harris; vhc, Harding; hc, c, Thomas.—W. B. Watkins, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHPORT C.B.S.

Second N.F. show, July 25; Mr. J. W. Johnson, Ormskirk, judged. Some very good young Norwich were staged by Messrs. Sutton, Cookson, and Whitehead, and Yorks. were rather of better quality, those shown by Messrs. Whitehead, Linaker, Hurst, and Nixon being of superior promise.

Yell. Nor.: 1, Whitehead; 2, 3, Sutton; vhc, Fawcett; hc, Millburn; c, Cookson. Buff Cl.: 1, Cookson; 2, Millburn; 3, c, Sutton; vhc, hc, Johnson. Mkd. Buff: 1, 3, hc, Hutton; 2, vhc, c, Fawcett. Yorks. Yell.: 1, c, Whitehead; 2, hc, Linaker; 3, vhc, Nixon. Buff Cl.: 1, hc, Whitehead; 2, 3, hc, Hurst; vhc, c, Linaker. Mkd. Buff: 1, vhc, Linaker; 2, c, Nixon; 3, Wright; hc, Whitehead.—T. Johnson.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Oct. 6.—**Idle C.B.S.**—(C. A. House, Briardene, Idle, Bradford.) W.M.
Oct. 8-9.—**Preston O.S.**—(G. Buck, 5, Nevett St.)
Oct. 12-13.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)
Oct. 14.—**Hanley C.B.S.**—(C. Beckett, 32, Hamilton-rd., Birkenhead, Hanley.) J.R.
Oct. 15-16.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(H. Warburton, 73, Ellesmere Rd., Lower Walton, Warrington.) H.W.B., G.L., J.D.L.
Oct. 16.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. Green, 205, Stoney Stanton Rd.)
Oct. 21.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Holliday, 58, George St.) J.R.
Oct. 22-23.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.)
Oct. 23.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.) J.R.
Oct. 26-28.—**London and P.O.S.**—(H. L. Huggins, 130, Myddleton Rd., Bowes Park, London.)
Oct. 27-28.—**Carlisle (Border City) O.S.**—(J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.)
Oct. 29-30.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlboro Av., Manley Park, Manchester). L.D., J.B., R.B., J.D., H.J.C.
Oct. 30.—**York C.B.S.**—(V. G. F. Zimmerman, 7, Portland Street.)
Nov. 3-4.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terr.)
Nov. 4.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.)
Nov. 5-6.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield.) J.R., J.C.B., H.W.B.
Nov. 6.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(J. W. Thornton, 43, Rydal St., W. Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M., W.N.
Nov. 6-8.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street.) J.T., H.J.C.
Nov. 9-10.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(G. W. Jones, 156, Holdenhurst Rd.) H.N.
Nov. 12-13.—**Blaydon-on Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.) T.D., J.M., H.W.B.
Nov. 13.—**Barnsley C.B.S.**—(E. Toulson, 102, Cope St.)
Nov. 13.—**Chester C.B.S.**—(L. Cavanagh, "Berwyn," Vicar's Cross, Chester.) H.W.B.
Nov. 13.—**Ardwick & Manchester C.B.S.**—(J. Spencer, 193, Palmerston Street, Beswick, Manchester.)
Nov. 19-20.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.) W.M., H.W.B.
Nov. 19-20.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(Wm. Tallantyre, South View.)
Nov. 27.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.**—(F. A. Green, 54, Caludon Rd.) H.W.B.
Dec. 1-2.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 211, Park Rd., Aston, Birmingham.) J.R., J.H.R.
Dec. 1-2.—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place, Southampton.) H.N.
Dec. 8-9.—**Watford C.B.S.**—(W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Rd.) F.E., H.N., A.S., H.J.W.
Dec. 10-11.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—(W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle).

Scotland.

Nov. 12-13.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital Street.) W.G., J. M'L., W. M'M., C.M., A.W., M.C.
Nov. 20.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S.**—(A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place.)

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Jan. 1.—**Wishaw, Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)

Wales.

Oct. 20.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(H. H. Mortimer, 4, Granville St.)
Nov. 17.—**Llandudno** (Welsh N. Counties F. and F.A.).—(G. E. Cragg, "Rocklands," Rhos, Colwyn Bay.)
Nov. 17-18.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.H.R.

Ireland.

Nov. 24-25.—**Dublin Y.C.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(W. C. Sholedice, 38, Haddington Rd.) W.M.
Dec. 3-4.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(W. Montgomery, 62, Church Street).

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Twitterings.

Newcastle open show will be held on Oct. 23 in the Co-operative Hall, Benwell, writes Mr. J. W. Reed, sec.

Islington and Wood Green Inter-club Show will be held at headquarters, Warlters Road, Holloway, Aug. 21, from 2 till 9. Mr. F. Laccohee will judge the cage birds.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, writes Mr. J. Sneddon, Mr. Baxter, sec. of Cowdenbeath C.B.S., has resigned, but we are still to go on with our show, as Mr. Robertson, our late sec., has undertaken the work of secretary.

Madame Feist-Madewell, in her lecture on the Crossbill, reported in our issue of Aug. 14, expressed her wish to know where to get fir cones for her bird, and Mr. W. C. Dicks, of Newcastle Emlyn, has kindly offered to send her a supply without charge.

A good attendance, writes Mr. S. Midgley, Hon. Sec., is desired at the meeting of the Bradford National Show Committee, to be held Aug. 25, at the Cinderella Rooms, Lee Street, Thornton Road, to consider the Lord Mayor's note re our next show.

Please note that we have altered the date of our open show to Oct. 30, writes Mr. V. G. F. Zimmerman, hon. sec. York C.B.S. We have secured the use of a large well-lighted room, and a good, hard-working committee has been appointed. Our prospects for the open show are splendid.

Besides 3rd prize at the Welsh National, the wing-marked Linnet-Canary belonging to Mr. G. Lawrance, of Coventry (not Lawrence, as printed), and whose portrait appeared on our front page last week, has won 1sts at Coventry and Oxford, 2nd at Leicester, and 3rd at the Horticultural Hall.

Those interested in the delightful hobby of foreign bird-keeping and exhibiting should write to the hon. sec. of the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League. Mr. Allen Silver, F.Z.S., The Laurels, 7, Bampton Road, Forest Hill, London, S.E., for a copy of the rule book of the society. This little pamphlet, which has just been issued, contains the general rules and the show rules of the society, a list of the officials, and the names and addresses of members.

OBITUARY.

MR. G. MACROBBIE, PARTICK.

Fanciers in Scotland, as well as Yorkshire fanciers in England, writes Mr. J. F. Park, Sec. Partick C.B.C., will learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. George MacRobbie, of Partick, which occurred last week at Scotstown, to which place the family had recently removed in the hope that the fresh country air might improve his health, for he had been laid aside from business through illness for over two years. Of an ever cheerful and kindly disposition, even through his long illness, he was pleased to have his friends in the Fancy around him, and he never lost his interest in the birds, although he had disposed of his stock some time ago. The Yorkshire Canary was his favourite, and he was among the first to bring that variety into prominence in Scotland. He was a successful exhibitor for many years at all the principal shows. Since his illness his presence and help has been much missed by the members of the Partick Club, as well as the Y.C.C. of Scotland. He leaves a widow and two daughters, and our sympathy goes out to them in their sad bereavement.

MR. WALTER CONNELL, BELFAST.

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. J. Stewart, that I have to inform the Fancy through Cage Birds of the death, on Aug. 5, of Mr. Walter Connell, of Belfast, for many years the respected treasurer of the Belfast Norwich, Crest, and Y.C.C. The Norwich Plainhead was his particular fancy, and he was fairly successful at all our local shows. He won outright the Plainhead cup for best hen (three wins), and also captured the gold medal last year for best young cock. As a club member he spared neither time nor money to keep the club in a flourishing state. He was also a good supporter of the various shows around the town. He will be greatly missed, and the deepest sympathy of the Fancy is extended to his widow and family. He was well known to many English fanciers, being a native of Hull, to which town his remains were removed for interment on Aug. 6, a large cortege following them to the boat. A beautiful wreath was sent by the club as a mark of respect, and a vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family in their sad bereavement.

The Nesting of the Hawfinch.

In "Nature Notes" in "The Scotsman," W.W.M. writes of a fledgling Hawfinch which was found injured in a public road near Jedburgh, Roxburghshire, and says: "So far as I am aware, there is no record of the Hawfinch having previously nested in Roxburghshire." Cases have been recorded of the breeding of the Hawfinch in the neighbouring county of Dumfries, in East Lothian, and East Fife, but we also think there is no previous record for Roxburghshire."

The Cuckoo and the Wagtails.

"About June 10," writes Mrs. Norman, Steyning, "we heard a Cuckoo on our lawn at daybreak, very near the house, two mornings in succession. A few days after we noticed two little Water Wagtails very busy indeed, going in and out of a nest on the house-side of an old arch covered with ivy, and on looking in we found a young Cuckoo. The fosterparents continued to feed it until it grew a very fine bird, also very saucy. About three weeks after it flew away, and with it the Wagtails. The nest is still to be seen."

Tea Free for Exhibitors.

Dr. Craig, the hon. treas. of the Sheffield O.S., has offered to disburse the expenses of a ham and egg tea for all exhibitors at the nest feather show of the society.

Our Front Page Drawings.

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A Sixteen Years Old Greenfinch Dead.

A correspondent to the "Manchester City News" tells of the death on July 14 last of a Greenfinch which had been kept in captivity since the commencement of the Boer war (in 1899).

How "Cage Birds" Helps.

In sending for a copy of House's Canary Manual, the Rev. C. R. Appleton writes: "May I take this opportunity of saying how very helpful I find your grand paper, Cage Birds. This is my first season as a Canary fancier, and I have succeeded in breeding eight young birds from one pair of Rollers, which is fairly good for a novice, I think. My success is due to the advice I have got from reading Cage Birds, and I wish your journal every success."

Why the Blackbird is Black.

How the Blackbird came by his inky cloak is accounted for by a classical legend. Having learnt of the immense riches which lay concealed in the depths of the earth he was on his way to ask permission of the Prince of Riches to bring some away with him. Passing through a cave of gold he was tempted to steal a beakful, when a demon appeared in fire and smoke. The smoke enveloped the bird, leaving an indelible stain, and on his beak he still bears the trace of his ill-gotten gain.—"Yorkshire Post."

The Destructive Sparrow.

At a low estimate of two-thirds of a pint of corn per annum for each bird, which is far below that given by several investigators, says the London "Standard," we find that 100 Sparrows consume each year something over a bushel of corn between them. A million Sparrows—and there are many millions in this country—consume therefore in the year 10,000 bushels of corn, and, taking wheat at its present price of about 50s., this means that every million Sparrows are wasting the nation's food at the present time to the tune of £3,125 per annum!

Inspired by a Front Page Picture.

Mr. R. Downing, of Middlesbro', writes as follows: "I noticed on the front page of the May 29 issue of Cage Birds a picture of two Hybrids bred by Mr. Parlett, and entitled: 'Two Successful Hybrids.' I was induced by reading the inscription recording their several wins to try to breed Canary-Bullfinch Hybrids, and I am pleased to say that I have been successful at the first attempt. My birds were hatched on August 4 from a Yorkshire cock and a Bullfinch hen, and seem to be healthy youngsters. I might here state that we have been particularly successful this year with Linnet Mules. We have had 25 from one cock Linnet."

Hawfinches and Peas.

Gardeners are again complaining that their peas are being stolen by the Hawfinch, but they seldom manage to get in sight of the culprit, says the "Yorkshire Observer," for of all British perching birds the Hawfinch is the most unobtrusive. At this time of the year a brood of Hawfinches, with their parents, will take up a position in some suburban area and make foraging forays in the gardens soon after sunrise. It is no joke to have these unbidden guests in a garden among the growing peas. When the pea-pods are well filled a Hawfinch can easily split them open with its powerful beak and extract all the contents. They have been known to split open scores, if not hundreds, of pods in the course of a busy morning or two.

A Rare Visitor.

Large numbers of the rare Alpine Swift have been recently seen near the Kentish coast-line. These birds may be readily picked out from the common Swifts by their white throats and stomachs, and by the fact that they are considerably larger. This Swift was first noticed in Britain in 1829, when a specimen was shot off the coast of Ireland. Since then a score or two of examples have been made known by observers in these islands, but none, I believe, so far north as Scotland. The Alpine Swift nests freely in mountainous parts of the Continent, and is well known in Switzerland, Savoy, the Vosges, the Jura, Burgundy, and other localities. In winter it migrates to Africa, and Asia as far east as India. One wonders if these numbers of Alpine Swifts—as many as a hundred have been seen in Kent in one day recently—have been driven from their usual continental haunts by the incessant firing of heavy guns! —"Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News."

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

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J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.
G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.
W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

Some Notable Additions to Aviculture.

Rare Birds from India and E. Africa.

All those who know Mr. E. W. Harper will be glad to hear that he is again in London, and has once more brought to England birds that are new to the London Zoo. Among those landed safely were: Himalayan Red Sunbirds, Purple Sunbirds, Green Fruit Pigeons, Giant Barbet, Golden Oriole, Lanceolated Jay, Coral-billed Bulbul, Himalayan Streaked Laughing Thrush, Yellow-throated Sparrows, Finch-Larks, Pied Bush-Chats, See-See Partridge, Himalayan Green-backed Tit, Himalayan Black and White Tit. The species new to the London Zoo were a small brownish Babbler, not yet identified, Green Iora, Rufous-backed Shrike, and a Rosy Minivet. He also brought some Brown-headed Firefinches from British East Africa.

The Iora, of which we believe there are three species, is particularly interesting; it belongs to a group of birds in the Bulbul Family. This species in colouration resembles our Willow Wren, but in demeanour it is not unlike birds of the Fruit-sucker type, to which group it is scientifically related. Those who know anything of "E. H. A.," who wrote that delightful little book, "The Tribes on My Frontier," will remember that he refers to the Common Iora (A. tiphia) not the Green species, in this way: "A little bird, like a Tomtit, in black and yellow, followed by its mate in green and yellow; can be nothing else than the Iora."

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The Cinnamon Canary.

"The Bird of Royal Blood."

A Paper read at the meeting of the Western Counties O.S., Plymouth, June 15th, by Mr. A. B. Brown, Plymouth.

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IT may occur that our Cinnamons are getting dull in colour, so our thoughts naturally go to the beautiful orange plumage of the Norwich Plainhead. It is no use thinking about the Norwich cock for the purpose of improving colour, as we know the cross would simply mean breeding greens and variegated birds, so we turn our attention to the use of the Norwich hen.

The principle of breeding Cinnamons of colour is the same as employed for breeding Norwich of colour, with this difference: whilst the Norwich breeder uses the green, and gradually works towards the clear, the Cinnamon breeder makes use of the clear bright yellow of the Norwich, and works his Cinnamon stock on to the yellow, to the green, and so on to the bright coppery tint of the Cinnamon show bird. With this cross, colour, size and type may be obtained sufficient to last many years without further trouble.

The Importance of the Male Bird.

The first care, in entering on experiments of this kind, is with the Cinnamon cock to be used. He must be a pure self Cinnamon, bred from pure self Cinnamons which themselves were from self Cinnamons. Let him be the brightest-coloured yellow you have got, with a short beak, nice wide entrance, big round head, full eye, full neck and chest, and size well maintained. If you can get a big bird with all these points so much the better, but whatever may be at your service, it is well to remember, no good use is served by experiment without progress.

The next thing is the choice of a hen. If the Cinnamon stock sports white feathers, the green hen is the best medium, as with the green there is less risk of the Cinnamon progeny throwing light throats, thighs, or vents, but there is not the same bright transparency got by the use of the green as is obtained by the brighter colour of the yellow. In any case, I should use the brightest yellow hen possible, and as big in head properties as can be got, not forgetting size and type; she must also be short in wings and tail. A two-year-old hen is the best, as a better idea of the length in future stock is formed from seeing the prospective parents at their maturity, and a stronger strain more likely to result from such birds.

It must be remembered that the future stock depends on the judgment displayed, and not only will colour be affected, but type and size. Another great thing to remember is that double-yellowing is bound to affect the size of the head, making it appear narrow in the skull; also it is liable to make the progeny run small in the waist.

How to Use the Young Hens.

From this cross some of the young may be self Cinnamons of great purity of colour, and these will all be hens, if the Norwich hen was non-Cinnamon bred. It is the young hens we want; choose only such as come up to the standard expected, and mate them back to pure self Cinnamons which are known to be pure Cinnamon bred for two generations; from this later cross, show birds and stock birds of the finest quality will be the result.

The cocks from the first cross will be green Cinnamons; they are not of much use for Cinnamon breeding, but are very useful to the Norwich breeder whose stock is short of colour and poor in quality, as it will be found the Cinnamon green is full of both colour and quality. The greens of the second Cinnamon cross—if any—should not be disposed of before testing, as many of the brightest-coloured greens carry 75 per cent. of Cinnamon blood, or more, and will breed exceptional coloured Cinnamons when paired back to good Cinnamons.

Sometimes it is not a case of losing colour which makes the necessity for an outside cross, it may be weakness in head, neck, and general loss in size and type. Whatever the cause, the remedy is always at hand—simply the adopting of the aforementioned process, substituting either buff cock for yellow cock, or buff hen for yellow hen.

For loss in head property, use a buff Cinnamon cock and yellow Norwich hen of the desired proportions, or a yellow cock with buff hen. I prefer pairing a buff cock to a yellow variegated hen, and have used the buff Cinnamon cock with a buff variegated Norwich hen. In the latter case good colour was got, and perfect type with size.

Some extraordinary results are obtained from the breeding of Cinnamons, and many lessons learnt thereby. In speaking of the self-coloured Cinnamon cock we generally accept it as meaning the pure-bred Cinnamon; this is not always the case. I have bred Norwich Cinnamon even-marks from a yellow self Cinnamon cock and a buff heavily Cinnamon marked hen known to be bred from a buff Cinnamon cock of great purity. The next year I paired the same marked hen to another self Cinnamon yellow cock, known to be pure Cinnamon bred for two generations. The result was pleasing—five self Cinnamons, cocks and hens, and one Cinnamon marked yellow cock. From this it will be seen that insufficient Cinnamon blood was the cause of the disappointing results got from the first self Cinnamon yellow cock.

Further Interesting Experiments.

In the case of another experiment with a self Cinnamon yellow cock, I mated it with a self green Cinnamon bred buff hen, known to possess 75 per cent. of Cinnamon blood. Result, all high-coloured greens, yellow and buff cocks, which must have had nearly the maximum amount of Cinnamon blood in them. On the other hand, I got good results from a foul Cinnamon buff green cock known to have only 50 per cent. of Cinnamon blood in him.

I paired him to a self Cinnamon yellow hen known to be pure-bred for three generations, and from this pair I had one bright-coloured self Cinnamon yellow cock, one self Cinnamon yellow hen of exceptional quality, and one foul yellow Cinnamon green hen, also of exceptional colour and quality. The second nest was rather a surprise, three buff green hens, and one buff green cock.

The next year I mated this foul buff Cinnamon green to another yellow hen of pure Cinnamon breed. I only got one nest from this pair, and again the result was a mixture. There were six young—one foul tailed Cinnamon buff cock, one self Cinnamon yellow hen, two self green buff cocks, one self green buff hen, and one self green yellow hen.

Results Explained.

Although the Cinnamon blood gives such unexpected results, it is easier to understand it when compared the opposite way to the working of the Norwich. For instance, a variegated or marked yellow Norwich cock paired to a variegated or marked Norwich hen will throw greens, variegated, heavily marked, ticked, and clears, all depending on how much green blood the parents have in them. The same applies to the Cinnamon, only, instead of the amount of dark or green blood being responsible for the greens, and fouls, or variegated Cinnamons, it is the excess of rich warm Norwich blood which these birds possess, there not being a full percentage of the Cinnamon blood in the parents to impregnate the young as Cinnamons. This also explains why so many foul-feathered Cinnamons are so rich in colour, and also why, in the case of these foul Cinnamon cocks, such poor results are got when they are paired to Cinnamon hens possessing a low percentage of Cinnamon blood.

I do not think the introduction of either the Crest-bred or the Lancashire Plainhead an improvement to the Cinnamon Norwich type, but whatever variety is used to gain size, it is certain the Norwich Plainhead is the only bird possessing the necessary colour and type; and in that case, it is simply a waste of time to use any other, especially as there are many present-day Norwich hens larger than either the Crest-bred or the Cinnamon, and quite the equal of the Lancashire, and their superior in colour, which we must make use of to dilute the dark blood of the Cinnamon, lifting it up from its dullness to a bright golden radiance, and making it a creature of beauty to gladden the eye of the judge when it is placed on the exhibition bench, and even more so its breeder when he sees the outcome of his own patient enterprise marked "First and special."

The previous instalments of this instructive article, which has been described as the best paper on the Cinnamon Canary ever written, appeared in our issues of July 17, July 31, and August 7.

SOME REMINISCENCES OF AN OLD FANCIER.

By E. HURDLEY (Madeley).

I started in the bird line as hundreds of boys do, that is, by birds' nesting; and I am sorry to say some of these rambles used to take place when my parents thought me at church or Sunday school. My pal, who is now a captain in the merchant service, was in a position to put up some good sport; his grandfather being a gamekeeper, and our "enemy," it was as well to know his whereabouts, as he usually carried a dog-whip in his pocket, and it was not always the dogs who received all the punishment from this, for he invariably used it if he found any boys on the sacred preserves.

The first exciting trip that I remember was enjoyed one summer's evening about August; I believe it was after taking a wasps' nest to get the grubs for birds, etc. I was standing under an old cherry tree watching for other wasps to carry their building material to their nests, this being the way we used to trace them, when I heard a noise as if a lot of mice were squeaking. We hunted high and low, but could not detect whence the noise came. In a short time we were joined by some more of our chums who had been having a look at any birds or eggs that were to be found.

A Bag of 108 Bats.

The noise still continued, and at last one decided to climb and explore the tree. He had not far to climb before he came to a hollow place in the tree; he pushed his hand in the hole, and this was no sooner done than he shouted out, and withdrew his hand with something hanging to his fingers, which we found to be a bat. He tried again and again, until we had all caps and handkerchiefs full, not to say anything about our pockets; and when we counted up we had 108 bats in all. Eight of this number escaped. The others we examined, and showed to our friends, and then took them to the side of the River Severn, where we liberated them one by one.

My next adventure of any note was the finding a young Cuckoo. This came about while we were watching a pair of Pied Wagtails taking food, which I knew was for young somewhere. I followed them by stages, having to wait for the birds to go several times in search of food before being able to locate their home, which I found in a heap of large stones on some waste land. Peeping in through the small hole where the Wagtails had gone in and out, I was surprised to see a bird as large as a Pigeon gaping for food; it was rising up, and seemed to puff itself out to almost twice its usual size. I also noticed that the inside of its mouth was very red. Of course, I was much surprised with my find, and came to the conclusion that I was mistaken about the Wagtails feeding this bird, as I did not then know what it was. But while wondering, the old birds returned again with food, and after they were quite sure I was gone, they entered through the same hole I had seen them enter before; so that I was sure now that they were feeding this bird. Of course I had to lie down very flat on the ground behind another heap of stones for some time before the old birds would enter, as these birds are very shy once they find you at their nest.

My next course was to get the bird out. This I could not manage, as I could not even get my hand through the hole by which the Wagtails had entered; but I could see that the young bird was fully fledged.

I decided that I would remove the stones and have this bird at any cost. This I did, and took it to an old and respected bird fancier, who told me to my great delight that it was a Cuckoo. This was just what I wanted, and I thought nobody had the prize but me, being only a youngster, though I had had many different sorts of young birds, and had managed to rear many. I took it home and put it in an old Parrot cage which had been the home of many a nest of Starlings, Thrushes, etc.

When the Trouble Commenced.

My next trouble was in regard to feeding the Cuckoo. This I managed as best I could, as nobody seemed to know how they should be fed. Anyway, if I remember rightly, somebody advised hard-boiled eggs and boiled liver and meat chopped up. And this he thrived on for many weeks, until my father discovered him in a shed where I used to hide all my stock from him. He made me liberate the bird there and then, as he said "It was not a bird for cage life." Since then I have found two on different occasions—one in a Pied Wagtail's nest and the other in some nettles close to a Whitethroat's (empty) nest, but whether this one had been reared by Whitethroats I am unable to say, and as I am speaking of 32 or 33 years ago. I had no readers of Cage Birds to go to for information as to whether this would be likely or not. Since then, however, I have read arguments as to the possibility of the Cuckoo's laying its egg on the ground and picking it up with its beak and putting it in the nest of the birds which it knows will bring up the young Cuckoo. This I believe to be the case, as I am certain that in the above-mentioned case it was impossible for the Cuckoo to have entered through the hole that led to the Wagtail's nest and lay the egg in the usual manner.

I often have a peep into a Wagtail's nest now if I get a chance, to see if I can meet with another Cuckoo, but I have not found another. I saw a Pied Wagtail, however, feeding one for many mornings this last summer on the fence of the London and N.W.R. by the side of the line when on my way to work at 4 a.m. (a 6-mile walk before 6 o'clock on a summer morning makes one glad to be alive, as then the birds are busy singing, bulding, feeding their young, etc.).

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THE TRAVELS OF A TYNESIDER.

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DURING the fall came many birds on their way to warmer lands, and a few stayed with us. The foremost of those to stay and feed among the oaks was that watchful sentry for all birds, the Blue Jay (not the same as at home). Ever chatting and scolding, as he played with the acorns, his shrill alarm sounded forth loud and clear as soon as one came his way. He was a beauty, modelled as if in planished steel; his coat reflected the sunlight always.

The Dainty Blue Bird.

Then came the Blue Bird, my favourite. He was a beauty, which a judge dare hardly pass, in his splendid blue coat sparkling in the sun. He was of the shape and style of a stoutish Jaunty Border (perhaps this explains the liking), and always in the pink. Lastly came the "Tow Hee"; he was of the Bullie kind, a good big one (British), with the same ruddy breast, and black head. He loved and had many of a certain white berry which grew in abundance, and he was not afraid; one could easily get within ten feet or so of him. There were many of the Wren species, and during the summer dainty Waxbills frequented a pile of timber, there were dozens of them in it. There was also a so-called Canary, much like a Siskin, bred on the estate.

Finishing work again, a short move to Vancouver, and I was in a city again, and the most I saw of birds were roast wild Mallard on the table, done to a turn by my better-half. Out on the Gulf of Georgia I saw Duck of the Buller Ball, Pin Tail, Teal, Widgeon, and Mallard kinds, also thousands of Brent Geese and a good many Snipe and a species of Water Hen.

Pineapple in Excelsis.

Then once more came orders "Westward Ho," and we faced the mighty Pacific. Off Cape Flattery he gave us a mighty shaking which laid us low, but soon we were all on deck and enjoying it. Honolulu, that "Pearl of the Pacific," was called at, but only for four hours; we scarcely had time to swallow an ice cream to cool our fevered throats, but we made sure of some pineapple. You never know what pineapple is until you have been sick on ship's food for over a week, then watch the sunrise on deck between five and six, and have a big slice of pineapple before you start, let me warn you your sleeves must be over your elbows, and you must have left etiquette down below. When the juice runs down your arms and off your chin end, you will say life is worth living, and ever more will you wish for a return trip from anywhere via Honolulu. Here also the natives were experts at swimming and diving for silver, which we threw over; of course the more the better they like it.

Then it was over "the Line," and the only thing to do was to keep cool, a mighty job that beat the most of us. We arrived at Auckland at night, and in "the wee sma' hoors ayont the twal" my wife and I strolled up the main street and we found it a beautiful place. But the boat sailed early, so we saw no more of it. Out on the Tasman Sea old Neptune took his last toll of us, and sent a rolling sea astern that gave some of us fits and sent a "Sea Pigeon" aboard, tired out so much that it landed on the rail, and a seaman put his hand on it. We fed it, and it rested all day, and as evening drew near it flew away to renew its fight with Nature. Landing in Sydney we saw many new and strange things, but these will keep.

Correspondence.

Buff British Birds and Hybrid Breeding.

Sir,—I should be pleased if, for the benefit of myself and others who are in doubt, you would allow me a small space in which to ask about a theory I have heard propounded on the breeding of Hybrids between a British Bird and a hen Canary. In the first place I have heard that it is not possible to breed a yellow Mule with a buff British Bird mated to a yellow hen Canary. On the other hand, another experienced fancier informs me that by using a buff British cock I am following the correct method for obtaining size in the Hybrids. Which is the correct theory? I may say that I have this season been successful in breeding Canary Mules from a buff British mated to a double yellow Norwich hen, and my fancier friends who have seen the young birds maintain that they are unmistakably yellow. Would the double yellow in the hen counteract the bulling in the British Bird? I should be pleased if some of our experienced Mule breeders could give us a lead.

Interested.

Precocious Youngsters.

Sir,—I happened to be at a Linnet singing contest at Leigh a fortnight ago, and saw and heard a young Mule at nine weeks, belonging to Mr. Dick Statham. It was in the window, and was singing at a Linnet with its wings down in vigour. I would like to know if any breeder of Mules has ever experienced such a thing. I have never seen anything like it in my life, though I have been a birdy man for over twenty years, mostly in Linnets and Mules. The owner's brother, Mr. T. Statham, had the best Mule I ever heard, and it lived to be fourteen years old. It was mentioned in Cage Birds when it died, and was known all over Lancashire and Yorkshire. The young bird I have mentioned can be seen and heard at any time at the Globe Inn, where the Leigh Linnet Club is held.

J. W. Jones.

Sir,—As promised, I now give my style of breeding and feeding. I pair my birds about the middle of March. I am not particular about keeping them separately, so long as they do not fight. I give them a small quantity of egg and bread mixed, and three or four leaves of dandelion daily, and leave them to it until I see them building. Then I remove the dandelion altogether, and do not use it any more throughout the season. When the first egg is laid I remove it and stop the egg food; I take the first three eggs away, and return them on the fourth night. I take the cock away, give him three days' rest, and then put him with another hen. I take the ordinary seed away from the hen and give her plain canary, because my opinion is, the hen relishes her food when she finishes sitting better than when her ordinary food is left with her all the time. I never touch her eggs till the twelfth day, then I test them; any clears I find I take away, and give her the good ones back again. I offer the hen a bath, and if she will not bathe, I give her eggs a soaking for about a minute in water that I can bear my little finger in. I give her egg food, and her ordinary seed, on the twelfth day. On the thirteenth day I give her just the yolk of egg; she will generally come off the nest, and I take a glance, and if any young are out I leave her to it. I do not interfere with her any more. I keep the yolk of egg going for three days, and I then begin to add bread to it. At five days I begin to give the green food, and keep it going all the time. I give them chickweed and no other, as I think it is the mildest of all green foods. Some people say, don't give green food till they are out of the nest, but if you break them into the green food when they are young they will not feel the effect later. At ten days I give a quarter-spoonful of crushed hemp; I think this helps to build them up. When about eighteen days old the young make a shape to leave the nest, and I put the cock back with the hen, if I can spare him. I do not put the young in a nursery cage; I leave them in the cage for the cock to feed, and until the hen has been sitting ten days. Then I think they can shift for themselves, and I put them into a 6ft. flight cage and give them egg food and ordinary seed. As soon as I find any singing I cage them off separately. I never crush any seed except enough hemp to last them for two days. I always use new-laid egg, and bread. If I can get home-made bread, all the better. My egg food is made at five o'clock every morning, and contains one egg, three or four times the amount of bread; a pinch of salt, one spoonful of fine sugar, and a spoonful of maw seed; that does them all day. What is left over is thrown away and fresh is made for the next day.

J. A. Shrives.

To Exterminate Lice in Canaries.

Sir,—Following is a perfect cure for greylice on birds. Boil two handfuls of fresh bay-leaves in a quart of water for two hours, and when nearly cold add one pennyworth of oil of lavender. Use lightly, and apply to underparts of bird's plumage with a small brush (avoiding the eyes). This kills the lice instantly if properly done, also the nits. The nest and cage should be dusted with powdered camphor and sulphur (mixed), previous to returning the patient. If cage is washed with the fluid on the outside, and then dried, the vermin should be "non-est."

Fisher.

[The prize for the best letter on "How to Exterminate Lice in Canaries" is awarded to Mr. O. C. Smith, 73, Audley Street, Reading, for his letter published in our issue of July 24.]

How to Breed Winning Hybrids.

Sir,—In an otherwise sane article on the Greenfinch, by "H.B." in the "Scottish Field," the writer makes an amazing statement. Notwithstanding the reporting from time to time of exceptions which go to prove the rule, some of which, may I add, are not so indubitably authenticated as to be without suspicion of mistake, it has always been understood that hybrids between distinctly different species are infertile. Of course, we know that hybrids between different kinds of Ducks, of Pheasants, etc., are frequently fertile, but when the parents are really of different natural species, not varieties, fertile hybrids, if they are ever produced at all, are certainly very infrequent. Yet "H.B." in the article referred to says:—"Larks, Thrushes, and Greenfinches on toast are part of the regular menu of some foreign restaurants in London. A better use for Greenfinches is to pair them with degenerate Canaries, just as Goldfinches and Siskins are used for pairing. The first result of the Greenfinch-Canary is, likely enough, unremunerative and ugly Mules; but by pairing these with other Canaries certain taints are said to be removed, and the stamina improved."

What do our enthusiastic hybrid breeders say to the statement that the first-cross between a Greenfinch and a Canary is an unremunerative and ugly Mule? And what does any hybrid breeder say to the allegation that such Mules are paired again with Canaries either for the removal of "certain taints," the improving of the stamina, or for any other purpose?

Hybrid Breeder.

[We could, of course, fill our columns easily if we were to note all the extraordinary ideas about birds and bird-keeping which appear in the lay papers, but the above is such a fine example that we think it worthy of record.—Ed. Cage Birds.]

"Tortured Prisoners."

An Extraordinary Letter by the Hon. Sec. of the National Equine Defence League.

Sir,—In the course of a letter which would appear to have been sent broadcast to the press, for it has been published either in part or as a whole in several London and provincial papers, Mr. F. A. Cox makes some statements which, though they expose his lack of knowledge of the subject about which he writes, are calculated to be taken at their face value by those who are equally uninformed. He says:

"Thousands of innocent wild birds, practically for six months in every year, are allowed by a benign Legislature to be meanly trapped and condemned, not only to an existence the negation of every instinct of their nature, but positively of deliberate and calculated cruelty. In the rural districts around large towns it is almost impossible to go for a walk—especially on Sunday mornings—without seeing ruffians furtively lurking behind and about hedges, engaged in the first steps of this tragedy. Its final stage also may be seen as companions loosely and carelessly dangle little oblong bundle, each 6 inches by 4, cages containing a wild song bird. These birds are often kept in perpetual darkness, in order that they may trill the better at singing matches. Consider, it is accepted and tolerated that an inoffending bird whose song may delight us all in our rambles, may be snared by any particular person who chooses to inflict the wrong on both it and ourselves, and, maybe, inured for the remainder of its sacrificed existence in darkness; never to see a green field or the sunlight indeed, never to see again, except the glare of a beer-shop bar and the faces of the men who regard it as a medium for providing them with extra drinks. . . . These birds are never expected nor allowed, to sing except in the very congenial purliens of beer-shops. How long is this infamy to continue? I believe a rescript from the Home Secretary would stop it at once. The law prohibits gambling in public-houses, and so safeguards the interests of the unthinking human fool. Cannot it be made to prohibit the immolation of thousands of helpless, innocent, and delightful songsters?"

One would think that such hysterics would mislead no one, but the mischief is that they do mislead others who are no better informed than those who disseminate them. In proof of this we have only to refer to a further letter by the celebrated novelist, Jerome K. Jerome, written in support of the effusion of Mr. Cox. Mr. Cox has evidently been told that in some districts what are called "singing contests" are held in public houses. Whether he knows, or does not know, that the birds which sing at these contests are almost invariably Linnets, in a very few cases Skylarks, occasionally Chaffinches, but never Thrushes or any other British bird, he classes them all as "birds" in his letter, and Mr. Jerome reads "birds" as meaning Skylarks and Thrushes, for he says "the thought of brave little Thrushes condemned to beat out their gallant hearts, to pour forth their song of courage for the pleasure and profit of a pack of ruffians maddens me."

I hope you will allow me space to say that the Linnets used by working men as singers at these contests are cherished by their owners as pet birds. They are kept at the highest possible standard of health or they would never sing as these Linnets sing. They live a long and happy life in their cages, many of them retaining all their vigour until they die of sheer old age. A Skylark in a cage will live for any period up to twenty-two years—from ten to twenty years being quite a common age—and the Thrush who, according to Mr. Jerome, is engaged in beating out its gallant heart, gets on so well at the avocation that his life in a cage is anything from fifteen to twenty years. These dry facts are surely a sufficient answer to the allegation that birds suffer when kept properly in captivity. As for the classification of bird owners as "packs of ruffians," this is on a par with the other absurdities. The man who owns and cherishes a singing Linnet, Chaffinch, or Skylark is generally a better man all round than his fellow worker who has no such hobby. The pity is that people who would never venture without proper justification to take up a position of authority upon any other subject hesitate never a moment where bird-keeping is concerned, and when one gives a lead others follow like a flock of sheep.

Bird-Keeper.

Intelligence in Birds.

A Forgiving Starling.

Sir,—The following incident may not be an argument, either for or against the intelligence versus instinct discussion which is being so ably carried on in your columns, but to those who study the habits of their pets, it may be interesting. At the same time I think that a kind captivity would tend to increase any intelligence that a bird had rather than deaden it.

In my small collection I have three Softbills, a Mexican Thrush, and two Starlings; all cocks, caged separately, and as tame as cats. They get a bath regularly outside their cages only, not at the same time, as "Jimmy" (the Thrush) holds strong views on the subject of his own importance, and allows no bird near his bath or his cage. The Starlings get many a hard peck if they dare alight upon his cage front while flying round after their bath. One of the Starlings he specially objects to, and thereby hangs the point of my story.

"Jimmy" loves his bath, but hates returning to his cage. One day lately he simply would not go into it of his own accord, and got very hungry in consequence as the day wore on. The food and water vessels of all my cages are covered, and my birds must go inside to get anything to eat or drink, for they cannot steal anything from their neighbours, as "Jimmy" found to his disgust. Afternoon came, and "Jimmy" at last humbled himself enough to sit on that particular Starling's cage, and say "I'm sorry," at least I suppose that's what he said. Apparently the Starling accepted the apology for past bullying, as he went down to his food tin, filled his beak, and by stretching up from the top perch, and "Jimmy" stretching down, the latter got fed through the wires! This was done several times, to our delight and surprise.

Both birds being cocks, and in the moult, one cannot credit a sexual instinct with this unlooked for kindness, and it seemed to me to be worth telling. In conclusion, I may say the Starling got an extra supply of juicy currants (the favourite tit-bit of my Softbills) as a reward, while "Jimmy" was ignominiously caught in a towel and "confined to barracks."

Dan McArthur.

The Foreign Bird Exhibits in 1914.

By ALLEN SILVER, F.Z.S.

THE disturbed state of the country prevented exhibitions from coming up to their usual excellence in many cases, particularly in the foreign section, chiefly because practically no consignments of note came into the dealers' hands. Catalogues of country shows do not point to the fact that anything of great rarity appeared in such places. Watford seems to have been fortunate in getting very fair support, and birds of pretty high quality, but the show of the year was that held at the Horticultural Hall in November.

Although for many reasons there were not quite so many birds sent as the year before, the entry was a large one, and the quality and rarity as good. In fact, the first appearance of Humming Birds on the show bench, in the shape of two delightful species shown by Mr. Alfred Ezra, F.Z.S., was in itself a feature sufficient to cause a sensation. The Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League provided a large classification again, so that birds belonging to many groups, both rare and common, competed on pretty reasonable grounds.

Among the new species to appear were birds such as Hahn's Macaw, Short-tailed Parrot, Brown-eared Conures, Aztec Conure, Speckled Conure, Crimson-winged Whydah, Japanese Hawfinch (E. personata), Red-headed Bullfinches, Humming Birds (2) (Garnet-throated Carib and Ricordi's Hummer), Greater Double-collared Sunbird, Bullock's, Wagler's, and Violaceous Hangnests, Chinese Starlings, Blueheaded Tanager, Blue and White Flycatchers, Black-gorgeted Laughing Thrushes, Wedge-tailed Glossy Starling, Tawny Thrush, and some interesting Hybrids, such as those between Red-eared and Red-vented Bulbul, Greenfinch and Himalayan Siskin, Spicefinch and Bibfinch, Magpie Mannikin, and Bengalee, and so forth. The names of the owners and exhibitors of these birds have already been published in Cage Birds as winners of the F.B.E.L. diplomas.

Among new exhibitors, Dr. L. Lovell-Keays came to the fore with some very excellent birds, put down in much better order than is usually the case in first attempts. Mr. W. Shore Baily exhibited several interesting hybrids bred by himself, and the usual well-known names of Miss Clare, Misses Smyth, Messrs. Frostick, Ezra, Howe, Shipton, Buckingham, Rev. Raynor, Thynne, Frost, Maxwell, Wade, the Hon. Mrs. McLaren Morrison, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, Lady Kathleen Pilkington, Miss Bousfield, Messrs. Simpson, Row, Longden, Yealland, Madam Feist Madewell, Dewhurst, etc., were conspicuous throughout the show. As far as I remember I sent 57 entries myself. Another feature of this exhibition was the appearance of Mr. R. J. Watts as a judge. He undertook the classes of birds belonging to species commonly imported, and exhibitors had the satisfaction of knowing that the birds were judged by one who had intimate knowledge of the "donkey work" attached to the preparation and selection of birds of the kind.

Allowing for the war, one could not grumble at the quality and number of the exhibits benched during the season, and there is every reason to believe that there is a future in store for foreign bird exhibiting. It will, I am afraid, never be possible to get a really large show outside London, because these birds cannot be subjected to exactly the same treatment as Canaries and well-steadied British seedeaters and Finch Hybrids. Yet under conditions where birds can be properly packed and railed, there is not the risk attached to sending properly steadied birds about that is generally believed. The fact that many fairly delicate birds have been exhibited season after season, is sufficient proof of this. In fact, exhibitors' birds that have been to several shows during a season have often outlived birds that have never been shifted at all.

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Aberdeen Amalgamated C.B.S.—Aug. 20, Trades' Hall, Belmont St., 8. Committee's recommendations for classification, etc., and election of judges.—R. J. Robertson.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—Aug. 25, Station Cafe, 8.30. Discussion on show; important.—C. Bailey.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—Aug. 21, Miners' Theatre, Ashington, 7.30. Special business. Subs.—C. F. Tapson.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Aug. 28, Foresters' Arms, 6.30. General business.—J. Stirling.

Bradford National Show.—Aug. 25, Cinderella Club Rooms, Lee St., Thornton Road, 8. To consider a communication from the Lord Mayor. Good attendance desired.—S. Midgley.

Chopwell C.B.S.—Aug. 21, Club Hall, 6.30.—W. H. Christer.

Cumnock C.B.S.—Aug. 28, Auchinleck Town Hall, 7. General business.—A. Wyper.

Eastleigh C.B.S.—Aug. 23, Boy Scouts' Rooms, 8. Schedule of open show and other bus.—J. Aldersladc.

East Ardsley.—Aug. 21, Black Swan, 7.30. General bus.—A. Walton.

Falkirk C.B.S.—Aug. 21, 80, Graham's Road, 8. Important business.—R. Rennie.

Grimsby O.S.—Aug. 26, Headquarters, 160, Freeman St., 8. Fourth N.F. show and table show of British.—J. T. Cotterill.

Green Canary Association.—Aug. 26, Headquarters, 8. Most important; allotting of patronage.—E. S. Broadbent.

Huddersfield O.S.—Aug. 21, Headquarters, 7. Table show for F.F. birds, in the afternoon; judge, Mr. H. Cawtheray. Birds staged at 2.—A. Lawford.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Aug. 21, Colliery Hotel, 6.30. Nomination of judge for annual show and other important business.—Geo. Vipond.

National Green Marked Y.C.C.—Aug. 21, Market Tavern, Bradford, 6.30. Competitions, prizes, etc., for 1915-16.—J. Chambers.

Newcastle East End C.B.S.—Aug. 25, Leighton's School, Heaton Rd., 7.30. Classification for show, show hall, etc. Subs. due.—J. W. Coutts.

National British Bird and M.C.—Aug. 26, Headquarters, 8. Show business.—E. Stephens.

North-West Glasgow C.B.C.—Aug. 31, Amalgamated Musicians' Hall, 44, Napierhill St., 8. Classification for annual show.—J. Houston.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—Aug. 26, Shield's Cafe, Big Market, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 8. Allot patronage; show date; table show, usual classes.—R. Tindale.

North Liverpool C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Headquarters, 8. Question night and general discussion; autumn old show classification.—E. S. Broadbent.

Oxhill Central Workmen's Club and Inst., Ltd.—Aug. 22, Club Room, 6.30. Business important.—Wm. J. Patten.

Oldham C.B.S.—Aug. 24, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Friends kindly note.—G. Mills.

Porth and Rhondda Valley C.B.S.—Aug. 25, Porth Hotel, 7. Show business.—J. H. Bevan.

Queen's Park, Glasgow, C.B.S.—Aug. 25, Marie Stuart Halls, 8. Very important.—E. Holliday.

Redcar C.B.S.—Aug. 25, Crown and Anchor, 7.30. Prize-money to be paid for 2nd N.F. show, also general business.—W. Boagey.

Southern Border F.C.—Aug. 23, Headquarters, 8. Allot specials and other important business.—G. Burton.

Ushaw Moor Workmen's Club.—Aug. 22, 1, Starting of club again.—A. Teasdale.

Warrington C.B.S.—Aug. 26, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 8. Open show schedule.—H. Warburton.

West Stanley Garden Houses F.F. and C.B.S.—Aug. 22, Club Room, 7. Re co-partnership business.—J. Armitage.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Aug. 21, Commercial Hotel, 6.30. Schedule, and other important business.—W. Cresswell.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

PONTEFRACT.

Open Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, Aug. 14. 14 entered for three good prizes; 4 minutes' time singing: 1, Beard, 54; 2, Pugh, 50; 3, Scottson, 24. Open sing, Aug. 15; 18 entered for three good prizes; 3 minutes' time singing: 1, T. Jones, 29; 2, Beard, 26; 3, Pugh, 25.—J. Beard, Assist. Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing, Aug. 14, Commercial Hotel, when only a moderate entry was staged: 1, Collinson; 2, Plows; 3, Cooper. Timekeepers, J. Cooper, R. Collinson; tappers, J. Wallis, A. Cooper. We have a visit of friends on Aug. 21, from the Clarence Hotel Linnet Club, Leeds. I am informed by Mr. Lipham, the Clarence sec., that about a score of them will visit Kippax. The contest will be for quality and time, so as to give the Kippax fanciers an idea on quality singing.—R. Plows, Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road, open contest for quality Linnet singing, Aug. 14; 14 sang for three prizes: 1, T. Johnson; 2, Condliffe; 3, Chippindale. Judges, Jennings and Hardcastle. Aug. 15, 19 sang for three prizes: 1, J. Parker; 2, Condliffe; 3, Chippindale. Judges, Hardcastle and Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Aug. 14, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane; 12 birds faced the judges, and some good singing was heard: 1, Ward; 2, Wigfield; 3, Playforth. Judges, P. Bryan and T. Summers. Also a special contest between H. Wigfield and J. Hirst, Mr. W. Crowther adding a prize. Wigfield won; judge, T. Summers. Aug. 15, 12 birds entered: 1, Ward; 2, 3, G. Hirst; judges, C. Biss and T. Summers.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

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Club Reports.

EASTLEIGH C.B.S.

Owing to the difficulty of getting all our members together to discuss the schedule of our annual show, proposed for Nov. 24, 25, I have forwarded a copy of proposed schedule to all members for perusal, and I hope this will meet with approval. Members wishing to propose any alteration in same and being unable to attend meeting, should send proposals not later than Aug. 22, for meeting on Aug. 23. It is hoped that all members available will attend this meeting.—J. Aldersladc, Sec.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting, Aug. 7. Delegates gave report of Fife League meeting. Schedule was gone over and classification received consideration. In Norwich we have added two each, Green and Cinnamon classes, and a Yellowhammer class to British. We hope the fancy will appreciate this step, and that some of the champions may be on view in these particular sections. Membership (open) has been extended to Aug. 31. Those desirous of joining should do so now.—R. Muir, Sec., Anderson's Cottages, Station Rd.

PORTH AND RHONDDA VALLEY C.B.S.

General meeting, Porth Hotel, Aug. 11. Decided to have a show in December. It was not decided whether it be radius or open show. I hope all members will turn up at next meeting to draw up classification, so as to avoid alteration afterwards. I appeal to members who do not attend any meetings to muster up a little, as it does not give any encouragement to those who attend and do all the work. Try next time.—J. H. Bevan, Sec.

SHEFFIELD COMBINED SHOW COMMITTEE.

Meeting, held July 21, and well represented by all delegates; Mr. Jones presided. The classification was verified by the various delegates. The team trophy to be a rose bowl, to become the property of society that wins it. Rotherham Soc. promised 10s. towards same. Will delegates come with rules for the trophy competition next meeting. Specials were generously promised, £1 2s. 6d. being quickly procured. Next meeting, Sept. 1st. All delegates are earnestly requested to attend as a great quantity of business is on hand.—C. Tomlinson, Press Corres.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Meeting, Headquarters, July 11, Mr. T. Ridal, chair. The principal business was a lecture on colour-feeding by Mr. T. Ridal, who thoroughly explained his method, also a method by which the colour-food could be made without eggs. A letter was read from Sapper A. Simpson, one of our members, who had been severely wounded at the Dardanelles, and it was decided that a whip-round be taken and some cigarettes be sent him. Table show. —Nov. Yell. Yorks.: 1, 3, Fretwell; 2, Bagshaw. Buff: 1, 2, Bagshaw; 3, Fretwell. Mkd.: 1, 3, Fretwell; 2, Bagshaw. Nor. Yell.: 1, Everard; 2, 3, Gears. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Gears. Mkd.: 1, Goodison; 2, 3, Everard.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

NORTHERN YORKS C.C.

Meeting and table show, Aug. 11; Mr. Crawhall presided over a good attendance. Messrs. R. Studholme and Wm. Dinning were elected members. Decided to hold a members' show, as in previous year, date, etc., to be decided at next meeting, Aug. 26. The names of several prominent Yorkshire exhibitors were submitted to act as judge, and sec. was instructed to write for terms to those selected. Table show awards: Champ., Cl.: 1, 2, Tindale; 3, 4, Crawhall. Marks: 1, 2, Crawhall; 3, Tindale; Nov., Cl.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Gregory; 2, 4, Fullerton; c, Leach. Marks: 1 Havis; 2, Gregory; 3, 4, Leach. Mr. F. Johnson judged and gave every satisfaction. —R. Tindale, Hon. Sec.

CODNOR PARK AND EASTWOOD C.B.S.

Meeting, Aug. 14, Three Tuns, Eastwood, with a splendid attendance, the business being election of officers for the coming season and fixing date for open show. Decided to hold our annual open show as usual on Nov. 20. Business was got through in fine style, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The society is in a flourishing condition, with a good number of members and a nice balance in hand. The society is open to receive new members, the sub. being 2/6. Next meeting Sept. 11, at Three Tuns, Eastwood, at 7, when fanciers will receive a hearty welcome. The president, Mr. J. Taylor, has promised to provide another silver challenge cup to replace the one won outright by Mr. J. Adnitt last year.—Smith and Lees, Secs.

GLASGOW AND WESTERN COUNTIES CLUB.

Meetings, Headquarters, Aug. 7 and 14; Mr. Peter Pettigrew presided over a good attendance. Mr. Wm. Brown, Cambuslang, was admitted a member. Specials won at young bird show were paid over to winners present. Classification was gone into of annual show, Jan. 22, and many new classes were added. Decided to have an all day ramble on Trades' Holiday, Aug. 28, to Strathaven, train leaving Central Station at 9.35 a.m.; meet at corner of Hope and Gordon Streets at 9.20. It is expected that quite a number will leave by the 5.55 a.m. train to enable them to do some bird-watching previous to the arrival of the second contingent. Business being over, Mr. Pettigrew submitted a large selection of wild plants and seeds, and briefly described their uses and abuses, and many good wrinkles were gathered by the younger members on moulting the various Finches. Next meeting, Sept. 4., at 7.—J. H. Adam, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHERN BORDER F.C.

Meeting, Headquarters, July 26, Mr. H. Norman, chair, and a fair number present. Decided to limit the number of patronage to six, and the voting resulted as follows: Plymouth, Oct. 10-11; Cheltenham, Nov. 3 and 4; Chester, Nov. 13; Redhill, Nov. 24; L.C.B.A., Dec. 10-13; Llanelly, Jan. 11. The question of specials was left over to the August meeting, and, although we do not think it advisable to offer such a large list of specials as in other years, our list will compare favourably with that of any other specialist club. The specials fund is now open, and among those who have subscribed are Messrs. Pratt, Madagan, Humphries, Last, Newley, and Burton Bros. I shall be glad to hear from any other member who wishes to send a special along. To save expense there will be no manuals issued this year, so members should watch this column closely for club happenings. I have a few of last year's manuals, and I shall be pleased to send to any member requiring one. Members should send in their subs: at once, or it will be too late to compete for the specials offered. Next meeting, Headquarters, Aug. 23.—Geo. Burton, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

General meeting, Aug. 5, Mr. W. Esplc chair. Mr. M. Nattrass, Bishop Auckland, elected a member. Decided to take Co-operative Hall, Benwell, for open show, Oct. 23. Classification: Norwich 7 classes, Yorkshires 7, Borders 8, Cresta 4, Scotch Fancy 2, Mules 3, British and Foreign 2. Decided to apply for patronage of Northern Specialist Societies. The following gentlemen were nominated as judges: Messrs. T. Robson, T. C. Crawhall, Tunnlinson, and Nicholson (Stockton), C. Farrer and C. Waters. Entrance fee 1/6 per cage; members 1/-. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Members please note: Subscriptions overdue.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

In the Courts.

Dealing in Stolen Birds.

At Brentford police court George Varney, animal dealer, of Cambridge-parade, Twickenham, and two school boys, of Morley-road, Twickenham, were charged with being concerned in stealing and receiving, between 21st and 22nd July, three Canaries and a Parrakeet, value £1 5/-, the property of Mr. F. Brereton, of Meadowbank, Cambridge Park, Twickenham.

The evidence given was to the effect that nine valuable birds had been stolen from the aviaries, and that two of the Canaries were offered in Varney's shop window for sale. These were recognised by Mr. Brereton's gardener, J. Lanaway, who entered the shop and enquired as to their price. Varney asked 10/- for one of the Canaries. To a detective who was with Mr. Lanaway Varney said he had bought three Canaries and a Parrakeet for 3s. 6d. from a lad.

The two lads admitted the theft, but Varney said he did not know that the birds were stolen. Nothing was known against Varney, but the chairman said he was guilty, at any rate, of great carelessness, because the facility for selling things like this made the thefts more common. He would be fined 20s. or fourteen days. The boys were severely cautioned by the chairman and bound over under the Probation Act.

Questions and Answers.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A SLUGGISH HEN (G. V. U.).—I am afraid the bird is not kept under healthful conditions. See that it is in a comfortable place, not necessarily overheated, and free from direct cold draughts, fumes of burning lights in the evenings, or extremes of heat and cold. As staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and in addition give separately half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and then sprinkled with maw seed every third day, and on the intervening days give first a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, niger, teazle and broken groats, and next a good-sized spray of watercress, or a morsel of sweet fruit when greenstuff cannot be obtained in a fit condition to use. In the drinking water add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for three consecutive days, and after this give instead 20 drops of chemical food every second day for a month or so. Continue this treatment for a month.

MATE FOR GREEN HEN (Novice).—It depends upon what you wish to breed for. If you want Greens the most suitable mate would be a self-green cock—a yellow-green if your hen is a buff, and *vice versa*. If you mated her with a clear buff you would probably get little else but ticked and varicgated young, and the result from a ticked cock would be similar, except that the young would show still more variegation, and you may get some broken greens, or an occasional self. Of course, in either case the birds should match each other in other respects—size, type, etc.

DOES NOT SING (Pit Laddie).—Your feeding is certainly at fault, and the black mark above the beak is very suggestive of the bird having to breathe a dusty atmosphere in the kitchen. Keep it in a bright and comfortable place, but not too near a window, nor near or over a burning light in the evenings. As staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Give a spray of watercress each day. In the water add ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every third day. Limit it strictly to this for a fortnight. Then give separately half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet. teazle and maw twice a week, and on two other days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake sprinkled with maw, or as a change a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. After the first fortnight give in the water six drops of tincture of gentian, and four of dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. After this stop all drugs and go on with the above method of feeding.

INSECTS (Pets).—If the insects are upon the bird constantly they are probably grey lice, but your description seems to apply better to red mites. The latter insect is shorter, more round in shape, and dark crimson, with a minute grey mark on the back, and it lives in the crevices of the cage, only going on the bird to feed at night, as a rule. To get rid of red mite you must thoroughly overhaul the cage and fittings, not overlooking the nail or hook on which it hangs. Clean thoroughly, probing, if necessary, any cracks or open joints with a pin on to a sheet of white paper, and immediately burn the debris. Then saturate the cage with turpentine, using a small brush to work it into any small cracks, and in an hour or so wash it well with a solution of Jeyes' or Sanitas—a teaspoonful of the fluid in each half pint of water, and finally rub it up afresh when dry, and return the bird. Repeat the operation once a week for a month, and during the time give bird a bath twice a week, in which you have mixed a few drops of quassia essence. For grey lice hand-washing is the quickest remedy, using a teaspoonful of Creolin in each pint of the first and second waters used in the process. If you cannot manage this, offer the bird a bath as above every second day for a month or so, and wash out the cage in the same way as you would for dealing with red mites once each week.

SINGING HEN, ETC. (Workman's Hobby).—(1) Certainly it would be right to pair up a singing hen if in good health and condition, as I suspect she is, or she would not be singing. There is no reason whatever why a singing hen should not breed successfully. (2) Yes, it would be quite possible for clutches of eggs to be laid without the presence of a male bird. Elaborate seed mixtures are better reserved as luxuries for occasional use than given as staple diet. A plainer staple diet is much better for the birds, and also saves much waste. You should get "Canary Breeding for Beginners" and follow advice therein generally. Then you could not go far wrong.

BREEDING QUERIES (C. A. B.).—(1) Judging from your letter, I am afraid you are inclined to be just a little too inquisitive concerning the bird's domestic arrangements. Take this hint and let them manage their own affairs as much as possible, avoiding any interference that is not absolutely unavoidable. Assuming the hen does not begin nesting again before the first brood are ready to be separated, you may remove the nest pan a day or two after the young have left it altogether, and give a clean pan, or the old one thoroughly cleaned and with a new lining put in, when she is ready to start again. Should she start again before they are quite out of the nest you may put in a second pan to provide a site for the second nest. The preparations for the second nest are practically a repetition of those for the first. (2) A staple of plain canary, with a pinch of rape separately, is quite sufficient whilst sitting. You may give just a morsel of soft food once a week, though it is not absolutely essential. (3) If the weather is quite warm, or dry, it will be an advantage to offer the bath daily after the ninth or tenth day of incubation. If weather is damp and cold, no harm will be done by withholding it altogether. (4) Only the actual test will prove whether it would make any difference to leave the cock with the hen permanently. Some hens will rear the young best by themselves, and others vice versa. (5) I should term the sample you sent a substitute rather than an egg food, as I imagine the proportion of egg in it is exceedingly small. But as you say the birds are very fond of it and eat it freely, that is the main point, and I see no reason why it should not suffice to rear young from the nest perfectly. It certainly contains a fair quantity of oatmeal, so I should advise you to be a trifle liberal with green food whilst the young are being reared. (6) The fact that the hen sat on the first egg for an hour or two before you removed it will not affect its hatching in the least.

SOFT MOULT (Mrs. T. B. Cooper).—Make yourself quite sure that the bird is not exposed to direct draughts, nor to extreme and rapid fluctuations of heat and cold, such as might occur in the vicinity of burning lights in the evenings. Then, every second day, in addition to its staple seed diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry well mixed in it, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet and broken groats, and a morsel of banana. Give also a few dandelion seed heads daily. In the drinking water every second day, dissolve a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. Should any undue constipation occur, add a pinch of Epsom salts to the water on the days when you omit the iron, until corrected, or give a little more succulent green food. Continue this treatment until

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a short time after the feathers have ceased dropping.

TOO LATE (E. H. M.).—Sorry the last advice came too late to be of service for the bird originally enquired about, but hope it may be of some benefit for the new invalid, with which you will do no harm in trying it for two or three weeks. Then write again and report result, repeating particulars, and I will advise you further if necessary. Probably your birds are in a highly strung nervous condition, and the immediate cause of death in the last case was due to nervous shock on being caught in the hand. Therefore, you should deal as gently and methodically as possible with your stock, in order to gain their confidence and remove any fear of your presence.

AVIARY AND ROLLERS (Novice, Glasgow).—(1) You give no idea which of your measurements refer to the height of the cage. If it is 3½ft. high, its full capacity to commence is seven birds—five hens and two cocks; if the height is 4½ft., four hens and one cock would be sufficient. In either case put up seven or eight nesting sites, and do not place one very much higher than the rest, or there will be endless squabbles for the possession of it. You would not, of course, put in the birds for breeding, nor the nesting sites before next spring. (2) Healthy, robust, young birds of the type you mention would do very well to work on to gain experience. But it is probably a mistake to regard these birds as the pure strain of any one individual breeder, or even trainer. (3) For the staple diet give a mixture of two parts good sound canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give separately a pinch of mixed seeds as advised to "Amateur" in this issue about every third day, once or twice a week a little egg food, or bread and milk as a substitute, and four or five times a week a spray of any green salad that is in season. Offer the bath daily in summer and autumn, and twice a week in mild weather during the winter. For fuller details of feeding you should get our Nutshell Booklet No. 10, on the Roller, and for guidance during next season's breeding operations you would do well to equip yourself with "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager would send you for 7d., post free.

A GREAT TOPER (J. T.).—The excessive thirst is merely an effect, not a cause, of the obstinate diarrhœa. The following treatment should put her quite right in the course of two or three weeks. If not well in that time, please write again and repeat particulars, when I will advise you further. Keep cage floor and perches scrupulously clean, and to assist towards this end it would be best to keep the floor well strewn with clean pine sawdust for the time being. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part sweet nutty summer rape. In addition, give separately every second day a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut well dusted with carbonate of bismuth and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts good sound hemp, niger, teazle, and broken groats or crushed arrowroot biscuit. Give no succulent greenstuff at present, but a few seed heads of shepherd's purse or half-ripe plantain stalks two or three times a week will do no harm. In the drinking water add for one day only six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give instead five drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of opium, and dilute sulphuric acid for three consecutive days, and every second day after until the droppings become quite normal.

ALL IN A HEAP (S. W.).—It would have been helpful had you described the symptoms a little more fully, and mentioned the condition of the droppings. The bird may simply be starting to moult. Anyway, treat as follows for a fortnight, and if not considerably better, write again and give all particulars of the symptoms. If bird has made a good improvement in the time named, you may go on with the same treatment for a week or two longer. In addition to the staple seed diet, give every second day a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and well sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of well-boiled summer rape. Four times a week you may give a half-ripe plantain stalk, or a few seed heads of shepherd's purse. In the drinking water, for three consecutive days, add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice, and after this four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. See that it is kept free from direct draughts, and if it begins to shed feathers, keep it in a fairly warm and equable temperature to hasten on the moult.

IS IT POSSIBLE? (Inquirer).—I take your question to mean simply is it possible for pure Mules and pure Canaries to be bred from the same clutch of eggs? If this is what you mean, then the answer is that it is quite possible, but highly improbable, and in every such case part of the ova forming that clutch would have been impregnated by a union of a prior mating with some other male. If what you wish to know is whether it is possible for one or more young birds in a clutch fertilised by a Finch to revert on the principle known as atavism to a former mate of the hen, in such a manner as to be pure Canaries, the answer is that such a thing is not possible. None of the ova impregnated by the Finch could produce pure Canaries, however close the resemblance may be externally.

CONTINUALLY MOULTING (O. H. J.).—(1) Keep the bird on the warm side and throw a light cover over its cage until it has done shedding feathers, and when you notice new quills appearing on the head, begin to add a crystal of sulphate of iron to the water three times a week until the plumage is quite full grown. This should check the continual loss of feathers in future. (2) It is not very likely that you will quite stop the wheezing now until the end of the moult. Every second day for a week give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia and sweet spirit of nitre. Give this for a week, then miss a week, and continue in this way until the end of the moult. (3) Yes, the specimen enclosed is shepherd's purse.

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A LONG SILENCE (A. S. H.).—Possibly the bird needed only the stimulation of hearing another singer for a short time at the end of its last moult; assuming it has been in good health and condition there is little else to account for its long silence. It will not sing now until this moult is quite finished, but if you follow this treatment he should begin soon afterwards. If he does not, then try to get him the company of a singer for a week or two to encourage him to begin. Give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape seed as staple diet. In addition give half a teaspoonful of egg-food well sprinkled with maw seed twice a week; on two other days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, gold of pleasure, and broken groats. Give a small spray of some green salad, or seed heads of shepherd's purse, or half-ripe plantain stalk daily. When the moult is nearly finished, which you will know by the new quills appearing about the head, add a crystal of sulphate of iron and six drops of dilute sulphuric acid to the water twice a week until the plumage is fully grown. After that add to the water every third day for a fortnight ten drops each of glycerine and lemon juice, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence.

STANDS WITH MOUTH OPEN (M. Dubury).—(1) See that both the birds are kept under bright and healthful conditions, and free from direct cold draughts. Then, for three consecutive days, add to the water of this bird with the squeaky voice six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give instead four drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia, and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a fortnight. You may also add to the diet every second day during the first week a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it. (2) I'm afraid this bird is a weakling, and too much of a wreck to be more than temporarily relieved. Give the rhubarb aperient advised for No. 1 every second day for a week. Follow this up by giving the squills mixture two days in every three for a week, and afterwards every second day for another three weeks. Instead of the bread and milk make a paste by mixing on a hot plate a teaspoonful of pure honey, ditto of cod liver oil emulsion, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling, and the same quantity of powdered grain of paradise. Add whilst mixing a sufficient quantity of finely-powdered biscuit to make the mass the consistency of soft cheese. When cold it may be cut into cubes, one of which keep in the wires of the cage for the bird to peck at when it likes. It will benefit this bird to add 20 drop doses of chemical food to its drinking water three times a week for a month after the moult is quite finished.

ANOTHER WHEEZER (E. M. T.).—See reply to "M. Dubury (2)" in this issue, which will apply to your case. See that the bird is kept under healthful conditions and in a fairly equable temperature and free from direct draughts, and treat it as advised in that reply for a month, and if not then well, please write again and I will advise you further. You will not need to give the course of chemical food after the end of the moult. Also you must not expect too rapid progress from the wheeziness whilst the bird is moulting.

SEEDS AND SEX (Amateur).—(1) The following seed mixture, which you may make up yourself in any quantity by adhering to these proportions, is as good as any for occasional use as an extra. Two parts each (by measure) hemp, niger, and white millet, one part each teazle, black rape, or cole, and broken groats, a half part of maw, and a quarter part each of gold of pleasure and linseed. The latter item is optional, and is just as well left out for a few weeks at a time now and again. (2) Only experience and close observation will enable you to tell with any degree of certainty the sexes of the young birds, for the differences are all comparative and often slight. In a general way the cocks are more bold and pushful, have a more defiant and domineering mien, a richer colour on the wing butts, rump, and at base of lower mandible, a bolder, or what is sometimes termed a holting, eye, the head and neck are rather thicker and fuller, and there is a more graceful sweep of outline from the abdomen on to the under tail coverts, due to more fully developed coverts. The voice and call is more clear and liquid, and when any attempts are made at singing the throat swells and palpitates perceptibly. Most young cocks will begin to warble a little as soon as they are out of the nest, or even before they leave it they may be noticed trying to warble.

BREEDING MEALWORMS (J. Hughes).—Please see reply under "British Birds."

BORDERS GETTING THIN (Borders).—(1) Judging from your successes hitherto, I am inclined to think there is really nothing materially wrong with the style of your birds, and that what you take for wasting is merely a natural tightening up of the plumage after the moult. I rather doubt the wisdom of tailing the birds, or, indeed, of any interference. Still, if you want to give them more waist, a month or so of the following feeding should do it for you. For staple diet, give plain canary seed only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of scalded rape seed and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days a piece of bread the size of a walnut, soaked in cold milk, drained, four drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, broken groats and chopped sunflower seed. Give a spray of watercress sufficiently often to prevent the birds becoming constipated. The quantities named are what you should give each bird that is to be treated. The sample of seed you sent is a very useful mixture for occasional use, but such elaborate mixtures are not to be commended for a regular staple diet. (2) If the tail feathers were pulled, it would be six weeks before they were full grown again, though they would be showing well through in half that time.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

STOCKING AN AVIARY (H. A. Tutt).—You propose to put far too many birds in your 4-ft. aviary. They might do in it for a time if they were all of one sex, but to expect any success in breeding is quite out of the question. If you seriously want to rear Mules in it you had better turn in one cock bird with your three hens. In that case I would advise you to use the Goldie. The Bullfinches are not certain breeders, and a Linnet would probably mate with one hen and no more, although to this rule there are exceptions. (2) Your stock mixture will be made up to suit the birds you decide to have; if you select the Goldie, he will require something different to what you would give a Linnet. I shall be pleased to assist you when you have selected your stock.

BREEDING MEALWORMS (J. Hughes).—This question has been answered so many times in these columns that I must ask you to kindly look up back numbers, or send for Nutshell Booklet No. 26, price 2½d. post free, in which you will find full instructions.

FINCHES DYING IN AVIARY (Tennil).—I fear your method of feeding is to blame. I do not think the fact of the birds nibbling the twigs had anything to do with their death, although I notice you do not say what the tree is. Wild birds, as a rule, will not eat injurious vegetation, they are not quite so reckless as Canaries. The great mistake you make is in feeding all your birds on the same seed; a Goldfinch, for instance, will starve on the diet that will fatten a Greenfinch. I would advise you to get the Nutshell Booklets on the different birds you intend keeping; they give you full information as to management. If you buy any more you had better keep them in cages for a time, and if any of them look a bit thick give a little Epsom salts in the water, and a spoonful of soaked seeds. The sample of seed you sent is not a suitable mixture; it contains too much rape; a Greenfinch might do on it, but I fear your Goldie had a bad time.

CANARIES OR MULES (F. C.).—You failed to send your address, which is contrary to rules, perhaps you will let us have it on a post card. I have read your letter carefully, and I am inclined to think you have been fortunate enough to breed a couple of light Mules, although I have known of cases similar to yours, and have personally experienced one, in which Canaries were hatched after the pair had been parted quite as long, and the hen mated to a Finch. The style of the young birds and the shape of the head and beak should help you to decide what they are, and if they are Mules, you will find the body feather much shorter than that of Canaries. I would advise you to keep them until they are fully moulted, and, if Mules, let them fly in a large cage for another year before doing anything with them.

TRYING FOR A RARE CROSS (Jay Bee).—Both Jays and Magpies are most difficult birds to sex, and I do not know of any reliable method. If you have two or three nestlings it is possible to detect slight differences in size, brightness of chestnut, and wing bars in the case of the Jay, and size, with a somewhat snaky appearance about the head, in the Magpie, and some lack of sheen on the plumage. As regards the cross, I think your difficulty would be in getting the birds to incubate the eggs if they laid. I would rather lay long odds on their eating them than hatching them, but still, such curious things happen with birds that I would by no means discourage anyone who intends trying for hitherto unknown crosses; they would certainly create a sensation if bred and exhibited. Your aviary should be a large one, and the birds put in it at once. I do not think it would make much difference which way you mated them, although I should feel inclined to have a hen Jay, if you have a choice, as she would find a nesting site far easier than a Magpie would.

FEEDING LINNET MULE (Lintre).—The questions you ask you would find answered much more fully in "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding," post free 1s. 2d., than I am able to do in these columns. A good stock mixture would be 3 parts canary, 2 parts teazle, 1 part rape, ½ part linseed; also make up another mixture of gold of pleasure, niger, and maw, and give a spoonful twice a week, and just a little cracked hemp and sunflower; occasionally supply seeding wild plants, grass seed, sow thistle, dandelion, plantain, etc. Keep in a box cage about 16 inches long, and let him bathe frequently. He should have colour food at once if you want him to moult out a good colour. "How to Moult British Birds," 2½d. post free, would help you considerably, for although it deals with British birds, the same methods would be useful in moulting out Hybrids; but if you colour feed you would have to keep the bird indoors. (2) You will find the best natural food for improving the colour of the Bullfinch is the privet berry. This can be gathered in bunches as soon as ripe, and may be kept some time in water or damp sand, and a spray given daily. The berries you mention are more suitable for the larger softbills.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AMAZON WITH SWOLLEN FOOT (Grieve).—Unless the bird is a tame one, and will let you handle it, I am afraid you cannot give it much relief. The leg should be bathed with water as hot as you can bear your hand in without acute discomfort; dry with a soft cloth and then paint with proof whisky—so treat it several times a week, daily would be better, but the demeanour of the bird must be the governing factor as to this. It will also be well to keep its bowels properly regulated; the bowels should move freely, but must not be allowed to remain watery-loose. To this end give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water as often as may be required. Also give daily one-third of a teaspoonful of cod liver oil emulsion, either on boiled maize, crust of bread, biscuit, or plain cake, whichever the bird most favours. The bird would be better with a seed mixture of hemp, oats, wheat, dari, sunflower and shelled pea-nuts; equal quantities of each by measure—the whole to be well mixed. It can also have ripe fruit, other nuts, bread, biscuit, plain cake, and green-food. Cuttlebone, grit, also a piece of a branch (for it to exercise its mandibles upon), should be continually in the cage. After the bathing of the leg and foot has been going forward for a time, if there appears any sign of pus under the skin, it must be carefully lanced and the pus exuded by gentle pressure and the part thoroughly cleansed with warm water, dried, and lightly anointed with boracic ointment. Report progress in about a month with full details.

CAPE SPARROW-CANARY CROSS (G. and R.).—While there is nothing as to manner of feeding, etc., in the two species to interfere with their successful crossing, yet when one considers the general characteristics and demeanour of the respective species, such success strikes one as improbable, yet not impossible; and, if such success has been attained, a description of the coloration of the hybrids after the moult would be of great interest. So far as I know there is no record of such a cross having been successfully effected in Great Britain or elsewhere. Many readers of "C.B." will be interested in reading the details of your success, and may I suggest that not only should a description of the main features of the plumage of the male parent be given, but the variety of the Canary be stated also. Such precaution would prevent error in the description of any cross, as popular and vernacular names are often a most unsafe guide, and the term "Sparrow," etc., is often very loosely used. The Cape Canary has frequently been crossed with the Canary (domestic var.), and with several other species of Serinus, too.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

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BREEDING CALIFORNIAN QUAIL (G. R. A.).—Broadly speaking, Californian Quail chicks are not much more difficult to rear than ordinary chicks, but in their early stages should have a plentiful supply of live insects (live ants' eggs, gentles, etc.), but they soon begin to pick up small seeds. The general method is to put them under Bantams or Sikies, so as to get as many reared in the course of the season as possible; a single hen has produced over eighty eggs in a single season in my aviary, but she only incubated one clutch of twenty-one eggs. Of these seventeen hatched out, sixteen of which reached maturity, that is, to moult into adult plumage, when I parted with the whole family. In the above instance I did not coop them up at all; they had the run of a naturally planted aviary (30ft. by 30ft.), and were left entirely to the care of their mother. As regards food, insectile mixture and ants' eggs and gentles were supplied for the first week, and they never looked back—when about ten days old they began to pick up seed and grew as rapidly as ordinary chicks. Ample green-food was growing in the aviary, but where such is not the case it must be supplied freely, such as tufts of grass pulled up by the root, chickweed, and any non-poisonous weed, minced lettuce, and spring onions, according to the season. Some give custard, a hard-boiled yolk of egg (finely minced) but I have never used either, and I have successfully bred several species, including the small species as well as the more robust Californian, etc. Personally, I take no interest in rearing them by incubator or foster-parents, and always leave my Quail to breed in a natural way, and most species do so readily, though my experience is that under these conditions they only bring up one brood annually, usually refusing to sit on the first clutch, rear the second, and fail to incubate either the third or fourth clutches.

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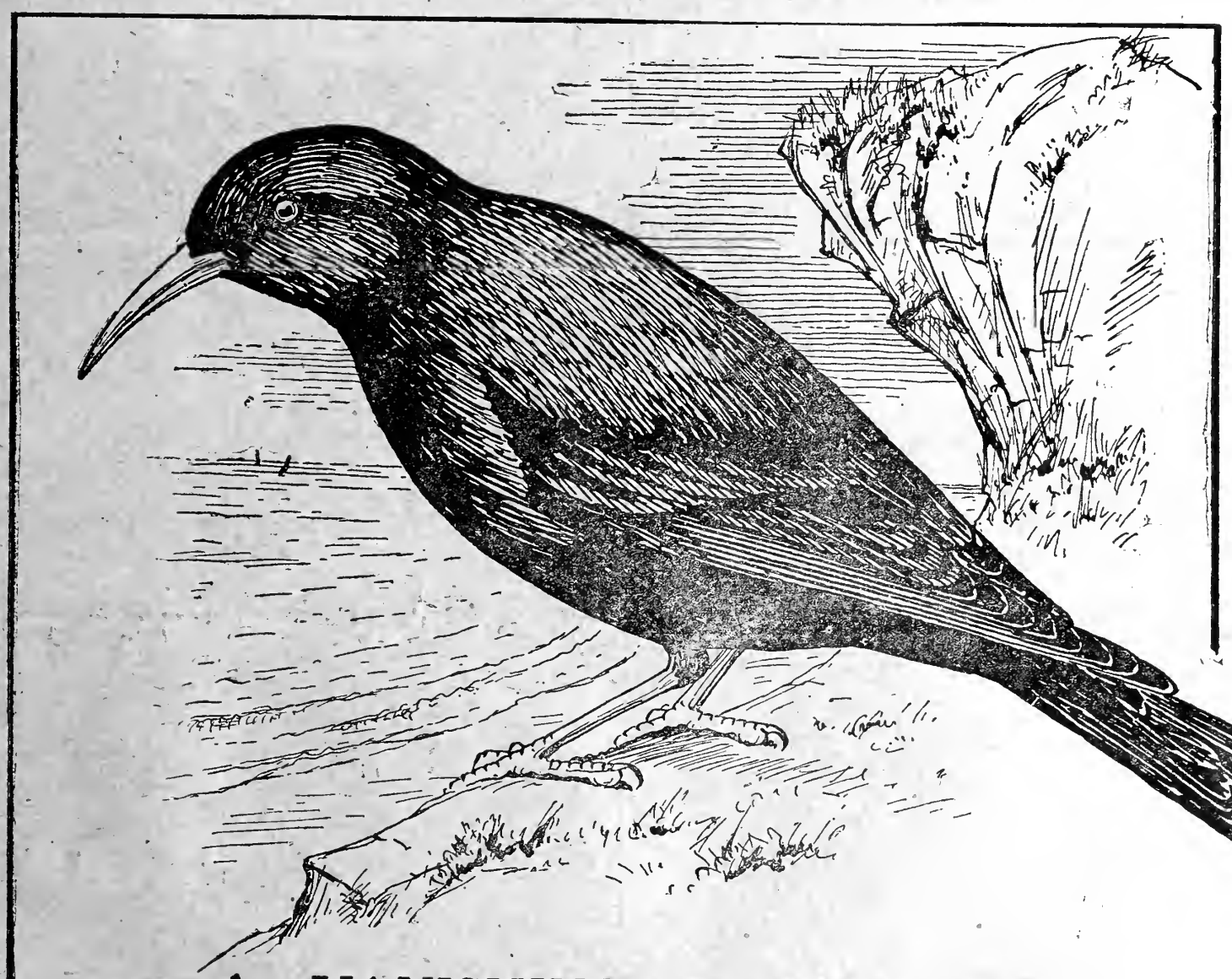

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WANTED, large Peathroat or Cheveral, 1914 cock Goldfinch, also large cock Greypate: Geo. Hadler, 21, Ingersoll-rd., Shepherd's Bush. (420)

WANTED, surplus Canaries, also British, for prompt cash, cheap: Andrew Dawson, Dennistown Bird Mart, 689, Duke-st., Glasgow. (406)

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WANTED: Two young (1915) Greater Black-backed Gulls, also known as Cobs; alive; perfect condition: T. P., 104, Belmont-st., Chalk Farm, London, N.W. (426)

WANTED, large or small quantity of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and large hen Canaries, state price: Thomas Hughes, Bird Merchant, Saltley-rd., Birmingham. (427)

WANTED, a weekly supply Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Larks, etc., off catchers only; best prices given: Osborne, Naturalist, Dudley-rd., Wolverhampton. (427)

ADVERTISEMENTS

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Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

PONTEFRACT.

Open Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, for 3 prizes, 4 minutes' time singing, Aug. 21: 1, Wingham, 42; 2, Jones, 37; 3, T. Parnell, 31. Open sing Aug. 22, for 3 prizes, 3 minutes' time singing: 1, Watkiss, 76; 2, Wingham, 43; 3, Jones, 40.—J. Beard, Asst. Sec.

Cross Keys Hotel, Halfpenny Lane, open Linnet contest Aug. 15, for 3 prizes: 1, Plows; 2, B. Nelson; 3, Blackshear. Open sing Aug. 21: 1, 2, B. Nelson; 3, Blackshear. Open sing Aug. 22: 1, 3, W. Nelson; 2, B. Nelson. There have been some of the best birds from all round the district, and we are hoping to see them all give us another visit. —Alf. Bull, Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road, quality Linnet singing, Aug. 21: 16 birds sang for 3 prizes: 1, Condliffe; 2, G. Hirst; 3, shared by J. Parker and G. Hirst. Judges, Naylor and Clegg. Aug 22: 19 sang for 3 prizes: 1, Blaney; 2, Condliffe; 3, shared by Chippindale and J. Parker. Judges, Hardcastle and Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Aug. 22: 15 of the best birds in Leeds faced the judges before a crowded house, and some very good singing was heard: 1, Hirst; 2, 3, shared Wigfield and Ward. Judges, Messrs. A. Binner and Bryan. Special contest same day with two of our best birds, Mr. W. Crowther gave a special prize: Mr. G. Hirst's bird sang Mr. T. Summer's bird, and won. Judge, Mr. A. Binner.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

KIPPAX.

Linnet contest Aug. 21, Commercial Hotel. About a score of the members of the Clarence Hotel Linnet Club, Leeds, paid us a visit and brought their birds to sing, and we had a contest both for time and quality. Leeds and Kippax members getting prizes in each contest. The Clarence Club had with them some of the best judges in the Broad Acres for quality, also their genial host, Mr. Crowther, of the Clarence Hotel. The President of the Clarence Linnet Club has promised to give a medal with a bird in centre when the Kippax Linnet Club pay their visit to the Clarence Club. A general meeting will be held at Kippax Club Aug. 28 to make arrangements and fix date to visit the Clarence Club, but as the majority of the birds are moulting we may wait a week or two in order to take some good birds with us, as the Kippax members will want some of their best Linnets for the contests. Time singing: 1, Plows; 2, Ward, Leeds; 3, Potter, Kippax. Messrs. Plows, Potter, and Cooper Wallis attended to the time singing section. Quality: 1, Ward, Leeds; 2, Wigfield, Leeds; 3, Collinson, Kippax. Messrs. Somers and C. Bess judged for quality.—R. Plows, Sec.

Club Reports.

FIFE C.B.L.

Meeting, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, Aug. 21. Mr. R. T. Campbell, chair. Agreed to make nine a full class at League show, and to leave over till next meeting the working of show. After business was over Mr. Grewar, whom Cowdenbeath were fortunate to secure, was present to answer any questions in regard to the Canary. Many questions were asked and answered with knowledge and experience. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Grewar and the chairman ended the meeting. Next meeting, Coaltown, of Wemyss, Sept. 11, at 5.—Joe Sneddon, Sec.

NORTHERN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting Aug. 21, Mr. J. W. Lawson, chair. Correspondence read from societies applying for patronage, and the following were granted same: Newcastle Oct. 23, Carlisle Oct. 27 and 28, Blaydon Nov. 12 and 13, Haltwhistle Nov. 19 and 20, Gateshead Dec. 10 and 11, also to Sunderland if patronage is applied for above five shows only. Specials for 1915—Points trophy, to be won twice in succession or three times in all from this season; silver spoon champion, ditto novice, at each show; special value 21s. for novice (most points) to be won outright in one season; three highest birds to count for champion specials and two for novice. Once again I appeal to Norwich fanciers who live in our radius to join us. 1s. nomination and 2s. 6d. sub. Full particulars on application to 55, Colston Street, Benwell, Newcastle.—R. W. Laidlew, Sec.

PLYMOUTH W.C.O.S.

Meeting Aug. 17, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street, Mr. French chair. Decided that we have our open show Oct. 12 and 13, with almost the same classification as in former years, and to pay prize money on the sliding scale. Entrance fee 1/6 per cage, members 1/-. Mr. Cheney guaranteed a Linnet class and Mr. A. B. Brown offered to give a cup for competition with Cinn. birds purchased before the show. Mr. French presented Mr. Hutchings with the novice silver cup, which becomes his property, as he has won it three years in succession. Mr. C. Reed tendered his resignation as asst. sec., which was duly accepted. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Reed for his past services. Decided to leave the appointment of asst. sec. to next meeting, when it is hoped that all members will be present, as there is some more very important business.—W. Luscombe.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Abersychan C.B.S.—Aug. 28, Queen Hotel, 7.—W. T. Couch.

Accrington C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Competition for the birds that are furthest through the moult. Fanciers invited.—D. Harwood.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Co-op. Library, 7.30. To further consider schedule for annual show, and other important business. Subs. due.—Geo. Harver.

Chester C.B.S.—Aug. 31, at Mr. T. Jones', Princess-st., 8, in place of Headquarters. Show business; important.—L. Cavanagh.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Crown Hotel, 8. Open show business.—J. H. Jones.

Chorley C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Shepherd's Hall, 7.30. Important business.—J. H. Welch.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Campbell's Hotel, 8. General show business.—A. Robertson.

Derby C.B.S.—Aug. 28, Normanton Hotel, 7. Election of visiting committee; drawing up of schedule, members' show.—F. W. Jordan.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Aug. 28, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 6.30. Business important.—G. T. Lynn.

Edinburgh Norwich and M.B.S.—Sept. 2, 142, High-st., 8. Report on F.F. show, Brit. and Foreign classification, and other business for annual show.—J. Stormont.

Fife and Kinross Norwich P.H.C.—Sept. 4, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 7. Alloting patronage and general business.—D. H. McGowan.

Guisborough Priory C.B.S.—Aug. 28, Wear's Room, 7.30.—A. W. Knaggs.

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—Owing to so many members being away the meeting for Aug. 30 has been cancelled.—J. Hyde.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Sept. 1, St. George's, 8. Classification and arrangements for annual show.—J. W. Thornton.

Halifax C.P.S.—Sept. 2, Trafalgar Inn, King Cross, Halifax, 8. General meeting and impromptu night. —A. Sutcliffe.

Idle C.B.A.—Sept. 1, Springfield Hotel, 8. Open show business.—T. Elsegood.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Sept. 4, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7. Proposed extending of classification, and fixing same for annual show; closing date for young bird cup, competition, 2nd Oct.; new members invited.—T. J. McGregor.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Sept. 4, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 8. Lecture on Norwich Plainhead. Visitors will receive a hearty welcome.—W. Gilbert.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Sept. 4. Members' show and arrangement of classes, etc.—D. H. Davies.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—Aug. 28, Burgh Arms, 6.30. Schedule; special and membership.—R. Muir.

Laisterdyke and Dis. B.F.A.—Sept. 1, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Very important business. — W. H. Symes.

Midland Roller C.C.—Members please note there will be no meeting held for August.—J. W. Thomson.

Middlesex O.S.—Sept. 2, St. John's Schools, 8. General business.—R. Cambers.

Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, 7.30. Open show business; election of judges; important.—J. W. Reed.

Northern British, Mule and F.B.C.—Aug. 28, Shields Cafe, Bigg Market, 8. Allot patronage. Subs. due.—W. Curry.

Northern Border F.C.C.—Sept. 1, Pillar's Cafe, Pink Lane, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 7.30. General business. Subs. are overdue.—C. Farrer.

Old Shilden Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Dec. 4, one day show; federated shows please notice, so as not to clash.—J. Ainsworth.

Openshaw Gorton C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Club Room, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. Annual show, judge, etc.—A. W. Newton.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Aug. 28, The Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester, 6. Show business; also young birds' points competition.—A. Percival.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Granby Hotel, 7.30. Important.—W. Jagger.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8.30. Annual show business. —J. Coupe.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Aug. 28, Mail Coach Inn, 7. Business important.—J. E. Taylor.

Reading C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Palmer Hall, 8. Very important show business.—O. C. Smith.

Runcorn B.B.A.—Sept. 2, Headquarters, Old Cocoa Room, 7.30. Special business.—E. Bone.

Redhill C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Watkin's Hotel, 8. Election of a sec., as I am resigning. It is to be hoped that the members will attend and appoint someone they can support.—G. Martin.

St. Quintin Park F. and F.S.—Sept. 2, The Institute, Portobello Road, 8. Canary judging competition.—A. S. Tarrant.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Aug. 28, Station Street Cafe, 7.30. To decide definitely about open show; any other business.—J. Peacock.

South Moor C.B.S.—Aug. 28, South Moor Hotel, 6.30. Confirmation of schedule for annual show, etc., intending members please attend.—Geo. F. Bates.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Sept. 7, Liberal Club, 8. Arrangements for open show (Yorks. Union), Oct. 2. —W. Everett.

Shipley O.S.—Sept. 1, Victoria Hotel, 7. Important: open show arrangements.—Tong and Craven.

Southampton C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Waterloo Hotel, 7.30. Lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, by Mr. G. Gamble. —W. L. Page.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Preparing birds for exhibition, by Mr. W. Bingham. —A. Hobson.

Stockport and Hazel Grove F.F.A.—Aug. 31, Trinity House, Shaw Heath, 8. Report re silver cup, show date, etc.—W. Stafford.

Sheffield O.S.—Aug. 31, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. All England show business.—G. C. Job.

South Moor Social Club.—Aug. 29, Club Room, 6.30. Steward and report from Consett.—G. Lane.

Sacriston P.P.R. and C.B.S.—Aug. 28, Mr. H. Abbot's Tea Rooms, 5.30. Confirmation of schedules and other business; intending members please attend.—Dodd and Wilfrid.

Windhill C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Blue Bell Hotel, 6.30. Date for last members' show and other business.—J. Taylor.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Headquarters, 8. Schedule for old show.—Wm. Mallinson.

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SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Oct. 6.—**Idle C.B.S.**—(C. A. House, Briardene, Idle, Bradford.) W.M.

Oct. 8-9.—**Preston O.S.** (G. Buck, 5, Nevett St.)

Oct. 12-13.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)

Oct. 14.—**Hanley C.B.S.** (C. Beckett, 32, Hamilton-rd., Birkenhead, Hanley.) J.R.

Oct. 15-16.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(H. Warburton, 73, Ellesmere Rd., Lower Walton, Warrington.) H.W.B., G.L., J.D.L.

Oct. 16.—**Coventry O.S.** (A. Green, 205, Stoney Stanton Rd.)

Oct. 21.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Holliday, 58, George St.) J.R.

Oct. 22-23.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.)

Oct. 23.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.) J.R.

Oct. 26-28.—**London and P.O.S.**—(H. L. Huggins, 130, Myddleton Rd., Bowes Park, London.)

Oct. 27-28.—**Carlisle (Border City) O.S.**—(J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.)

Oct. 29-30.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlboro Av., Manley Park, Manchester). L.D., J.B., R.B., J.D., H.J.C.

Oct. 30.—**York C.B.S.**—(V. G. F. Zimmerman, 7, Portland Street.)

Nov. 3-4.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terr.)

Nov. 4.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.)

Nov. 5-6.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(L. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield.) J.R., J.C.B., H.W.B.

Nov. 6.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (J. W. Thornton, 43, Rydal St., W. Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M., W.N.

Nov. 6-8.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street.) J.T., H.J.C.

Nov. 9-10.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(G. W. Jones, 156, Holdenhurst Rd.) H.N.

Nov. 12-13.—**Blaydon-on Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.) T.D., J.M., H.W.B.

Nov. 13.—**Barnsley C.B.S.**—(E. Toulson, 102, Cope St.)

Nov. 13.—**Chester C.B.S.** (L. Cavanagh, "Berwyn," Vicar's Cross, Chester.) H.W.B.

Nov. 13.—**Ardwick & Manchester C.B.S.**—(J. Spencer, 193, Palmerston Street, Beswick, Manchester.)

Nov. 19-20.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.) W.M., H.W.B.

Nov. 19-20.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(Wm. Tallantyre, South View.)

Nov. 27.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.**—(F. A. Green, 54, Camdon Rd.) H.W.B.

Dec. 1-2.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 211, Park Rd., Aston, Birmingham.) J.R., J.H.R.

Dec. 1-2.—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place, Southampton.) H.N.

Dec. 8-9.—**Watford C.B.S.**—(W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Rd.) F.E., H.N., A.S., H.J.W.

Dec. 10-11.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—(W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle).

Scotland.

Nov. 12-13.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital Street.) W.G., J. M'L., W. M'M., C.M., A.W., M.C.

Nov. 20.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S.**—(A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place.)

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Jan. 1.—**Wishaw, Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)

Wales.

Oct. 20.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(H. H. Mortimer, 4, Granville St.)

Nov 17.—**Llandudno** (Welsh N. Counties F. and F.A.).—(G. E. Cragg, "Rocklands," Rhos, Colwyn Bay.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.H.R.

Ireland.

Nov. 24-25.—**Dublin Y.C.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(W. C. Sholedice, 38, Haddington Rd.) W.M.

Dec. 3-4.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(W. Montgomery, 62, Church Street).

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Twitterings.

We have decided to have a one-day show on Dec. 4, writes Mr. J. Ainsworth, Sec., Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.C., Secs. of Federated shows kindly note, so as not to clash.

The Committee of the Glasgow and Dis. C.B.A. have been successful in obtaining the Albert Halls, 285, bath-st., for their Annual Show, Nov. 12 and 13, writes Mr. W. Hutchison, Hon. Sec. Being an old church, it is high and lit from the roof, and will make an ideal hall.

Sergt. J. H. Harrison, R.A.M.C., stationed at Woodcotes Park Convalescent Camp, Epsom, will be very glad to meet any fanciers in or round Epsom where he can have a friendly chat on birdy matters. He also extends a welcome to anyone wishing to visit him at the camp.

The Garston B.B.A. members and friends will take a ramble on Aug. 29; meet at Mr. Jones's, 35, Church Road, Garston, at 2, writes Mr. R. T. Lonsdale, Hon. Sec.; fanciers of Liverpool will find it worth while to join.

Will customers please note that for the remainder of this season the Post Office authorities collect parcels of Ramsden's Pure Peppers on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings only, at 11.15. Delays on rail are frequent. Customers should therefore make allowance and send their orders a few days before the pepper is actually needed.—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.—(Advt.)

The Coaltown of Wemyss C.B.S., writes Mr. Alec Storrar, secretary, intends running a show on Dec. 4th in aid of the Wemyss Soldiers' Comforts Fund. The judges will be: Borders and Yorks., Mr. R. T. Campbell; Norwich, British and Foreign, Mr. G. Arnott. The show will be confined to Fife, and it is hoped that the Fife fanciers will make it a success. All trophies of the society are to be competed for.

In our issue of July 24th date, we had the pleasure of announcing that Dr. Lovell Keays had achieved a success in being the first aviculturist to breed Bearded Tits, and in the August issue of "Bird Notes," the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, the Dr. gives a full and most interesting account of his experiences with these charming birds. The Marquis of Tavistock continues his articles "My Little Owls" and "Cranes, etc., in Captivity." Mr. G. E. Low gives notes on the Cape Zosterops and Jackson's Whydahs, and among the other articles are "Breeding of the Black Seed-finch," by Mr. W. Shore-Baily, and "The Breeding of the Masked Dove," by Mr. H. Bright.

OBITUARY.

It is with regret, writes Mr. J. A. T. Woodall, press correspondent Sheffield O.S., that I have to announce the death of the eldest daughter of Mr. Geo. Fletcher, one of our most prominent members. The deepest sympathy is expressed by all the members of the S.O.S. in the great trouble that has overtaken Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, and trust that they will have strength given to overcome so great a blow.

Mr. Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn, has forwarded us samples of his tasteless and hot pepper, egg bread with colour, and insectivorous food with colour. In a letter accompanying these, Mr. Walsh says: "We are the direct importers of the best quality peppers, and are in with some of the best growers in Spain. We can therefore offer our customers first-class value. Our egg bread and insectivorous food are again in great demand. Samples will be sent free to any of your readers, as per our advert in Cage Birds." The samples seem to bear out all that is said of them; the peppers are of good colour and rich in oil, the sprinkling of maw seed which is added to the egg bread is just what is wanted, and the insectivorous food contains a liberal proportion of "dried flies." Readers should send for the free samples and inspect them for themselves.

The Morals of Rheas.

In the correspondence columns of our Aug. 7 issue there appeared a letter from Mr. Dan McArthur refering to the Rheas and Emus in the Scottish Zoo, and in the August issue of "Bird Notes" the Marquis of Tavistock writes:—

> The Common Rhea (Rhea americana) is even better known in this country than the Emu, and when adult is perfectly hardy. The cock bird alone sits and takes charge of the young, the hen being indifferent to her offspring, and at times even inclined to molest them.
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> Rheas are both polygamous and polyandrous, four or five hens accompanying a cock for some days, laying him a nest of eggs, and when he begins to sit transferring their allegiance to some other admirer. In spite of the extreme laxity of her morals the female Rhea shows quite a lively interest in the display which her mate performs for her benefit, wherein she differs from most hen birds who appear excessively bored by the efforts made to arouse their interest and admiration.

A Moth as a Humming Bird.

The "Blackburn Weekly Telegraph" prints without comment the following letter from a reader (Great Harwood): "I noticed a rare bird on the 23rd July in my garden. I have a lot of violas, and, seeing something strange flitting from flower to flower, I went closer to have a good look. I am certain it was a humming-bird. I called in a neighbour and his wife, and they had never seen anything like it before. It did not alight once while I saw it, but stabbed flower after flower with its long, thin bill, all the time its wings going like an electric fan. I have looked for it many times since, but in vain."

Twenty-two, Not Out.

F. H. M. writes to the Darlington "Northern Echo" that he has a Canary twenty-two years old and still singing.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing in our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

Birds in the Firing Line.

In an extremely interesting article on "Birds in Flanders," in the Avicultural Magazine, Dr. Bernard E. Potter says:—"Greenfinches and Yellowhammers are very common and sing all day. Willow Wrens are heard in all the high trees of the woods, no bird's note was more welcome this spring with its gentle cadence. I have seen many Pied Wagtails, only one Ray's. Of the Tits the Great Tit is much in evidence, but none of the others. Wrens are very numerous and sometimes seem to predominate as singers. So vociferous a song from so small a bird always seems extraordinary. Usually they sing at the end of a house-roof and their profile with the well-cocked tail is most comical. While shells were falling with regularity, yet I could not help noticing a Wren in this typical pose on an estaminet at Potijze."

Can Albinos be Bred Scientifically?

Mr. W. Bush, of Newport, stated in an interview with a representative of the Cardiff "Western Mail," that he had bred white Blackbirds, Jays, Ring-doves, Sparrows, Jackdaws, Starlings, Magpies, Linnets and Robins.

"Mendel," he said, "did not apparently experiment with birds. Mice and plants were his subjects. I have verified his system in the case of birds. I have been specially successful in the case of Ring-doves, which breed freely. The process, roughly speaking, is this: A white freak bird is put to mate with one of normal colour—brown or black. The product are birds that Mendel would speak of as 'F 1.' To casual appearances they are all true to the normal type. But there is a trace of the albino in the blood of probably all of them. If you follow the experiment a stage further you get what Mendel calls 'F 2,' and out of a hatch of, say, four, you will find that there are three apparently normal and one quite white bird. But of the three apparently normal one only is a common bird. And if you could determine which one that was, exclude him and follow up your experiments with the others, you are pretty certain to get white birds. But you cannot determine which is the commoner, and so you must go on till you get a white stock. It is a most interesting study. But neither Mendel nor anyone else has told us where the first white Blackbird, or Sparrow, or Jay came from, or how he came to be so abnormal."

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"I had so many replies to my advert. under the heading of Foreign in CAGE BIRDS of July 16, that is was impossible for me to answer all. I take this opportunity of thanking you for your splendid publication."—W. F. MONK (Halstead).

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W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

The Toll of Nature.

After stating that the Hawfinch has steadily increased in numbers for several decades, the "Yorkshire Observer" goes on to say: "The exceptional case of the Hawfinches makes one wonder that the number of birds should, as a rule, remain so nearly stationary year after year. The past season has been most favourable for nesting, and undoubtedly the bird population at the present moment is very much higher than in April. But we are not justified in assuming that next April there will be any exceptional number of birds in our woodlands and hedgerows. A tremendous number of young Song Thrushes, for instance, must have come into the world this summer, but we shall probably be disappointed if we expect crowds of Song Thrushes to greet the springtime next year. Nature is ruthless. There are many hardships to face before next spring. A rigid winter eliminates the old and feeble of those which stay amongst us throughout the year; and in the case of the migrants there are two perilous over-sea journeys. The records from lighthouses give an idea of the sacrifice of life which these journeys entail. Altogether the wastage is huge, and to do no more than maintain present numbers each pair of birds must hatch out three or four times their own number each year. Perhaps the case of a pair of Dippers—less plentiful birds at all times than Song Thrushes—better illustrates this tendency for numbers to remain stationary. A pair, not the same pair, of course, have occupied a certain ledge of rock so long as the oldest person in their district can remember. In twenty years' time a few score Dippers must have left that nest, cosily hidden behind a waterfall, and must have dashed through the foam into the world at large. But there is no reason to suppose that there are more Dippers on that stream or upon neighbouring streams than there were twenty years ago. It is a rare accident indeed to find a nest of the bird in a fresh situation.

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The Revival of the Evenly-Marked Yorkshire.

By Oscar E. Brooks.

As a keen admirer of the evenly-marked Yorkshire, I often wonder why it is that this beautiful variety has been permitted during recent years to lapse into a state bordering on obscurity. I am prepared to admit that two weighty arguments are often quoted in disparagement of even-marks, namely, that they prove a strong temptation to the "faker" and that they are difficult to breed to anything like a standard of perfection. Having admitted as much, however, I fail to understand why this should tell against its popularity.

Regarding the latter, I must candidly confess I think it should be an argument in favour of, rather than against the variety. We have most of us experienced the truth of the old saying that there is no royal road to success, and that things not difficult to obtain are not worth having. The genuine fancier looks upon difficulty as the fascination of his hobby, and not a stumbling-block, for all difficulties are intended to be overcome.

To Get "Even Marks."

From personal experience, I am certain that the chief cause of failure in breeding for even-marks is not laying a proper foundation at the commencement. Many individuals lacking in practical experience have an erroneous idea that all one has to do in order to produce these much desired markings is to pair two birds together, each bearing an outward resemblance to the ideal. I would not like to say that well-marked progeny cannot be had in this manner, but I am positive that in nine cases out of ten perfectly even-marked youngsters do not result.

It is absolutely essential, if one wishes to ultimately be successful, to "line breed." Here I must pause, for I am inclined to believe that a large percentage of amateur Canary breeders have but a hazy notion of what line breeding really is.

To pair closely related birds indiscriminately together is not line breeding, but in-breeding of the most injurious type. On the other hand, to systematically pair mother to son, daughter to father, or grandfather to granddaughter (provided the birds themselves be suitably matched) can be productive of excellent results, especially where the production or retention of certain markings is the object in view.

As I have previously stated, it is quite useless, and in fact sometimes harmful, to be guided in mating solely by the external appearances. One must have a perfect knowledge of the individual pedigree of his stock, and this can only be properly carried out by line breeding on scientific principles. In this connection I would recommend the reader to procure a copy, unless he has already done so, of the breeding room register compiled by Mr. G. E. Weston. I have found from personal experience that if the particulars are entered in this register as directed, it affords a very helpful means of ascertaining the exact information one needs when embarking on systematic breeding.

The Even-mark Standard.

For the benefit of those imperfectly acquainted with the standard for even-marks, I quote the following:—"An evenly-marked bird must be four pointed (i.e. both eyes, and both wings), or six pointed (i.e. both eyes, both wings, and both sides of tail)." I would also remind the breeder that in judging, out of the hundred marks any number up to twenty-five are allowed for eye markings, the number depending largely upon the neatness and regularity of outline, and for distinction.

Now it is generally admitted that good eye markings are much harder to obtain than wing marks, although neither are easy. In my own opinion I think this is largely due to the fact that neck and head ticks are more apt to crop up when one is centreing his attention upon the eye markings. I presume, too, that it is also because while we are chiefly concerned in the wing or tail markings we frequently use birds that are entirely deficient in marks on the head, face, or neck, with the result that ticks on these parts are not much in evidence. The moment, however, we turn our attention towards perfecting the eye-markings, and, for the purpose, introduce birds thus marked into our breeding stock, the old trouble begins to assert itself once again, and the annoying splashes of green colour about the head and neck are continually revived in each successive brood.

Another type of marking that perplexes the breeder in no slight degree is the splash about the thigh or under part of the tail. It is, however, practically impossible entirely to avoid the occasional reappearance of these objectionable markings, as the considerable amount of green blood has a strong tendency to come to the surface at most unexpected times.

Keep to One Sort.

In my own breeding experiments I have confined myself to the Green marks, and have hardly touched upon the Cinnamon, although I am fully aware that good Cinnamon even-marks are procurable quite as much as the Greens. Whether one decides to specialise in Green or Cinnamon is of course purely a matter of individual taste, but I strongly advocate breeders confining themselves to one or the other, as when both are bred in the same room, one is liable to affect the purity of the shade of the other.

In building up a strain of evenly-marked Yorkshires I would advise the breeder to get into communication with an individual who makes even-marks his speciality, and consequently, possesses a thoroughly established strain. If he is a reliable breeder of good repute, the novice can safely place himself in his hands, as it were, after having explained what birds are required, and may feel assured that he will be honourably dealt with.

If I may depart from the subject for a moment, I would like to add, that in all branches of Canary breeding quite as much as in that which chiefly concerns us, this advice holds good, for if the inexperienced were only to place themselves without reserve in the hands of breeders of much experience they would invariably start on the absorbing study of bird breeding with much more suitable stock than when they have relied merely upon their own limited knowledge, and obstinately refused any proffered advice from those well able to give it.

A Modest Start Sufficient.

But to return to our subject. For the average individual, not blest with too much available space, two pairs of stock birds are sufficient to make a start with, provided they are unrelated, that is to say, not closely related, and from a recognised strain of even-marks. If possible, however, it would be better and cheaper too, in the long run, to invest in three pairs. Each pair should be kept quite distinct, and a knowledge of the individual pedigrees obtained at the time of their purchase.

For the first season or two one cannot reasonably expect to accomplish more than to lay a foundation for the future strain, but the more scientifically the pairing is carried out at the start, the sooner is the breeder likely to see some definite reward for his pains.

In the first place, it is highly important that the stock be typical as regards size and shape, for it will be readily understood that to breed birds possessing good technical markings but lacking in general type of the variety to which they belong, is only a waste of time and labour.

(To be continued.)

The Breeding of the Roller Canary

A paper by Mr. G. A. Harper, Bilston, read to the members of the City of Birmingham C.B.S.

I HAVE no doubt that the old hands have their own way of breeding, and I say to them, if they have a good proved system, stick to it, for everyone has a way, and every way does, but some better than others. You will generally find that it is the persevering ones that succeed, and I strongly advise anyone not to go in for Canary breeding if they cannot look after their birds properly, unless they have a better half to do it for them, or someone else who will, or in nine cases out of ten it will be certain failure. Even those of us who give the birds every attention have mishaps sometimes.

Variety in Food Necessary.

Birds in their wild state have no end of things to choose from, therefore the more variety of wholesome foodstuffs we can give our own, the better will they repay us. I remember reading once of someone who reared a few Canaries on seed alone, but I am sadly afraid he would not get many prize winners out of them, as I think it next to impossible to rear strong healthy birds unless they have soft food of some kind or other.

Before we commence breeding operations we have to purchase some birds, and the question occurs, where shall we get them? Well, perhaps I may be pardoned for offering a little advice, as I have had rather a wide experience, and I have had to pay for it, too. I once had a beautiful orange-coloured Canary in reply to an advertisement for a good singing Canary. He was to sing by daylight or gaslight, or any other light, but, although I kept him nearly six months, I never heard him sing at all, and this is only one case out of several I could mention. Now if we want really good birds we have only to look down show reports to find what we want, or there are plenty of reliable breeders who would be only too pleased to supply us with what we require if we give them the chance.

When to Buy Stock Birds.

The next item is the best time to purchase. Well, I should say November to February—not later, as it is always best to have the birds a month or two before you want to pair them up to get them thoroughly accustomed to your mode of feeding and their new surroundings. Having the birds, you want to know which is the best and whether to breed in cages or aviaries. My ideal place is a room, or part of same partitioned off with half-inch mesh wire netting, one over a living room preferred, as it is generally warmer than the others; a few branches fixed here and there; windows facing east and west if possible, and one cock to three or four hens, according to his age and constitution.

Fifty Young from One Cock.

I have reared 50 in one season off one cock and four hens in this way, and found the youngsters were nearly always stronger than those reared in cages, while one feeding does for the lot. I have reared nearly all my birds in this manner for the last 20 years, and have never had a bad season. The lowest number reared has been 50, and several times I have had to stop breeding operations before the breeding season was over for fear of overcrowding, as my space is limited.

This season I have had to alter my breeding room for domestic reasons, but shall stick to my plan of one cock with several hens. I have made three large flights, 7ft. long, 2ft. 6in. deep, and 2ft. high, one above the other, so have more accommodation, yet taking up less room, and I advise anyone short of space to try this plan. If they have plenty, then give my original idea the preference, as it is far less trouble and more natural. The more we imitate Nature, the better we shall succeed.

A Useful Contrivance.

For seed I use self-filling hoppers, they hold anything from six to ten lbs., with a partition down—canary seed one side, rape the other. You do not get so much wasted by keeping separate instead of mixing the seeds, and then I have a shallow box hanging under the hopper, same size, to catch husks or seeds if the birds scatter it, some hens being very mischievous in this way. If the birds do throw it out, you can then sieve that caught in the bottom box, and, after blowing away the husks, put the seed back in the hopper. I also have another one filled with groats and hemp until the time the young are hatched, then I crush the hemp in a mill.

I use Jones's hygienic glass fountains for water, and prefer them to any other. Being in two pieces, they can easily be kept clean. I also use a shallow dish for bath, with about one inch of water in, which they have fresh every day, summer or winter; they enjoy it very much, and it helps to keep them in good health, while, in my opinion, it is a preventive of sweating.

I use charpie, moss, and fine hay as nesting material, and baskets and terra-cotta nests to build in, but they nearly always prefer the baskets, and I do not dislike them myself, as you are sure of the young ones getting plenty of ventilation, and if given a good dressing with paraffin you will not be much troubled with insect pests.

(To be continued.)

Some East Coast Birds.

By J. FEW (Wigan).

(Concluded from page 31.)

IN a field of newly-mown hay an animated scene in bird life, which is always of interest, is observed. It is a mixed lot of insectivorous birds, with a sprinkling of seed-eaters—which latter are partially insectivorous too, particularly when rearing young. The flock consists of Missel and Song Thrushes, Skylarks, Meadow Pipits, Yellow and Pied Wagtails, Greenfinches, and House Sparrows; and, on the wing, a number of Swallows and House Martins hawking to and fro.

It is well to remember that Finches, including Canaries, relish a meal of small insects. In gathering groundsel, chickweed, and shepherd's-purse, especially the last-named, I always made a point of securing what insects I could, as I found that some of my birds showed a partiality for these, and would search for them before beginning to consume the seeds.

A Fault which Mars a Song.

The mellow notes of the Whitethroat now greet the ear; some of its phrases are very like those of the Blackcap and Garden Warbler. It, however, invariably mars its best efforts by introducing some rather harsh notes. A Redpoll passes in very undulated flight, chanting its familiar ditty, and feeding on chickweed by the roadside are some Linnets in nuptial dress. One perched on the hedge is rendering its sweet and varied song. There is something beautifully wild about the Linnet's song, with which I always associate the gorse-covered common and hillside where I listened to avian choruses by flocks of these Finches.

A very locally distributed bird, the Corn Bunting, is plentiful in this district. On every hand the bird is singing. Its song, which is not of much consequence, commences with "tuk, tuk, tuk," and is continued till late in the season when most birds are silent, except the other members of the family Emberizinæ to which it belongs. Yonder a Greenfinch tells of its ecstasy by pouring forth the drawn-out note "tway," and then by its fantastical aerial display.

Now I listen to the song of the Yellow Bunting or Yellowhammer, which syllablised is, "che, che, che, eti, errrrr, oomm.". Its song is most appreciated in August and September, though it is sometimes described as monotonous.

"The simplest notes have charms
"For me: I even love the Yellowhammer's song.
"When earliest birds begin to budge, his note,
"Simple, reiterated, oft is heard
"In leafless briar or half-grown hedgerow tree;
"Nor is he silent until autumn's leaves
"Fall fluttering round his head of golden hue."

—Grahame.

Turning into a by-lane, a young Song Thrush is observed squatted in the roadway. It has left the nest prematurely, its pinions not being sufficiently developed for flight. Fearing it might get run down by a vehicle, I transferred the little helpless thing, which looked exquisitely sweet in its first "spick and span" suit, from the danger zone to the adjacent field. After passing through the village of Bempton, the evening being far advanced, birds were flitting hither and thither to their roosting quarters, though Blackbirds, Song Thrushes, Corn Buntings, and Robins were singing here and there till I arrived back at Bridlington.

Effects of the War.

What effect has the war had on bird life? Probably no birds have suffered so much as the East Coast Seagulls, for the withdrawal of the trawlers from the Dogger Bank has meant that thousands of these birds are starving. In the past they have practically existed on the offal cast back into the sea by the fishermen. This source of supply having failed, huge flocks have flown inland, and are scouring the ploughed fields for any dainty morsels in the shape of worms, slugs, and other tit-bits. It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and I am confident the farmers have been pleased to see the birds on the fields, knowing full well they do a great deal to rid the soil of noxious insect pests. Quite recently a costly monument was erected in Salt Lake City to commemorate the Gulls which saved the crops of the first Mormon settlers by devouring the grasshoppers by which they were being devastated.

In conclusion, I may say that during the winter months our shores have been invaded by an abnormally large number of Wild Duck from the Continent. A keen East Coast sportsman states he has never seen so many during any winter of the last forty years.

Correspondence.

Breeding Bullfinches in Captivity.

Sir,—This year I built a rustic aviary on one side of an elm tree covered with ivy, and with other branches, including a hawthorn tree, poking through the wire-netting. I nailed rough cork bark to the trunk of the elm and have had two nests, the first with five eggs and four birds, and the last four eggs and one lovely young cock bird. This pair of birds, with my Canary Linnet Mules, are advertised in this week's issue.

J. E. Stone.

The Affairs of the Rossendale C.B.S.

Sir,—I notice in Cage Birds, Aug. 14th, a report of a meeting of the Rossendale C.B.S., at which I see they decided to rename the Society the Bacup Roller Canary Club. I am sorry to see this, as it has ever been an uphill fight to get a society for Canary fanciers together. I wonder what the fancy members of the society have to say in the matter, as I consider it a very high-handed proceeding to alter the name, and I presume objects, of this society, to suit the interests of a part of the members. In the first place I think they have no power to alter the name unless at the general meeting, and only then after each member has been written, and the object of the meeting has been explained. The only part I can see which redounds to the credit of the Roller portion, is in coming out in the open, instead of using the society for the advancement of their particular variety. We have stood by whilst they have run two open shows, giving specials, etc., out of the funds of the society, whilst the members who kept the show varieties must have a members' show, and at the last show rely on specials given by themselves, or from people who sympathised with them. If the open shows had been a failure, the loss would have been shared by the whole of the society. Another point which I would like explained is the reason for making the name Bacup, when the society comprises members from other parts of the district; it was intended to cover the Rossendale Valley. I would like to know what the other Yorkshire, Norwich, etc., fanciers have to say in the matter. I for one object to any change in the name, unless at a general meeting. Sorry I had not seen the report that there would be a meeting, or I should certainly have been present, and objected to any such change. I had intended not to exhibit at the next show if there had been one, but I was quite willing to give what help I could to make the show a success.

John Rukin.

Exterminating Lice on Birds.

Sir,—"Interested" has unwittingly put a wrong interpretation to my letter on this subject. He will find I did not say that the life history of these creatures was of no importance generally. On the contrary it is of the utmost importance—in its proper place, which is, or was, hardly the case in this correspondence. Neither do I say or think the subject is necessarily beyond the average fancier intellectually, but I do say it is eminently out of place in his hands. Only those who know the hours of close watching with the aid of a lens that may be necessary to verify one simple fact can fully appreciate this assertion. But any thinking person must appreciate the difficulties in the way of studying life histories of creatures which it is practically impossible to observe continuously *in situ*, but which must be removed from their natural surroundings and watched closely with the aid of a lens. Even then one may fall into error. Take, for instance, the plant louse, or aphis. One observer of them, having seen eggs deposited, from which young were hatched, might declare this was the method of reproduction; another, studying the same species under similar conditions, witnesses the production of living young, and is equally convinced that this is the method of propagation, and each would dispute the facts observed by the other. Yet more prolonged and patient watching would show that both were right, and that the species was in reality both oviparous viviparous. Hence my using the term "obscure" in this connection. Though not perhaps very obscure in the sense that nothing is known about them they are very much so in other respects. I can only repeat now that the true lice possess a biting, or gnawing, mouth, and differ in feeding habits from the blood-sucking mites as much as, say, a gnat from a common house fly.

Observer.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Blaenavon and its Show.

Sir,—It is of no interest to the Fancy to know what Mr. Vaughan was taught a mountain was; or to know the height of Blaenavon and Pontypool above sea level. Pontypool and Blaenavon are both in the same valley, and both are among the mountains; in fact, I think the majority of towns in Wales and Monmouthshire are among mountains. But the statement that Blaenavon was six miles higher up on the mountains was calculated to give exhibitors the impression that Blaenavon was in some outlandish place and a difficult place to send their exhibits to. Our society is a new society with nearly 30 members, and we wish to run our open show successfully so that is the reason why I corrected the statement.

George Broome.

[This correspondence must now cease.—Editor.]

Tortured Prisoners.

Sir,—I was pleased to see that the letter sent to the lay press by Mr. F. A. Cox has brought forth a trenchant reply by "Bird-Keeper" in the columns of Cage Birds. The last paragraph of "Bird-Keeper's" letter sums up the matter admirably. There is no doubt that there is a section of people who look upon bird-keeping as a crime, and anything is good enough as a peg upon which to hang their attacks. This latest tirade is ostensibly against singing contests, but it is really directed against bird-keeping as a whole. I hope some abler pen than mine will take up the defence of the working-man who keeps a [illegible] Linnet as a pet, and who exploits [illegible] singing powers of his pet in harmless competition against the birds belonging to other men in his own social station. It may or may not be that there are drunkards among Linnet fanciers, as among any other section of the community, and it may be also that there are "ruffians" among those who earn an honest addition to their scanty wages by the catching and selling of a few birds to provide these working-men with their contest singers. I notice that Mr. Cox in his letter refers to the "ruffians" who catch the birds, while Mr. Jerome stigmatises as a "pack of ruffians" those who buy the birds from the "ruffians" who catch them, and who use them in a form of sport which, to say the least, is no more worthy of indiscriminate attack than any form of sport indulged in by the monetary superiors of the workmen who find a means of relaxation in listening to the singing of their pet birds and a justifiable pride in the possession of one which is a bit better than the majority. The rich man loves a fleet greyhound or a fast racehorse. Why should not the poor man love an exceptionally talented Linnet? If he has to use a club-room in a public-house for his sport, is he any the worse for that than the coursing nobleman who can run his greyhounds on the plains of Altcar, or the millionaire who can exploit his racers at Ascot? If the birds are improperly kept and improperly treated, by all means let us take steps to alter the circumstances, but violent and unwarranted abuse of bird-keepers in general is not a proper means to this end.

Justice.

Sir,—If you were engaged and had been engaged for as many years as I have in attacking forms of cruelty to animals, you would realise that you might almost keep by you a stereotyped letter in reply to those dealing with the letters you send to the Press on the subject. For the letters contravening your assertions are nearly always anonymous—strangely so, considering the arrogant tone in which they are written. Your plain facts will always be characterised as "hysterics"; the fact that your opponents have not seen a thing will be tendered as an assured proof that you, who have, did not; and, most assuredly, such letters, whilst denying the cruelty in the first part, will palliate it in the last—will prove that the animals concerned really rather enjoy the cruelty complained of. "Bird-Keeper's" letter is on these well-worn lines.

"Bird-Keeper" says I have "evidently been told that in some district what are called singing contests are held in public-houses". I have seen the men coming away from the public-houses with the birds under their arms most fully demonstrating the fact that they have been to public-houses. Whether the birds are Linnets, Skylarks, Chaffinches, or Thrushes does not matter; they are wild birds, confined in cages in which they can hardly turn round, and condemned to perpetual darkness. I have myself seen such little cages containing birds tied up in black cloths suspended over the front doors of houses during the whole of a sunny afternoon. I have myself seen one of these "better men all round than their fellow workers who have no such hobby," coming from one of these matches so blunderingly drunk that he twice dropped the cage in front of me.

"Bird-Keeper" may be, and doubtless is, most proficient in his profession, but in the ethics of the case he is as mentally blind as, I believe, are many of these poor birds physically. I would ask you, in all fairness, to be allowed to put the case in all its aspects.

First, from the social point of view, what conceivable right has any individual man to abstract from the lanes and fields for his own personal uses and gain the birds whose singing will give pleasure to the whole community? The act can be defended, certainly, on the identical grounds which would justify me in abstracting the sunlight and fresh air, if possible. Secondly, we are to understand from "Bird-Keeper" that as these birds in their cramped and darkened captivity are "cherished by their owners as pets," they not only rather enjoy it, but are to be congratulated upon having the experience of leading a happier existence than their free fellows? Strange! One not having "Bird-Keeper's" wisdom would hardly have deduced the fact from an observation of caged birds. Thirdly, the one justification for the practice of caging birds at all is, and only can be, that man's cunning enables it to be done; the superior cunning of man over his fellow man, and over the beast, is responsible for all the cruelty there is in this world. Fourthly, we are to understand that the keeping of birds in cages makes men "better"; we are to picture the surge of finer feelings which rushes through the minds of these men when they capture the innocent songster who evinces such an ignorant instinct for liberty. I am to be pitied in that the appearances of the many men I have met who are engaged in this philanthropic work anything but bears out "Bird-Keeper's" dictum; and further, is it not remarkable that this source of inspiration never became apparent to such well-known nature writers as Richard Jefferies, Frank Buckland, and dozens of others?

In a word, "Bird-Keeper" has no more right, socially, morally, or individually, to deprive one of my birds of its liberty than I have to capture and confine one of his little children, if he is blessed with any; and whatever argument he may adduce in support of his own action I will adduce in support of mine.

Francis A. Cox.

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A WINTER VISITOR.

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Intelligence in Birds.

Sir,—This discussion is becoming interesting, but, if it is to reach any useful conclusion, it would be well to keep it as far as possible to the one point—instinct v. reasoning—and this should not be difficult seeing that my critics seem to have no more to say on the question of morality in birds. I note that my definition of instinct does not commend itself to Mr. Coe, and he is good enough to explain to us what is wrong with my definition, but I must confess myself unequal to the task of unravelling his meaning from his words. In any case, an argument about words is simply a waste of time, so it will be sufficient for my purpose to point out that, whether or not the dictionaries are right in defining instinct as a "tendency," the young of any species may inherit more than a tendency. "The human boy" (to quote Eden Phillpotts) inherits a strong tendency to swim, but, if thrown into deep water, he will drown. The duckling, on the other hand, not only inherits a tendency, but, at its very first attempt, will swim as well as any old duck; it appears, therefore, to have inherited not only the tendency, but the actual proficiency and experience of its ancestors in the art of swimming.

Turning then from that part of Mr. Coe's letter, which is perhaps a little vague to that which is quite definite, we come to a statement which is most arresting and most remarkable. He accepts the facts of the Thrush story, but, apparently with the object of belittling the achievement of this clever Thrush, he tells us that "bees would have done the same under similar circumstances." In order to show how remarkable this statement is, it will be necessary to briefly restate the problem that the Thrush had to solve. The Thrush, as your readers will recollect, missed the train owing to an alteration in the time-table. It was seen to return to the platform and to be greatly excited on finding that the train had left. The railway officials (to whom all bird-lovers are certainly much indebted) at once wired to the other terminus that the Thrush had missed the train, and that its arrival should be looked for; when the train arrived, the Thrush was on its nest. Now, consider that the Thrush had first to think the matter over somewhat in this way. "Where is my nest?" "On the train." "Where is the train?" "Travelling away from me down the line." "Can I catch the train?" "Yes." It then had to catch the train, which necessitated not only an accurate sense of direction, but a big muscular effort. In estimating the latter we have no exact data, but apparently the train had about 10 minutes' start, and, assuming that (being an Irish train) it did not average more than 20 miles per hour, and that the Thrush could fly 30 miles per hour, by a simple calculation we find that the Thrush would have to fly no less than 10 miles before it overtook the train, or, in other words, 20 minutes' hard flying.

Now, let us see what bees can do in the way of finding their house and home, if the latter

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be removed. Every bee-manual tells the beginner that, if he wishes to move a hive from one end of his garden to the other, he must not move the hive more than a few yards at a time, or the bees will fail to find it, and, returning to the place where the hive was, will there perish miserably. No two scientists probably have done more to "write up" in a popular way the cleverness of insects than the veteran French entomologist, M. Henri Fabre, and the late Sir John Lubbock, yet Fabre (experimenting with Mason-bees) found that only about a third of the bees he released found their way home, though the maximum distance was only rather more than two miles. Lubbock's experiments led him to the conclusion that "there is no sufficient evidence among insects of anything which can justly be called a sense of direction." Professor Romanes' experiments were even more convincing. Taking some bees from a hive situated only a few hundred yards from the seashore, with lawns between the sea and the hive and flower-gardens on each side, he found that of the first lot of bees liberated at sea, none returned; of the second, liberated on the seashore, none returned, and that actually, when liberated on the lawns only 200 yards from the hive, not one returned.

Such, then, is the intelligence and sense of direction of bees; yet Mr. Coe asserts that they would have found their home on the moving train as easily as the Thrush did. Now, there are two tests that we may always ask our critics to submit to; one is that they are sure of their facts, and the other that they are not arguing for the mere sake of argument. I am entitled therefore to ask Mr. Coe to prove his very remarkable statement by actual experiment, more especially as the experiment could be so easily made (by driving a stock of bees into a skep, sending the hive on by train, and releasing the bees when the train had received a start of ten minutes). As he would no doubt like to invest something on the event to cover the cost of the experiment, he can send any sum he would like to stake to the Editor, and I will cover it by a similar amount. If he thinks that there would be any difficulty in making the experiment on a railway, I shall be perfectly satisfied if the hive is conveyed for, say, a dozen miles in a straight line on a motor-car at a speed of 20 miles per hour with ten minutes start.

Of course, Mr. Coe may make the conditions of the proposed test as similar as possible to those which the Thrush had to grapple with. He can choose a road in a locality well-known to the bees, and he can educate his bees to follow a motor car, in which case they will have a great advantage over the Thrush, which, on the very first occasion that the carriage was put in motion, found itself whisked away to the very end of the line. What I want is a fair and square test of the comparative efficiency of the intelligence of birds and the instinct of insects.

We cannot allow him to evade the test by saying that bees have never yet selected a moving train as a domicile, or any similar quibble under the heading of "similar circumstances." What he has to show is, that Lubbock and Romanes were wrong in concluding that insects had no sense of direction; also that bees would have had sufficient intelligence to guess where the train was at the moment; and, lastly, that they would have had sufficient perseverance to follow the train for ten miles, in which connection it may be interesting to mention that the experiments of modern apiarists have shown that the hive-bee never ventures to wander further than three miles from the hive. If he cannot show this, he will stand convicted of having wasted our time by addressing us on a subject with regard to which he has still much to learn.

When instinct and reason walk hand in hand, it is difficult to compare them, but when they are opposed it is often possible to note which is the most useful as a means to an end. Mr. Coe tells us that instinct is a "higher psychometric force," and here again he successfully conceals his meaning under a very long word: I thought we were talking about mentality in birds, not about psychology. An insect, acting by instinct, often seems to do very clever things, and it gets along all right as long as it has only to deal with the same problems that its ancestors had to deal with, but, when it has to face new conditions it generally shows itself to be almost a perfect fool. For instance, M. Fabre found that a Mason-bee, when a small hole was made in the side of a cell, continued to pour honey into the latter, and finally sealed over the empty cell; it never thought of plugging the hole. Similarly a species of Sphex, which preys on a Grasshopper, and drags the latter to its nest by its antennæ, when the Grasshopper's antennæ were cut off, left its prey in despair because it was not wise enough to seize the Grasshopper by a leg.

Birds, on the other hand, seem to be able to throw instinct overboard at any moment, and to adapt themselves to new conditions by pure reasoning. For instance, we all know how the excreta of young birds are collected and carried away by the parents, and this seems to be solely a matter of instinct; but it was recently noted (in the "Field") that some young Wrens, hatched in a small box with a contracted entrance, themselves collected the excreta and passed the latter out through the entrance to the parents who then carried them away. Another and more remarkable instance, which I think may not have been published before, was mentioned to me recently. It is a matter of history that a number of Australian White-eyes (*Zosterops*) migrated to New Zealand—a wonderful flight, for so tiny a bird, of 1,200 miles across open sea. Now, the White-eye builds an open, cup-shaped nest; but these colonists which landed in a strange country at first built nests of the Weaver type, entered by a hanging tube, but afterwards reverted to the cup-shape. It seems an almost irresistible conclusion that, finding themselves in a strange country, and not knowing what new dangers their nests might be exposed to from snakes, lizards, etc., they took special precautions which were subsequently found to be unnecessary. Consider also the many clever ways in which birds exploit and take advantage of insects by their superior intelligence; the habit of some species of birds of building their nests close to hornets' nests in South Africa (recently mentioned in Cage Birds) is also very common in S. America, and excellent protection is thus obtained gratis. We may also instance the little Honey-guide, which cannot extract the honey-comb from the hollow tree itself, but is clever enough to lead the natives to the spot, well knowing that it will receive some comb as a reward. In these various ways we see that the intelligence of birds easily triumphs over the instinct of insects.

We are much indebted to Messrs. Lott and Mac McArthur for their very interesting contributions. The death of the Grey Parrot from grief is by no means a unique occurrence, and supports my contention that birds are three parts mind. Incidentally, did any reader ever personally know a member of our own species really die from grief? One cannot help admiring the genuineness of birds; when they grieve, they do really grieve; when they do not grieve they do not pretend to grieve.

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The Shows.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

N.F. Show, Oldham Hall, Aug. 12. Mr. J. Abbott (chair) and a fair attendance. 37 birds staged. Mr. W. Young judged and gave every satisfaction. A vote of thanks to him was passed. Yorks Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Thomas; 2, Rothwell; 3, Garrood; vhc, he, and c, Greatrex. Buff: 1, Thomas; 2 and hc, Garrood; 3, Greatrex; vhc, Rothwell. Vargtd. Yell.: 1, Rothwell; 2 and vhc, Greatrex; 3, Garrood. Buffb 1 and 3, Greatrex; 2, Thomas. Gr.: 1, 2, 3, vhc and hc, Garrood; c, Rothwell. Nor.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Phillips. Goldf.: 1, W. Jones; 2, Robertshaw; 3, Hunt. Bramble or Chaffinch: 1, 2, vhc, hc, and c, Robertshaw; 3, Phillips.—T. R. Jones, Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Annual Y.B. show, July 17, headquarters, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street. Entries were a few more than last year, although several members are away serving their country. Messrs. Harrison, Durham, and M. A. Bell had the room nicely arranged. Mr. G. Gardner judged. Champ. Nor. Yell. (3): 1, 2, H. Bell; 3, Gilbert. Buff (3): 1, 2, Bell; 3, Gilbert. Mkd. (2): both Bell. Yorks., Cl. or Tkd., yell. (3), ditto buff (3): all Gilbert. Nov. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. yell. (5): 1, 3, hc, Davey; 2, M. A. Bell; vhc, Cullers. Buff (3): 1, Harrison. Mkd. Yell. (4): 1, Harrison; 2, M. A. Bell; 3, Cullers. Buff (9): 1, 2 spls, M. A. Bell; 2, Cullers; vhc, Harrison; hc, Davey. Yorks Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (4): 1, 3, vhc, Durham; 2, Stubbs. Buff (3): 1, 3, Stubbs; 2, Durham. Mkd. Yell. (2): 1, Durham. Buff (2): 1, Harrison. Goldf. (2): 1, sp, H. Bell; 2, M. A. Bell. Linnet (1): Harrison. A.O.V. (1): Mrs. Harrison.—W. Gilbert, Hon. Sec.

LLANRWST.

44th Annual Show, the Vale of Conway Agricultural Society, Aug. 19. The President is Mr. F. A. Charlton. Vice-President Mr. B. H. Pullan, and treas. Mr. E. Jones-Owen. Mr. J. R. Chambers made a very capable sec.; he was ably assisted by Mr. A. M. Jones, and the management was very satisfactory. The show was well patronised, entries were fairly good. Goldfinches were a warm lot, and a few good young Yorks. were shown in nice condition, Norwich contained some well-known winners. Spl. Best Bird, Challenge Cup, presented by Mr. A. M. Williams, went to Mr. W. H. Williams' Buff Nor. Silver Cup presented by Mr. T. F. Roberts for Best Goldf., E. Jones; Hyde's Special, P.C. Roberts, a Yorks.; bound volume by Editor of "Cage Birds" for best Canary, W. H. Williams, Nor. Mr. T. H. Stretch judged.

NOR. (5): 1 and 2, two sp, W. H. Williams, winner cl. buff, good type, grand head and neck, hot col., exquisite feather; 2, well known four-pointed in his best clothes, our choice; 3, res, and vhc, A. M. Williams, splashed yell., good size and col., nice feather. YORKS. OLD CK. (9): 1 and 2, Jas. Williams, cl. yell. leading, good length and pos., nice feather and cond.; 2, cheek mkd. yell., shapely, on good legs, not quite the length; 3 and res, hc, A. M. Williams, neck mkd. yell., lengthy and stylish, only one feather in tail; vhc, P.C. Roberts, grand buff, might have been higher. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, and hc, A. M. Williams, wing tkd. yell., leading, upstanding, nicely modelled, 2 cl. buff, stylish, on good legs, nicely tapered, moulting, 3 head mkd. buff, good qual. and feather minus tail. YORKS. 1915 (8): 1 and res, vhc, A. M. Williams leader, cl. yell., good length, and pose, very shapely, promising; 2, Jas. Williams, cl. yell., nice length, well tapered, in nice form; 3, Wilson, cl. yell., shapely and stylish, good wings and tail, best of pos. MULE or HYB. (6): 1, 2, and 3, res, A. M. Williams; 1 dk. Goldf. mule, buff, good size and cond., 2 good Siskin mule, nice qual., showing parentage well; 3, light Goldf. mule, nice size, full of qual., some thought should have been first. GOLDF. (10): 1 and sp, E. Jones; nice length, good blaze, well defined bars, rather light all through; 2 and 3, W. H. Williams, 2 medium size, blocky type, good tan, blaze and markings, 3 capital size and shape, good width of skull, rich, expansive blaze, well known; res. and vhc, Roberts; vhc and hc, J. O. Williams. A.O. BRIT. (3): 1, Pritchard, good sized Bullf., good cap, rich col.; 2, A. M. Williams, Bullf., not much to choose; 3, Roberts, well pencilled Linnet, in good form, we liked. A.O.V. (3): 1, W. G. Jones, Green Budgerigar; 2, Davies, pair of yellows; 3, Harrisen, well-known Alexandrine Parrakeet, good, some liked for 1st place.

Questions and Answers.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SEED SAMPLE (Dan).—The seed sent is not summer rape, which is what is generally implied by the term "German rape," but is known as winter rape, and in reality is probably charlock, or wild mustard. It will undoubtedly increase the tendency to looseness in your birds. For use in combination with canary seed as staple diet get a sample of genuine summer rape, which is of a mild and nutty flavour when a little is chewed in the mouth, and you will doubtless soon find the looseness disappear. Every second day for a week or so give half a teaspoonful of the summer rape that has been boiled, and on the alternate days a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, teazle and crushed arrowroot biscuit. This should set matters right, but, if it does not, give instead of the boiled rape a morsel of bread and milk which has been well sprinkled with carbonate of bismuth, and add to the drinking water for one day only as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and ten drops of lemon juice, and after this give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of opium and dilute sulphuric acid for a day or two.

PUPILS' PERFORMANCE (Roller).—Although the young cocks may not have heard any other song but that of the schoolmaster, it is not possible to guarantee that they will all have a song quite similar to his, but in a general way the tutor's song will form the basis of the young birds' performances. The amount of divergence depends to some extent upon the breeding of the birds, the young from a highly-trained strain of songsters under a schoolmaster with a different type of song being the most liable to intersperse notes or tours off their own bat, which may either be inherited, or merely variations of some of the tours which the tutor sings. But on the whole these are exceptional cases, and the rule will be that the young will develop a song which bears a strong "family resemblance" to that of the tutor under which they are trained. You do not say whether or not the tutor is out of song in consequence of being in moult. If this is so, it is rather unfortunate, as the young coming nicely forward in song would benefit very considerably by his tuition just now. If he is out of song your best plan will be to keep your ears open, and if any of the young appear to be going seriously wrong cover their cages rather closely to keep them quiet until the tutor takes up his work again.

INSECT PESTS (R. M.).—As you intend re-painting the cages, deal with them as follows to clear out the red mites. Remeve all dirt from insides and outsides as thoroughly as possible, and rake out any open joints or cracks or holes in the wood, with a pin if necessary, especially where any white powdery dust appears, on to a sheet of paper, and at once burn the debris. Dissolve an ounce of camphor in half a pint of methylated spirit, and paint the cage all over with this inside and out, using a small paint brush to work it into the joints. Allow cage to stand to dry for one clear day, then repeat the painting; allow a similar interval and repeat the painting a third time. Then when dry paint or distemper the insides and repaint and varnish outside. Be careful to go through all your stock of cages at the same time, do not neglect doing all the appliances, and any staging, racks, or even the nails on which the cages have hung, as thoroughly as the cages themselves. To clear out the lice catch the birds and dust very freely with Keating's powder, working it well into the base of the plumage with a small wad of wool, or blow it in with a small bellows, then roll bird in a small handkerchief, leaving only the beak free for breathing, and lay in an empty cage for a quarter of an hour, then release each patient, and after it has shaken and preened itself return it to its own cage. Repeat this treatment twice at intervals of a week. See that the cage in which the birds shake out the powder is cleaned afterwards. Give the bath every third day, and add to each pint of the water used in it a teaspoonful of sulphuretted potash each time for the next month. (Aside: Maybe a little eau de cologne will be appreciated whilst sulphuretted baths are in evidence).

SWOLLEN VENT (Cymro).—It would have been a great help had you mentioned the condition of the droppings. Do not interfere with the swelling, but try the following treatment for two or three weeks, and if it has not disappeared in that time, please write again, and repeat particulars, and I will advise you further. In addition to the staple of plain canary give every second day a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, well sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle, white millet and chopped sunflower seeds. Give a morsel of banana three times a week instead of green food. In the water every second day for a week add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and ten drops of lemon juice, and in the next week give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day.

VALUE OF BIRD (B. G.).—Sorry, but it is not possible to satisfactorily place any value upon a bird without seeing it. Quite as much, or maybe even more, depends upon the size and shape of the bird as upon the fact of its being ticked, however attractive the tick may be. But you do not even say where the tick is placed, or the size of it. As you say you intend exhibiting it, I would advise you to do so at some established open show where one of our staff is judging, and then you could send a sealed request for a valuation of the bird to the secretary to be handed to the judge after judging had taken place, and in this way you might have an expert valuation of the bird, which would be infinitely more useful than any that was given without an examination of the bird. Not being colour fed will tell against it more or less according to the keenness of the competition, unless you show it in a class for non-fed, or natural colour birds.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154. Fleet Street, London, E.C.

WATERY EYE (E. Horne).—See that the perches in the cage are not so unduly rough and ragged as to irritate the eye when the bird rubs its head about them, and keep them as clean as possible. Get a pennyworth of camomile flowers from a chemist, place six or eight in a breakfast cup, fill up with boiling water, cover, and allow to infuse beside the fire for an hour. Then strain off the clear liquid, add small teaspoonful of boracic acid, and 20 drops of tincture of opium. Catch the bird and bathe the eye for a few minutes with a little of this concoction every evening until the eye has recovered its normal condition. Use a little fresh fluid, and a fresh wad of wool each time, and burn that which has been used at once.

SIZE OF SHOW CAGE (F. W., Vancouver).—The standard Yorkshire show cage is open wire all round, with arched top. The outside measurements are 9ins. long, 6½ins. wide, 11ins. high at the ends (eaves) and 14ins. to centre of arch.

YORKSHIRE AND ROLLER (First Seasonite).—(1) The Roller has evidently not been in breeding condition, assuming, of course, that it is an undoubted cock. It is not very unusual for a cock to cease singing when placed with a hen, and not resume until again separated. It is quite too late now to give any treatment with the object of bringing them into condition to begin breeding, as either of the birds may drop into moult any day now, even if they have not already done so. Neither do I think it would be any use mating the cock with the Goldfinch hen, though you might try it if you are particularly anxious to do so, and if the hen is ready to start nesting at once. You would, of course, need to have a hen Canary nesting at the same time to which, if necessary, and it would probably be so, you could transfer the eggs to be hatched and reared. (2) The toes are probably a little tender and sore, which is not at all unusual at this season whilst the moult is in progress. Bathe the foot for a few minutes each day for a week or so in a solution of wych hazel—a teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of warm water. After bathing, dry carefully, and gently anoint with a little boracic ointment, but do not leave on any surplus grease to collect sand and dirt. See that the perches are of a proper size for the bird, and made of nice soft pine wood. (3) I cannot be quite sure of the variety of this bird from your description, but judging from the dark legs I think it is most likely a green ticked or uneven marked, or, rather, what would be termed in most other breeds a green variegated.

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if not this, it is a green-cinnamon cross. If you had mentioned the colour of the parents I might have been more definite. To remedy the crouching as far as possible, see that it has plenty of head room in the cage, strictly avoid placing the hands upon the top of the cage when doing anything about it, and give all green food and such dainties in a small rack fixed sufficiently high up on the cage front above the end of a perch that the bird has to stand bold upright to reach it. You might also fix a piece of loaf sugar firmly in the wires in this position. This, and always handling the cage when necessary around the bottom part, and now and again gently scratching across the bottom, will eventually greatly improve the bird in this respect.

DOES NOT SING (W.D.).—Now that the bird is again recovering from the moult the following treatment for a week or two should suffice to bring it into song in a natural manner. Continue your present staple dietary, and give half a teaspoonful of the mixed packet seed twice a week, separately from the rest. Every second day for a fortnight, and twice a week afterwards, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and two drops of sherry mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. In the water, every second day for a week, add four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid. After this give instead, every second day for a fortnight, 20 drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. If he does not show signs of coming into song at the end of this treatment your best course would be to let him hear a free singing cock for a week or two if possible, which might incite him to emulation. As regards the strained toe treat it the same as advised to "First Seasonite (2)" in this issue, except that you may omit the anointing.

VARIED (Derfla B.).—(1) Yes, you can improve your dietary by omitting so large a proportion of inga, and also the hemp from the staple mixture. Give a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape only. Give all other seeds separately as occasional treats rather than as a material portion of the staple diet. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of the following seed mixture, which you may keep ready mixed. Two parts each of hemp and white millet; one part each of black rape or cole and niger, and a half part each of maw, teazle, and gold of pleasure. In very cold weather, in winter, you may add one part broken groats, and a quarter part each of linseed and chopped sunflower seeds. A small teaspoonful of egg food or some substitute once or twice a week, and a morsel of green food daily, for which you may substitute a morsel of sweet fruit twice a week in winter when green food is not available will complete a good and efficient dietary. (2) Treat the hen with swollen vent as advised to "Cymro" in this issue, for a fortnight, and if not better in that time, please write again, and repeat particulars, and I will advise you further. (3) The only effect likely to be produced on a cock by removing him out of a cold room into a kitchen, presumably a warmer place, in November, would be a stimulating one, and probably bring him into breeding condition earlier than is desirable. This, of course, is assuming that the bird would not be exposed to cold draughts, fumes of burning lights in the evenings, nor rapid extremes of temperature in the kitchen. The effects of these unhealthy conditions are too manifold to speculate as to which the bird may first fall a victim. Then if you wished to return him to the cold room you could not do so until the weather became mild in spring without running a risk of throwing the bird into an abnormal moult.

LISTLESS NORWICH HENS (D.W.).—Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only. Give separately every third day for a fortnight half a teaspoonful of scalded summer rape seed, and on the intervening days give first a morsel of banana, or a spray of watercress if the latter is available, and next half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats. Keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand, and you may also stick a cube of hard common salt in the wires for them to peck at for a time. See that they are not exposed to cold draughts. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week, and in the next week give instead 20 drops of Chemical Food every second day.

HEN NOT MOULTING (W.A.).—It is quite too late now to think of forcing a hen into a moult and to expect her to breed after she is through with it. The best thing I can advise you in the circumstances is to turn her into a flight for a few weeks, when she will probably have an early autumn moult. This, of course, would entail the loss of her services this season, but that would be more of an advantage than otherwise if she is a young hen, as she would be in all the better trim for good work next season. At the same time, if she is in sound, robust health, and active, and shows any desire to nest, there is no reason why you should not let her take the chance of bringing up a brood this season. I suppose there is no probability that the hen moulted early last autumn, as many birds did, in which case a moult would not be due until after this breeding season.

HIGH CONDITION (Nemo).—There is nothing at all to feel concerned about in the birds being in somewhat high condition in the circumstances in which they are kept. Indeed, it is only what you might expect, and is by no means a bad sign. In addition to your present staple, give the cocks the mixed seed once a week only, and on the other occasion give instead a similar quantity of summer rape. Stop giving the hens mixed seed altogether, and give instead the same quantity of niger, which is the same as inga. Stop the apple and give instead a spray of watercress three times a week. Add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water for three consecutive days, and repeat this once in each week if they still come forward in condition. This is all that will be necessary for you to do.

UNFERTILE EGGS (J. Upton).—(1) It would not be possible to give any satisfactory reason for the unfertility of your birds without much more definite particulars as to the method of your management, age of birds, etc. If the unfertility only attaches to the cock you commenced with five years ago, and of whose age you are doubtful, I should be inclined to think he was past his useful career as a stock bird. You ought to have tested this point by mating the hen that had the clutch of unfertile eggs with him last season, with another cock that was in good condition and filling eggs satisfactorily. Then, if the hen had a clutch of fertile eggs with the other cock, it would have gone to show that the cock was in all probability the faulty partner. Considering his age now and the circumstances, I should advise you not to trust him again, but get a young and vigorous cock in good song to breed with in the coming season. (2) Perhaps you did not persevere enough with the feeding of the young you were hand-rearing last season, which caused them to die at a month old. When they reach this age young birds are often difficult to continue feeding. Or it might have been due in some way to keeping them over hot water. Keeping the nest near a dry heat will help considerably in hand-rearing, but not over hot water if it means subjecting them to any moisture or steam. Of one thing you may rest assured, it was not due to the absence of sand grit in their food.

BARE OF FEATHERS (C.E.S.).—I am not quite sure whether the bird is really a Canary or some other species. Try the following treatment for a month, and if not greatly improved, write again, and describe the bird as fully as you can. Keep fairly warm, and not too near the window, in which situation the temperature must necessarily fluctuate very much. In addition to staple diet give a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with flour of sulphur and then sprinkled with soft sugar every third day, and on the intervening days give first a little sweet fruit, banana for preference, and next a spray of watercress or some other green salad, but be careful to see that it is quite free from frost. Add a sprinkling of white millet to the staple seed diet. In the water give ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence every second day for a fortnight, then miss a week, and resume and give it for another fortnight. Allow it to bathe freely, but see that it is not exposed to chill until quite dry. You may slightly anoint the bare areas where feathers have fallen from with sulphur ointment or Lanocyllin twice a week for the first fortnight.

HEAVY BREATHING (A. E. L.).—I am afraid this bird is too far gone to be more than temporarily relieved, or otherwise you must have omitted the most important step in the previous treatment, which lies in the removal of the exciting causes of the condition as far as possible. Unless the latter step is taken treatment is of very little use at all. Attend well to this point now; keep the bird fairly warm; and give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every third day for a month or so, and add to the water five drops each of oxymel of squils, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia and tincture of tolu every second day, during the same period.

ABOUT RINGS (Doubtful).—What you have been told about the consequence of putting rings on Canaries is—well, "tommy rot." There is absolutely no cruelty attached to them whatever, and if they did collect filth the blame for that could only rightly be attached to the owner, and not the ring, because the rings would only collect filth in cages that were in a disreputable condition. As regards them causing death the risk is almost negligible. You would find the subject fully dealt with in Part VIII. of "Our Canaries," also the method of putting them on illustrated.

EFFECT OF PAINT (Novice, R.F.G.).—If allowed to set and dry hard before the cages are used for keeping birds in, there can be no harmful effect of painting cage fronts with aluminium paint

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

STOCKING AN AVIARY (A. Harrison).—Your aviary would not hold more than four pairs of birds comfortably. It is a great mistake to overcrowd. I would advise the following pairs: Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, and Redpoll, or Twite. A pair of Siskins would look rather better as regards colour than either the Redpolls or Twites, but I do not think it wise to include them in a small aviary with the Goldfinches, as they are such greedy birds that they invariably eat up all the food intended for the Goldies. With this collection you will have a couple of pairs of birds of good colour and get some amount of song from the Goldfinches and Linnets. Your staple food would consist of the following mixture: Canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, and summer rape 1 part. You could make up another mixture of hemp, teazle, and maw, and give a spoonful per bird three times a week, and on other days a spoonful of wild seed mixture which you can now purchase in packet form from most corn merchants. Sunflower seed should be given daily. All these birds will live outside during the winter months. You must be careful to prevent the mice contaminating the seed, and see that during frosty weather the water vessel is free from ice.

SHOW CAGE FOR THRUSH (Samej).—I quite agree with you that for evening shows a 2ft. cage is somewhat cumbersome. Make one 20ins. long, 16 high, and 10 from back to front, with two fairly stout perches; paint the inside a pale blue grey, almost white. A cage like this will do capitally for evening shows, but it is not large enough for exhibition over a longer period, and as he is only in it for an hour or two you need not trouble about food and water, or you may just have one hole in the front for a water tin. (2) Your best method of capture is to have a trap cage near the aviary, put a Redpoll or Siskin in the compartment made expressly for the call-bird, and bait the trap with a spray of elder or privet berries. Your question as to the kinds of foreigners to keep has been forwarded to Mr. Page, and his reply will appear under the heading of "Foreign Queries." Kindly note that queries upon separate subjects should be written on separate sheets of paper.

LINNET WITH INJURY (W. Gibbon).—I am afraid you can do no more for your Linnet than you are now doing. The bird will recover and possibly show little signs of the injury. I know of an exhibition hybrid that had a similar accident, and is still being shown. Anyway, even if he does not carry himself sufficiently well to exhibit I have no doubt that he will be able to pair. Keep him perfectly quiet, and if you feel you are unable to set the limb properly leave it alone and trust to nature. Birds make some wonderful recoveries from accidents.

FAILURE WITH GOLDFINCH (J. Mees).—The question of unfertile eggs is one of the problems of bird-keeping that none of us can quite understand. An instance came under my notice this season, where two pairs of birds were unfertile; my suggestion to change over the cock birds proved successful. All the birds were apparently perfectly healthy and they were the only two pairs in the room with all unfertile eggs the first round. If your Finch is healthy, and a suitable bird for Mule breeding, I would not part with him, but pair him another year to a different hen. Of course it is possible that had you paired him with several hens this season he would not have bred; it seems to require very little with birds to upset reproduction. An indifferent moult is a common cause, and it is quite an ordinary occurrence for a bird to be unfertile one year and breed the next. (2) I have noticed the peculiar action you mention in the Hedgesparrow, but can offer no explanation. In other birds and animals there are equally strange proceedings at pairing time.

BIRDS IN AN AVIARY (First Seasonite).—The number of birds you mention is quite enough for your aviary, and I should feel inclined to remove a couple of the Bullies. You do not say the sex of these; anyway, leave in a hen, if you have one; more than one would cause trouble when nesting. (2) The Goldfinch you have just purchased would breed next season, and would be quite suitable for Mule breeding with a hen Canary. Of course it is too late to think of doing anything this season. The majority of birds are now in the moult, and at this time should have just a little extra good food.

THE WAXWING (E. P. Maltby).—The Waxwing does not breed in this country, and I have never heard of it doing so in an aviary. These birds are winter visitors to Great Britain, coming from Northern Europe. Their nesting period is during our summer, but the nest has seldom been found; it is difficult to locate in the vast pine forests of the North.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERIST

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

YOUNG AMAZON PARROT MOULTING (Seddon).—The first moult in this country is frequently a protracted one, and unless you see the bird pulling and nibbling its feathers you may assume the loss of feathers as normal. The chemical food is quite in order. The main thing to keep in view is to keep it free from draught, yet it must have light and air, and to keep its bowels well regulated. The bowels should move quite freely without being watery loose. Give one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water as often as may be required to maintain this "happy medium." You are correct as to your method of spraying, but use tepid water and occasionally put a little quassia essence in it as a precaution against parasites. I do not recommend mealworms or any other kind of animal food for caged Parrots. Diet: Seed mixture, boiled maize, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, stale crusts, plain cake and green food. Cuttlebone and parrot grit should be regularly supplied, and a thickish piece of the branch of a tree kept in the cage for the bird to exercise its mandibles upon. As regards boiled maize, many Amazons like a little, but if your bird is not accustomed to it, and it is eating heartily of the other items of the diet, I should not introduce it. As to perches, your best plan will be to put three in the cage, pieces of natural branches with the bark on, of, say, ¾in., 1in., and 1¼in. diameter respectively. Place the thickest in the bird's favourite sleeping place. Once established, Amazons are hardy birds, and if kept out of draught, wholesomely fed, and not allowed to become constipated, are usually very long-lived birds.

RE MOCKING BIRD (Mocking Bird).—The common or American Mocking Bird (*Mimus polyglottus*) is about the size of the Song Thrush, but it has a long bill, legs, and tail, and in contour it resembles a Wagtail. The upper parts are ashen-brown with dark centres to most of the feathers; the chin is white, the remainder of the under-parts are white slightly suffused with brown, the breast is tinted with ash-colour; the lobes are dusky and there is an almost white eye streak above the eye. The wings are very dark brown, crossed with two white stripes formed by the white tips of the greater and the median coverts. The tail is blackish, with white outer feathers and tips of the same colour. The bill, legs, and feet are black. The sexual difference was given in the reply you refer to. There are several species of Mocking Birds, and I do not think your bird is referable to either, but is some species of Spectacled (Mocking) Thrush, probably the Chinese. The true Mocking Bird does well on insects of all kinds, both in the imago, larval, and pupal stages; also ripe fruit, being especially fond of grapes and insectile mixture (soft food). The best food and water vessel is one that is fixed to a small door and comes out with the door, to the latter is fixed a small wire grid which closes up the door opening while food is being replenished.

FOREIGNERS TO RUN WITH FINCHES (Samej).—There is no reason why you should not put them in in pairs. Grey and Green Singing Finches for song, Napoleon and Taha Weavers (cocks only) for rich colour, and Avadavats, Gold-breasted and Orange-cheeked Waxbills and Zebra Finches. These would make a pleasing variety, and all are hardy species, but you will not find them easy to obtain at the present time. If you add a mixture of white and Indian millet in equal parts and hang up a millet spray or two at times, it will suffice, as any other seeds they fancy for variety they will pick out of the British Finch mixture. Seeding and flowering grass is the green food most favoured by Foreign species. In the winter, frame lettuce and ripe apple may be given. Most Finches fancy a mealworm or small spider occasionally, and they are the better for them.

SEED SHELLING (Proctor).—I believe one of the large seed merchants who regularly advertise with us supply shelled millet, and another firm sell a small machine for the purpose at a low price. I never give shelled seeds myself, but if I wanted any in a hurry I should spread out some millet on paper on a smooth table and pass a roller over it, using sufficient pressure to crack the shell (husk) and then blow these away. Only the Nutshell "Budgerigars" is from my pen; it is 2½d. post free from our manager. Neither soaked nor shelled seeds are necessary, as their parents feed them till they are able to crack seed for themselves. You can supply broken biscuit and stale crusts if you choose, but many individuals will not touch these.

PARROT OR PARRAKEET? (Anxious).—Your description of colour, etc., indicates your bird to be the Roseate (rose-breasted) Cockatoo. The majority only utter an occasional word; some not even this. A few become really talented, and others vary between this and the non-talking stage. If yours is really a tame bird, persevere with it. Give it a name and address it by this whenever you give it a tit-bit, and whenever you come in contact with it say something to it; for instance, if you call it Joey, say such things as "Pretty Joey," "Good morning," "Hullo," and the like. When it responds to any of these things, then you start on something more ambitious. It's all a matter of quietness and patience. See that nothing occurs in its vicinity to alarm it. I should have a place in your living-room, where there will always be someone with it.

WILL THEY MATE? (First Seasonite).—It is all a matter of the time your individual birds will take to settle down, but if they do not breed this season, having had them for so short a time, you will have no cause for dissatisfaction. When in breeding condition the cere round the nostrils of the male is bright blue; that of the female varies from dark cream-colour to ruddy brown in different individuals. While you can get it, supply as much seeding and flowering grass as they will eat. There should be four husks put up for them, and if you supply canary and white millet seed, in equal parts, give them a millet spray twice a week and do not omit cuttlebone and grit. When in breeding condition they should go to nest, but whether it will be this season or next it is impossible to say. A tablespoonful of crushed oats may be given once a week and without limit when they are feeding young.

IS IT LARGE ENOUGH? (T.H.R.S.S.).—Yes, you could keep two pairs in such a cage. Put a husk in each corner near the top of cage, with the husk openings facing the light. As regards the kitchen recess, providing it gets plenty of light and is not hot and stuffy, it will do well enough for the birds; but if the temperature is subject to sudden fluctuations between the periods you are cooking and when you are not, then no birds will do well in such a position. Such conditions would set up abnormal moults and other ills. Budgerigars need a light and airy position, and a reasonably even temperature without draught. If not subjected to draught they do perfectly well in an unheated room all the year round. Better get our Nutshell "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free from our manager. You will not then be in any doubt as to procedure.

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Blue Pigeon.—Parrot, female; cause of death, inflammation of the bowels, following impaction.

Rex Cliff.—Canary succumbed to pneumonia, both lungs being affected.

Miss Louisa Joliffee.—Scotch Fancy was very thin and anæmic, brought about by septicæmia.

Mr. John Allison.—Bird succumbed to pneumonia.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A. Kegan.—Recipes for making birdlime have appeared from time to time in our columns, but they are generally accompanied by the obvious statement that when only a small quantity is required it is better to buy it than to undertake the very messy task of making it.

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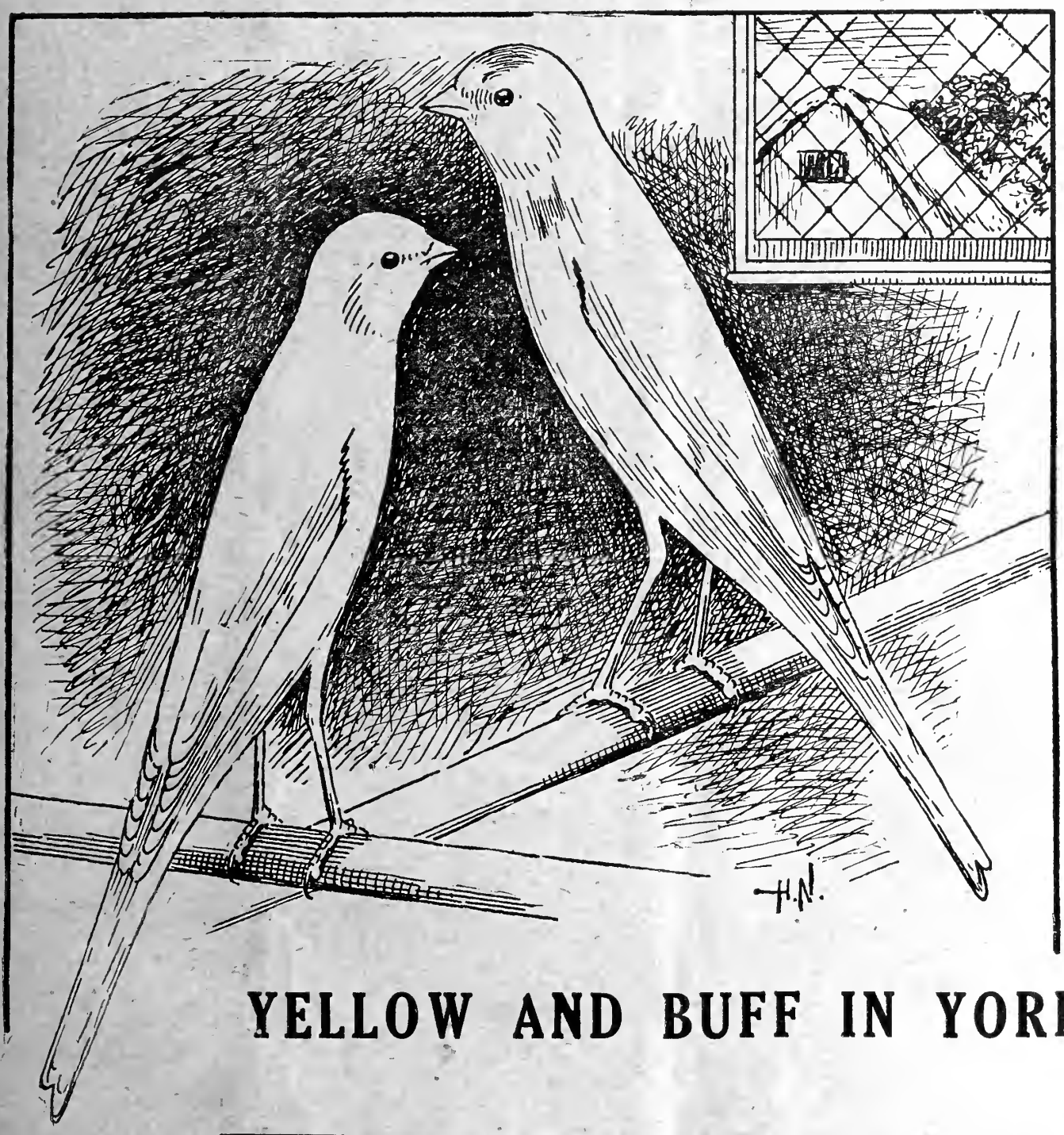

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PAIR lovely White Java Doves, 2/6; offers: Turner, 1a, Albert-rd., Oswestry. (432)

LOVELY hen Ringdove, never mated, 1/6; younger Doves, 1/-; reduction if fetched; B., 8, Grange-rd., Canonbury, N. (436)

VARIOUS BIRDS.

FOR sale, beautiful songster and mate, in double breeding cage, complete, 15/- lot: Kirton, Westwood, Windsor, Maidenhead. (428)

GOOD birds, large clear buff Norwich cock, 7/6, pair Canary-reared Linnets, 2/6: Prondfoot, 18, Church-rd., Lowestoft. (435)

PAIR of Yorkshire pure bred muling hens, Gold-finch Mule, cock Brown Linnet, four compartment breeding cage; what cash offers: Isaac Maddison, Ware, North Tyne. (435)

COCKS, yellow Border 7/6, buff 5/-, H.-M. Chaffinch 2/6, Goldfinch 3/6, Linnet 1/6, 2/6 (mule); Lens, Border, Roller, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6: G. Stride, 41, Oswald-rd., St. Albans. (432)

EXHIBITOR'S cock Nightingale, tip-top specimen, clean moulted, fit for keenest competition, £1; hand-reared cock Brown Linnet, 1/-: Wm. Leeson, Montague-st., Rushden. (438)

WANTED.

WANTED, anything alive: Jopson, Newton Heath, Manchester. (426)

WANTED, live stock of any description; Princes Menageries, Princess-st., Manchester. (432)

RING-NECKED Parrakeet hen wanted; state age and price: Lawreason, Ballincar, Sligo. (426)

WANTED, hand-reared Woodpigeon, good plumage and steady: Cowley, Kilsby, Rugby. (435)

WANTED, adult hen Cockatiel; particulars and price to Taylor, 13, Bishopgate-st., Leeds. (430)

WANTED, anything alive; cash or deposit with Editor: Mrs. Allitt, 104, Kirkgate, Wakefield. (431)

WANTED, talking Parrot, cheap for cash; Amazon preferred: Keech, 20, Eastville-rd., Bedford. (428)

WANTED, quantity young Canaries; state lowest price to S. Smith, Waterloo Aviaries, Waterloo-st., Hove. (434)

WANTED, good Parrot or Cockatoo, any kind, price and particulars to: Mrs. Jones, 7, George-st., Aberystwyth. (427)

RAVEN-HOODED Crow or Common Crow, must be healthy, tame, and cheap: Vicar, Shirley Vicarage, Southampton. (430)

WANTED, H.-M. cock Bullie, will exchange variegated Yorkshire hen: P. Smith, Upper Wanborough, Swindon, Wilts. (433)

FOR cash, Canaries, British, regular from catchers, cages; state lowest prices: Exchange Co., 355, London-rd., Sheffield. (297)

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, and Mules, for cash; approval: Bosher, 345, Barking-rd., East Ham, Essex. (433)

WANTED, any quantity of common young rabbits, cheap for re-sale: Manager, Princess Rabbitries, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (432)

WANTED, Canaries and Mules, either sex; state lowest price for prompt cash: Robinson, 33, Besson-st., New Cross, London, S.E. (422)

WANTED, large or small quantity of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets and Larks; state prices: Mrs. Allitt, 104, Kirkgate, Wakefield. (431)

WHAT offers in Canaries, cock Mules, exchange tweed suit length, 25/-, or prize homers; approval: Heron, Burnside, Castle Douglas. (435)

WANTED, large Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, also foreign birds and speaking Parrots: Mrs. Martin, 9½, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow. (241)

WANTED, 10in. and 12in. records; exchange Canaries, foreign show cages, travelling cases: Bell, 21, Beaufoy-rd., Tottenham. (432)

WANTED, Amazon Parrot and cage, good talker, etc.; must be on deposit system; cheap: George Scott, Ruthven, Horton, Colnbrook. (435)

WANTED, all varieties Canaries and British and Foreign birds, must be cheap, cash sent with order: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (399)

WANTED, every variety of Canaries, talking Parrots, also litters of pure-bred puppies; cheap for cash: Harris, Tye Estate, Bedfont. (395)

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, also foreign birds and talking Parrots; state prices: Mrs. Allitt, 104, Kirkgate, Wakefield. (431)

WANTED, cock Goldfinch Mules, best price given; deposit "Cage Birds," Rhendda Valley preferred: Curley, 7, Woodchester-st., Paddington. (430)

WANTED, pairs Greyheaded, Blue-wing Love Birds, Ring-neck Parakeets or Quaker, for cash: F. Child, Braemar, Downs-rd., Luton, Beds. (433)

WANTED all kinds of healthy Canaries, also Goldies, Bullies, and Siskins; state lowest price: Frank Sparks, Bird Dealer, 200, Overgate, Dundee.

WANTED, any quantity of hen Canaries, stating price and breed; cheap for cash: Edward Bruce, 124, Blackfriars-rd., Salford, Manchester. (433)

ADVERTISEMENTS

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Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Sept. 6. Red Lion Hotel, 8. General business.—J. Pitchford.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Sept. 11, 142, High-st., Edinburgh, 7.45. Adjourned general meeting; business most important.—J. R. Meikle.

St. James the Less, Bethnal Green Men's Club.—Sept. 6, 8.15. Urgent and important business re forthcoming shows.—T. G. Brailsford.

S.E. London F. & F.A.—Sept. 6, North Camberwell Constitutional Club, 432, Old Kent-rd., 8. General meeting, and schedule for Oct. show. Fanciers and ladies cordially invited.—R. Jackson.

S. Shields.—Sept. 4, Cyprus, 7. Open classes at Dec. show.—W. L. Smith.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Wharf Hotel, 8. Extempore night.—G. Mitchell.

Wallsend Mid-Tyne Assn.—Sept. 8, Station Hotel, 7. Drawing up schedule for annual show, and other very important show business. Subs. now overdue.—G. Greenwell.

West Stanley Empire F.F. & C.B.S.—Sept 5, Club Room, 7. Important business. R. Hutchinson.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Horse and Groom, 7. Monthly business.—W. Chapman.

Walton, Everton C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Headquarters, 8.30. Schedule for old show and allotting specials.—W. C. Robinson.

Walkden Roller Society.—Sept. 7, Stock's Hotel, 7.30. Important show business.—E. Hibbert.

Walkley C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Westmorland-st. Mission Hall, 8. Ten-minute papers by novices. Arrangements for back-end show. Please bring ticket money N.F. show.—C. Tomlinson.

West of Scotland.—Sept. 4, Nelson Temp. Hotel, 7.30. New members still being enrolled. — W. Hutchison.

Wigan C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Legs of Man Hotel, 7. Business important.—E. Ball.

Windhill C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Blue Bell Hotel, 6.30. Members' show business etc. Subs. due.—J. Taylor.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 7.30. Notes on British Birds, by Mr. Darlow, and preliminary arrangements for annual show.—E. Johnson

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Sept. 7, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion St., 8. Annual show business, etc.—J. Whitehead.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Sept. 7, St. Thomas's Old Schoolroom, entrance, Chapel St., 8. Lecture by Mr. A. E. Thorpe. Election of Show Committee.—J. Spencer.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Station Cafe, 8.30. Address on Iron "Tonics," Mr. W. Davy, and gen. bus.—C. Bailey.

Burnhope C.B.S.—Sept 4, Coll Inn, 6.30. Schedule for annual show, and other important bus., subs. due.—J. W. Robson.

Beamish C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Bird Inn, 6.30. Annual show business; intending members please attend. —J. H. Elliot.

Bowling B.F.A.—Sept. 6, Napoleon Hotel, 7.30. Important business; subs. due.—J. Nicholl.

Bootle C.B.S.—Sept. 7, St. Andrew's Parochial Hall, 8. Schedule for annual show, etc.—A. E. Huyton.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Sept. 7, New Inn, 8. Open show business.—A. Wood.

Bacup Roller Canary Club.—Sept. 7., Headquarters, Swan Hotel, Bacup. Schedule and other important business. Party welcome to all intending members.—Geo. Johnson.

Bradford East O.S.—Sept. 7., Park Chapel Schoolrooms, 8. Arrangements for members' show and other important business.—J. Spencer.

Choppington (Scotland Gate) C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Social Club, 6.30. Important business.—H. Seely.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Election of Judge.—J. Southworth.

Crystal Palace & Penge C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, private entrance, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. H. Norman; fanciers heartily invited; new members wanted.—W. D. Fryett.

Clapham C.B.A.—Sept. 7, Clock House, Clapham Pk.-rd., S.W., 8. Annual show business.—T. J. Hose.

Codnor Park & Eastwood C.B.S.—Sept 11, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Open show business.—Smith and Lees.

Craghead F.F. and C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Social Club and Institute, 6.30. Election of sec. and officers for next annual show, and other business.—J. H. Elliot.—(Please note that notices should be sent in duplicate if it is wished that they be inserted both in CAGE BIRDS and "Poultry World".—Ed.).

Doncaster C.B.S.—Sept 11, Druid's Arms, Bentley, 7. Members' show and other important business.—G. Hunt.

Dulwich & Peckham C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, 7.30. Question night; all fanciers given hearty welcome.—D. Reeks.

East Ardsley C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Black Swan, 7. Gen. business.—A. Walton.

East Ham F.S.—Sept. 16, headquarters, 8. Arrangements for young stock show, etc.; most important.—W. A. Harwood.

Edinburgh North-Eastern O.S.—Sept. 6. Regent Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Very important business.—R. S. Spence.

Eccleshill C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Fountain Inn, 6.30. Business very urgent.—S. Wilcock.

Fife C.B.L.—Sept. 11, Coaltown of Wemyss, 5. Show business.—J. Sneddon.

Farnworth C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Church House, Church Road, 8. Show business, etc.—W. Dawson.

Guiseley, Yeadon C.B.A.—Sept. 4, Regent Hotel, 7. Classes for old bird shows, and Judges.—W. Rose.

Huddersfield O.S.—Sept. 4, White Hart Hotel, 7. Discussion on moulting to be opened by Mr. B. Townend.—A. Lawford.

Halifax O.S.—Sept. 4, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Members' meeting and continuation of Mr. F. Greenwood's lecture on Marked Breeding; fanciers invited.—H. Clegg.

Hull C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Oddfellows' Hall, 7.30. To decide open show; lecture by Mr. Chapman.—W. Furnandiz.

Leeds C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Lockhart's, Briggate, next door to Hope Bros., 7.30. Lecture on preparing for exhibition, by Mr. H. J. Chittenden.—E. Norton.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Sept. 4, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 7.30. Important show business.—H. Best.

Leith O.S.—Sept 11, Liberal Club Hall, Hope Street, 7. Show business.—G. W. Brown.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Sept. 9, Oldham Hall, 8. Schedule for old show, and lecture on Wild Seeds, by Mr. R. Barker.—T. R. Jones.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Sept. 7, White Swan, 8. Open show business and washing exhibition.—A. Freestone.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Business important.—H. Hoyle.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Masons' Arms, 7. Selection of medals and other very important show business.—W. B. Smart.

Leyton C.B.A.—Sept. 6, Headquarters, 8. Discussion on colour-feeding, opened by Mr. Ovenden.—A. W. Farmer.

Manchester & Northern Counties O.S.—Sept. 6, Deansgate Hotel, 8. October show business; very important.—F. Wilkinson.

Manningham C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Mowbray Arms, 8. Special meeting.—F. Darwent.

Morley C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Headquarters, Shoulder of Mutton, 8. To consider a proposal from Ardsley Society re holding inter-shows; a good meeting is desirable.—J. W. Mitchell.

Nelson Colne C.B.S.—Sept. 7, 117, Every-st., 8. Old show, etc.—D. Watts.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Rd., 8. Nov. show business; new members invited.—A. Colley.

Oxford C.B.S.—Sept. 6, 58, George-st., 8. Important open show business.—A. F. Fifield.

Perth City and County C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard-st., 8. Club show classification.—J. L. Smith.

Pudsey & Stanningley C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Fleece Hotel, Stanningley, 7.30. Ordinary. R. Kell.

Pontypool C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Headquarters, 7. Special business.—H. M. Vaughan.

Queen's Pk. C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow-rd., 8. British Table Show and Judging Competition, medal given; final judge, Mr. J. Dewhurst. Will members kindly pay their subs.?—W. J. Ratcliffe.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8.—G. Lord.

South London Col. & F.A.—Sept. 9, Headquarters, 8. Show and general meeting; important. —Geo. Burton.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Oct. 6.—**Idle C.B.S.**—(C. A. House, Briardene, Idle, Bradford.) W.M.
Oct. 8-9.—**Preston O.S.**—(G. Buck, 5, Nevett St.)
Oct. 12-13.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)
Oct. 14.—**Hanley C.B.S.**—(C. Beckett, 32, Hamilton-rd., Birkenhead, Hanley.) J.R.
Oct. 15-16.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(H. Warburton, 73, Ellesmere Rd., Lower Walton, Warrington.) H.W.B., G.L., J.D.L.
Oct. 16.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. Green, 205, Stoney Stanton Rd.)
Oct. 21.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Holliday, 58, George St.) J.R.
Oct. 22-23.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.)
Oct. 23.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.** (A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.) J.R.
Oct. 26-28.—**London and P.O.S.** (H. L. Huggins, 130, Myddleton Rd., Bowes Park, London.)
Oct. 27-28.—**Carlisle (Border City) O.S.**—(J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.)
Oct. 29-30.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlboro Av., Manley Park, Manchester). L.D., J.R., R.R., J.D., H.J.C.
Oct. 30.—**York C.B.S.** (V. G. F. Zimmerman, 7, Portland Street.)
Nov. 3-4. **Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, H, Rotunda Terr.)
Nov. 4.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.** (G. Broome, 82, King St.)
Nov. 5-6.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield.) J.R., J.C.B., H.W.B.
Nov. 6.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(J. W. Thornton, 43, Rydal St., W. Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M., W.N.
Nov. 6-8.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street.) J.T., H.J.C.
Nov. 9-10.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(G. W. Jones, 156, Holdenhurst Rd.) H.N.
Nov. 12-13.—**Blaydon-on Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.) T.D., J.M., H.W.B.
Nov. 13.—**Barnsley C.B.S.**—(E. Tomlson, 102, Cope St.)
Nov. 13.—**Chester C.B.S.**—(L. Cavanagh, "Berwyn," Vicar's Cross, Chester.) H.W.B.
Nov. 15.—**Ardwick & Manchester C.B.S.**—(J. Spencer, 193, Palmerston Street, Beswick, Manchester.)
Nov. 19-20.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.) W.M., H.W.B.
Nov. 19-20.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(Wm. Tallantyre, South View.)
Nov. 27.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.**—(F. A. Green, 54, Caludon Rd.) H.W.B.
Dec. 1-2.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 211, Park Rd., Aston, Birmingham.) J.R., J.H.R.
Dec. 1-2.—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place, Southampton.) H.N.
Dec. 8-9.—**Watford C.B.S.**—(W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Rd.) F.E., H.N., A.S., H.J.W.
Dec. 10-11.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—(W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle).

Scotland.

Nov. 12-13.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 367, Hospital Street.) W.G., J. M'L., W. M'M., C.M., A.W., M.C.
Nov. 20.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S.**—(A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place.)
1916.
Jan. 1.—**Wishaw, Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)

Wales.

Oct. 29.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(H. H. Mortimer, 4, Granville St.)
Nov 17.—**Llandudno**—(Welsh N. Counties F. and F.A.).—(G. E. Cragg, "Rocklands," Rhos, Colwyn Bay.)
Nov. 17-18.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.H.R.
1916.
Jan. 11.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. H. Davies, 24, College Hill.)

Ireland.

Nov. 24-25.—**Dublin Y.C.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(W. C. Sholedice, 38, Haddington Rd.) W.M.
Dec. 3-4.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(W. Montgomery, 62, Church Street).

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Twitterings.

We have appointed Mr. Wm. Mundell, of Bradford, to judge our show on Dec. 4, writes Mr. J. Ainsworth, sec. Old Shildon Workmens' Club C.B.C.

We hear Mr. R. A. Newley, of Stockwell, has received a rather large order for cages from Durban, S. Africa. In times like these it is cheering to hear of a colonial fancier having the grit to send to the old country for cages.

Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S. are still going strong, writes Mr. W. D. Fryett, sec. Thanks to the kind assistance of their treasurer, Mr. Hutton, they have been able to secure two more five guinea cups for competition. For further particulars apply to J. [illegible] tice.

Owing to business pressure I have been reluctantly compelled to resign the secretaryship of the Glasgow, Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.S., writes Mr. E. Holliday. Mr. A. K. Hunter, 142, Aitkenhead Road, Glasgow, has been elected as sec., and all communications should be addressed accordingly.

It is with regret, writes Mr. E. Norton, hon. sec. Leeds C.B.S., I learn of the unfortunate accident that has befallen Mr. H. J. Mennard, the popular chairman of our society. He fell from a ladder on Thursday last and broke his thigh. Members and friends, I am sure, will wish him a speedy recovery.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing in our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

The Value of Our Query Columns.

I have great pleasure in reporting, writes Mr. E. J. Morgan, that I treated my Grey Parrot, which was suffering from indigestion, as per Mr. Wesley T. Page's advice of some weeks ago, with the result that it has had a complete cure. Many thanks for your kind and valuable attention.

The Goldfinch's Exquisite Flight.

As exquisite and almost as airy as that of the thistledown itself is the autumn flight of the Goldfinches in their chase of it. By the end of August their latest nestlings are active on the wing, and old and young set forth together in pursuit of the kernels in the thistledown. Glades where Goldfinches are rare in the spring grow alert with their musical calls, which to many ears are sweeter than their set song; and above the pastures brown in September the sunlight strikes through the gold splashes in their outspread wings, as it does through the barred feathers of the Hoopoe in the hot south. There seem never so many Goldfinches as in September, partly because all their young are still with them, but more because of their restless and omnipresent ways. All the countryside is their post-road, says a writer in "The Times," and their halts are the thorny beds of thistles foaming into silken effervescence under the September sun. Their own downy nests of May are defaced now, explored by curious spiders and trodden by the woodmouse rambling in the boughs. On the north winds of autumn the thistledown leads them to the south, and the winter must die, for spring to be born again, before that gay and tender call-note will question in the garden limes.

The Bird-Keepers' Roll of Honour.

PERHAPS no section of the community has responded more generously to the country's call throughout the great struggle which has been raging for more than a year than those Englishmen who are generally known as "bird fanciers." Avieulturists of high degree, middle-class bird keepers, and working men, all have left their ordinary avocations to give of their best for their country's sake, many, alas, never to return. It has been suggested that we institute, with the help of our readers, a Roll of Honour of Bird Lovers. Foremost among those who could help us in this direction are the secretaries of bird societies throughout the kingdom, and if these secretaries will furnish us with the names of those of their members who are serving with the Colours we shall be glad to combine them into a list as a permanent record. If they give up their lives in their patriotism the fact will, of course, become known to the various secretaries, and a line to us will ensure a record being made of the sad occurrence, while if they are sent back among our wounded heroes that fact also could be noted and forwarded to us. What we ask secretaries to do therefore is: (1) Send us at once the names of any members serving with the Colours; (2) furnish us with news of the death of or injury to any member; (3) send us the names of any members invalided and discharged; and (4), when the war is over, send the names of such members as have been through its horrors and returned unharmed to resume their hobby of bird-keeping with its peaceful delights.

A Fine Record.

Mr. A. Harper (not G. A. Harper, as printed), the report of whose lecture on the Roller Canary was commenced in our last issue, writes: "I have reared 66 out of 72 hatched this season, so I think my method worth giving a trial."

How Pedigree Tells.

Many thanks for publishing the lovely drawing of my unflighted buff cock on the front page of your valuable CAGE BIRDS. He was only shown once, and then carried off the novice trophy for your humble, which was the second time I have won it. His father and a cousin both took firsts in the same show, and a brother a second prize, so I did pretty well with my four birds. I am glad to be able to say that I bred both the parents and grandparents of him. I have only this one bird left now, not being able to look after them, as I am serving in the Territorials, but shall, of course, take up breeding again when this horrible time is over. Again thanking you and wishing you every success.—CHAS. W. TUCK.

Wedding Bells.

The well-known cage-maker, Mr. R. A. Newley, of Stockwell, was married on July 31 to Miss G. E. Edney, at St. Andrew's Church, Stockwell. The vicar, the Rev. Hook Longsden, assisted by the Rev. Hicks, performed the ceremony. A numerous company of friends and relatives of the happy couple were present, and afterwards attended a reception and wedding breakfast at Mrs. Edney's. Both Mr. Newley and his bride are very popular in the district, and received a goodly number of costly and useful presents from their large circle of friends. Among those who sent, and were present at the ceremony, were Mrs. Edney, Messrs. L. Edney, W. G. Edney, P. S. Edney, H. Edney, W. Edney, H. Brigden, Mr. and Mrs. Powell, Miss G. Edwards, J. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Messrs. T. Mansell, G. Murrell, Mesdames Powell, Ruddick, Trewin, Petty, Coney, Deacon, Jacobs, Mrs. and Miss Coney, the Misses Edney, Rogers, Ruddick, and Light. We are sure all readers of CAGE BIRDS, and fanciers who know Mr. Newley personally, will wish the couple every happiness.

ABNORMALLY-COLOURED BIRDS.

New Quarters Wanted for Newport's Fine Collection.

The changes which have taken place at Newport Technical Institute, says "The Western Mail," Cardiff, now involve the disposition of one of the most unique of natural history collections in existence. For a long time Mr. W. Bush has had the use at the institute of a large aviary, in which he has carried out wonderful experiments. He has had probably the finest collection of white freak birds in the kingdom. For thirty years he has kept up a scientific study of Mendel's system of heredity, and has proved its accuracy by interesting and long-continued experiments. His collection of white Thrushes contains probably the only ones of the sort in the world. He has Linnets and Sparrows in the intermediary stages between normal and white.

The new principal of the institute, Dr. Holland, finds that the room occupied by the aviary will be needed for other purposes, and has asked Mr. Bush to remove the birds. To find a suitable home for so wonderful and valuable a collection is not by any means an easy thing. Mr. Bush is anxious that the birds should, if possible, remain in Newport, but he is very much concerned for the continuation of the study and experiments. To place them in the aviary which has been erected in Belle Vue Park would be to give them over to exhibition purposes only. There are very few people who can devote the attention and scientific cares to a matter of this kind like Mr. Bush. Perhaps, however, a home may be found for the birds in South Wales.

"Please take my Mealworm advert. out of CAGE BIRDS. I have had orders from all over the country, over 50 in one week."—H. JONES (Brighton).

"I had so many replies to my last advert. in CAGE BIRDS that I could not reply to some. Kindly thank those who offered exchanges. The cages, etc., went to a fancier in Denny, just five miles from here."—T. R. WALLACE (Falkirk).

THE EXHIBITION YELLOWHAMMER.

Its Feeding, Colour Feeding and Show Points.

By MRS. LILIAN E. T. DALTON.

HAVING been invited by the Editor to contribute an article on the Yellowhammer—by the way, my favourite British bird—I will first of all deal with the points required in an ideal exhibition specimen.

I do not think the 'Hammer is seen at his best until he is eighteen months or two years old, as I find some of them improve beyond all recognition. I have one at the present time, a last year's bird and a buff, which is now of extraordinary size and the largest chested bird I have seen. This bird, when first caged, was so heavily marked that it was nearly impossible to distinguish any yellow between his V marks, his crown being heavily splashed with brown like his back. To see him now, one would never credit the improvement which has taken place.

I always endeavour to obtain the largest birds I can, as I find a good big one always beats a good little one. As is the case with the majority of our British Birds, we have at least two different shapes, one the Yorkie, the other following the Norwich type. It is the latter shape I prefer, for when standing and looking at you in his show cage, he looks very majestic indeed.

The Points of a Show Bird.

The points, therefore, required for a show bird are size, abundance of yellow, with a most distinct V, and a "topper" must be quite clear in between, and must have prominent eye and cheek markings, for very often at the shows we see a real good bird put back because he is minus of these markings.

My method of colour feeding is as follows: To each bird I give one teaspoonful of tasteless pepper and one teaspoonful of Spratt's Cage Bird Cod Liver Oil Food mixed well together to two teaspoonfuls of best Spanish plain canary seed. This is slightly moistened with sweet oil, and allowed to stand overnight. The seed by the morning will be well saturated, and this necessitates the birds taking some of the colour food. In a few obstinate cases I take the seed vessel away in the evening at 7 o'clock and put it back in the morning at nine. The birds then are certain to partake of the prepared food; they will not starve. Start the colour feeding in June, and do not drop off until the end of September, when I promise you the little extra labour connected with this matter will be well worth your trouble if the bird or birds you are feeding are possessed of any show points at all.

How to Feed Yellowhammers.

My 'Hammers' principal stock food is the best plain Spanish canary seed. By way of a change, I throw in a few oats and screenings, which they pick at with delight. Through the winter months, I give them a finger tray of a good brand of insectivorous food three times a week. Their chief live food is one mealworm morning and afternoon, occasionally a spider, also a few earwigs, which are a splendid pick-me-up.

Further, to keep the Yellowhammer in perfect health and condition, his bath should be hung on from early morning until midday, for I have seen a few of mine bath three times a day, and this has always told me they must be healthy. In buying a bath, I advise you to get one large enough for a Thrush, when your pets will let you know if they like the water or not.

In conclusion, let me ask the British section of bird-keepers to show during this coming season whatever 'Hammers they think are worth the show cage, and help to fill the classes when the various societies are good enough to provide a class specially for the bird which I consider our most handsome Britisher, the Yellowhammer.

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WILD FOODS FOR SEED-EATING BIRDS.

By CHAS. PRIOR (Ropley).

The useful greenfoods, etc., available during September are herein described. Previous articles appeared in our issues of April 10 and the first weeks of the following months, and we have, we are pleased to say, been able to arrange with the Author to contribute a continuation in the first issue of each month.

SEPTEMBER arrives laden with a prodigal assortment of wild foods—varied, and of proved worth. The whole gamut of August weeds continues a career now grown riotous, more heavily stocked with well-matured seed this month than ever.

The later heads of knapweed are filled to bursting with plump ripe seed. Charlock is well-nigh dead ripe, and will barely endure handling without breakage of the pods and consequent loss of the seed. Soon, in fact, the state of ripeness is so advanced that transporting the branches of seed pods intact becomes impossible. It is then time to write it off the list.

Linnets are the birds chiefly concerned with charlock seeds, and they thoroughly enjoy them and benefit by eating them so long as they are able to extract them from the intact pods. But when the seed-pod breaks through ripeness, and the seeds are released by that agency, they remain uneaten where they fall. Hence harvested charlock seed has no value either in seed mixtures or in the "tit-bits" side pad, the birds consumption of it then being either negligible or quite nil.

A Universal Tit-Bit.

Bindweed or cornbine, which may now be likened in feeding value and general aeceptability to chickweed in May, is carrying its heaviest freight of well-matured seed, and it should be made use of with every freedom for all the seed-eaters. Even chickweed, groundsel, and shepherd's-purse, aye, and dandelion seed-heads, too, take on a new lease of life, and although of less account now than in the spring, are not quite without value. Milk-thistle is still available and still valuable.

The well-protected Scotch thistles, too, are yet in evidence, and, as was observed earlier in these notes, should this month be gathered for storing as well as for present use. Most of the earlier heads will have opened before now, and the seeds taken wing. In many cases this has happened before the seeds have reached maturity owing to the attacks of maggots on the thistle heads. The seeds in such heads are obviously not worth saving. But the later heads are seldom maggot infested as are the earlier ones, probably because the insect whose egg produces the maggot has fulfilled its destiny and perished before they bloom—and they are generally tightly packed with plump seed of the best maturing qualities. All of this improves the chances of successful storage, and marks out September as the best month for storing.

How to Harvest Thistle Seed.

The process of gathering these heads has already been described. The preliminary to successful storage is the thorough drying of the heads without allowing them to "blow," which, if it occurs, means losing the seeds. The place chosen for this drying process must be dry and fairly airy, but sunshine, and in fact even strong light, must not be admitted. A well ventilated shed with wooden floor, an attic in which the light can be subdued, an airy cellar, or any such premises are suitable.

The heads should be spread out thinly on the floor, or they may be laid in shallow wooden boxes, and so left until all moisture has evaporated. This is quite likely to take a couple of weeks, possibly longer; it depends upon prevailing atmospheric conditions. When they are perfectly dry, they may be shovelled up with a small iron shovel, and shot into a hessian bag or sack. Tying the mouth of the sack, and placing it handy for use finishes the job. If the heads are not perfectly dry when stored they will become mouldy and musty, and unfit for use. If they are exposed for only a few moments to sunshine, either during or after the drying business, the heads will open and the seeds sail away clinging to their parachutes of down. That is why the sack's mouth is better kept tied.

Persicaria is a weed of the autumn, which is well worthy the bird-keeper's notice. It is a weed that flourishes wherever there is moisture in the sub-soil, and usually on heavy land. In a general way the plant resembles the common garden fuchsia. There is the same branching habit of growth, the same distinctive coloration of the stalk—a rich dark maroon—and the same oblong, pointed, rather veinous leaf. But there is no fuchsia like flower.

The seeds are produced in clusters at the tips of the branches, in size and formation something like those of ribwort—the narrow leafed plantain. Of different colour though, for persicaria flowering and seeding tips are normally a bright pink, though occasional specimens are pale mauve, and here and there an example crops up of a dirty white colour. The seeds, which may easily be rubbed out of their panicle between finger and thumb, are flat and round—or nearly so—and shiny black in colour. The circumference is about equal to that of winter rape, or perhaps a little more, the shape being flat, however, as noted above, and not spherical.

Fond of Persicaria Seed.

Chaffinches and Bramblings, Greenfinches and Bullfinches are very fond of it, and for these four species it is particularly valuable, close behind them coming Linnets, Redpolls, and Twites. If opportunity offers (and this particular weed usually grows abundantly where it grows at all), it is well to gather a surplus of well-ripened stock for use later on.

Teazel is not notable for rapid development, and it is likewise somewhat tardy in ripening its seed. Many heads, however, will ripen off during September, and the seed of wild teazel ripened thus naturally is much to be preferred to the average sample handled in trade. It would, in fact, be a boon to the bird-keeper if teazel seed could be grown and harvested in this country as a commercial proposition solely for bird-feeding, especially having regard to the fact that until recently the bulk of our supplies has been imported from enemy countries. Bird-keepers who have a little spare land might profitably try the experiment of growing their own, for the value of teazel seed as a component part of all-the-year-round seed mixtures for all the Finches is now generally recognised.

Some Supplementary Items.

Willowherb, or wild cotton-weed, which Redpolls are specially fond of, knot grass, and various other late seeding grasses, may be mentioned as supplementary items that are not without value, but of secondary importance in September's flowing tide. Blackberries may be gathered in clusters as they grow, ripe, half ripe, and green, and given to Bullfinches. They have not, however, by themselves, the infallible colouring properties they have been widely credited with.

Dock, sorrel, and stinging nettle, which are now conspicuous on stretches of waste land and neglected areas, will be passed under review next month—with other things.

SOME REMINISCENCES OF AN OLD FANCIER.

By E. HURDLEY (Madeley).

(Continued from page 75.)

MY next experiment was with a Jay which did not live long. This my father got for me from a nest. The Jay was the only wild bird he ever encouraged me to keep. I managed to rear this one on hard-boiled eggs, bits of meat and liver chopped up fine, with bread crumbs mixed. The bird was a fine one. It soon began to take notice of people talking to it, and it was not long before we fancied it could talk. This surmise proved correct, as one morning just after the Christmas holidays (if my memory serves me right) my father, who rose early, went into the kitchen where the Jay was kept, and was greeted with a "good morning." This startled the old chap, who dropped the candle and began to feel for the poker, thinking somebody was in the kitchen. The bird was not suspected for some time until it used to repeat the "good morning" and other words. But misfortune overtook this bird; it had some throat complaint or the other, and there was no CAGE BIRDS at that time to write to for advice, which might have saved it, and it died, much to my regret.

A Talented Jay.

About four years ago a friend of mine reared one of these birds from the nest, and a splendid talker it proved to be; it used to hang inside a porch, the entrance to an old-fashioned country cottage, and hearing the conversation between my friend's wife and people, who were callers at the cottage, it learned to imitate some of these people very well. It could also imitate the children talking, and also their crying. It used to surprise many a visitor if he were left alone for a few minutes and did not know the bird was there.

This bird, I believe, was fed on scraps from the table, meat chopped up fine, hard-boiled eggs, etc. I may mention that the owner was a bird lover of the old school, although, like myself, not possessed with any more means than he knew what to do with. I have seen him with some splendid Mules and Hybrids, and he had at one time the largest and smartest Goldfinch that I ever saw, and I have seen and caught a good few. This Goldfinch he told me he trapped in an orchard, where it was feeding young in a pear tree. He also took the young and reared same; in fact he told me that the old bird fed the young after being caged up.

The Mule's Untimely End.

I myself bought from him a young Mule, of which the Goldfinch was the father; and he was as fine a Mule as ever I saw. This bird came to a rather untimely end; it was killed one night by what I thought was a mouse. I tried for months to catch this chap, but with no success. Yet I could see traces of him every morning. At last I had almost given up the chase, but after altering the positions of my birds so that he could not get at them, I thought I would try another sort of trap. I did—one of the penny break-back type, baited with cheese, bacon and seeds of all kinds. But I had no luck though I could still see traces. At last I caught an ordinary house-mouse, and the trap having a strong spring had caused some blood to get on to the wood-work.

Not a House Mouse.

I put the trap on one side, thinking I had caught the rodent at last; but next evening, on picking up the trap, which had not been re-set, I saw marks which showed that something had been feeding on the blood. I set the trap there and then, and next morning I had a mouse the like of which I had never seen before. It was rather larger than the ordinary house mouse; it had a short tail, was squirrel-coloured on back and white on the chest and belly. A day or two after this while in my garden, I noticed a mouse hole underneath an apple tree, and on getting the spade and removing some soil I began to see part of a nest and some heads bobbing up and down. I found that the nest contained four young ones, and one old mouse of the same kind. As the young ones could run well, I had a sharp minute's work, but I managed to kill them all, though I lost the old one. I left the dead young on the garden path, thinking this would encourage the cats (of which there are plenty about here) to be on the alert, and perhaps catch the other old one; but while I have seen the cats go and look at them, not one of the miee was taken away. The other old one we saw many times after running about the garden. I thought this strange with so many cats about, as I know to my sorrow that a room door need not be left open long before these monsters are soon hanging on one's birdcages.

After a run of some months I had occasion to set a spring break-back in the coal-cellar for a mouse I had seen, and almost the same thing happened that was the case before—the mouse caught left some blood on the trap, which the next day was set again and baited with seed. But the blood was not cleaned off; and to my surprise I caught the old mouse which had been lost in the garden, at least I believe so, as I have never seen or heard of one about since.

I may add that the Mule that was killed by this mouse was hanging on a papered wall about five feet from the floor and was bitten right through the breast; the wires of the cage were also smeared with blood. I have mentioned this to many friends and bird-lovers, but I think the nearest the mark were some fanciers I was speaking to at Norwich, who called it a mouse-hunter or mouse-eater, an animal which seems to work in the same manner after mice as the ferret does after rats and rabbits.

From Chimney Pot to Bird-Room.

My next venture was in regard to a couple of Jackdaws, which were taken from the chimneypot of a castle on a nobleman's estate. I did not get these out, but two apprentice boys managed this, and fed them for about two days. Saturday came, and as we all went home at week-ends they decided to leave the birds in an old cement cask until the following Monday, when we returned at about noon. I would not, however, hear of this, as I knew what it meant—the birds would be dead. So I put the Daws in my basket and took them home; and as luck would have it, when I arrived there an elder sister (who was enjoying a holiday) was there, and I knew that if they were to be reared by patience and good feeding, they were "landed." My sister set about the task of feeding in earnest, and as the birds proved good feeders, all went well. They were given bits of meat, cheese, hempseed, in fact, almost anything that came to hand; and they grew into remarkably fine birds.

"Jack," the Hen Jackdaw.

They were a pair. The cock was always prying about in the fowls' run, and got a blow from one of the cock fowls, which ended his career. But the hen turned out to be a beauty, and was admired by many people. She delighted in getting in water, and when any of the family went to fetch water from the hydrant (which was some distance away) she would follow them, either by flying after them, or by running on the road with them, shouting the while. And the moment they had filled their pail she would jump in and bathe and swim about the top. She would repeat this several times in the day. She was a great favourite also with the children from the school close by; these children used to watch her tricks and also bring her tit-bits, which she would take from their hands, taking great care, however, to see that they did not handle her. She would often run after them, and peck at their legs. One person only did she allow to handle her, and that was my mother, with whom she was a great favourite. When the old lady went to town (which was about a mile away) "Jack," as she was called, was sure to go, sometimes flying in front, and at other times flying from house to house; but always keeping watch and always ready to return with her mistress. She would also go about half a mile to the house of a brother of mine, perch on the window-sill for a few moments, and then fly home again. She had followed the old lady there several times, and so kept up the habit, and when the old lady did not want her to follow lest some mischievous boy should throw a stone and perhaps kill the bird, she used to put her umbrella up; and even this sometimes failed, as when she thought all was right she would perhaps find "Jack" on some wall, tree, fence, or house close by, evidently persisting in going the whole journey.

"Jack's" roosting place was in a box hung to the wall outside with a good perch and always plenty of coarse sand in the bottom; but never under any circumstances could she be induced to go to bed before being fed with a piece of cheese and some hempseeds. These she would go to the house door for, and if they had forgotten her she would keep shouting "Jack" and "Alice" as plainly as possible, and has been known to fly on the latch of the door and keep pecking at it to attract the attention of those inside.

Snap Shots From Sheffield.

A series of short papers by the members of the Sheffield C.B.S., and read in a competition at the meeting of the society held June 4.

(Continued from page 31).

Diet and Breeding.

IT is a mistake to limit the diet of birds during winter months. They must have sufficient nourishment to keep them from getting "down in the dumps" through sudden changes of temperature. Changes of seed—not mixed, but a pinch of first one and then another—with apple, etc., should keep them fit. Birds that are forced into condition are responsible for clear eggs. Egg food they may have just previous to pairing up; but do not overdo it. If you are sure of the cock birds, leave them with the hens while sitting. Two feeders are better than one, and if by chance the hen refuses to do her duty, the cock bird may take to it with a good will.

It will do a hen good if you give a dose of sulphate of soda (or Epsom salts) in the drinker when the young are about three days old, or before, as the hen gets "out of order" during sitting, and this is the cause of a lot of trouble. The nest should be changed as soon as necessary, as it keeps the youngsters clean and comfortable. The old birds while feeding young should have a good supply of hemp and whatever green-food you use. Great care is necessary with young birds when they leave the nest. Milksop sprinkled with "Quinella" (Spratt's Patent, Ltd.) should be given occasionally. Pick out your best birds, feed them well and show them to their best advantage, and you will be repaid for your trouble, if not financially, at least by congratulations from brother fanciers.—"VULCAN."

Correspondence.

Gateshead Fanciers Please Note

SIR,—As we have not had any meetings of the Gateshead C.B.S. during the past four months owing to so many of our members being engaged on munition work, and therefore unable to attend meetings, it has been decided to call a special meeting, and as the notice may not be read by all concerned if inserted in your Club and Society Notices column, I beg that you will allow me the publicity of your Correspondence columns to state that this meeting will be held on September 11, at 7.30, at Lockhart's Cafe, High Street, Gateshead. Important show business and other items will be considered at this meeting, and I earnestly hope members will try to attend. A hearty welcome is extended to fanciers in the district who would like to join our society, the annual subscription to which is only 2s. 6d., with an entrance fee of 1s. I shall be pleased to furnish any further particulars upon application.

6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle. W. CURRY, Sec.

An Appeal for a Tyneside Fancier.

SIR,—I am writing an appeal to which Tyneside fanciers will, I hope, respond with generosity. It is on behalf of Mr. James Shepherd, one of the founders, and for some time chairman of the Newcastle C.B.S. and the Northern Yorkshire C.C. In consequence of the war, Mr. Shepherd was thrown out of employment; then he got work at some military huts, but had to spend most of his wages in rent and travelling expenses, and so was unable to save. Now he has caught scarlet fever, and that means six or eight weeks at least without an income, except 10s. from the Insurance Committee, of which 7s. goes for rent. May I ask those Tyneside fanciers who, like myself, owe so much to Mr. Shepherd for kindly sympathy and advice when they were beginners, to come forward and assist their old friend? Mr. Tindale, 6, Gill Street, Benwell; Mr. Contts, 122, Brinkburn Street, Byker; or myself, at 121, St. George's Terrace, Jesmond, will be pleased to receive and forward any donation, however small, to help our friend over his present troubles.

T. C. CRAWHALL.

The Birds of Kamptee.

SIR,—I have received CAGE BIRDS from a reader at Deal (Kent), and it came as a pleasant surprise. I handed it round the company, as there are several Ashford fanciers among us. Referring to my letter in your issue dated July 3 ("Where the sun does the hen's work"), two of the birds hatched off, and shortly after were running about feeding. I am sorry to tell you they only lived about four or five days. I don't think the Sergeant could have fed them correctly.

I must thank Mr. Page for information regarding the feeding of Indian Mynahs. At present there are dozens of these birds leaving their nests; we have several caged, and they soon settle down, the old birds feeding them through the cage bars. Indian green Parrots and Parrakeets are very numerous here, passing over the bungalows in large flocks, some pitching down like a flock of pigeons to feed on the berries growing on trees around the barracks.

Blue Jays are very plentiful; they are much brighter in colour than the English Jay. I think if some of the fanciers in England saw these birds they would long to possess them. The Golden Oriole is a glorious sight when seen on the wing, with its deep black and orange plumage; these also are very plentiful. The prettiest birds here are a kind of Bird of Paradise, about the size of a Wood-pigeon. One is a pale blue, with two long drooping tail feathers of the same pale blue colour. The head and neck are very dark blue, with plenty of sheen. Another bird (I do not know if this is the male of the same species) is a very dark blue, its call is very similar to that of a pheasant, and it has the same long drooping tail feathers. There are two birds here that are expert thieves, the Kite and Indian Rook, or Jackdaw. If you happen to pass from one bungalow to the next with a plate or dish with any food on same which is not covered over, you will soon lose your dinner. I have had this happen twice with the company's butter. The Jackdaw is very sly, and watches your movements like a cat watching a mouse. As soon as your back is turned, into the door or window he comes, and off he goes with a piece of rootie or any food that happens to be in his sight. He is far more crafty than our old Magpie and Jackdaw at home; two men went short of their loaves this morning through these birds. Some of us have monkeys as pets; we have one in our company. This afternoon I gave him a biscuit, and I had hardly turned my back before there were six or seven Jackdaws trying their hardest to steal it from him, but I think they had their master for once. We have plenty of pets amongst us. One is a young panther; another company has a fine Indian black buck, he is very tame and runs loose, feeding out of our hands, and he is very fond of boxing and butting if you tease him. I have just had a Blue-head or Lavender-headed Parrakeet given me by one of the boys; it is quite a youngster, the colour just breaking through the head and neck. We are able to get plenty of bananas and monkey nuts, also insects for the birds. There are hundreds of Swallows or Martins flying round the bungalows now, and their nests are crowded round the eaves and beams under the verandahs. It is quite a different nest to that of our Swallow at home. It consists of a woolly grey moss, or flick from blankets, or any woolly stuff they can find, mixed with cocoanut fibre and feathers. The birds often fall to the ground inside the bungalows during the evening, when the light is bad, and we keep them prisoners until the morning, and set them free when it is light, otherwise they dash themselves about so.

Snakes are very plentiful here, Cobra, Python, and Rock snakes. There is also another reptile like a small crocodile, but its skin is like a big lizard's. The natives call them Gothars. We have several of their skins, which will make fine cigar and cigarette cases. I nearly forgot to tell you that the Cuckoo has been heard several times during April, May, and June, but I think I have already said too much. Wishing CAGE BIRDS and its readers the best of luck during the coming show season, and hoping to have another start as soon as the war is over,

G. W. MOY.

Kamptee, India.

Greenfinch-Siskin Hybrids.

Is this a Record?

SIR,—I have now on the sticks hybrids bred between a cock Greenfinch and a hen Siskin, and the following is a simple account of how I bred and reared them. My room is 12 feet by 8 feet, and the cage they were bred in is 3ft. 3ins. long, 1ft. 6ins. deep, and 9ins. from back to front. I paired the birds up about the first week in June, placed a little nesting material in for them, and found they were both eager to build their nest. I put the nest pan in with a good thick lining gummed inside, but the Greenfinch was not content until he had picked and rove it all out. I placed another nest in, the same as the first, but with the same result, so I then decided to try with some bran in the nest pan, and this I found worked out all right, as they could not get it out so well. On July 11 I got the first egg, and one on each of the following three mornings. I placed them under a hen Canary, fearing the finches would spike them, or would not rear them if they were fertile. At ten days I tested the eggs and found them clear. For a few days afterwards the hen Siskin sat with her head under her wings, fretting, I believe, for taking her eggs away, but soon got friends again with Mr. Greenie. On July 22 she laid again, and on the following two mornings, so I decided to let her sit on her own eggs. I made her a nest of cow hair, placed the three eggs in, and found her to be a good sitter. It was amusing to see the Greenfinch edge up and pull a tuft of hair from the nest, but the hen would not be content until she had replaced it in the nest. On the ninth or tenth day I tested the eggs, and found them fertile, though one had a slight dint in, either through a spike from the cock bird or from the hen's claw. On August 6 two birds were hatched out, and one was dead in the shell. I watched to see what the Greenie would do, but found when the hen came off he was very busy feeding them. My method of feeding is very plain. During the time of incubation I just fed on ordinary finch mixture. On the day I expected them to hatch out I gave the yolk of egg and crushed hemp seed. After they were three days old I gave abundance of seeding chickweed, also crushed sunflower. For a change I gave occasionally a little ground monkey nut. These youngsters were on the sticks at thirteen days old, which proves them to be strong birds. They are showing plenty of colour, and are a good size, being as big as the Siskin up to this date. Have they been bred in a small cage similar to mine, and bred in the same way, namely, from a cock Greenfinch and a hen Siskin? Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.

E. GRAY.

West Hartlepool.

[Mr. Wesley T. Page's book, "Species which have reared young and Hybrids which have been bred in captivity in Great Britain," records the cross between the cock Siskin and the hen Greenfinch, and this is, of course, by no means an uncommon one. Perhaps some readers may know of Hybrids bred the reverse way.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

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Bradford Cinderella Show Suspended.

SIR,—I am sorry to have to inform you that although the committee of the Bradford National C.B.A. have spent much time and labour in making arrangements for this year's Cinderella Show, which has been for the past few years held for the benefit of a deserving charity, yet they have reluctantly decided to abandon the idea of holding a show for this year. At their last meeting they had before them a communication from the Lord Mayor suggesting that it would not be desirable at the present juncture to hold such an exhibition, and after serious consideration it was decided to fall in with the Lord Mayor's wishes and abandon the show. We hope, when the country becomes more settled, to continue this charitable venture, which has been so successful in the past, and we hope that we may count on a resumption of the support of the leading gentry of the district and of fanciers in general.

The committee desire to thank most heartily the gentlemen who had kindly offered to officiate as judges, and also the various specialists clubs which had granted their patronage. We hope that the giving up of our show for this year has not seriously inconvenienced the judges and societies concerned, and we assure them that the Bradford fanciers regret very keenly the step which they have so reluctantly been compelled to take.

S. MIDGLEY, Hon. Sec.

Breeding Bullfinches in Captivity.

SIR,—Noticing in the correspondence columns of CAGE BIRDS letters referring to the breeding of Bullfinches in captivity, I have decided to tell you my experiences. Early in April my Bullies showed distinct signs of pairing, and had begun to hunt about for building materials, etc., so I had hopes of great things. However, one day I noticed that the cock was looking most unwell, and on further examination I found that the middle toe of one foot had been broken, probably by a cat. This, of course, rendered him quite lame, and his interest in domestic pursuits vanished. His leg soon healed, however, and he got more "perky," although the toe had to come off, leaving only a stump. They both began to collect nesting materials again, and I once more got hopeful, but as I could see no nest appearing I had a good look through the bushes and discovered that the hen had laid an egg on the top of a travelling cage which I had placed in the bushes for them to build in. There was no sign of a nest, so I took away the egg and looked about for something to give them a nest in. Luckily I found an old Hedge Sparrow's nest in the garden, so I put it on top of the cage where I found the egg (laid on June 10), but when I went to get the egg to put into it I found some one of the birds had dropped it on the floor and "cracked" it.

The hen laid four eggs in the nest, and commenced to sit on June 20, but during the following week a pair of Goldies also decided to start housekeeping, and nothing would please them but Mrs. Bullie's nest, from which she was frequently driven. Also a cock Yellowhammer took a great fancy to her, and wooed her most strenuously every time she left the nest, and in the scuffles which ensued she got rather badly pecked about the face and head. Needless to say Mr. Yellowhammer and Mr. and Mrs. Goldie were removed to safer quarters.

The Sunday following (4th July) there were three tiny red babies in the nest, and these young ones grew rapidly; the fourth egg did not hatch. On July 21 the youngsters left the nest and hopped about the bushes, being fed both parents on anything, bar egg food, which they would not touch. Soon the hen showed signs of wanting to nest again, and consequently neglected her young, two of which were content to sit and wait to be fed, but the other was more energetic and followed his father about, ever ready to receive a mouthful. On Saturday, July 31, I saw that the two youngsters were in a very bad way, and so I took them out and fed them by hand, but one was too far gone, and died on Aug. 4. The other was doing very well, but one day his cage door was left open and he got out into the kitchen and was not found till some hours after, by which time he had eaten dust and other things, and he died on the following day. Needless to say I praised the person for leaving the door open. The remaining youngster can now feed itself and is a fine bird, and I am waiting for it to moult to see whether it is a cock or a hen.

The aviary in which they were bred is not very large; it is roughly L-shaped, the arms being 7ft. long and 4ft. wide. The structure is 6ft. high all over, and there are bushes of box about 3ft. high and 1ft. thick along the front, the back of the aviary being the wall of the house. There were 15 British birds in with the Bullies, including a Robin and a Hawfinch, also an old male Cockatiel who is put out during the summer for his health, which is much improved, thanks to your advice. The young Bullies were fed on mealworms and their beetles, green seeds of various plants, and ordinary hard seed, also the soft food supplied to the Robin, but egg-food would not be touched by the old birds under any circumstances. I did not allow the hen to nest again, as I thought it rather late, and I am glad I did not, for she is now in the middle of the moult, which seems to have come early this year, my hen Redpoll being well through it by the end of July. The Robin was also rather early. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

J. E. KNIGHT.

Intelligence in Birds.

SIR,—Personally, I see no use in prolonging a discussion with anyone who can read intelligence in a bird which dies of grief at having lost a mate. Such imaginings are akin to the fond parent who can make the English language out of the gurgle of a three months' old baby. The genus Homo is supposed to be the most intelligent of all animals, but if a human were to die of grief, he would be written down a fool, and a fool—an unknowing one—is the least intelligent of humans. Reverting to the morality of birds, does Mr. T. consider the hen Flycatcher, which left her five young ones to starve to death, an exemplification of morality? The thieving Magpie, Jay or Jackdaw, the carnivorous Eagles and Hawks, the habitually lazy Cuckoo, the spiteful Robin which will beat to death even his own brother if he intrudes on his territory—are not their actions on a par with the land-snatching, lust, and murder which is taking place on the Continent at the present time? Mr. Teschemaker is an eminent ornithologist, of that there is no doubt, although we may not always agree with him; but if his knowledge of bees is confined to Sir John Lubbock and M. Fabre, he should seek other authorities, as the quotations he gave us last week betray a woeful ignorance of bees on someone's part.

T. JOHNSON.

SIR,—I much regret that Mr. Teschemaker has spoilt a clever letter by introducing into this debate an element of personality which the circumstances do not warrant. I refer particularly, but by no means exclusively, to the sneer which accompanied his statement that I spoke of instinct as a "higher psychometric force." As a matter of fact, I used no such phrase, but when I referred to a "higher psychologic phenomenon" I used a perfectly legitimate and relevant expression.

I am aware that I brushed aside his Thrush story with scant ceremony, and also that I stretched my imagination somewhat to say that bees would have done quite the same, but when I say that I regard the hypothesis Mr. Teschemaker bases on this tale, and particularly the elaboration of it which you print in CAGE BIRDS of August 28, as positively ludicrous, I think I can well claim some measure of benevolence for the indulgent way I handled it. I might perhaps ask what became of the cock Thrush, and if, as appears certain, he was left behind, then why a Flycatcher who loses her mate 'knows" she

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"cannot" bring up her young, while the Thrush actually abandons her mate, apparently knowing that she can dispense with his services. Yet, although their actions are diametrically opposed, both these birds are said to have an almost cabalistic foresight and intelligence. The real reason why I have taken none of Mr. Teschemaker's tales seriously is that I regard the anecdotal line of argument as both unfair and futile. My opponent apparently imagines that he can fire any anecdote he likes at me, and if I fail (with the aid of such data as he himself chooses to give me) to upset the hypothesis he founds upon it, then his case is established. And even should I succeed, as I did in the tale of the Flycatcher, it merely means another tale the following week. This is a one-sided line of argument, indeed, which will not do for me. What are his tales worth as actual evidence? At the best they are only anecdotes of exceptional happenings, and have no relation to the continuous and characteristic conduct of birds generally. In fact, I might almost argue that if the only evidence of the existence of reasoning intelligence in birds lies in their abnormal doings under exceptional circumstances, then the very fact that the majority of birds act normally should prove that they at any rate are not gifted with a reasoning intelligence. I should not, of course, like to adopt such an argument, but the mere mention of it shows the futility of the line Mr. Teschemaker adopts.

For my part I have produced evidence that nesting and brooding are purely instinctive. I have also advanced proof that migration has nothing to do with voluntary action, and here Mr. Teschemaker is silent. Although I have raised several points indicating the domination of instinct in the psychologic constitution of birds, the foregoing is all I have so far produced in the shape of actual proof. It is little enough, I admit; still, it is something in such a subject as this, which is mainly a matter of conjecture and opinion. Anyhow, I invite proofs for the other side of the case. Let us have evidence, based on the ordinary and normal doings or natural requirements of all birds, which indicates the existence, the probability of the existence, or even the natural necessity for the existence, of a reasoning intelligence in those small passerine birds to which your excellent journal is devoted. If this be forthcoming, well and good, otherwise I shall relinquish my part in a discussion which has, I am afraid, lost much of its early promise. A. R. COE.

"Tortured Prisoners."

SIR,—Noticing that in what purports to be a reply to my letter in CAGE BIRDS of Aug. 21, Mr. F. A. Cox refers to what he calls his "plain facts," I have re-read his original letter in search thereof. He says in that letter that thousands of wild birds are condemned by their owners to "deliberate and calculated cruelty." Is this one of his plain facts? If so, will he give us details of just a few of the thousands of cases of deliberate and calculated cruelty. Another statement by Mr. Cox is that "these birds are often kept in perpetual darkness in order that they may trill the better at singing matches." Is this another "plain fact"? If so, can he prove it? The classification into "ruffians" of all who may choose to catch a Linnet, and the statement that owners of contest Linnets regard their birds as "a medium for providing them with extra drinks," are not "plain facts"; they are exaggerated and unwarranted abuse.

In his letter in CAGE BIRDS, Aug. 28, Mr. Cox says that we who have not seen the things mentioned take it as an assurance that he who has has not, and then all the details he gives us are that he has seen men coming away from public houses. Well; what of it? The last paragraph in the letter signed "Justice," in your issue of the same date is sufficient answer to this. He says it does not matter whether the birds are Linnets, Skylarks, Chaffinches, or Thrushes. We who know more about it know that it matters a great deal. Firstly, a Linnet or a Chaffinch will thrive in a small cage, while a Skylark or a Thrush will die. (I am not defending the use of small cages for Linnets or Chaffinches, but simply stating a "plain fact.") Secondly, to write about the caging of Linnets in terms so vague as to mislead others into the belief that "Thrushes are condemned to beat out their gallant hearts, to pour forth their song of courage, for the pleasure and profit of a pack of ruffians," displays either a lack of knowledge or a wilful desire to mislead.

Mr. Cox in his second letter says he has himself seen birds confined in little cages, in which they can hardly turn round, and the cages tied up in black cloths and suspended over the front doors of houses during the whole of a sunny afternoon. Taking this as really a "plain fact," if he will say where such examples of improper bird-keeping are to be seen by others, I think it will not be long before some reader of CAGE BIRDS will see that matters are altered. Among the men whom Mr. Cox has seen coming from public-houses he has seen one (mark the "one") so drunk that he twice dropped the cage. This as a "plain fact" is a deplorable circumstance, but has Mr. Cox never seen a drunken man other than a bird-fancier? Is it fair to brand a community for the fault of one of its members?

I will not quarrel with Mr. Cox for his estimate of my mental blindness, but I would ask him to be more definite as to the physical blindness which he says he "believes" to exist in singing Linnets. He makes more than one reference to blindness and darkened captivity, and he doubtless has some "plain facts" on which to base his belief. The rest of his letter consists only of expressions of opinion, and Mr. Cox is entitled to his own, as am I to mine. I will, however, undertake to modify the opinions even of one so convinced as is Mr. Cox, if he will give me the opportunity of meeting him during the forthcoming show season at any exhibition of Canaries, British birds, and Foreign birds in London or the provinces. BIRD-KEEPER.

SIR,—In reference to Mr. F. A. Cox's letter in this week's CAGE BIRDS, I should like to ask him if he has had any experience in the keeping and management of British wild birds. If he has not, I think he should try the experiment, and take proper notes as to the improvement that can be made in their conditions of health and appearance by proper care and attention. If he has not the time to devote to them, I am sure fanciers would be pleased to show him their birds if he would care to visit them, and then, I think, he would alter his opinions about bird-keeping.

B. HUGHES.

(Several letters held over.)

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Club Reports.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S.

Meeting, Marie Stuart Hall, Crosshill, Aug. 25, Mr. R. Heggie presiding. Several items re annual show were settled. The president read a letter from secretary intimating his retirement. Mr. A. R. Hunter agreed to take up the duties of secretary, Mr. A. Steel being appointed as assistant. Member elected: Mr. E. Steel, Pollokshields. Next meeting, Sept. 29.—Ed. Holliday, Sec.

NEWCASTLE (East End) C.B.S.

Meeting, Aug. 25, Leighton School, Heaton Road; Mr. Hutchinson, chair. Mr. R. Havis, Blaydon, was elected a member. Classification, 70 classes, arranged for annual show:—Nor. 12 (4 nov.), Crests 9 (2 nov.), Cinn. 5 (1 nov.), Yorks. 8 (2 nov.), Bord. 14 (2 nov.), Liz. 2, Scots Fancy 3, Mules 2, Gift 1, Brit. 9, For. 2, Sell. 3. Rules for show were drawn up and sec. instructed to get a suitable hall.—J. W. Coutts, Sec.

SOUTH MOOR C.B.S.

Meeting, Aug. 28, Mr. W. Cresswell, chair. Messrs. F. Brown and E. Marsh, South Moor, and G. Foster, East Castle, were elected members. Decided that schedule of 43 classes for annual show be adopted, and that the winners of the Border classes be judged for best bird and runner-up. Donations and specials are coming in remarkably well, and everything points to our show being as big a success as last year. We would like to see as many members as possible attend our next meeting, Sept. 25, when we shall get all show business settled. Subs. are now due.—G. F. Bates, Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting, August. 19, Maskell's Hotel. Unanimously agreed that M. G. W. Slocombe be elected a life member, also that all members of the society who are serving with the colours be exempt from paying contributions. Letters read from Mr. E. J. Banks, re holding a member's show in October. Sec. was instructed to write to Mrs. D. Longden conveying the sympathy of the members in her recent sad loss of her husband. Sec. was instructed to call a summoned meeting in October to discuss the holding of an open show. Owing to members joining the army we want those who do not usually attend the meetings to attend and take their share in the work as the few who were present at the meeting decline to go on unless they are supported by the whole society. Now, members, rally up at the next meeting, our motto should be: "Shows as usual." Members elected: Messrs. Radford, Metcalfe, Wheeler, Emerson, and Price.—E. Thomas, Sec.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C

Meeting, August 21. Owing to unavoidable absence of the President, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, the chair was taken by Mr. H. J. Chittenden. Members elected: Messrs. E. Butterfield, H. Ramsbottom, J. W. Salt, and J. Mothersdale. The following is the list of prizes for show season, 1915-16. Champion section: 1st, N.G.M. 10 gns. trophy and 20s. medal; 2nd, W. A. Cowgill, 5 gns. trophy and 12s. medal; 3rd, Edwd. Clegg, 3 gns. trophy and 8s. medal; 4th, special, value 10/6, by Mr. P. Mason; 5th, special, value 7/6, by Mr. J. Chippendale. Amateur section: 1st, gold medal, value 21s., by Mr. E. Hattersley; 2nd, special, value 15s., by Mr. L. C. Casey; 3rd, special, value 10s. 6d., by Mr. J. Bailey. Junior Novice section: 1st prize, value 20s.; 2nd, value 15s.; 3rd, value 10s.; all presented by the Club. Cash specials as last year. Mr. J. W. Ramsden's special for most points gained by a novice or an amateur at Patronage shows. Mr. John Firth was elected on the committee. As the Club's year-book is ready for the press, intending members should send in their names at once for inclusion in same.—J. Chambers, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD LINNET CLUB.

Annual general meeting, Aug. 21, with a good attendance. Officials for coming season elected:—Chair, W. Nelson; treas., Mrs. Parker; sec., W. Dobson; assist. sec., B. Milner; committee, W. Caddy, W. Watkiss, J. Williams, J. Roper, J. Brindley, J. Wainwright, and A. Longfield. The cup was presented to Mr. J. Williams for the highest score of the year, 148 seconds out of 4 minutes; he also won the highest break with the same bird, doing 59 seconds in one break. He is to be congratulated with having a bird to win the cup and two gold medals in one sing. S. Morley won gold medal for best average with 76½ points, the highest ever gained. On Sept. 4 there will be an open sing, first pair of birds in the window at 3. After the sing there will be a general meeting for the alteration of rules, and we hope all members and intending members will turn up. Open sing Aug. 28, 12 birds: 1, Watkiss; 2, 3, W. Nelson.—W. Dobson, Sec.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting, Market Tavern, Bradford, August 28. Mr. W. A. Cowgill chair. Correspondence read from societies applying for patronage, and the following were granted same:—City of Bradford, Oct. 16; Carlisle, Oct. 27 and 28; Sheffield, O.S., Nov. 5 and 6; Blaydon, Nov. 12 and 13; Halifax, Nov. 19 and 20; London C.B.A., Dec. 10, 11, and 13. We are still wanting four more to make the number up, so will societies who would like our patronage, and who are holding an open show on any other date not previously mentioned above please apply at once so that I can have them printed in our year-book. Once more I appeal to Norwich fanciers to join us, sub. 2s. 6d. a year. We are giving Mr. E. Hattersley's cup for most points in amateur section, all birds to count, to be held only for one year, and also a gold medal, valued at one guinea, £1 1s. along with it; and also two other specials besides for amateurs as follows: 15s., 2nd, 10s. 3rd. Novices as follows: 1st 10s., 2nd silver medal with enamel centre, 3rd 2s. 6d. special. So will amateurs and novices rally round us and join at once. Full particulars on application to 16, Back Manor St., Eccleshill, Bradford.—S. Wilcock, Sec.

BORDER FANCY C.C.

Meeting of the patronage committee, Aug. 28, 142, High-st., Edinburgh; Mr. G. W. Brown, president, in the chair, and every member of Council present. The chairman referred to the great loss the club had sustained during the year through the death of Mr. Thos. Arnot, Hawick, and moved that the sec. be instructed to insert same in minutes, which was unanimously agreed to. The new classification, by which Variegateds, Greens, and Cinnamons would be better catered for, was considered, and the following classification agreed upon:—4 clear or ticked, 1 each even marked, yell., varieg. cock, buff ditto, yellow or buff varieg. hen, yellow or buff Green cock, ditto hen, yellow or buff Cinnamon cock, ditto hen. The committee thought it would be advisable to grant medals to three open shows in Scotland and three in England, on condition that they adopt this new classification, both to encourage members and to do our best for the few open shows that we have this year. Sec. was instructed to write to the secs. of the shows selected. Where three medals are competed for they will be for clear or varieg., Green or Cinnamons, and novices. A number of applications were considered, and those whose classification did not meet the approval of committee were to be asked to rectify same as early as possible.—W. B. Smart, Sec.

The Shows.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Last F.F. Show, Aug. 21, Headquarters, only 22 birds were staged, all Yorks. Mr. H. Cawtheray, Huddersfield, judged. Cl. Yell. Yorks. (6): 1, 2, Atkinson; 3, Wood; vhc, F. Sykes; hc, c, Armistead. Buff (3): 1, 2, F. Sykes; 3, Townend. Mkd. Yell. (6): 1, 2, 3, F. Sykes; vhc, Shinn; hc, Buttle and Coupland; c, Armistead. Buff (7): 1, Skinn; 2, 3, Wood; vhc, hc, Buttle and Coupland; c, F. Sykes. —A. Lawford, Sec.

Singing Contests.

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KIPPAX.

Members' sing, Commercial Hotel, Aug. 28, for three prizes: 1, Plows; 2, Collinson; 3, Collinson; largest break, Plows, 30; timekeepers, O. Potter, R. Plows; tappers, J. Wallis, W. Perkin. We are continuing our contests for a few more weeks, and trust members will attend.—R. Plows, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Cross Keys Hotel, Halfpenny-lane, open Linnet contest, Aug. 28: 1, 2, 3, Nelson. Open sing, Aug. 29: 1, Plows; 2, 3, W. Nelson.—A. Bull, Sec.

Open Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, Aug. 28; 13 entered for 3 prizes, and some very good singing was done for four minutes' time singing. Mr. T. Jones carrying off all three prizes and doing the grand score of 102 for first place. Open sing, Aug. 29, three minutes time; 19 birds: 1, Watkiss; 2, 3, Blackshear. We had a few members from the Castleford Linnet Club, and some good birds they have got too. We had another good day of singing. Mr. Watkins doing a score of 100 for first in three minutes. We hope they will pay us another visit.—J. Beard, Assist. Sec.

LEEDS.

Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, Leeds, open match, quality and time singing, Sept. 4; three special prizes.—(Advt.)

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Rd., open contest for quality Linnet singing, Aug. 29, 19 birds sang for three prizes: 1, Johnson; 2, Howarth; 3, Wood. Judges, Hardcastle and Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Open contest, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, 16 of the best birds in Leeds sang for three prizes, and some very good singing was heard before a crowded house, with friends from other clubs: 1, J. Parker; 2, W. Condliffe, a Leeds Roller fancier who has become a member of our club, and we all wish him the best of luck in his new fancy; 3, H. Wigfield. Messrs. A. Bryan and T. Butterfield judged. Aug. 29, 15 birds entered: 1, Parker; 2, Wigfield; 3, Hirst. Messrs. A. Bryan and T. Butterfield judges.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Questions and Answers.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

GROWTH ON BEAK (Troubled).—Has the bird started to moult? If not, its trouble is probably connected with its failure to do so, in which case it would be advisable to give it a vapour bath as a first step, to induce it to make a start. To do this place the bird in a small open wire cage, stand it on a table, and arrange it so that you can cover all over with a small blanket or shawl, leaving an inch or two of space all round it. Then place a small mug of nearly boiling water near the cage, and place under the cover. After 15 or 20 minutes remove the mug, but leave the cover over the cage for another half hour or so. Then return the bird to its cage, and keep it rather on the warm side, and a light cover over the cage to avoid any chill or draught. Then go on with the following treatment:—Add to the water 20 drops of Fluid Magnesia daily until the bowels move freely, but not too much so. After that two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards, give instead 20 drops of whisky, five of syrup of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. In addition to the usual seed diet give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and well sprinkled with maw seed, every second day, and a half-ripe plantain stalk or some green salad daily. Just moisten the swellings over the beak with sulphur ointment, and then dust well with dry boracic acid twice a week for a month if necessary; probably they may disappear in less time than that. If the bird is already moulting naturally, you need not give the vapour bath, but give the rest of the treatment, and if the bird is not considerably better in a fortnight or so, please write again, and repeat particulars, and I will advise you further.

EATS ONLY RAPE (G. R. Mason).—If the bird keeps apparently in good health and condition, there is really nothing to worry about, because it eats nothing but rape. You have doubtless a very good sample of summer rape, or it would not perhaps be so partial to it, and there is no harm at all in good sound rape. Many roller fanciers would be only too glad for their birds to subsist almost entirely on it. See that you get a good sound and sweet canary seed, and then nearly fill the seed-box with this each day, place a small teaspoonful of rape on top, and just stir it slightly into the top layer of canary. If you do this systematically for a time the bird will doubtless gradually acquire a taste for the canary seed. Give half a teaspoonful of the mixed seed separately twice a week, and once a week a morsel of bread and milk, or a small teaspoonful of any good substitute for egg-food. Give a small spray of green food each day. Restlessness in a young bird is not necessarily a sign that anything is wrong with its health, but rather the reverse.

ABOUT HENS (Yorkshire Hens).—(1) There is no reason why the young hens bred last season, and which have not nested this year, should not breed quite successfully next season, provided they are in good robust health and active condition. You do not say anything about their nesting performances this season, so I cannot form any opinion as to the probable cause, but I see no reason why you should not give them another chance with the above conditions. (2) I take it this question means at what age does a hen

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some useless as a stock bird. If this is so, the answer is that no definite age can be named, because individuals vary immensely in this respect. Some hens rapidly lose their reproductive powers after the second or third season, whilst others will make very serviceable stock birds for eight or nine years, and there are exceptional cases which have bred well longer than this. But, as a rule, one may expect a diminution of powers after the fourth season, so that only hens of exceptionally good pedigree, or those which consistently produce young with some outstanding feature, and still show signs of healthy vigour, need be kept after this time.

EFFECT OF PLUCKING (C. P. W.).—It is extremely doubtful whether the feathers that were plucked will be moulted again in the moult that is about to commence, therefore, as the plucking seems to have been very extensive, I should advise you not to colour-feed the bird this time, but keep it for non-fed classes if you wish to exhibit it. You would certainly get a "patchy" or mottled appearance if you colour-fed it in present circumstances.

INBREEDING (Blairhill).—You omit two important details in your query which rather limits the usefulness of any reply; the colour of the parents of these young, and the breed in question. In any case the mating you suggest is closer than should be, unless there is some definite object in view, as the chances of a considerable loss of size are very great. It would, however, be better to intercross the parents with the young than to cross the young only among themselves. Thus you will see the value of a knowledge of the above points. As the old birds have not been directly inbred, I would suggest the following matings, provided the colour of the old birds is suitable, as the best you could attempt without introducing fresh blood. But even with this, you must not be surprised to lose a little size in the progeny. If the old cock is a yellow, mate him with young ticked buff hen only, but if a buff mate him with both the young hens. The clear buff young cock mate with the sister of his mother, and also with the lightly marked yellow young hen, if this bird is not used with the old cock. The clear yellow young cock mate with the remaining old hen, which, again, is the sister of its mother. I should not advise you to inter-breed with any of the progeny of these matings again, especially if the birds are Norwich, or any other breed where size and substance are a consideration.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Baltye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Wrston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BIRDS IN BEDROOM (Robertson).—I am afraid it can be only the outcome of absolute ignorance to assert that it is necessarily unhealthy to sleep in the same room as Canaries are kept in, provided, of course, that the hobby is kept within reasonable limits. If the room is of fair size, hygienic, and properly ventilated, so as to make it a healthy domicile for human beings, the latter would take not the slightest harm from the presence of a few birds comfortably accommodated in a corner, set apart for them. On the other hand, if the room were in any way unhygienic or inefficiently ventilated, the bad effect of these conditions would be seen in and felt by the birds much sooner than by the human occupants, they being far more susceptible to these adverse conditions than humans. There are more than a few people who have no other convenience for housing their pets, who do as you suggest doing, and so long as they attend with scrupulous care to the sanitary conditions, I do not think they will ever be a "penny the worse" in health for it. But if either suffered I am sure the Birds would be the first victims.

CANARY WITH COLD (E. Allfrey).—Keep the bird in a fairly warm place where the temperature is equable; keep a light cover over the cage, and withhold the bath until all symptoms of cold have disappeared. Every second day for a fortnight, in addition to the usual seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. On the alternate days add to the drinking water four drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre. If not quite well at the end of a fortnight or so, write again, and repeat particulars, and I will advise you further.

LOSS OF SONG (Wellington).—It is not at all unusual for a cock to cease singing for the time being when mated with a hen, whether the mating is successful or otherwise does not affect the matter in the least, and it cannot be termed a complaint in any sense of the term. It is rather an idiosyncrasy, harmless enough, of the individual, and such cocks often recommence singing as soon as taken away from the hen, or, at least, as soon as the moult is quite finished, as they are not always separated until the breeding season is over, and the moult is about to begin. But your query rather suggests that the birds have only just lately ceased singing, and if that is the case, the stoppage is probably due to the approach of the moult, as it is quite the rule for cocks after their first season to cease singing during the moulting season. It is only the few exceptions that go to prove the rule that sing through the moult. Therefore, I do not think you need worry at all about them not singing just now. Keep them rather on the warm side as soon as they drop into moult, see that they are not exposed to cold draughts or chills, and give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, or a little egg-food as a substitute, three times a week, and aim at getting them through a quick and complete moult. At the end of it you may add to the water 20 drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and a drop of pure honey about the size of a small pea, three times a week for a week or two.

BALD HEAD (H. G.).—The red mites may, of course, be an indirect cause of the loss of feathers, but are in no sense a direct one. Thoroughly overhaul the cage and see that the mites are exterminated as far as possible, as you will have seen advised in detail in these replies quite recently. Allow bird to bathe as freely as it likes, provided it does not show signs of chill afterwards. Then treat as follows for a month or six weeks, and the bird should come through the moult, if not quite in faultless plumage, as nearly so as you can expect to get it again. In addition to the staple seed diet, give twice a week a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, chopped sunflower seeds, and broken groats. Every third day give also a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut dusted with flour of sulphur, and then sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the day following this add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. If new quills appear about the neck at the end of a month you may cease giving the sulphur and potash, etc., in the water, and add to the water instead 20 drops of Chemical Food every second day during the last fortnight of the course of treatment. Glad you found previous advice useful.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

TREATMENT OF GREYPATES (A. Mack).—I have no doubt your Greypates are in the moult; probably you are not well up in birdy matters, so you may not detect it, and, if as you say they are wild, any loose feathers would soon be fanned out of the cage. The seeds you are giving them are rather too stimulating for general use. You had better make up the following mixture: Teazle 4 parts, canary 3 parts, hemp 2 parts, summer rape ½ part, and give them this as stock food. Also mix 3 parts niger to 1 of maw, and give a little every other day. Crack some sunflower seeds and give daily. If you can procure a good brand of wild seed mixture, they could have a spoonful of it occasionally. This you would find particularly useful during the winter months, but just now you should be giving them a liberal supply of wild food, which you can collect for yourself, especially thistles. These are in their prime now, and if you take a trip to the fields and waste places with a decent sized bag, you can get enough in an hour or so to last some time. The seed heads should be laid out in the sun to thoroughly dry before storing. In addition to these you can get sow thistle, hard heads, plantains, etc. Failing a good supply of these, give the birds a little seed that has been kept damp for a few days until it commences to germinate. Keep them in a fair-sized cage. Get them as steady as you can, and let them bathe frequently. Do not spray them unless you are obliged to, as it is much better for them to bathe naturally. If they are cock birds they will commence to sing as soon as they are through the moult. Do not leave off their present seed too suddenly. Break them from it carefully.

TROUBLE WITH LINNETS (Robt. Melvin).—Personally, I have never had any trouble in moulting Linnets, either in cage or aviary, and I am rather surprised that you should fail with these and succeed with all the other Finches. I think you would have been wise to have sent one of the dead birds to Mr. Yates for post-mortem examination; it would probably have given you the clue you want as to the proper treatment. If your Linnets are with other birds it is just possible you are feeding rather heavily, and Linnets cannot stand rich food. If this is the case, I would advise you to try a change of diet, and feed as follows: Canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, summer rape and charlock 1 part each, and supply them liberally with wild food, and if you think you would like to give them something in the way of soft food, let it be soaked seed. A pinch of salt occasionally at the bottom of the cage aids digestion. I fear I cannot advise you further without knowing more of your treatment.

STOCKING AVIARY (T. S. F.).—I gather from your sketch of aviary and notes that you want one of your compartments for breeding, and the other for singing birds and birds of plumage. Taking No. 1 aviary first, you could turn in there from 4 to 6 Canary hens, and two cock Canaries, or, if you preferred to breed Mules, a couple of stout Goldfinches, or even one Goldie and a Linnet or Greenfinch. Do not overcrowd this breeding aviary. You will probably do better with 4 healthy hens than 6, although in aviary breeding one generally has to remove a hen or two as the season goes on.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERIST

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them." No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

I notice on the drawing of No. 2 aviary you say "How many Goldfinches and Bullfinches?" Half-a-dozen birds would be sufficient for this aviary. If you have all cocks, you can please yourself as to your mixture, but if you include both sexes, you had better have one pair of Bullfinches and a cock Goldfinch with two hens. Hen Bullfinches do not as a rule agree very well together. Get these birds as soon as you can and turn them in before the winter. (2) The seed you sent is called Persicaria. It is useful in wild seed mixtures. The grains are very hard when ripe, and consequently birds only take it sparingly.

FEEDING YOUNG BLACKBIRD (N. V. Charles).—The sample of food you sent is all right for the purpose it is intended, but I would advise you to feed your bird on something more nourishing. Blackbirds are scarcely so robust as most people think, and I fear there are many badly fed. You had better procure a lb. of insectile food, as used for Warblers, and feed him on this, mixing it with scraped carrot or dampling it with a spoonful of fresh milk. You will get far more song out of your bird with generous treatment. Dissolve as much Glauber's salts as will cover a sixpence in two tablespoonsful of water, and give him for one day only, repeating the dose three days later. I think you would do better to keep him inside for a time and partly cover the cage with a thin cloth; this will assist him to shed his feathers, and help you in getting him steady. You should speak to him quietly when you go near the cage, and a good time to do this is directly after he has had his bath. Birds soon get to know their attendants, and the Blackbird, as a rule, is not a very difficult subject to manage. Do not forget to give him all the insects you can gather, also plenty of fruit. The wild Blackbirds are living on it just now; apples and pears are their favourites.

BIRDS FOR AVIARY (Buchan).—Your aviary would accommodate 4 pairs of birds, but it is not large enough for them to nest in. If you are desirous to breed in it you would do far better to give it up to one pair only; your chances of success would then be much better. Anyway, if you would be content to have them for pleasure only, the three pairs you mention and one other would do nicely. Linnets would suit you; they are not quarrelsome nor greedy. (2) You are not obliged to have all cock birds; properly assorted pairs agree well and, to my mind, are far more interesting than single birds. If you decide to have all males, your selection could include one or two Buntings. These agree, as a rule, very well with Finches and are content if they get plenty of canary seed, and if you have these in an aviary it is as well to keep a vessel full of this seed for them. A good staple food for a mixed aviary would be: Canary seed 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, rape 2 parts. Also little sunflower daily, and every other day a spoonful per bird of wild seed mixture, which you can purchase in packet form from most corn dealers. See that it is wild seed—not simply a mixture of ordinary seeds. Hemp, niger and maw could be given in small quantities on other days. These seeds are more for the benefit of the Goldies than the others. The food vessels should be of the self-filling kind, so that they do not require constant attention, although they should be filled at regular intervals. If your aviary is outside, put these vessels so that the mice are unable to get at the seed. This at all times is a difficult matter; in fact, the only safe way is to suspend the vessels from the roof by a thin wire. The water vessels should be outside and washed and filled daily. In a small place the bath should be hung on outside in the same way as one does with ordinary cages. A small bath cage with bath fitted to it can be purchased at any bird dealer's.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BUDGERIGARS NOT FEATHERING (Tickle).—Budgerigars that have been inbred for several generations, that have been allowed to exhaust themselves by too continuous breeding, and birds that are getting old and exhausted, often throw young that do not feather properly. Your birds may ultimately feather all right, as they are strong and otherwise fit. Keep them by themselves in a roomy cage that will enable them to be active. Give them a little scalded biscuit daily, lightly spreading it with cod liver oil emulsion and dusting it with sulphur. If they prefer it better so, you can make a sop of the biscuit, using, of course, the emulsion and sulphur as above. While it lasts supply seeding and flowering grass ad lib., also grit, and keep cuttlebone continually in the cage; otherwise the ordinary dietary will suffice. I advise, however, keeping a millet spray hanging from the top of the cage, as picking out the seeds will supply them with healthy exercise. Apart from this there is nothing else to do but wait on nature to right matters. If the birds keep strong and continue to do well, undoubtedly the feathers will ultimately be produced. On the other hand it is possible that inherent weakness may develop, and that they may lose some of the few feathers they now possess; in such case the best thing is to have them painlessly destroyed. If the parents of these bring off another brood similarly deficient in plumage, then I should not permit them to breed again, at any rate, not for some considerable time.

LEMON-CRESTED COCKATOO NESTING (N.H.W.).—I do not think the Lemon-Crest has been bred in captivity in the British Isles; at any rate, my memory does not recall any such instance. But it was bred at liberty in the grounds of Northrepp's Hall. There is, of course, quite an element of risk in removing the fowl's egg, all must depend upon the demeanour of the birds; if you can remove it unobtrusively it would be better to do so, but I should advise having a warmed dummy egg similar to one of their own to put in its place; of course, if the hen's egg hatches out the chick will have to be removed at all risks. Two to three eggs are usually laid. As regards diet, keep up the ordinary menu; supply also broken biscuits, ripe fruit, greenfood, nuts, dry boiled potato, carrot and stale crusts of bread. While feeding young they may be given mealworms, and any large smooth caterpillars obtainable; wood-boring larvæ would be very acceptable, especially large ones. If another egg is laid I should risk the removal of the fowl's egg, if you can get access to the nest without causing a disturbance or driving off the incubating bird. It is a most interesting event, and I hope you will communicate the result to the Editor in due course. I had better, perhaps, add that these birds develop slowly, and that the young are likely to remain in the nest nearly three months, or more.

GREEN PARROT WITH DIARRHŒA (H. F.).—You do not mention the kind of Parrot it is, which makes it rather difficult to be as definite as one would like as to its diet. It should not have soft-food, and possibly this lies at the root of the trouble; however, you had better give a little soft-food till the diarrhœa yields; prepare it so: into a teacup put one teaspoonful cornflour, ditto of condensed milk, and half a teaspoonful of cod liver oil emulsion, beat into a paste, then fill the cup barely half (say, one-third) full of boiling water, and again stir well; while still hot pour this over either stale bread, plain biscuits, or sponge cake. Give this daily till the diarrhœa yields, and when this occurs write again at once. It will be well also to lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food. Give the following seed mixture: one quart each (best only) white oats and giant canary seed, and one pint each sunflower seed, wheat, dari, hemp, and shelled pea-nuts, well mix and keep supply in cage. Also supply ripe fruit, piece dry biscuit, sponge cake. Keep cuttlebone and Parrot grit continually in the cage, also a piece of a thick branch for it to exercise its mandibles upon. As the bird has been in bad health for some weeks you cannot look for rapid amendment, but unless too far gone there should soon be a slight improvement at any rate.

TANAGERS AND SUGARBIRDS (Bingley).—I should need a whole page to properly answer your queries. A good insectile mixture (soft-food), ripe fruit, milk-sop, and a few live insects. In an outdoor aviary you had better supply all the above and leave the birds to help themselves. It is most difficult to lay down any rule as to what species of Tanagers will agree together, much depends on the size of the aviary and the extent of its cover; it is best, however, to choose species which are dissimilar in colour when they are to occupy the same aviary. Yes, they can be kept in cages during the winter, keeping a watchful oversight that they do not become over-fat. Tanagers so far have been shy breeders in captivity, but the Scarlet, Blue, and Black have all reared young in captivity. I have kept Violet, Blue, Black, Maroon and Scarlet Tanagers together in a large garden aviary. Their song is of varying merit, the Violet is a good songster. I must know size of aviary before I can express any opinion as to how many pairs it will accommodate; it would be better to put other softbills with them than give the aviary entirely up to the Tanagridæ. I can only say that the male Violet Tanager is rich violet-black above, with the crown of the head and under-parts rich cadmium yellow; the hen is principally olive green, greyer and lighter on the under-parts. Sugarbirds do well on a syrup sop of Mellin's food, Horlick's malted milk, and honey, mixed with boiling water. Their song does not amount to a great deal, but some of them have a cheery, pleasing little lay. They will do in the same aviary with Tanagers, but you must be careful what you mix together. I should suggest two pairs only, say, either Blue, and Yellow-winged, or Blue and Purple Sugarbirds. Other parts of query same as Tanagers. They will do well in the winter caged and in the temperature of an ordinary living room, but must not be subjected to draughts. Sugarbirds have not yet been bred in captivity, though in several aviaries success has been all but obtained. The foreign Starlings make better aviary birds than cage birds; as regards the latter condition they are about on a par with our English bird. If there were a shelter attached to your aviary they would live out of doors all the year round. Malabar Starlings have reared young in my aviary this season. One pair could be kept with the Tanagers, etc. Your aviaries should be far more workable if a shelter shed, say, 6ft. square, were attached to each; the shelter should be span-roofed, and can be quite open to the aviary; the walls should have "a hedge" of twiggy branches fixed all round them. The Euphonia Tanagers, of which the Violet is one, and the Chlorophonia Tanager, of which the Necklace is a representative, are different species. Once established, however, and treated as you suggest, most species of Tanagers and Sugarbirds should prove fairly long-livers, but you are almost sure to get annoying losses in getting your collection together, unless you procure acclimatised birds, and even then a removal from one locality to another is always attended with a certain amount of risk.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

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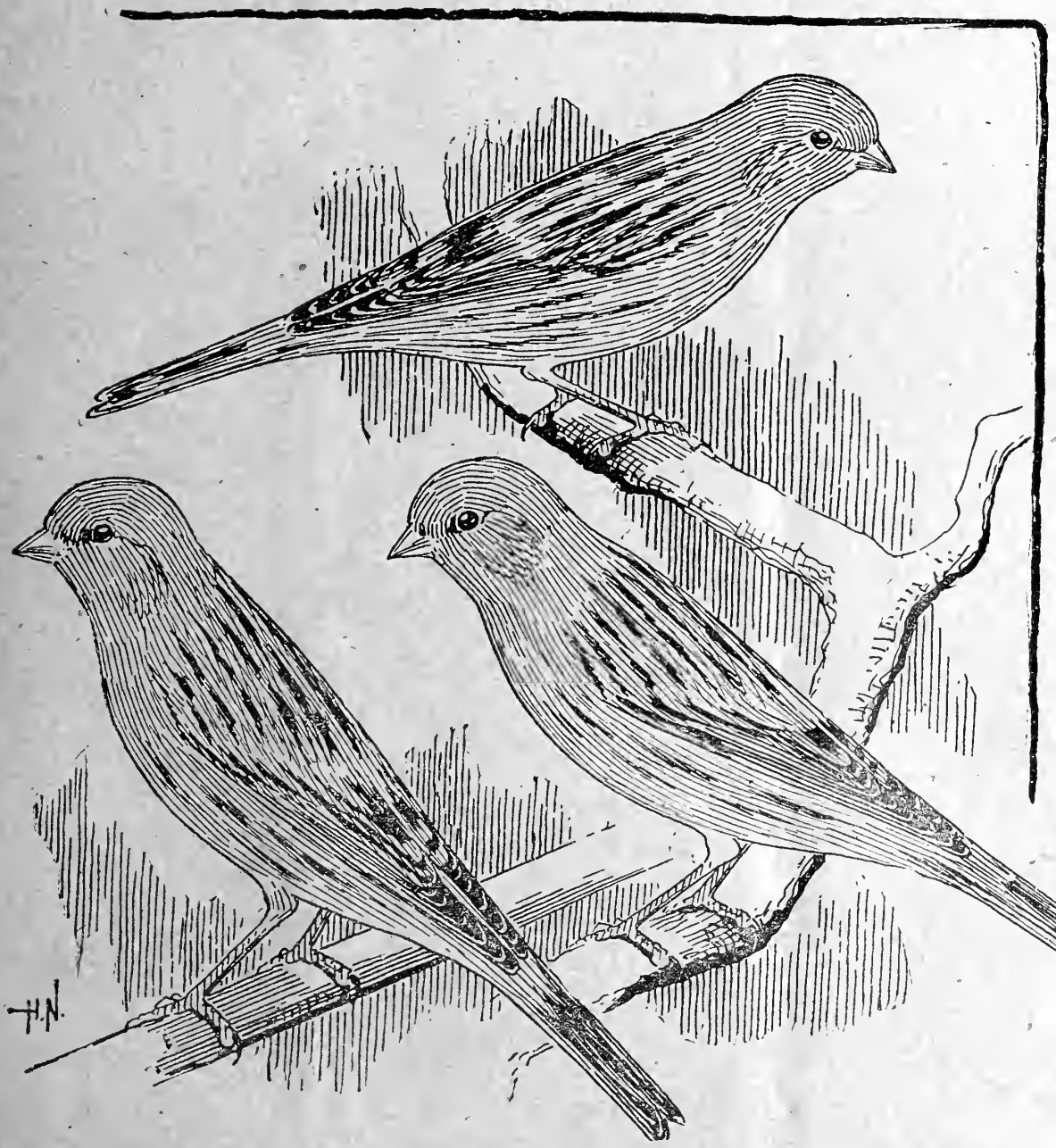

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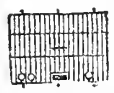

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WANTED anything alive: Jopson, Newton Heath, Manchester. (446)

WANTED, pair of Cockatiels, for outdoor aviary: All Saints' Rectory, Hastings. (442)

Club Reports.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB

Meeting, September 4, Mr. Peter Pettigrew presided over a good attendance. Classification of annual show was confirmed at 61 classes. Mr. J. H. Adam will give a paper on "General Management of Canaries," at next meeting, Oct. 2, at 7.—J. H. Adam, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Sept. 4, Lockhart's; Mr. Walton, chair, before a very poor attendance. We have engaged Trinity Church Schools for our annual show, Nov. 12, 13, and it behoves all members to put their shoulder to the wheel and try and make the show a success, as we are going to more expense than ever before; for a show the rooms are ideal. I should be pleased to hear from any outside member or friend who would care to give a special so as to make up as good a schedule as possible.—H. Best, Sec.

BATHGATE C.B.S.

Meeting and F.F. show, September 4; over 20 birds were staged. Nor.: 1, 2, 3, Strachan. Mules and Hybrids were a strong class; three Greenfinch-Bullfinch, and one Linnet-Bullie being among the collection: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, McLean; 5, 7, Strachan. Hardbill: 1, 2, Strachan. The president, Mr. R. Bald, judged, and gave everybody satisfaction. Agreed to hold another table show, Oct. 16, classes to be fixed at next meeting, Sept. 18. This brought a very successful meeting to a close.—A. Nicol, Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Meeting, Sept. 4, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., Mr. F. Harrison presided over a fair attendance of members, and one visitor, to hear Mr. Hodder lecture on the Norwich Plainhead. Mr. Hodder, however, was unable to be present, and in his absence the members passed a very pleasant evening in some interesting questions and answers. Mr. H. Bell will open a discussion on colour-feeding at next meeting, Sept. 18. Visitors will receive a hearty welcome.—W. Gilbert, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHMOOR SOCIAL CLUB.

Meeting, Aug. 29, Mr. Taylor, chair, and a big attendance. Decided to go on with stewards for annual show, Nov. 6 and 7. The deputation report from Consett was very satisfactory, the Chairman and Secretary also gave a very satisfactory report from the managing board; they are going to give the usual donation of £5, which is a good lift to a society. Decided that Chairman and Sec. get paid their expenses for deputation to Consett, and the meeting closed after a pleasant evening had been spent.—George Lane, Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting and table show held Aug. 26, Mr. Crawhall presided. Decided to hold our members' show, Dec. 4, in the room adjoining the King Edward Hotel, kindly lent by Mr. J. B. Bell. The following shows were granted the club's patronage: Newcastle, Oct. 23; Carlisle, Oct. 27 and 28 (champion section only); Hartlepool, Nov. 6; Blaydon, Nov. 12 and 13; Haltwhistle, Nov. 19 and 20; Whitchaven (date not fixed). Table show awards: Nov. Cl.: 1, 4, Havis; 2, 3, Studholme; vhc, Gregory; hc, c, Leach. Mr. Wm. Mather judged to the satisfaction of everyone.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting, Sept. 1, Mr. W. G. Fellows, chair. Mr. W. Sargant was elected a member. Mr. G. Gamble had come from Winchester to give his lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, but owing to the heavy rain the attendance was limited, and Mr. Gamble kindly consented to postpone his lecture until next meeting (Oct. 5, at 7.30). In order not to disappoint those present Mr. Gamble gave some seasonable and useful hints which were much appreciated. He dealt with causes and cures of diarrhoea, etc. in young birds, and laid stress on the need of at once isolating any ailing bird and cleaning out the cage immediately to prevent spread of disease. Birds should be selected and classed for stock, exhibition, and sale after the moult, never before, as many a bird winning in F.F. shows takes a wrong turning and dashes the fancier's hopes, while many a little thought of one takes the right turn and moults out a winner. Mr. Gamble gave his system of colour-feeding, and pointed out the need to thoroughly clean out cages before moult, that birds might not soil their new plumage. Care was needed in seeing that show cages were clean, the best of birds shown dirty in a dirty cage being heavily handicapped. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer closed the meeting.—G. J. Slade, Asst. Sec.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

Quarterly general meeting, Headquarters, Sept. 1, before a moderate attendance. Schedule for Open Show, Oct. 27 and 28, was finally gone through and the show should prove one of the most attractive in the North. The classification is Bord. 18, Nor. 14, York 41, Hyb. 5, Brit. 11, Foreign 4, Gift 1, and the show will be held under the patronage of the B.F.C.C., N.B.F.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C., Y.C.C., C. and W.Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., N.N.P.C., etc., etc. For the six sections, as before stated, we have secured six silver cups for most points in each section and we have also two solid silver cups for most points throughout the show and best bird in the show. The members' silver cup is awarded this year for the best Norwich Canary shown by a member. (Nine silver cups in all). With such a schedule before the fanciers, our show should prove second to none this season as the railway facilities are the best in the country. London, 7 hours; Glasgow, Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield, Leeds, etc., 3½ hours; Newcastle, 2 hours. All on through mail trains. All birds in fact, no matter what distance, if not delivered on same night as show finishes will be at their destination on the following morning. Sec. was instructed to make arrangements with the Manchester Society to have any birds sent on to their show by train leaving Carlisle at 4.22 p.m., so that they have time to settle down for that show also. Prize money as usual, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s.; the judges are Mr. Robson, London; Mr. T. McCredie, Dumfries; and Mr. W. Nicholson, Stockton-on-Tees. The gift class birds will all be sold for some deserving charity, so exhibitors will be doing good to some national cause if they forward an odd cage (show cage not included in the sale). All profit from selling classes will also be added. All our members are very enthusiastic, and so we expect fanciers to rally round and make the show the success the society's enterprise deserves.—John C. Bell, Hon. Sec.

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SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Oct. 6.—**Idle C.B.S.**—(C. A. House, Briardene, Idle, Bradford.) W.M.
Oct. 8-9.—**Preston O.S.** (G. Buck, 5, Nevett St.)
Oct. 12-13.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)
Oct. 14.—**Hanley C.B.S.** (C. Beckett, 32, Hamilton-rd., Birkenhead, Hanley.) J.R.
Oct. 15-16.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(H. Warburton, 73, Ellesmere Rd., Lower Walton, Warrington.) H.W.B., G.L., J.H.L.
Oct. 16.—**Coventry O.S.** (A. Green, 205, Stoney Stanton Rd.)
Oct. 21.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Holliday, 58, George St.) J.R.
Oct. 22-23.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.)
Oct. 23.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.) J.R.
Oct. 26-28.—**London and P.O.S.**—(H. L. Huggins, 130, Myddleton Rd., Bowes Park, London.)
Oct. 27-28.—**Carlisle (Border City) O.S.**—(J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.)
Oct. 29-30.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlboro Av., Manley Park, Manchester). L.D., J.B., R.B., J.D., H.J.C.
Oct. 30.—**York C.B.S.**—(V. G. F. Zimmerman, 7, Portland Street.)
Nov. 3-4.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terr.)
Nov. 5-6.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., J.R., J.C.B., H.W.B., J.B.
Nov. 6.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(J. W. Thornton, 43, Rydal St., W. Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M., W.N.
Nov. 6-8.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street.) J.T., H.J.C.
Nov. 9-10.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(G. W. Jones, 156, Holdenhurst Rd.) H.N.
Nov. 12-13.—**Blaydon-on Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.) T.D., J.M., H.W.B.
Nov. 13.—**Barnsley C.B.S.**—(E. Toulson, 102, Cope St.)
Nov. 13.—**Chester C.B.S.**—(L. Cavanagh, "Berwyn," Vicar's Cross, Chester.) H.W.B.
Nov. 13.—**Ardwick & Manchester C.B.S.**—(J. Spencer, 193, Palmerston Street, Beswick, Manchester.)
Nov. 17.—**Reading C.B.S.**—(O. C. Smith, 73, Audley St.)
Nov. 19-20.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.) W.M., H.W.B.
Nov. 19-20.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(Wm. Taffantyre, South View.)
Nov. 25.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.)
Nov. 27.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.**—(F. A. Green, 54, Caludon Rd.) H.W.B.
Dec. 1-2.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 211, Park Rd., Aston, Birmingham.) J.R., J.H.R.
Dec. 1-2.—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place, Southampton.) H.N.
Dec. 8-9.—**Watford C.B.S.**—(W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Rd.) F.E., H.N., A.S., H.J.W.
Dec. 10-11.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—(W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle).

Scotland.

Nov. 12-13.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital Street.) W.G., J. M'L., W. M'M., C.M., A.W., M.C.
Nov. 20.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S.**—(A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place.)

1916.
Jan. 1.—**Wishaw, Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)

Wales.

Oct. 20.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(H. H. Mortimer, 4, Granville St.)
Nov 17.—**Llandudno** (Welsh N. Counties F. and F.A.).—(G. E. Cragg, "Rocklands," Rhos, Colwyn Bay.)
Nov. 17-18.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.H.R.

1916.
Jan. 11.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. H. Davies, 24, College Hill.)

Ireland.

Nov. 24-25.—**Dublin Y.C.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(W. C. Sholedice, 38, Haddington Rd.) W.M.
Dec. 3-4.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(W. Montgomery, 62, Church Street).

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Twitterings.

Mr. J. R. Meikle, hon. sec. Scottish National C.B.S., has removed from Brougham Street to 15, Angle Park Terrace, Edinburgh.

We have fixed our Old Bird Show and Open Linnet class for Nov. 27 (Mr. A. Hirst, of Accrington, will judge), writes Mr. R. Charleson, secretary Leigh C.B.S.

Mr. Geo. Broome, hon. sec., writes that the Blaenavon C.B.S. has been compelled to alter the date of its open show from Nov. 4 to Nov. 25, so as to engage Mr. Robson to judge, and he hopes this will meet with the approval of intending exhibitors, as it will not [illegible] any other show for a reason-

Mr. Jas. Fyfe, hon. sec. Forfar C.B.S., writes that no shows will be held in Forfar this year, as all the halls are in military occupation.

The Glasgow and Western Counties Club has engaged the following judges for its annual show, Jan. 22, 1916, writes Mr. J. H. Adam, hon. sec. Canaries, G. Arnott (Sinclairtown) and G. Hislop (Stirling); British and Mules, J. S. Fyfe (Forfar).

We hear from Mr. F. Turner, hon. sec. Leeds Quality Linnet Singing Club, that at each club contest held in the future there will be two special prizes given for the best plumaged birds, irrespective of their singing abilities.

At the next monthly meeting of the London and Provincial O.S. on Sept. 16, at 8, at the Raglan Hotel, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Aldersgate Street, E.C., Mr. Geo. Mortlock is giving a lecture on British Birds, writes Mr. H. L. Huggins, hon. sec. All interested will receive a hearty welcome.

Societies desiring the patronage of the Norwich Plainhead Club should kindly make application at once, as the committee meets on Saturday next, Sept. 18, writes F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark Street, Burnley, sec. The committee have withdrawn all restrictions regarding classifications, judges, and number of cup shows, so please hurry up.

It has been decided that all competitions of the Southern Yorkshire C.C. should stand this year, writes Mr. J. W. Rennie, Junction Hotel, Andover, Hants., hon. sec. Societies desirous of the club's patronage should make application as early as possible, with dates of show and judges, and stating if they are willing to have novice support as well as champion.

We have appointed the following judges for our open show at the Co-operative Hall, Benwell, writes Mr. J. W. Reed, sec., Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S., 218, Ladykirk Road, Newcastle: Messrs. T. C. Crawhall, T. B. Tomlinson, T. Robson, and C. Waters. I hope to have schedules ready in about a fortnight, and shall be glad if fanciers who do not receive one will apply for same and watch for advts. in CAGE BIRDS.

"British Birds" for September, Messrs. Witherby and Co., High Holborn, one shilling monthly, opens with "Notes on the Breeding-habits of the Asiatic Golden Plover," by Miss M. D. Haviland, with illustrations from photographs by the authoress. Mr. C. W. Colthrup contributes photographs and notes on the nests of Redshanks, and the rest of the number is made up of the usual interesting notes on wild birds.

The Bird-Keepers' Roll of Honour.

The City and Suburban A.C.B. to the Front.

SIR,—At this moment your Editorial note this week has come as a fitting commentary upon the magnificent patriotic spirit prevailing in the Cage Bird Fancy, and I hasten to assure you of my whole-hearted approval of your idea to institute a ROLL OF HONOUR. It is with especial pride that I send you the subjoined names of members of the City and Suburban A.C.B., who have responded to their Nation's call:—Miss G. Shepherd (Red Cross Nurse), and Messrs. A. Beavington, A. Fleet, A. J. Marley, C. Rolls, A. Thomas, A. Bryden, H. R. Lowe, W. Piggins, J. Taylor, and E. Bush.

V. WYNN, hon. sec.

SIR,—For our society, Blaenavon C.B.S., there are two—Horace Durham, in the Ambulance Co., and James C. Daniel, in the Royal Naval Division.

G. BROOME, hon. sec.

SIR,—The Southampton C.B.S. has only one at present—Mr. F. Snowden, 18, St. Mark's Terrace, Southampton. Several members of the society are working for the Government in other ways.

W. L. PAGE, hon. sec.

SIR,—Our society, East Ardsley C.B.S., has one of its members with the colours, so I am sending you his name and regiment—James Hayward, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Our members are very pleased with your idea of a Roll of Honour for Bird-keepers.

ALBERT WALTON, sec.

[We hope that the hon. secs. of all societies with members serving with the colours will let us have particulars, in order that this Roll of Honour may be a complete record of bird-lovers who have responded to the call of their country. Readers who are themselves serving, or who have friends at the front, should also furnish us with their names so that they may be included. Some readers who are members of Cage Bird Societies have already sent in their own names, but we are reserving those for the present, so that they may be included in the records which we shall in due course receive from the respective honorary secretaries. For a long time it has been a feature of society meetings that resolutions have been passed to the effect that members at the front should be exempt from subscriptions during the term of their service. There must therefore be many societies whose secretaries have yet to forward names.—EDITOR.]

Who Sent This?

Among the replies to our last advt. in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Moore, Lambeth Aviaries, Gladstone Street, St. George's Road, London, S.E., was a letter from a Mr. Stockley for a pair of Norwich. A P.O. was enclosed, but no address was given. We trust he will write again, as we do not want him to think it was our mistake. The postmark on the envelope was Newcastle.

Cup for Cinnamons at Plymouth.

A silver cup is promised by Mr. A. B. Brown, to be competed for at the Plymouth and Western Counties O.S. open show, Oct. 12 and 13, writes Mr. W. Luscombe, assist.-sec. This cup is for Cinnamon Norwich, and is to be won by a young bird either bred or purchased by exhibitor. Here is a chance for Cinn. fanciers to send their birds west, as purchasers are about. Mr. Craven has guaranteed a Greenfinch class.

The Dartford Warbler in Staffordshire.

In Mr. J. R. B. Masefield's yearly report on the Zoology of Staffordshire, it is noted that a Dartford Warbler was seen on March 22, near Rugeley, by the Rev. J. O. Coussmaker. Witherby's "Hand-list of British Birds" says there is "Some evidence that a pair bred at Cannock Chase about 1870," so that this would appear to be the only appearance of the species in Staffordshire during the past forty-five years.

The Cuckoo as a Bird of Prey.

In "British Birds" for September Mr. C. E. Milburn gives an account of the killing by a Cuckoo of three nestling Meadow Pipits. He says: "About a foot away from the nest two nestlings were laid upon a flat piece of slag, their necks broken, and blood oozing from their heads and bodies as if they had been battered upon the piece of slag. Another young one, evidently the last to be tackled before my intervention, had dropped into a crevice close to the nest and was just alive. This was replaced into the nest, and I had to leave the place. On returning to the scene of this little tragedy two days later this nestling also lay dead upon the same piece of slag as the other two, so it seems that the Cuckoo must have returned and finished her work after I left."

In the September issue of the Avicultural Magazine, the organ of the Avicultural Society, an interesting reprint is commenced of a paper giving the results of the Feeding of Humming Birds in Nature, and read before the American Ornithologists' Union. During a period extending over seven years small phials filled with syrup were placed inside artificial flowers, and the birds resorted freely to these in preference to the natural flowers growing in the vicinity. Among the other articles are: "The Great Crested Touraco," by Leslie M. Seth Smith; "Breakfast Guests," by K. Curry; "Red Rosellas at Liberty," by the Marquis of Tavistock; "Diamond Doves," by Miss Alderson; etc. Dr. E. Hopkinson continues his useful list, "English Names for the Parrots," and the usual notes and correspondence complete a good issue.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE

Idle (Yorks.).—Co-operative Hall, Oct. 6. Judge, W. Mundell. 43 classes: Yorks. 15 (6 Nov., 3 Gr.), Bord. 6 (3 Green), Nor. 10 (4 Nov.), A.O.V. Can. or Mule 3, Brit. 6, Sell 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Sept. 27, to C. A. House, Briardene, Idle, Bradford.

"When my birds are over their moult I shall be advertising through CAGE BIRDS again, for I never fail to sell well."—MRS. MARY S. SOAMES (Bromley).

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"I should like to thank all the applicants for the Norwich Cocks I advertised in CAGE BIRDS, but it would be impossible to answer them all separately."—G. W. WELSH (Stamford).

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
THOS. BENNETT, Judge of Cage Birds; life experience; terms moderate: 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford.
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W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
G. HOBBS, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.
J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.
C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.
J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.
W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.
J. PATTERSON, Chirnside., Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.
J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.
HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.
S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, Cinn. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.
J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.
G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.
W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

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ACCRINGTON C.B.S.

Open Show of Norwich Plainheads; 9 classes will be held at Crown Hotel, Oct. 22nd and 23rd.—D. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 39, Craven Street, Accrington.

PLYMOUTH SHOW, Oct. 12th & 13th, 1915

Enquiries Solicited.

THOS. POPE, Hon. Sec., 98, Embankment Rd., Plymouth.

IDLE Oct. 6th.

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Entries close Sept. 27th.

C. A. HOUSE, Show Sec., Briardene, Idle, Yorks.

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MY OUTDOOR BIRD-ROOM: Its Construction and Its Fittings

By A. E. Moule (Abertillery).

MY solo object in this article is to give my oxperience and observations, in a cloar and terse manner, to enlighten thoso who are about to embark upon the entertaining and delightful pastimo of bird-keeping in an outdoor room, and I trust that my article will be found useful to readers of Cage Birds. Readers must first remember that if a thing is worth doing, it is worth doing well. Whatever you do, if done well, you look upon with pride.

As will be seen from the illustration of the exterior of my outside bird-room, its construction is quite simple, and yet the building is pleasing to the eye, and at the same time adapted to the requirements of its feathered occupants. My bird-room faces in a southerly direction, which is considered the best position by experts, as it gets the advantage of the morning sun, which is very essential.

Dimensions and Construction.

The roof of the building rises from the back to the front, thus providing to the best advantage both light and ventilation. It is 13ft. in length, 6ft. 6in. from back to front, 6ft. high at the back, and 7ft. in the front. It is, as will be seen, built upon a stone foundation 2ft. 6in. high, so that ventilation is ample, and the place is nice and dry. There is nothing very complicated as regards the way in which it is put together, as it is made in sections, and any fancier with a little knowledge of joinery, and a certain amount of patience, would find little difficulty in constructing his own aviary after the same fashion.

The ribs of the entire building, or stays as some call them, are all 3in. by 2in. I advise them to be of red deal, as this wood is, as a rule, nice and straight in the grain, and lasts much longer than spruce. The match-boarding outside is red deal, one inch thick when finished. The ribs are placed edgewise to the boarding, and a lining of ⅜-in. match-boarding is fixed inside, therefore there is a space of three inches between the two boards. I have this space filled with both sawdust and shavings, as I find that sawdust alone tends to draw the damp, but the shavings mixed with it tend to keep it aerated and dry; the complete walls, therefore, are nearly five inches thick.

The roof is of corrugated iron, lined inside with ¾-in. match-boards, the cavity between being filled up with sawdust and shavings, as are the walls. The floor is of ordinary flooring boards one inch thick. The window is 3ft. 6in. high and 2ft. 4in. wide, with the top part opening outwards and upwards, thus preventing the rain beating in when it is open.

The Lobby and its Uses.

The lobby or outer compartment not only prevents direct draught through the door, but also prevents birds which may have got out of their cages by accident from escaping when the door is opened for entering the room. The main supports of this lobby, it being constructed separately from the bird-room, are two beams, nine inches by three, running underneath the floor of the bird-room and bedded into a nine-inch wall at the back, therefore it is very substantial; the sides of the lobby are screwed to the front of the building.

The size of the lobby, 5ft. by 4ft. 6in., gives one ample space in which to move about; it is 6ft. 6in. high at the back, and 5ft. 9in. in the front, and the walls are made of one-inch matching and lined as usual. There is a seat facing the door, and this, I find, is a handy place to keep a travelling case or two underneath.

The lobby window opens outwards so as not to be in the way inside when open; there are a couple of steps leading up to the entrance. I may say that there is a glass-panelled door leading into the bird-room. I have Veronese glass in the windows and doors; this prevents the birds being frightened by any passing object, besides giving a nice effect, as well as being just as cheap as ordinary glass at the present time.

It will be noticed that I have built the lobby roof lower than the main roof; the object of this is to leave room for a fanlight over the inner door to act as a ventilator during the summer months, and to provide additional light. I have the outside painted chocolate colour, which is very serviceable, and the windows are picked out white. I would advise anyone to use the best paint, as it is cheapest in the end.

I found the ventilation to be a very delicate matter to deal with, as a perfect system is absolutely necessary, and I must admit here that I had a lot of trouble before I got it to anything liko perfection. The chief nuisance was sweating, which I believe is a trouble with a good many fanciers. Another difficulty was how to avoid excessive heat in summer and intense cold in winter.

After writing to several persons on the subject, and being advised what to do by one and another, I came to the conclusion that I should cut my place all to pieces, so I was determined to remedy the evil myself, which I am pleased to say I accomplished.

I placed a ventilator in the centre of the floor at the back, that is, underneath my cages, size 18 inches by 6 inches, with a shutter attached, so as to regulate the inlet of air. From this ventilator I have underneath the floor a pipe leading to the outside, by this means avoiding a direct air current. At the outlets of this I have two circular ventilators—that is, of course, one at each end—at the highest points—they work on the same idea as those on the railway carriages. As will be seen by the picture, these are shielded on the outside to protect them from rain and wind.

To Make Ventilation Perfect.

To provide against a very hot day, I have an extra ventilator eight inches square in the far end of the room, at a very low point, and working on the same principle. Then I have the fanlight which opens outwards, and with the complete system I can avoid either excessive heat or cold, and practically obviate sweating, excepting now and then a trifle on the window and door. By the above system of ventilation the air is drawn from the birds and not towards them, as I have seen in a good many instances, and which is a great mistake, as it is injurious to the birds.

As regards heating, after bitter experience, I do not advise heating apparatus of any description whatever, either indoors or outside. My advice is to have nothing at all to do with it; let your birds be cold-room bred, they will be far more heathy and robust. You will have less trouble with them, and they will stand more illness if attacked. Besides this, artificial heating involves unnecessary expense and trouble, and also anxiety and worry.

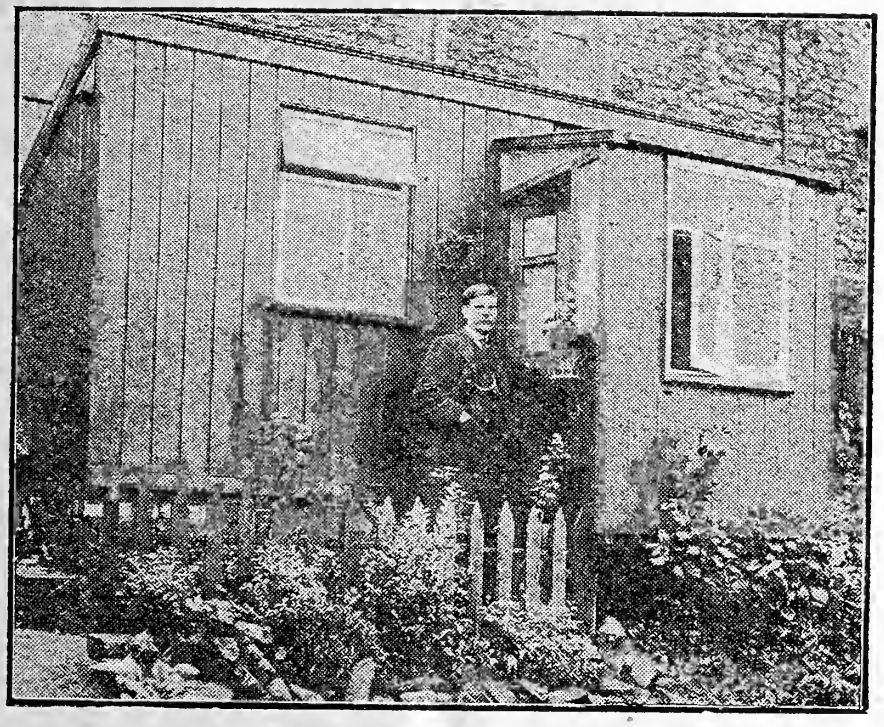
As regards the fitting up of a bird-room. We will first deal with the decoration. The most suitable colour, in my opinion, is a pea-green, not too light; this is for the sides, the ceiling to be painted white, the whole to have about three coats, and all finished off with a good coat of varnish. Then you can wash or lightly scrub it when it is dirty. The floor to be covered with lino, and I prefer this to be plain, for then there is no pattern to wear off; have everything compact and comfortable while you are about it.

The Rack for the Cages.

The next item of great importance is the rack for the cages. There are many different ideas and opinions as to which is the best and most efficient. Of course, every fancier has his or her own particular idea, but in my humble opinion you cannot beat a wooden rack, of course providing that it is well made and every joint glued so as not to give a harbour for the pest of the Fancy.

My own rack is made of 2in. by 1in. battening, the rails being let into uprights at each end, and with additional uprights let into the rails at every two cages apart. Providing the wood is nicely finished off, and polished black, a rack of this description looks well. The bottom rails are about 16 inches from the ground, and are supported by turned pillars. I place the rails sufficiently far apart vertically to give the cages a little play in order to be able to pull them out without noise and without exertion.

(To be continued).



Mr. Moule's Outdoor Bird-Room.

The Breeding of the Roller Canary

A paper by Mr. A. Harper, Bilston, read to the members of the City of Birmingham C.B.S.

(Concluded from page 67.)

FOR frames to fix baskets or pans in I have boxes about four or six inches square, with a hole cut in centre, a little smaller than the basket, so that it fits tight. A bit of wire is fixed on back to hang it up with, and I like the brackets so arranged that you can just reach them nicely. Then you can tidy up your room, etc., at any time, without disturbing the sitting hens. Some hens are very peculiar; they leave the nest as soon as anyone enters their breeding place, and will not go on again until you have gone, so I always try to arrange matters so that the birds have a secluded place to build in if possible. You may depend on having far better results if they are where they cannot see you, rather than having to build where they are often disturbed. I find the brackets very useful—they keep the young from falling out of their nest, and catch the droppings, thus keeping the walls clean, also cages where latter are used.

To get the birds into breeding condition, I give them a bit of egg food once a week all through the winter, and occasionally maw, niger, linseed, and hemp in their turns. When I pair up I give the egg food about three times a week, and the foods I have just mentioned every other day in separate vessels. When the birds have been together a week I generally have a few with eggs, and as these appear I take them away and substitute dummies till the fourth is laid, then I return them. By so doing you get the young ones hatched out more even and stand a better chance of getting them reared, for if one is hatched out two or three days before the others, he would have nearly all the food, and the little ones would be neglected.

When the Young Ones Arrive.

In 14 days, if eggs are good (sometimes 13), there are generally some young ones, then I or the wife give egg food fresh twice a day, also milk sop, also young dandelion leaves and seeds, not forgetting *English* rape seedlings, which latter I find the birds are very fond of, and I consider it equal to watercress, while you know it is fresh if you grow it yourself, so there is no risk, and it is safe to use all the season, although as the weather gets hotter I give lettuce for a change, also seedy chickweed, plantain, shepherd's purse, milk thistle, etc. Nothing seems to come amiss, and they always seem to enjoy it.

When the young are six days old I usually ring them, but if very strong, at five days, while if they appear to have been neglected I wait until several days older, so one must be guided by circumstances. I keep a sharp look-out for a few days after I have rung them, as some hens will throw them out, but if the rings are darkened with blacking or some such substance, they generally leave them alone. I think myself it is their brightness that attracts the hens, but by using white nesting material they are not nearly so conspicuous and not so likely to be interfered with.

I always try to have a look night and morning to see that no young ones are thrown out of nest, and if they are being fed all right. If so, I leave them alone, otherwise I generally moisten a little egg food in my mouth and give them a bit with a little stick nicely rounded at point. I have saved lots of youngsters in this way, but I always try to look when the hen is off, as some will forsake them if you interfere with them too much, so I never hand-feed, except as a last resource.

At a month old I usually cage off in flight cages and give them as much egg food as they will eat, also crushed hemp and milk sop, which latter I find they like very much if given fresh. I have saved many young ones with milk sop when everything else has failed, and it is very few that will not eat it if made in my way.

At six weeks old I gradually reduce the quantity of egg, also milk sop, but I give a little of each right through the moult, and if I have any looking a bit seedy I give crushed hemp as well, having first administered one drop of warm castor oil direct in their mouth.

At seven weeks old I put them into my largest flight right away from the breeding room, and put the best tutors I have to spare with them, and let them stop until they have moulted off. Then I cage them off separately in their singing cages till they have their full song. In bringing my little paper to a conclusion, I sincerely hope that whether you try my plan or any other, if any of you, old or new members, find anything I have read to you this evening of any benefit to you in the future, I shall be amply repaid.

Experience Up to Date.

Mr. Harper, since writing the paper, has slightly modified his breeding arrangements, and now uses the flights described in his lecture as breeding pens, a movable partition being placed in the centre, and a hen in each compartment. As these compartments roughly are about 3ft. 6in. x 2ft. 6in. x 2ft., the hens have really an aviary each, and he now goes in for pedigree breeding. The cock is only left in the cage until the hen commences to sit, and then is removed downstairs.

The nestpans have given way to the baskets, while the nest brackets are capital. The sides are about 1in. deep, back and front same depth, but a half-inch rail only, leaving half an inch space to scrape droppings through, and with a little sand on the bottom they can be kept in splendid condition. Mr. Harper always keeps a few cocks from early nests and also from last nests as tutors, by so doing he can depend upon the latter teaching the young their song while the early-hatched cocks are moulting, and these are then ready as tutors when the late-hatched ones drop into moult, although in several instances when the late-hatched birds have been used very little for breeding, he has found them miss the moult altogether.

His egg food is one hard-boiled egg to two teaspoonfuls of bread crumbs, made from home-made bread, dried in the oven and crushed with a rolling pin. For milk sop he uses one teaspoonful of condensed milk to a third of a teacupful of boiling water, and after stirring he adds a sufficient quantity of bread to soak up the milk, the bread being dried as for the egg food, but not crushed, only broken into pieces about the size of a Barcelona nut

Correspondence.

The Patronage of the Crested Canary Club.

SIR,—May I ask the Hon. Sec. of the Crested Canary Club, through your columns, if the patronage of the Club is to be given to any shows this year. I understand that the Secretary of the Western Counties O.S., Plymouth, has written twice, but has had no reply. Plymouth Show is due on Oct. 12 and 13, and the Crested Fanciers in the West would like to see the good muster of our favourites that usually occurs at the old-established fixture.

J. BAVAGE.

Greenfinch-Siskin Hybrids.

SIR,—I noticed in this week's CAGE BIRDS a letter from Mr. Gray describing how he bred Hybrids from a Greenfinch cock and Siskin hen, and asking if they have been bred in the same way before. I have one in my possession at the present time, bred by that old fancier, Wm. Ramsay, of Kirriemuir. There were two of them in the nest, bred in a cage and reared by their own parents in the same manner as Mr. Gray's birds. They do not show much colour the first year, but after the second moult they show plenty of yellow in flights and tail. In size they are a little larger than the Siskin. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

JAMES FYFE.

The Scottish National Show.

SIR,—We beg to advise the members of the Scottish National C.B.S. that the adjourned general meeting will be held on Sept. 11, at 142, High Street, Edinburgh, at 7.45 p.m. The important question as to whether our show will be held this year as usual will be brought up for consideration, and we would impress upon every member to be present, if at all possible, to express his views on the matter. Should it be agreed to proceed with the exhibition, notice will be given, with permission of the Editor, in CAGE BIRDS of the following week, for the information of the general body of fanciers. Appointments will also be made of the Executive and Committee officials, and other business will be transacted. Specialist clubs who usually grant their patronage to the Scottish National are asked to keep date open pending our decision.

J. R. MEIKLE, Sec.

In Case of Short Entries.

SIR,—Now that the show season is close upon us it occurs to me that it would be interesting to have some opinions from fanciers in your valuable paper as to which is the best method for shows to adopt to cover themselves in case of short entries. Everyone will admit that some limit must be adopted by shows, and the usual methods are—(1) Cancelling of classes; (2) half prize money; (3) graduated prize money. In Plymouth we have usually followed the first idea, and from personal experience I know how galling it is to a secretary to return entries. For our show of Oct. 12 and 13 this year we are graduating our prize money, so that classes well filled will get seven prizes, and the smaller numbers will not be cancelled, but will have prize money in accordance with the numbers entered. I should very much like to have the opinion of readers of CAGE BIRDS on this matter.

THOS. POPE, Hon. Sec.

Breeding Rollers in an Aviary.

SIR.—I was very much interested in Mr. Harper's article on breeding Rollers in an aviary, and I intend giving his method a trial next season, but I should just like a little information on two points. Say, four hens and one cock are in the aviary, and in due course one hen hatches out her clutch of eggs, and the other three are not due to hatch for seven days. When I put the egg-food in the aviary, naturally all the sitting hens as well will eat up the egg-food. Will this not have a tendency to make the hens desert their nests through getting too good a food? Secondly, suppose the Roller cock is a well-trained bird, free from harshness or bad notes. Will the young cocks bred from him, if left to their own free will, without caging off, copy his song fairly accurately, or will they develop into common singing birds with the usual choppy and harsh notes, such as are heard in other varieties of songsters? Of course, I should not think of keeping any other variety within hearing of the Rollers. If Mr. Harper would give me this information I should be much obliged.

W. HAINSWORTH.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Intelligence in Birds.

SIR,—The discussion re "Intelligence in Birds" is most interesting. I have a Tovi Parrakeet which is more out of his cage than in it. He hates to be left alone, and either screeches till someone fetches him or comes out to find them. My mother was ill for some months, and her bedroom is next to the room in which his cage was. He always, when lonely, flew off his cage and trotted in to her. Last night I was dressing in my room, which is up two short flights which have a turn in the middle. I heard "Sammy" calling, and went to my door to see. Imagine my surprise to see him hopping up each step, turn the corner, and come on up the stairs. For about six stairs there is an overhanging ceiling, as it is the top of the house, and, the skylight being very high up, this portion of the staircase was in darkness, so he stopped at the dark stairs, "talked" a lot, then began to scramble up one by one till he reached the top and safety! We have only been in this house two years, but he knows every part as well as we do. He has been up to my room on my shoulder before, but not very often; surely this is intelligence and not instinct.

(Miss) D. E. PITHIE.

SIR,—I agree with your correspondents that this discussion has run its course, and nothing remains but to add a few valedictory remarks. Our friend Mr. Johnson reappears upon the scene, and this time with a skilful argument; namely that, if humans—the most intelligent of all animals—do not die of grief, therefore dying of grief cannot be a sign of intelligence. I admit the soundness of the argument, but the explanation seems to be that, although the poets and novelists of all ages and all nations have declared that civilised man can and does die of grief, yet as a matter of fact he cannot do so. This is the more curious because uncivilised man and the so-called lower animals can and do die from this cause, and frequently in a few hours' time. It appears to be one of the qualities that we have lost, or perhaps I should say, bartered away for this civilisation which is held up to us as the great glory of the 20th century, but which we now and again see revealed in its true light—as for instance in this ghastly war, the greatest crime in the history of the world.

Mr. Johnson tries to pay me a little compliment, for which I must thank him, but I can truthfully say that I can conceive no more dismal fate for an aviculturist than to have to end his days as an "eminent ornithologist." For one thing, one would no longer be able to exchange experiences with one's fellow learners, and, for another, I hope that the time is not far distant when aviculture will be looked upon as a higher and more humane branch of science than shooting birds and stuffing them with tow, which in too many cases seems to be the beginning and the end of ornithology.

But, if Mr. Johnson has improved as a controversialist, Mr. Coe has so completely gone to pieces that it would not be kind to criticise his letter in detail. Nevertheless, if I did not reply to his more definite statements, I suppose I should be thought to admit them. The charge of introducing personalities surprises me, for I thought that this little discussion had been quite free from that blemish. I have been consistently bombarded with long words to which I am expected to reply, and, when I complain that I cannot understand them in the context in which they have been used, I am told that this is a personality. I can assure him that I have no personal interest in this discussion whatever, and, if he has been a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS I am sure that he will do me the justice to admit that, whenever I have taken part in a controversy it has been with the object of assisting aviculture.

Mr. Coe seems to have become so entangled in the coils of his various arguments that he seems to have forgotten that he told us not long since that he believed that my facts were correct; he now tells us that they are only "tales," and that he has never "taken them seriously." I think he will find, however, that they all have a solid basis of actual fact. It is interesting to note that Mr. Coe was within a few inches of discovering what I believe to be the real solution of the problem which we have been discussing, for he complains that I have only related abnormal occurrences, and suggests (for he has not quite sufficient confidence to adopt the argument) that, if birds act intelligently in abnormal circumstances, then in abnormal circumstances they act unintelligently. This I believe to be the clue to the whole matter. In normal circumstances they act by instinct: it is quicker, and saves the trouble of thinking. When the circumstances are abnormal, they think and reason. Now he will understand why I gave him so many abnormal occurrences; I had to prove reasoning. He will also understand why I did not claim reasoning for the hen Flycatcher; the circumstances were normal. I wish Mr. Coe well; he has done his best for what seems to me to be a weak case.

W. E. TESCHEMAKER.

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The Exhibition Yellowhammer.

SIR,—Re the article, written by Mrs. L. E. T. Dalton in CAGE BIRDS of Sept. 4, I should like to ask if, in the first place, the writer is the same person as W. H. Dalton. I find on looking at my catalogue of the London C.B.A. show, held at the Horticultural Hall, 1914, W. H. Dalton exhibited two Yellow Buntings in a Yellow Bunting class, and neither of them were placed in the money. The same exhibitor exhibited at Leicester Nov. 6, 1914, and did not get a card with his Bunting, in an A.V. Finch or Bunting class, although a Yellow Bunting was in the cards, and the same bird was placed before it at the Horticultural Hall. I did not see Mrs. Dalton's name figuring amongst the winners at Bathgate Show, and there was a class provided for Y. Buntings there.

On CAGE BIRDS' front page, July 31, a Yellow Bunting is depicted. It is called a lady's champion. Why? Is it because it has two 1sts and three 2nds to its credit? I should like to ask what constitutes a champion. I consider a champion Yellow Bunting is a bird that defies all comers. How many times did this bird go out to win all these prizes? I take it in two seasons, because it is credited with 2nd Horticultural Hall, and it was cardless there in 1914. How it can be called a champion to win two 1sts and three 2nds in two seasons I don't know.

I should like very much to see classes provided for Yellow Buntings at our large All England shews, but you cannot expect societies to put classes on that do not fill, nor exhibitors to send their birds to shows where the classes only half fill and get half prize money. At the Horticultural Hall there were 12 in the class; at Watford, 5; at Llanelly, 6; at Scottish National, 10. I feel sure if Mrs. Dalton wants a class provided for Yellow Buntings (her special favourites), the societies would be only too pleased to provide one. If someone would guarantee the class against loss, and if full prize money was guaranteed, exhibitors would send and the class would fill. Mrs. Dalton tells us openly that she has one at the present time with extraordinary size and the largest chested bird that she has seen. If this bird has all the other qualifications, a most distinct V. and prominent eye and cheek markings, and abundance of yellow, I am afraid she will make all other exhibitors of the Yellow Bunting quake with fear, and instead of sending their birds to a show, keep them at home or let them have their liberty, because they know it will be useless to send them against such a champion. I shall look forward to seeing this bird on the show bench, because I feel it will do my eyesight good to see such a bird.

As a sporting offer by one who is desirous of seeing classes provided for Yellow Buntings, I will give two five shilling specials, to be competed for at two shows in South Wales (the show must be judged by a specialist British bird judge, not a Canary or an all-round judge), on condition that she will do the same at two shows in England under the same conditions. I will also make another sporting offer that I will name two exhibitors in the Midlands who will put down four Yellows that will beat her Buff, however good she thinks it is. The largest Yellow is smaller than the largest Buff, I admit, but no Buff is ever so deep in any of its colours as a Yellow. The Yellow of a Buff is pale, the black head and cheek markings are duller, neither is the breast, flank, under tail covers, nor the back colour so good as on a good Yellow. Another week I will take exceptions to her method of moulting, etc.

HERBERT J. CHICK.

[As Mr. Chick has desired us to publish the above letter in full, we print it as received, although perhaps some of the expressions might have been presented differently. The illustration to which Mr. Chick refers was of two birds, one of which was a Linnet which had won three first prizes and two seconds, and the picture was entitled "A Lady's Champion British Birds." The wording to the picture was our own.—ED. CAGE BIRDS.]

"Tortured Prisoners."

SIR,—The letter of Mr. F. A. Cox is surely much like the sterotyped letter to which he refers. He should go to a bird show and see some of these "tortured prisoners"; certainly no wild bird can approach them in plumage. Yes, a man is better for having a pet bird to tend and care for; it certainly will cause his "finer feelings to surge through his mind." Mr. Cox should not judge too much by outward appearances. Birds could not live in perpetual darkness as he infers. My Linnets, kept in an outdoor aviary, sing all through the winter. Would they do so if they had their liberty? If he captures and confines someone's child, he will find out for himself what moral, social, or individual right he has to do so. Let him try his blandishments first on the child's father, and, if unsuccessful, on the judge, and in the result he would be a sadder but wiser man.

EDWIN WILCOX.

SIR,—I am most interested in this subject, as at one time it worried me. From my earliest childhood I have been fond of natural history, reading all I could, and keeping and watching any living thing I was able to get, from snails upwards, but as I grew older and heard ideas of it being wrong to keep animals in captivity I gave it up, until a few years ago, when I read an article by Sir Ray Lankester in the "Daily Telegraph," which pointed out that the life that appears to us to be so happy and so free is in reality a hard struggle to obtain food and to escape from enemies in the air and on the ground, and that the number of birds in nature remains nearly stationary, although many of them rear three broods in a season. Nature is cruel, and without mercy; the slightest ill-health or disablement is often the end. Keeping and caring for a bird in a cage gives it many more years of life, and not unhappy life, for it would not live long if it were unhappy. It is not uncommon for a bird that has been given its liberty to return of its own will to its cage or aviary.

ALICE M. COOK.

SIR.—While to some extent agreeing with Mr. Cox, I am of opinion that he spoils his picture by laying on the crude colours too thickly. His logic also leaves very much to be desired. The fact that he has seen men coming out of public houses with something under their arms which looked like a cage may prove that they have been in a public house. It may even be taken as circumstantial evidence that they have had a drink; in fact, we may allow Mr. Cox to draw the conclusion that a singing contest has been taking place in some room in or attached to the house. But he has no right to deduce from the circumstance that bird keeping is cruel, that bird keepers and bird catchers are necessarily brutes, and that everybody connected with the hobby is no better than he or she ought to be.

He has seen a man drop a cage; therefore no man should have either bird or cage. I have seen a mother drop her baby, and she certainly had had too much intoxicating liquor. Shall I therefore advocate that all women shall be prevented from keeping babies? Or shall I ask that the woman who dropped the baby shall be prevented from having that which precludes her from doing her duty to her baby? Mr. Cox seems to advocate the first alternative.

In arguing from the social point Mr. Cox gets even further into the mud than he was in the mire. "What conceivable right," asks Mr. Cox, "has any individual man to abstract from the lanes and fields, for his own personal uses and gain, the birds whose singing will give pleasure to the whole community?" "What conceivable right" has Mr. Cox to pluck the wild flowers which grow in the hedgerows? "What conceivable right" has the farmer to shoot the rabbit for his own use and profit? What right has he to shoot "my" sparrows? Arguing from Mr. Cox's standpoint, I have just as much right to shoot his child.

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The horse is probably a better animal through being domesticated. Shall we prevent Mr. Cox from utilising the strength of his horse? Perhaps Mr. Cox will argue that the horse is a domestic animal. But it had to be caught and tamed at one time. Even now it has to be "broken." In a word, Mr. Cox has no more right, socially, morally, or individually, to build a high wall round his grounds, and prevent me seeing "my" rabbits, than I have to keep one of "his" Linnets in a cage. You see where we are getting, don't you, Mr. Cox?

I have just noticed the little paragraph in Twitterings, "Twenty-two, Not Out." The brute! To keep a bird in a cage for twenty-two years, and then write and brag about it. Of course he will say it was a Canary, and domesticated, but that does not excuse him. Then last week in CAGE BIRDS was "A sixteen-year-old Greenfinch." Shame! A wild bird this time!

There is no doubt room for improvement in the way some people keep birds, just as there is room for improvement in the way some people keep and treat their horses or their children. Let Mr. Cox go to one or two singing contests (they are not often in the taproom). Let him go to a few shows, and then, if he has satisfied himself that things can be improved, let him give us the benefit of his advice. I will do my best to help him. But do not, Mr. Cox, as you value your self-esteem, condemn the whole for the sins or ignorance of the very few.

ERNEST H. FULCHER.
Chairman, Manchester and N.C.O.S.

SIR,—It is very evident that Mr. Cox has never kept birds, or he would not wish to deprive others of the happiness and comfort of their caged pets. They live longer in captivity than if they were free, being defended against their natural enemies, and not exposed to intense cold or intense heat. Most people guard their birds most carefully, feed them well, and keep them clean, and study to give them their natural food. Birds will not sing if they are not happy. I have kept birds for years, reared many, and given many away to cottagers who appreciate their song and tend them well. In the sad days of this dreadful war, what should we do without our birds to cheer us? I have some (mine are chiefly British birds) in a room in the house, and some in an outdoor aviary. They often prefer to be in their cages in the house. Lately a Yellowhammer came constantly on top of the aviary attracted by one inside. It came day after day, and so evidently wanted to come in that it was caught and put in the aviary. Here it was very happy, and later was put in a cage, where it was equally contented. Birds often try to get into my aviary. Their intelligence is great. I call all mine by name, and they answer. They utterly differ in character and ways; some are very comical—one of mine does a self-taught dance. Richard Jefferies was a Nature-lover, his essays were beautiful and never to be forgotten. Frank Buckland kept monkeys—poor little restless animals; surely this is worse than bird-keeping. I would advise Mr. Cox to visit some of our fanciers and see how well kept and happy are these "prisoners."

A LADY BIRD-KEEPER AND A BIRD LOVER.

SIR,—Mr. Francis A. Cox has a kind heart, no doubt, and would not harm any living creature—not even a cockroach or a fly—and he deprecates the keeping of birds as a hobby in cage or aviary! Our ancient crony, Bechstein, on the contrary, wrote most lovingly on the pleasure to be derived from bird-keeping, and has left us written counsel for the care and management of birds so kept, which many a foolish person will read and treasure when Mr. Cox is forgotten. People who live among wild birds have no need to keep them confined to hear their music; but how about those who rarely have the opportunity to see and hear them, though still having an ardent desire to do so? What were the singing birds created for? Was it to waste their sweetness on the desert air and gladden the hearing of a privileged few only? I have not heard the song of a Linnet in its natural state for years, and I love the song of this bird. Who, living north of Doncaster, or in Ireland, has a chance to hear the sweet wild notes of Philomel in his chosen haunt in the grove during his brief season song in a wild state? If I could keep, and induce a bird of this kind to sing for seven or eight months in the year, as many bird-keepers can do, I should think I had done a very clever and commendable thing, and one of which old father Bechstein would have cordially approved. There is a heavy toll of cruelty in the world of which the caged Canary, Linnet, or Parrot knows or feels nothing, where suitable care and attention is bestowed upon it. I have kept Linnets in cages—suitable roomy cages—and the birds have sung merrily for nine or ten months out of the twelve, and if anyone should suggest that the sweet little songsters were unhappy I should not believe it. They will not sing when ill or unhappy. At the present time I have one of the Warblers in a cage which he will not come out of though its door is wide open for hours nearly every day! Would Francis A. Cox drive him out? I shall not.

J. WADSWORTH.

SIR,—Might I ask Mr. Cox and others why they always make a butt of the bird catcher? I would also ask what benefit could bird-catchers derive by being cruel to birds that they catch. Injured or poor specimens would be unsaleable and of no use to them. Has Mr. Cox ever had a quiet chat or been out to see birds caught by these so-called "ruffians"? If not, I should like to ask him to avail himself of the opportunity with some of them, and I think he would find they are far from ruffians, but, taken as a whole, an intelligent and interesting class of men. In any walk of life you will find a few black sheep; why condemn the whole for the few? I know many who go out catching, and, when they bring them home, the birds' comfort and well-being are studied before their own. Now take the purchaser. He spends time, money, and attention in studying their requirements, to bring them to the highest pitch of perfection, and to prolong their lives as long as possible. If Mr. Cox would attend some of our large shows he would there find a grand object lesson from the Mules and Hybrids shown, bred from some of the "Tortured Prisoners." In conclusion, I ask Mr. Cox and others to give the bird catcher a rest, and to go in for higher game. They will find a far greater number of "ruffians" and cases of cruelty in shooting, hunting, and trapping than in bird-keeping.

F. J. W. S.

[We have had to delete a large part of this letter, as the writer had gone far outside of the subject under discussion. Some other letters are entirely held over for a similar reason.—ED. CAGE BIRDS.]

SIR,—With reference to the letter from "Bird Keeper" in your issue of Sept. 4, I repeat that it is significant that although we who work to prevent cruelty to all living beings, men included, invariably do so in the open, our opponents as invariably oppose us anonymously. They have, therefore, no reason to complain if we and all open-minded people doubt the sincerity of their action under the suspicion that it is prompted by trade interest. It is "a plain fact" that thousands of wild birds are condemned by their jailors to "deliberate and calculated cruelty." The behaviour of such birds when they are trapped and as they are kept confined in bird shops and the haunts of bird traders in the East End of London—if it does not demonstrate that the birds suffer, and suffer unjustifiably, what does it demonstrate? I knew, of course, that "the poor man" would crop up; I said so in my original letter to the Press. He always does. No matter what abuse you attack, you will always find it must not be abolished on account of hurting the feelings or pocket of the poor man. I can only write as I have seen, and my experience is pretty wide and of some years' duration, and if I wanted to have my revenge on "Bird Keeper," "Justice," and "B. Hughes," I would compel them to introduce into their family circles the simple minded souls whom I have seen engaged in caged birds traffic.

I cannot congratulate "Bird Keeper" on his logic. He asks, with reference to my "plain fact," that I have seen a drunken man twice drop a darkened-caged bird—"has Mr. Cox never seen a drunken man other than a bird fancier?" Ergo, because men get drunk, it is right to keep wild birds in darkened captivity. In replying to my paragraph referring to the physical blindness which I believe to exist, "Bird Keeper" expresses his doubt as to the blinding of these birds. It is almost inconceivable to me that he can be really unaware of the fact that this is of more than frequent occurrence. Has he really ever been in Bethnal Green, and has he never heard a common expression—"has it been through it"? For what reason did a man who was convicted some two or three years ago train his hand and eye for the very delicate operation of severing the optic nerves of birds? For one or two birds?

My position is a perfectly simple one. If I knew that there were men who would capture you, Sir, "Bird Keeper," "Justice," and "Mr. Hughes," and confine them in a packing case for the rest of their lives in order that they might recite—never mind how carefully their captors tended and fed them—I should call the men who did this a "pack of ruffians," and should do all in my power to suppress a system which admitted of the outrage. Lastly, and I am encouraged by your courtesy to ask you to insert this item, if I wanted grounds for attacking the spirit which animates Birdkeepers, I should find it on the front page of your current issue. "A vanishing British Bird"—the Chough. The Chough, which was once so common that it was immortalised in glees, has been exterminated in England, is similarly being exterminated in Wales, and very shortly the last specimens will have vanished from the South-West of Ireland. The same tale is told of the Bustard, and the Great Auk. And the people who are doing this are "Bird Lovers"!

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Country Rambles

GARSTON B.B.A.

Members and friends held their 2nd ramble of the season, Aug. 29, when a good muster turned out to enjoy a good walk, and splendid weather favoured them. Leaving Garston we made along the main road to Speke, and were then conducted by that able fancier, Mr. W. Leadbetter, who works on the estate, through the many by-ways and stile roads to Oglet woods, through which we traversed and had plenty to see, wild birds being in abundance. Leaving the woods we were taken across the fields and around the well known nursery of Messrs. Turner, which seemed to be the happy hunting ground for every known species of wild bird in their neighbourhood. Going on beyond the nursery we finally came on the shore, when all British bird lovers started to gather their harvest of wild seeds, etc., for their favourites at home, and some very interesting bundles were soon made up, especially by the town dwellers, who do not get a chance like this every day. Making our way along the shore we eventually reached Mr. Leadbetter's house, where we were entertained to a real good tea, to which every one did justice, after such a walk. After tea there was a good trade done in a neighbour's garden with bunching flowers and, everyone laden with a bunch of flowers and a larger bunch of wild food, we happily wended our way home through the darkness, all acclaiming it a huge success, and one which augured well for the future of the society.—A. T. Lonsdale, Hon. Sec.

CLUB REPORTS.

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SCOTTISH ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Aug. 18, Liberal Club, Saltcoats, Mr. Anderson chair. Decided to hold Members' Show in Saltcoats, Dec. 18. Two classes; young birds, and birds any age. Sec. was instructed to call meeting for Sept. 22.—J. Macdonald, Sec.

EDINBURGH NOR. AND M.B.S.

Meeting, 142, High Street, Sept. 2. Balance-sheet of F.F. Show was submitted which showed a creditable balance for division in prize-money. Classification of British and Foreign sections was drawn up for Annual Show, with alterations and additions inserted. Classification forms for Annual Show will be on hand for next meeting, Oct. 7.—J. Stormont, Sec.

ACCRINGTON C.B.S.

Very interesting meeting, Sept. 2; the business was very important. Decided to hold an open show for Norwich, as last year, on Oct. 22 and 23. A competition was held for the bird that was most through the moult; the competition was very keen, and the special was won by D. Harwood. The special, an electro plate cruet, was kindly presented by Mr. S. Carns, of Blackborough, and was much admired. At next meeting there will be a competition of the hottest-fed birds, and I hope members will all turn up.—D. Harwood, Sec.

BLAENAVON C.B.S.

Meeting, Sept. 2, Crown Hotel, Mr. C. Broom, chair. Sec. was instructed to write to Mr. J. Robson to judge the Open Show. Also decided to postpone the Open Show until Nov. 25. Members were selected to wait upon absent members, to get them to attend the next monthly meeting held on Oct. 7. Now members rally up at our next meeting and show that you mean business. The audit of the F.F. Show shows a profit to the funds of over £4, which was very pleasing to the members present. Members elected: Messrs. W. May, T. Percy, W. Godfrey, and G. Morgan.—Geo. Broome, Hon. Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Meeting, Palmer Hall, Sept. 1, before a grand attendance. Decided to have six foreign classes at open show, providing the Foreign Exhibitors' League granted their patronage. Sec. reported the death of their youngest member, Miss Philcox, Woking, and said that although it was as far back as March, this was the first opportunity he had had of informing members. It was thought that Sec. should insert same in CAGE BIRDS. It was to be regretted that through conduct detrimental to the society a member had to be asked to resign. New members elected: Mrs. Grindle, Mrs. Smith, Messrs. Shilcott, Upton, Silk (Aldershot), Towndrawe, and Hatch.—O. C. Smith, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting, Sept. 2, Mr. Jones presiding. The feature of the evening was Mr. Bingham's paper on preparing birds for exhibition. He dealt with the subject in a very able manner, and gave the members good ground to work on. He stated that birds must be kept in good condition not by soft food but hard seed, and above all be steady. Unsteadiness got many a bird misplaced. During the meeting some breeding results were obtained; the most successful being: Pickering, 75; Water, 70; Furniss, 50; Drabble, 43; Bingham, 40; Goodison, 37; Austin, 34; Jones, 32; Messrs. Woolhouse, 31; Howarth, 27; Hemmings, 22; Bagshaw, 21; Dunford, 20. Mr. J. G. Cowley has been very seriously ill since Bank Holiday and the Secretary was asked to convey to him the sympathy of the meeting and to wish him a speedy recovery. Next meeting Oct. 8. Note change. Paid show (Query Pair Show, Editor, "C.B.").—E. Sisson, Assist. Sec.

W. STANLEY EMPIRE F. & F.S.

Meeting, Sept. 5, J. Armin presiding over a poor turn up of members. Decided not to have any catalogues this year. Will members try and get as many specials as possible and attend next meeting, Oct. 3, as the stewards will be elected for the show.—R. Hutchinson, Sec.

LEIGH C.B.S.

Second N.F. Table Show, Aug. 18; some promising youngsters faced the judges. Mr. E. Clare, Nor., and H. Taylor, Yorks., and the other two classes jointly; their awards giving every satisfaction. Nor.: 1, vhc, hc, Dawson; 2, c, Collier; 3, Ordish. Yorks.: 1, vhc, Ashton; 2, Spiby; 3, hc, c, Walkden. A.O.V.: 1, Walkden. Mules: 1, 2, 3, Cann.—R. Charleson, Sec.

NORTHERN BORDER C.C.

Meeting Sept. 4, Pillar's Cafe, Pink-lane, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Mr. A. Affleck chair. The prospects of the coming show season were discussed. Up to the present the club's patronage has been granted to the following shows: Newcastle, Blaydon, Haltwhistle and Carlisle. We still require two to make up the allotted number. Applications will be considered as they come to hand.—C. Farrer, Hon. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting headquarters, Aug. 28, Mr. Farrer presiding over a good attendance. Decided to hold a Members' Show (instead of an Open Show) on Dec. 27. Messrs. Swan and Waters, together with the Sec., were asked to arrange about a suitable hall. Classification and judges were discussed, but eventually decided that same stand over to next meeting on Sept. 11. Mr. Machin won special at our Judging Competition, he coming nearest to the judge's awards; and Mr. Swan won special for most popular bird on the members' nomination, with a yellow Crest-bred.—J. Peacock, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

General meeting, Sept. 2, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, Mr. R. Tindale, chair. Announced that the following specialist societies had granted their patronage to our open show, Oct. 23, in Co-operative Hall, Adelaide Terrace, Benwell, Newcastle, near Elswick Road tram terminus: N.N.C.C., N.Y.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., N.B.F.C. Classification: Nor 7, Yorks. 7, Crests 4, Scotch Fancy 2, Bord. 9, A.O.V. Can. 1, Mule and Hyb. 3, Brit. 8, Sell. 2, For., 2. Judges elected: Nor. and Crests, Mr. T. C. Crawhall; Yorks., A.O.V., and Sell., Mr. T. B. Tomlinson; Bord., Mr. T. Robson; Brit. and For., Mr. C. Waters. I wish to make a special appeal to fanciers re our open show. We have been unable to get our usual hall this year owing to it being a Military hospital, and, the other halls that might have done for our show being engaged by the military, we had to do our best to try and keep the interest in the Fancy. Will members and fanciers take a practical interest in our show, and not only send entries but pay a visit and help to swell the gate; also get others to patronise us. Visitors to the town can get to the hall by the Elswick Road cars, which pass the door. Members please note that subs. are overdue, and must be paid before show to enable advantage to be taken of showing at reduced rate. I hope to have schedules out in about a fortnight.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

PONTEFRACT.

Open Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, Sept. 4; 19 entered for 3 prizes, 4 minutes time singing, 5 seconds a break. 1, Wingham, 62; 2, Jones, 42; 3, Blackshear, 37. Open sing Sept. 5; 19 entered for 3 minutes time singing and 3 prizes. 1, Watkiss, 94; 2, Blackshear, 64; 3, Jones, 50.—J. Beard, Assist. Sec.

Cross Keys Hotel, Half-penny Lane, open Linnet contest, Sept. 4; 4 minutes time singing for 3 prizes. 1, 3, B. Nelson; 2, R. Plows. Open sing, Sept. 5, 3 minutes time sing for 3 prizes. 1, B. Nelson; 2, Longfield; 3, R. Plows. Members were very pleased to see some old friends from around the district to give us a visit, and we hope to see them again.—Alf. Bull, Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York-rd., open contest for quality Linnet singing, Sept. 5; 15 birds sang for 3 prizes. 1, W. Sissons; 2, Chippindale; 3, Richardson. Judges, Crane and Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner-lane, Sept. 4; 18 birds sang before a crowded house, and some good singing was heard. Mr. W. Crowther added the best prize ever known. 1, Parker; 2, Wigfield; 3, shared Sissons and Conliff. Sept. 5, 15 sang for 3 prizes. 1, Wigfield; 2, Parker; 3, Ward. Judges, C. Biss, T. Butterfield, A. Binner.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

A very enthusiastic company of Linnet fanciers assembled at the Plasterers' Arms, Skinner-lane, and appreciated the new methods of the Club in giving two special prizes for the best plumaged birds at each match. Sept. 4, 14 Linnets entered; the singing was of a tame nature, birds only getting nicely through the moult. Quality: 1, A. Lorriman; 2, 3, shared, Lorriman and Turner. Judges, Messrs. Adams and Speight. Plumage: 1, Boyd; 2, Wright. Judges, Messrs. Hutchinson Bros., Pudsey. Sept. 5, 16 entered. 1, A. Lorriman; 2, Turner; 3, Temple. Judges, Messrs. Madden and Adams. Plumage: 1, 2, Dearlove. Judges, Hutchinson Bros., Pudsey.—F. Turner, Sec.

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Alfreton C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Red Lion, 6. Important show business.—G. Beardall.

Abertillery C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Prince of Wales Hotel, 6.30. Open show business.—H. H. Mortimer.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Mr. Banagan's, 6.30. Important. W. Thompson.

Barry F. & F.S.—Sept. 11, headquarters. Committee, 7; general 8. Discussion, etc., re members' show for Nov. 20.—H. P. Thomas.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Sept. 18, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Receive proof of schedule and other important business.—Geo. Havver.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Sept. 14, Joiner's Arms, 8.—J. Kilshaw.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Sept. 11, Shoulder of Mutton, 7. Important business.—F. P. Terry.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Sept. 13, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Open show business and outing.—F. A. Green.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Sept. 16, Maskell's Hotel, 8. To decide if we are to go on with arrangements for annual open show.—E. Thomas.

Coventry O.S.—Sept. 15, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Schedule for open show.—A. Green.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Sept. 13, 8. Competition on the best ten minutes' lecture; result by ballot. Three medals presented. Interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Dun Cow Hotel, 8. Annual show schedule, and rules.—R. Ward.

Cinnamon Markod Y.C.C.—Sept. 11, Market Tavern, Bradford, 7. Owing to Bradford Cinderella show being cancelled, we are one competition show short of the required number; and any other business.—R. Garnett.

City of Bradford O.S.—Sept. 11, Flying Dutchman, 6.30. Election of steward for members' show, Sept. 25, and other important business.—W. Helliwell.

Clydebank C.B.C.—Sept. 16, 81, Kilbowie Road, 7.45. To arrange for open classes at annual show.—Wm. Kane.

Darlington C.B.S.—Sept. 15, George Hotel, 7. Very important business.—F. Stothard.

East Ham F.S.—Sept. 16, Earl of Wakefield, 8. Final arrangements for young stock show; most important.—W. A. Harwood.

Falkirk, Grangemouth and Bannockburn C.B.S.—Sept. 18, 80, Graham Road, 7.30. Classification and judges for annual show.—R. Rennie.

Garston B.B.A.—Sept. 15, Rechabite Rooms, corner of Seddon Road and St. Mary's Road, 8. Important business re old show, Dec. 4. Members please note change of rooms.—R. T. Lonsdale.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Sept. 11, Grange Congregational School, All Saints' Road, Dirkhill, 7.30. Lecture: "Exhibiting the Yorkshire Canary," by Mr. G. Snead.—A. Firth.

Great Horton O.S.—Sept. 11, Station Hotel, 7.30. General meeting.—A. W. Hartley.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Sept. 15, St. George's, 8. Final arrangements for open show; other urgent business.—J. W. Thornton.

Hanley C.B.S.—Sept. 15, 28, Mayer Street, 8. Open show business; a hearty welcome to all fanciers; new members wanted.—C. Beckett.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Queen's Head Tavern, 7. Annual show business, nomination of judges—R. H. Dixon.

Leigh C.B.S.—Sept. 15, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Important open discussion.—R. Charleson.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Sept. 18, Greyhound Hotel, 8. Re local show, Oct. 30; important business to be discussed.—D. H. Davies.

London C.B.A.—Sept. 14, Red Lion, York Street, St. James, 8. General business.—A. Wallington.

London and Provincial O.S.—Sept. 16, Raglan Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., 8. Lecture on British Birds by Mr. Geo. Mortlock; friends and fanciers heartily welcome.—H. L. Huggins.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Sept. 16, Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green, 8. Very important business and arangements for annual show.—H. F. Bowring.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Sept. 14, Mechanics' Institute, 8.30. Business very important.—J. G. Royce.

Oldham C.B.S.—Sept. 14, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Meeting of very great importance.—G. Mills,

Swansea C.B.A.—Sept. 11, headquarters, 7.30. Business in regard to open show.—D. Rees.

Sacriston P.P.R. and C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Mr. H. Abbot's Tea Rooms, Front St., 7.30. Taking new members; subs., and other important business; all subs. must bo paid before the middle of Oct.; intending members please attend.—Dodd and Wilfred.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Sept. 11, Station Street Cafe, 7.30. Members' show, classification, nomination of judges, hall for show, and any other business. Prize money for N.F. shows will be paid out.—J. Peacock.

Tong C.B.S.—Sept. 14, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.30. Open show business.—W. Walker.

Wanstead F. & F.S.—Sept. 16, Cambridge Park Hall, Cambridge Park, Wanstead, 3rd annual young stock show, all sections, open at 6. Fanciers invited. Mr. W. Dalton is down to judge cage birds.—H. S. Lofthouse.

West Stanley Victoria F.F. and C.B.S.—Sept. 12, Club Room, 7. Business important.—R. Hutchinson.

York C.B.S.—Sept. 13, All Saints' School Room, 8. Lecture by Mr. H. Shancy on Wild Seeds and Berries. Members please let me have special prizes.—V. G. F. Zimmerman

Questions and Answers.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

ABOUT CRESTS (E. P. M.).—(1) If you cannot treat yourself to the complete work, "Our Canaries," wherein you would find all you need know about all varieties, in addition to the Crested variety, you should certainly try to get the separate parts, XII. and XIII., which treat fully of the Crest and Crestbred. (2) If care is taken to stock an outdoor aviary with Canaries which have been bred and reared under normal conditions of temperature these birds are quite capable of withstanding the weather all through the winter, particularly if you live in a mild locality, or the aviary is placed in a cosy, sheltered position.

MISS E. D., and G. B.—Replied to by post.

REFUSING CANARY SEED (G. R. M.).—Fill the seed hoppers each day with good sound canary seed, and place half a teaspoonful of rape in a heap on top of it, and do not give any more rape until the evening, when you may give another half teaspoonful per bird in the egg drawer if the birds appear not to have eaten any canary and are very ravenous. After a week or so, by which time they will doubtless have commenced to consume a little canary, begin to miss a night, giving the second supply of rape every second or third time, and gradually withdraw it, and give only the one supply in the morning until the birds eat a fair proportion of canary. If you follow these tactics I do not anticipate that you will find any real difficulty to get them to eat canary freely.

SEPTIC FEVER (G. A. B.).—Assuming that your other birds are kept in the same room, and near the place occupied by the one that died, it is rather peculiar that no others should have been affected. It will, however, be the wisest course to treat the cage and all its appurtenances as infected articles, and to thoroughly disinfect them before introducing any other birds. Simple washing will not suffice if the diagnosis is correct. Only thorough overhauling and scrubbing with a strong solution of any carbolic fluid, such as Jeyes', will be of any use. The perches and all small appliances can be much more thoroughly disinfected by well boiling, or the former may be burnt and replaced with new ones. The next best plan would be to place the cage bodily in a large box or packing case, which could be sealed and rendered practically air-tight, put in a stone on which you can stand a small tin containing a few glowing embers. When this is all arranged and ready for sealing, place on the embers a few pieces, an ounce or so, of sulpbur, and close and seal for a few hours. There is really nothing wrong with your system of feeding, so if your foodstuffs are all sound and sweet, and you keep the cages, and especially the water vessels, in a good sanitary condition I do not think you need worry about this loss if nothing else happens. The theory of feeding you name will not, I fear, carry the weight of practice.

ALL ABOUT NORWICH (A Very Young Fancier).—It would be quite impossible to give all the details about the breed in the space available in this column; it would really occupy many columns of space to go properly into the subject. Therefore, I cannot advise you better than to get a copy of House's "Norwich Canaries," which our Manager will send you for 1/1, post free, and which will not only give you full information on all the points you enquire about, but also tell you all you need know about the formation of a stud of your own. For fuller details on all points you would find "Our Canaries" of great assistance, or Parts XIV. and XV. for the text, and Parts II., III., and XIII. for coloured plates, if you cannot get the whole work.

A NERVOUS HEN (A. J., Cricklewood).—Give the hen a staple diet of plain canary seed only, with just a pinch of summer rape on top of it twice a week. Once a week give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On each of the remaining days give a morsel of some green salad. Every second day for a week add to the drinking water as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and ten drops of lemon juice, and after this give instead 20 drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight. Possibly the sluggishness may be partly due to the moult impending. Keep her fairly warm and free from cold direct draughts, and if at the close of the above course of treatment she appears fairly active I do not suppose she will need any special form of treatment during the moulting period.

COLOUR FOOD SAMPLES (Clavis).—No. 1 contains rather more oil than I care for myself in ordinary "feeds," and has quite sufficient hot Natal for anything; more than I care to use, in fact. With four ounces of soft brown sugar thoroughly incorporated in each pound of this sample it would do for the highest form of feeding, such as high-fed Norwich or Lizards. No. 2 is about the right degree of oiliness, and is also quite warm enough for all ordinary purposes. No more Natal is needed, and with the same proportion of sugar as No. 1 it will answer admirably for all ordinary feeding. No. 3 has not enough colour to be worth troubling with when you can get No. 2, which is all you really need.

MOULT AND CONDITION (Andrew McDonald).—(1) The best and safest thing to hurry on the moult is to keep the bird in a fairly warm and equable temperature when it has made a fair start in shedding its feathers; keep a light cover over the cage; and every third day during the first month give half a teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake slightly dusted with flour of sulphur and maw seed. On the day following, each time, add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, five of syrup of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. Each morning during spells of mild weather remove cover from cage for an hour or so, and hang on a bath during this interval. (2) To get bird that is soft into condition give every second day for a week, in addition to the staple seed diet, a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut slightly dusted with hot Natal and then sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal part hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, with just a sprinkling of mustard seed added to the bulk, and in the water give also on these days 20 drops of chemical food.

A TRIO (S. J. C.).—(1) For a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary, before the date of the show or shows at which you intend exhibiting them, treat the birds that are a bit soft the same as advised to "Andrew McDonald (2)" in this issue. (2) Sorry, but this is a matter on which you must exercise your own judgment and discretion. The morality of your advisers cannot be of the highest order, as the prinoiple involved is bad, and if this kind of preparation were ever detected by any judge worthy the position would bring you the unenviable D. card—and justly. (3) The hen is clearly suffering from cataract in the one eye, and, as a rule, it is simply a matter of time before the other becomes affected in a similar manner. There is no remedy whatever for the complaint, and birds affected in this way should not be used for breeding under any circumstances.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

LINNET DOING BADLY (Berkacre).—You tell me the kinds of seeds you are giving your bird, but you say nothing about green food or wild seeds. At this time of the year these are essential to good health. Wild seeds can now be collected upon every piece of waste land and by the road side, and all captive birds should have a liberal supply. If your bird will eat a little soft food, such as hard-boiled egg and biscuit, or bread and milk, give him a little made fresh daily, and just dust it with powdered bismuth. Give him this for a few days, and then try him with just one drop of pure cod liver oil mixed with it, and increase this to two or three drops. Your seed should consist of the following:—Canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, charlock and linseed 1 part each; this he should always have before him. Also one day give a little sound hemp, just lightly cracked, another a pinch of gold of pleasure niger and maw, and any wild seeds you can collect. If you are quite unable to get any, give a little fresh green food, and soak some rape and teazle and give a spoonful every other day. If he has not commeneed to moult, place his cage in a comfortable position free from draughts and partly cover the front with a thin cloth; this should start him. You should get our Nutshell booklets, one on the Linnet and one, "How to Moult British Birds," post free 2½d. each. These will assist you in your management.

AVIARY MATTERS (Novice).—Our rule is that readers seeking advice should send their name and address. This you have omitted to do; perhaps you will kindly send same on a post-card. Your aviary would hold a dozen birds, and a good stock mixture for your selection would be Canary 3 parts, teazle 1 part, rape 1 part, linseed ½ part. In addition to this sunflower seeds should be supplied daily for the benefit of the Bullfinch principally, although the Greenfinch will probably get the greater share. A spoonful per bird of mixed seeds three times a week would be beneficial; this should consist of hemp, niger, gold of pleasure, and maw. As it is the Bullfinch that you have to consider mostly, I would therefore advise you to get our booklet on that bird, and supply the different foods recommended as near as you can. They would not in any way injure the rest of the inmates of the aviary.

HEATING A BUILDING (Ecueps).—Your brick building seems to me to be a very suitable one to keep your birds in, and should be quite warm enough during the winter months, providing you make it cosy and free from draughts. I would advise you to block up one of the doors entirely, either by nailing matchboards over the door frame or by a thick canvas screen. The top of the building should have a ceiling put across it. This could be done by nailing matchboards to the inside rafters, of course leaving the window free. This would add a lot to the warmth and prevent the birds feeling the sudden changes of temperature. You could also fasten a curtain across the remaining doorway. With these improvements you should need no artificial heat, as all the birds you mention will stand the cold providing the place is not damp. My own bird-room is a wooden building standing by itself, in which there are a good many highly bred Canaries all the winter, and I do not think my losses are higher than my fancier friends who have properly heated rooms. The best form of heat is undoubtedly a few hot-water pipes, heated by gas, the burner and boiler being fixed outside, but even with this I would advise its use only in severe frosty weather or during thick fogs, or a long spell of wet weather, and then only for an hour or so to keep the place dry.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

TANAGERS & SUGAR BIRDS (Bingley) (A Correction).—In this reply last week I am made to say: "The Euphonia Tanagers, of which the Violet is one, and the Chlorophonia Tanagers, of which the Necklace is a representative, are different species." The word "different" should read "delicate."

A FEATHER PULLER (R. Pulvertaft).—Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water daily so long as the voidings are not watery-loose; when the latter occurs cease giving the magnesia and put half a teaspoonful of chemical food in the drinking water daily. Also spray it twice weekly with a tepid quassia solution, but keep it carefully out of the reach of cold winds and draught till dry. I cannot help you further—you should have included details of feeding and general treatment with your query, and when you supply these details I will try and assist you. How long has it had this habit? Feather plucking is almost incurable once a bird has become confirmed in the vice, but it is no use giving up hope, as even if an entire cure is not effected, the trouble may be mitigated; the chief annoyance with this trouble being the relapses that occur when you think the bird is cured. However, send me the information asked for, and I will see what can be done. In the meantime treat as above.

YOUNG COCKATEELS BALD (E. F.).—Usually young Cockatoels are well feathered when they leave the nest; some parents are given to plucking their young a little while in the nest, and I expect this is the case with yours, but now they are outside it is probable they will leave the young alone, except to feed them, and in that case the plumage will soon grow. Occasionally birds constitutionally weak will be ill feathered, but if this is not serious nature mostly makes good in the end and the bare parts are duly covered. If they will eat the following it will help the young birds:—Take a stale piece of household bread and put it in a small dish, breaking the bread into pieces about the size of cob-nuts, put a drop of cod liver oil emulsion on each piece, pour over half a teaspoonful of chemical food, then as much boiling water as the bread will absorb, and supply to the birds when cool. If they will take this it will help to build them up. Supply green food, also growing cereals in the car if any are obtainable. Keep cuttlebone in the aviary. As regards the seed menu, in addition to a mixture of canary and white millet seed in equal parts, keep a small tin of crushed oats continually in the aviary. If your birds are not properly feathered in the course of a few weeks you had better write again, fully describing their condition. I can then tell you whether they are of any use or not, but I expect by the end of the month the heads will be covered by feathers.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

J. Beard.—We wrote you on Aug. 30, to the Woodman Inn, in reply to your letter. Will you please enquire there, and also let us have your full address and the proper name of your club. If our reply has been mislaid we will let you have a copy upon hearing from you.

J. Slater.—In Herefordshire the taking of wild birds named in the schedule of the Act of 1880 is prohibited between Feb. 1st and Aug. 16, and in Middlesex between Jan. 31 and Sep. 1. In both counties there are additions to the 1880 Act which it would be impracticable to print here in full. Messrs. Wyman and Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., will send you the local orders for any county (price one penny each, and postage), or you could probably get the same at your local bookseller's. Many birds are protected throughout the year in both of the counties named.

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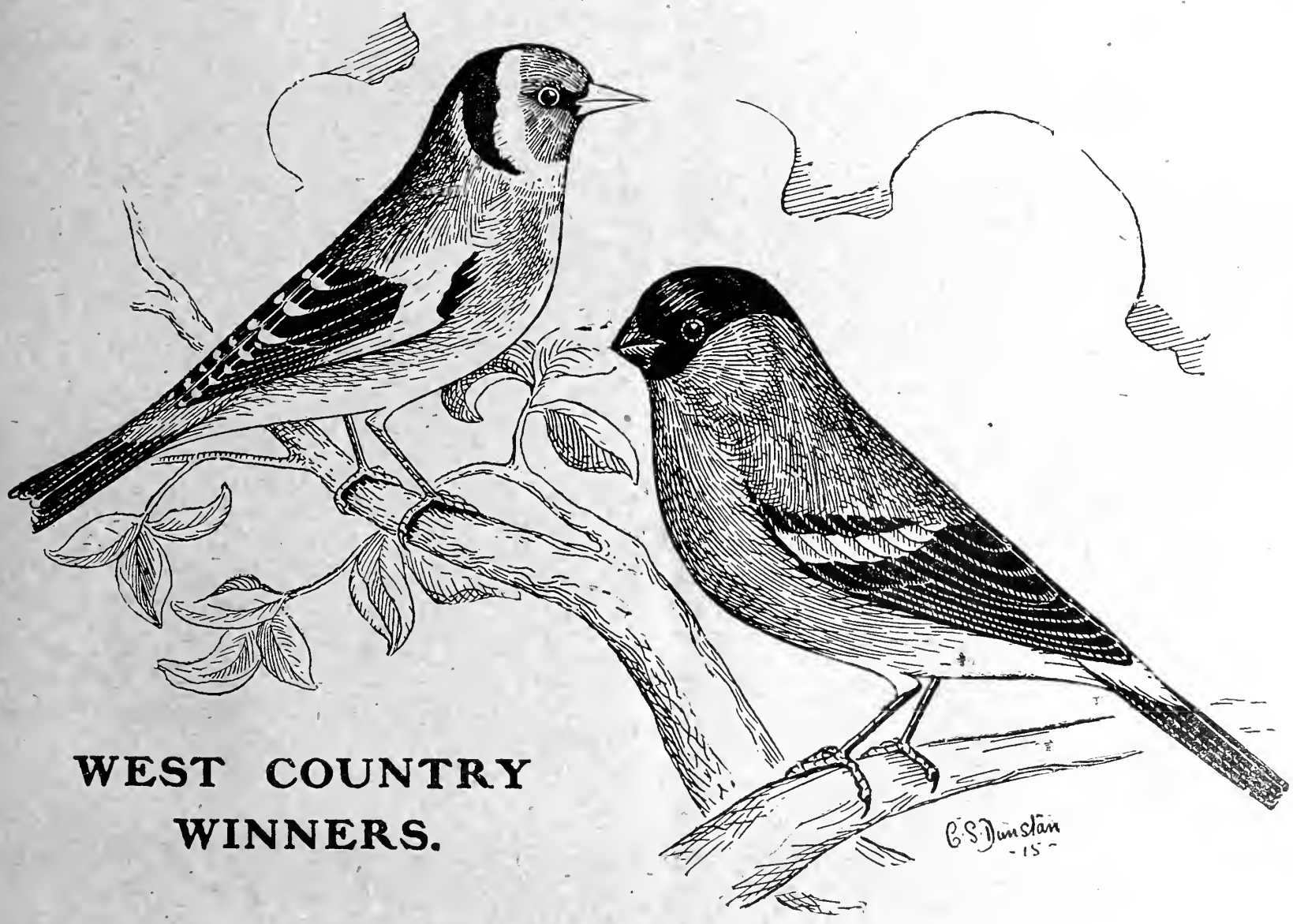

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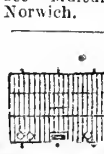

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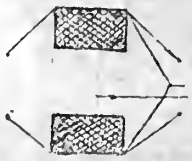

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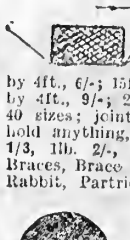

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PRIZE bred Yorkshires, cocks 7/6 each upwards, hens 5/- upwards; approval, deposit: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (455)

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CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alfreton C.B.S.—Sept. 18, Red Lion Hotel, 6.30. Special meeting to allot specials at open show, and other important business.—J. Beardall.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Sept. 21, St. Thomas' Old Schoolroom, entrance Chapel Street, 8. Open show business; lecture by Rev. C. E. Gane.—J. Spencer.

Ashington C.B.S.—Sept. 18, Miners' Theatre, Ashington, 7.30. Special business; subs.—C. F. Tapson.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Sept. 18, Forster Square, 2.30. Ramble to Morton (tram to Saltaire); fanciers invited.—F. P. Terry.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Foresters' Arms, 7. General business.—J. Stirling.

Burnhope C.B.S.—Sept. 19, Fell Houses, 10.30. Schedule for annual show; other important business; meet at the Secretary's house.—J. W. Robson.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—Sept. 18, Social Club, 7. General business.—H. Seely.

Bramley O.S.—Sept. 18, Carnival Rooms, 8. Show business; most important.—F. Page.

Birkenhead Canary F.A.—Sept. 21, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Drawing up of schedule for old show and election of new sec.—G. Morton.

Clapham C.B.A.—Sept. 21, 8. Special meeting, annual show business.—T. J. Hose.

Charlotteville F. and U.S. Soc.—Sept. 22, St. Luke's Institute, Addison Road. Breeders' young stock show; birds staged by 6. The Society will give a cup for most points and medal for runner-up providing there are not less than 60 entries in the monthly shows from Sept., 1915, to June, 1916.—C. H. Pope.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Sept. 21 Cairns' Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Report of F.F. show, and arrangements for annual show.—J. C. Charlton.

East Ardsley.—Sept. 18, Black Swan, 7. General business.—A. Walton.

Fife and Kinross N.P.C.—Sept. 25, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 7. General business.—D. H. McGowan.

G.E. Ry. F.A.—Sept. 21, Mechanics' Institute, Stratford. Young Stock show; open 5.30.—W. E. Rogers.

[Please note that announcements must be sent in duplicate if it is wished that they appear both in "The Poultry World" and CAGE BIRDS.—Ed.]

Huddersfield O.S.—Next meeting postponed from Sept. 18 to 20, at 7.30. Open show business and distribution of Yorkshire Union handbooks.—A. Lawford.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Sept. 18, Erewash Hotel, Station Road, 7. Class making.—Geo. Siddown.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Sept. 18, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7. Fix entry money, and other show business; see Club Reports; new members invited.—T. J. McGregor.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Sept. 21, White Swan, 8. Classes for night shows.—A. Freestone.

Manchester Fanciers C.S.C.—Sept. 18, 32, Victoria St., City, 8. Autumn social to be arranged.—R. J. Metcalfe.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Sept. 21, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, 8. Classification and show business for November show.—A. Colley.

Oxhill Central W. Social Club and Inst.—Sept. 19, Club-room, 6.30. Very important business.—Wm. J. Platten.

Porth and Rhondda Valley C.B.S.—Sept. 22, Porth Hotel, 7. Show business.—J. H. Bevan.

Plymouth W.C.O.S.—Sept. 21, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street, 8. Important business in connection with open show and proposition of Crest Cup.—W. Luscombe.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Granby Hotel, Members' show; judge, Mr. J. Bailey. Birds staged at 3.—W. Jagger.

Scottish British Bird and M.C.—Sept. 18, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 4.30. Business important.—J. Allan.

Stanley Garden House F.F. and C.B.S.—Sept. 19, 7. Catalogue and schedule.—J. Armitage.

Windhill C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Blue Bell Hotel, 2.30. Members' show; judge, Mr. J. Dawson (Gt. Horton) entries Friday night, 6.30 to 9, at headquarters.—J. Taylor.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Oct. 6.—**Idle C.B.S.**—(C. A. House, Briardene, Idle, Bradford.) W.M.

Oct. 8 9.—**Preston O.S.**—(G. Buck, 5, Nevett St.)

Oct. 12-13.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)

Oct. 14.—**Hanley C.B.S.**—(C. Beckett, 32, Hamilton-rd., Birkenhead, Hanley.) J.R.

Oct. 15-16.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(H. Warburton, 73, Ellesmere Rd., Lower Walton, Warrington.) H.W.B., G.L., J.D.L.

Oct. 16.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. Green, 205, Stoney Stanton Rd.)

Oct. 21.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Holliday, 58, George St.) J.R.

Oct. 22 23.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.)

Oct. 23.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.) J.R.

Oct. 26 28.—**London and P.O.S.**—(H. L. Huggins, 130, Myddleton Rd., Bowes Park, London.)

Oct. 27 28.—**Carlisle (Border City) O.S.**—(J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.)

Oct. 29 30.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlboro Av., Manley Park, Manchester). L.D., J.R., R.B., J.D., H.J.C.

Oct. 30.—**York C.B.S.**—(V. G. F. Zimmerman, 7, Portland Street.)

Nov. 3 4.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terr.)

Nov. 5-6.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., J.R., J.C.B., H.W.B., J.B.

Nov. 6.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(J. W. Thornton, 43, Rydal St., W. Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M., W.N.

Nov. 6 8.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street.) J.T., H.J.C.

Nov. 9 10.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(G. W. Jones, 156, Holdenhurst Rd.) H.N.

Nov. 12-13.—**Blaydon-on Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.) T.D., J.M., H.W.B.

Nov. 13.—**Barnsley C.B.S.**—(E. Toulson, 102, Cope St.)

Nov. 13.—**Chester C.B.S.**—(L. Cavanagh, "Berwyn," Vicar's Cross, Chester.) H.W.B.

Nov. 13.—**Ardwick & Manchester C.B.S.**—(J. Spencer, 193, Palmerston Street, Beswick, Manchester.)

Nov. 17.—**Reading C.B.S.**—(G. C. Smith, 73, Audley St.) H.N.

Nov. 19 20.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.) W.M., H.W.B.

Nov. 19-20.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(Wm. Tallantyre, South View.) W.M.'M., T.D., J.M.

Nov. 25.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.)

Nov. 27.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.**—(F. A. Green, 54, Caindon Rd.) H.W.B.

Dec. 1-2.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jonce, 211, Park Rd., Aston, Birmingham.) J.R., J.H.R.

Dec. 1-2.—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place, Southampton.) H.N.

Dec. 8-9.—**Watford C.B.S.**—(W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Rd.) F.E., H.N., A.S., H.J.W.

Dec. 10-11.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—(W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Neweastle).

Scotland.

Nov. 12-13.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital Street.) W.G., J. M'L., W. M'M., C.M., A.W., M.C.

Nov. 20.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S.**—(A. Rebertson, 56, Arthur Place.)

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Jan. 1.—**Wishaw, Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)

Wales.

Oct. 20.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(H. H. Mortimer, 4, Granville St.)

Nov 17.—**Llandudno** (Welsh N. Counties F. and F.A.).—(G. E. Cragg, "Rocklands," Rhos, Colwyn Bay.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.H.R.

1916.

Jan. 11.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. H. Davies, 24, College Hill.)

Ireland.

Nov. 24-25.—**Dublin Y.C.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(W. C. Sholedice, 38, Haddington Rd.) W.M.

Dec. 3-4.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(W. Montgomery, 62, Church Street).

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Twitterings.

Mr. J. Chambers, Burley Hill, Leeds, will judge our annual show, December 4, 1915, writes Mr. G. Lord, sec. Radcliffe and Dist. C.B.S.

We have engaged Mr. J. Trengove, of Rishton, to judge our open show on Oct. 22 and 23, writes Mr. L. Harwood, sec. Accrington C.B.S.

Mr. G. Buck, sec., writes that the open show of the Preston O.S. will positively be held on the dates fixed, Oct. 8-9. The judge will be Mr. Alf. Wellings, and schedules will be ready Sept. 20. The show will be under the patronage of the N.P.C., the O.N.P.S., and the [illegible] Canary Association.

The exhibition season opens with Idle Show on Oct. 6. The show will be under the experienced management of Mr. C. A. House. Fanciers should write for schedules; see advt.

The annual show of the Croydon and Dist. F.A. will be held on Nov. 10, writes Mr. F. B. Roberts, sec. Nine new members were elected at last meeting; we shall be pleased to welcome more.

On behalf of our club, I thank you for mentioning in Twitterings our new enterprise re prizes for plumage, writes Mr. F. Turner, sec., Leeds Quality Linnet Singing Club. It has proved a decided success. We hope shortly to be affiliated to the Leeds C.B.S.

Messrs. Smith and Lees write that Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S. is holding its annual open show Nov. 20. Mr. J. Adnitt, South Normanton, will judge. The secs. will send schedules to all last year's exhibitors when they are printed.

The Burnley and Dist. C.B.S. has removed to new premises, 75, Lindsay Street, where we shall shortly have a reunion of old and new members, writes Mr. J. Moorhouse, sec., 102, Nairne Street, Burnley. Fanciers wishing to become members kindly send p.c.

Owing to the difficulty in obtaining a hall for our annual show, writes Mr. J. Alderslade, Eastleigh C.B.S., 64, Desborough Road, Eastleigh, Hants, we have had to alter the date from Nov. 24 and 25 to Nov. 17 and 18. We have secured the Council Chambers for those dates. This is a splendid hall, well lighted, and heated to perfection. Mr. W. R. Miles, Chichester, will judge. Schedules will be ready in due course, and fanciers are invited to write for same to the Hon. Sec.

How Pedigree Tells.

Sergt. A. W. Bacon writes, in reference to his Green Border Canary, the portrait of which was on our front page last week: "His father did equally well. I have also shown four of his youngsters this year, and have won 1st, special, and 2nd at Redhill, and two 1sts at Croydon in mixed classes. I receive my CAGE BIRDS every Friday morning, and if I have been on night duty I remain up till it arrives and take it to bed with me. I have always found its contents most interesting and instructive."

Retirement of a Celebrated Lancashire Fancier.

I expect you will be rather surprised to hear, writes Mr. F. J. Green, the well-known Lancashire Canary enthusiast, that I have fully made up my mind to clear quite out of cage-bird keeping. It has been a bit of a struggle to make up my mind to give up my birds after thirty years of breeding and exhibiting. But, as you know, my occupation keeps me moving from one part of the country to another, and I feel I really must give them up, much as I love my old fancy, the Lancashire.

As now there is a possibility of further discussion on this beautiful Britisher recently described in CAGE BIRDS by Mrs. Dalton, writes Mr. R. Muir, hon. sec. Lochgelly C.B.S., might I take the opportunity of reminding fanciers that we are staging a class for Yellowhammers at Lochgelly Red Cross Show, Oct. 9. Those who happen to possess a good one will be made exceptionally welcome.

OBITUARY.

MR. C. V. MOWER (Fulham).

I regret to have to tell you of the death of one of our enthusiastic members, Mr. C. V. Mower, who passed away on Sept. 11, after a painful illness. He is one we shall sadly miss, writes Mr. Garrod. His funeral takes place on Sept. 16.

MR. G. DUNCAN (Perth).

It is with deepest regret, writes Mr. J. L. Smith, Sec. City and County of Perth C.B.S., that I have to announce the death, from wounds, of the eldest son of Mr. Geo. Duncan, one of our most prominent members. The deepest sympathy is expressed by all our members in the great trouble that has overtaken Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Duncan.

It is with great sorrow and regret that I have to report the death of our Chairman's father (Mr. Atkinson, of Thackley) on Sept. 6, after a long illness, at the age of sixty-six, writes Mr. J. Taylor, Sec., Windhill C.B.S. Although not a fancier himself, he took a great interest in birds. Members of Windhill C.B.S. will deeply sympathise with our chairman and family in their sad loss. Also the members will deeply regret to hear of the loss sustained by Mr. Wm. Dawson, of Tong Park, Baildon, by having his son killed by a motor-car last week. All fanciers and friends in this district will sympathise with Mr. Dawson and family in their sad bereavement.

It is with feelings of deepest regret, writes Mr. R. Johnson, that I have to inform you of the sad blow sustained by one of our members, Mr. Wm. Tomlinson, late of Chopwell C.B.S., and treasurer of Derwent Valley C.B.S., in the loss of his wife at the early age of twenty-nine. The Derwent Valley C.B.S. will sadly miss her, as Mrs. Tomlinson was one of our greatest workers, and always ready to undertake any work, great or small. The Derwent Valley C.B.S. members purchased a globe, suitably inscribed. The remains of Mrs. Tomlinson were interred on Sept. 11, at St. John's, Chopwell, there being a large concourse of mourners. The following represented the D.V.C.B.S.—Messrs. Jos. Lindsey, Wm. Marsh, Wm. Curry, G. Barkess, G. W. Barkess, E. Jameson, R. Johnson, and G. W. Charlton. Our greatest sympathy goes to Mr. Tomlinson in his sad bereavement.

The Bird-Keepers' Roll of Honour.

Pontypool C.B.S.

SIR,—We have one member serving with the Colours: Private Geo. Welch, 4th Batt. R.G.A.

A. H. VAUGHAN, Hon. Sec.

SIR,—One of our members has enlisted—Pte. Thos. Miller, 14th Co., Coldstream Gds.

P. GREENALL, Hon. Sec.

Wigan and Dist. Roller Club.

SIR,—Our Society has one member with the Colours in France—Hy. Nicholson, East Yorkshires.

R. JOHNSON. Sec

Derwent Valley C.B.S.

SIR,—The following members of the Crystal Palace Dist. and Penge C.B.S. are serving their country with the colours:—Messrs. Baker, Dyer and Rogers. Five members are on munition work.

W. D. FRYETT, Hon. Sec.

SIR,—Our society, Windhill C.B.S., has two members enlisted, H. Spencer, 1/6 West Yorks, and S. Hall, Northumberland Fusiliers, and these are both in the firing line; also most of our other members are on Government work.

J. TAYLOR, Sec.

"We Are Seven."

SIR,—Following is a list of the members of the Leeds C.B.S. serving with the colours: Messrs. A. G. Rhodes, H. Clapham, E. Hattersley, W. Hornby, G. T. Jackson, F. R. Lundy, G. E. McCreight.

E. NORTON, Hon. Sec.

Nine from Pontefract Linnet Club.

SIR,—I am sending you the names of members of the Pontefract and Dis. Linnet Club who have responded to their nation's call; all are serving in the K.O.Y.L.I. Our members think it a very good idea to have a Roll of Honour for the lovers of birds: Messrs. W. Proctor, P. Wilson, J. T. Smith, J. Martin, T. Merrick, J. Hinchcliff, B. Dickinson, A. Basford, T. Pilkington.

J. BEARD. Asist. Sec.

SIR,—The following is a list of the Kippax Linnet Club who are serving their King and country:—Cpl. J. Liversidge, Pioneers, Ripon; J. Bath, R.A.M.C., Beckill Hospital; A. Tomlin, R.F.A., in France; A. Bath, K.O.Y.L.I., and E. Howden, K.O.Y.L.I., in camp at Beverley. We therefore have five members with the colours out of a possible 14. Not so bad for "Ruffians," is it?

R. PLOWS, sec.

Huddersfield O.S.

SIR,—We have five members from the Huddersfield O.S. now serving with the colours: Messrs. R. Rhodes, W. Charlesworth, both in the Royal Field Artillery; A. Morris, Mechanical Transport; A. Sharp and J. W. Moore, Duke of Wellington Territorial Forces.

A. LAWFORD, Sec.

City and County of Perth C.B.S.

SIR,—The following is a list of members who are serving with the Colours:—J. R. Fullarton, Black Watch; J. Dott, Army Service Corps; G. C. Gordon, Gordon Highlanders; W. Blyth, National Reserve; W. Bruce, National Reserve; R. Christie, Black Watch; D. Hallory, Army Service Corps; D. D. M'Laren, Army Service Corps; T. Gillan, Royal Engineers.

J. L. SMITH, Sec.

Eastleigh C.B.S.

SIR,—Please will you add the following names to your Roll of Honour:—T. W. Lees, Army Service Corps, served at Mons, Ypres, and several other engagements, and returned with five shrapnel wounds, souvenirs, as he called them. He was in a very sad condition when he arrived home, but he has now returned to the field again. Mr. C. Thornback, serving on one of H.M. liners, and Mr. M. Molony, Army Service Corps. Nearly half of our members are engaged in railway work under Government at present.

J. ALDERSLADE.

(Some lists unavoidably held over.)

The members of the Bradford West C.B.A. will ramble to Morton to-day, Sept. 18. Meet at Forster Square Tram Terminus at 2.30. Fanciers are invited to join.

I have taken over the duties of secretary to the Leyton C.B.A., in place of Mr. G. King, who has left the district, writes Mr. T. Collinge, 29, Balmoral Road, Leyton, N.E. All communications should be addressed to me in future.

Mr. T. Crutcher having enlisted, I have taken over the duties of Hon. Sec. of the Plumstead C.B.S., writes Mr. Geo. H. MacAllan, 23, Speranza Street, Plumstead. Will all members please note change. All correspondence must now be addressed accordingly.

We intend holding a show at Whitehaven on Dec. 18, writes Mr. Jas. Stewart, Hon. Sec. Eleven classes for Yorkshires, 4 Borders, and 2 Linnets; prize-money 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. for 1s. 6d. entry fee, and not, as last year, on the sliding scale. We have got the patronage of the Cumberland and Westmorland Y.C.C., also the Northern Yorkshire C.C. patronage. Secretaries please note, and avoid clashing.

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MY VIEWS ON CANARY BREEDING.

By F. G. Snell

THE breeding and rearing of cage birds is so harmless and interesting and amusing that the number of persons who indulge in it creates no surprise; indeed, those who have been induced to participate in the hobby wonder how it could be otherwise. Persons who have a little spare time on their hands could not employ it to better purpose than in the breeding of Canaries; still many employ such moments to purposes not half so pleasant, or so innocent; for birds possess all the qualities that can soothe the heart or cheer the Fancy. Their bright colours, shapely forms, active manners, and sweet music, with the docility of their habits, have rendered them universal favourites. The practice of keeping cage birds is of high antiquity. Frequent references thereto occur in Oriental legends, notably in the "Arabian Nights," and it is recorded that Alexander the Great kept a Parrakeet.

Home, Sweet Home.

Some people have an idea that to confine birds in cages is cruel, and that no one who had truly the love of liberty at heart would be guilty of such an offence. But it is easy to see that this scruple cannot apply to Canaries, or any completely domesticated bird, and instead of its being cruel to keep our Canaries in cages, it would be much more so to turn them into the open air, for in meeting with liberty they would also meet with death. Those who keep them must often have observed that the birds never show the least uneasiness on account of their confinement, but, on the contrary, evince great fear when set at liberty and are unhappy till they are safely lodged in their cages again. "Home, Sweet Home," seems to be their favourite song. The cage is their palace; there they love and labour, sing their song, and build their nests.

To produce and to watch the production of some of the varieties of this beautiful bird is an interesting study, and a source of enjoyment to both old and young. The Fancy has made such rapid strides during the past few years, and the number of varieties which are now in existence is so great, that the beginner hardly knows at first which variety to start with. Should the reader entertain serious thoughts of joining the already large family of fanciers, he cannot do better than attend one of the principal shows, and I am sure he will be smitten with one or more of the varieties and launch out in the Fancy as quite an enthusiast.

When Commencing Canary Breeding.

Having made up your mind, go to a breeder and exhibitor of the particular variety you wish to keep, and get him to sell you a good pair of birds matched for breeding. Do not think the cheapest birds will answer your requirements best, for it is better to pay a fair price, and get something good, as then you can make a proper start, and if success does not attend your efforts it will not be so hard to apply the necessary improvement as it would be if you started with cheaper ones.

Obtain all the information you can relating to the strain of the birds you purchase, and if the stock is good, breeding may be safely attempted with reasonable hope that all will turn out well and possibly far beyond expectation. Much depends on the skill, judgment, knowledge, and taste of a fancier of Canaries. If he will exercise a little patience and practice, the amateur or novice may produce any variety, not only to his own delight, but to the envy of others.

Supposing you intend to keep your birds in a room provided for the purpose, great care must be taken to see it is kept clean and well-ventilated. Keep the cages on light racks, with a pin underneath each corner of the cages to keep them from resting flat on the rack. This allows a current of air to pass under the cages and prevents a lodgment for red mite. The pins used may be ordinary drawing-pins.

Ventilation plays a very important part in the bird-room. But it must not allow of any draughts. In summer the tops of your windows may have a wire-netting frame placed in them in order that your birds may get all the air possible. Another plan is to place a strip of board 6 inches wide under the bottom sash, this will allow a current of air to pass upwards into the room between the two sashes. Or a grating let into the flue of the chimney is effective, and can be so arranged that a slide may allow of your opening or shutting out the air. Do not block the fireplace, as this is an excellent means for foul air to be carried off.

Clean water is essential for drinking and bathing purposes, and must be given fresh every day, or twice a day in the summer months. The best drinkers to use are the white china pottery ones with no crevices, made so that you can thoroughly clean them out by wiping your thumb around them. They should be scalded out each week.

The Canary's Menu.

As a staple diet the best Spanish Canary seed should be used, with a little German rape seed every other day, and mixed seed occasionally. It should, however, be borne in mind that over-feeding is as bad for birds as for their masters, and as many die from too much food as from too little.

In the summer I use for green food—watercress, groundsel, chickweed, etc. Great care should be taken that the green food is quite fresh. Watercress should be gathered from a good, clean running stream, and groundsel from an old rubble bank or any poor soil on which it will grow.

Sand or grit should always be placed in the cages, also a piece of cuttlefish. These items possess beneficial properties for the birds' digestion, and keep them in splendid feather. They also assist in the formation of the egg-shells, and prevent the laying of shell-less eggs. An old piece of mortar is a splendid thing for the birds to peck at.

When the breeding season is on, egg food must be given, quite fresh, as often as possible. In feeding young ones the yolk only should be given for three days; afterwards the whole of the egg should be rubbed through a fine sieve and mixed with sweet biscuits or bread crumbs—if the latter a little castor sugar should be added. The drawers containing egg-food must be kept scrupulously clean.

The aspect of your bird-room will play a great part in success or otherwise. It is preferable to have the room, if possible, facing due south, if not, get as near south as you can. You want the sun in your rooms, but not too direct on to your cages, as the birds when sitting feel the heat very much, and if there is excessive sun you may see the youngsters with their heads and half their bodies stretched over the nest boxes, gasping for breath. Good light is essential, especially where your breeders are placed, so that the old birds feeding young ones may get the first and last rays. The temperature should be kept as even as possible without heat, unless under exceptional circumstances in the winter.

The Ideal Norwich.

Now for a few words respecting the variety you intend to breed. I fancy I hear you say that the Norwich Plainhead is your ideal. That being so, I will endeavour to give my impressions on this beautiful variety. There are three essentials necessary: Type, quality, and colour. The ideal specimen should be a large, bold bird, standing well across the perch; length not to exceed 6½ inches from tip of beak to end of tail. It should be smart in action and steady, and show no signs of fear. The eye should be bold and bright; the beak clear in colour, short and thick. The head should be large, with a broad skull, showing a good round sweep from tip of beak to back of head. The neck should be short and thick, running into the body with a graceful, deep sweep of the chest, giving that chubby or Bullfinch type we often hear of. The body should be pear-shaped, running away wedge-shape underneath the legs to tail; the shoulders should be wide, and the back well-filled and nicely rounded at sides. The wings should be short with the tip of the flights meeting feather to feather V shape, but should not overlap. The legs should not be too short, as this gives a bird a squatty appearance, nor too long or it will appear stilty, but they should be of medium length. The colour should be rich and level throughout and the bird should possess dense feather of short and silky texture.

(To be continued).

WITH FEATHERED FRIENDS IN ARGYLESHIRE.

By DAN McARTHUR (Edinburgh).

OBAN, which was my base of operations, is very quiet this year. Instead of the usual trim white-sailed, bunting-clad yachts which used to stud the bay, one sees a grim-looking armed yacht and a patrol boat. Not a single brown-sailed fishing smack is to be seen, only a business-looking trawler. A few fisher-girls, fair of hair, grey-eyed, and sun-tanned, from some more Northern village, with their everlasting knitting, add a touch of older days to the scene. They are here for the herring gutting.

Happily on the West Coast one lives without fear of a Zeppelin raid, though a stray enemy submarine might sneak along the Sound of Mull. It was extremely interesting to note the eagerness with which the folks in the "Back of Beyond" glens looked for the latest "War News" from one, and I gladly took a morning paper with me on my tramps when I found how much it was appreciated.

Where "Cage Birds" is Late.

Of course fanciers are not numerous, save in the larger towns. I introduced the one and only Cage Birds to several who had never heard of it. It was awful having to wait till Monday for my copy, by the way. The time in transit makes showing impossible, save at a few towns, and freight is very expensive. One hears the cry "Feed on canary seed only" raised now and then, and one fancier I met had solved the problem by giving none! With seed at 6½d. per lb. by the time it reached him I don't blame him. Luckily he had all sorts and conditions of wild food at his door, and could laugh at inflated war prices.

The difficulty in writing these notes is to keep to the birds, and leave the scenery alone! But a Scotsman will surely be pardoned if he digresses now and then to describe some of the glamour of "Caledonia Stern and Wild." The lure of the Highlands is strong to a townsman, and it has been my good fortune for seven years now to spend a few weeks among "the brown heath and shaggy wood." This year, in seeking "new fields and pastures green" in Argyleshire, I managed to combine "mountain, moor and loch" with the sea. I had no field-glasses with me, and so missed identifying several birds which kept at a respectful distance, and these rambling notes are not to be taken as a list of all the birds in Argyleshire, remember. I trust, however, that they will be of interest to fanciers, especially "ayont the sea."

The Seagulls are plentiful enough, both well inland and on the shores. There are two kinds—the Common and the Herring Gulls. They are as noisy as they are voracious, and are by no means fastidious in their tastes. They seem to have their regular chimney-cans, nooks and crannies, and an intrusion is warmly and loudly resented. "No aliens need apply" is their motto, apparently! They hate solitude, and if one of the habitués is missing at night-time the others kick up an awful shindy, until, after repeated calls, he is seen hovering around. After a long discussion—about the evils of late hours, I suppose—they settle down for the night.

A Noisy Breakfast Time.

The arrival of a trawler in the early morning is the signal for another commotion. Screamingly they escort the ship into the harbour, then squat all over her, waiting for a chance to beg, borrow, or steal a fish. The crew usually throw any broken fish overboard and then there's "wigs on the green" (ocean), and the bird that is lucky enough to get the fish has to swallow it entire or have it torn from it by a score of hungry Gulls. They follow the excursion steamers regularly too, and dive gracefully down for any tit-bits that are thrown out. They seem just to momentarily sit on the water in a manner that their appearance hardly credits.

The Raven breeds regularly in the Western Highlands, but I only came across one specimen; at Duart Point, on the Island of Mull. A typical bird 'midst the silent grandeur of "the grim, gaunt hills, streaked with granite grey." Crows, of course, are everywhere, and there are several colonies of Jackdaws, especially on the Gallanach Cliffs. Though the most of the cliffs are of what geologists term the "plum-pudding" variety, the Gallanach Cliffs are of the columnal variety similar to the famous Staffa rocks at Iona. At the now deserted old stone pier at Barr-nam-boc, on the island of Kerrera, I stopped to watch the Gulls and the plaintively screaming Terns (or Sea Swallows) while I refreshed the inner man. This pier used to be a busy ferry, and the only route to Mull, in the pre-steamboat days.

The Wheatear preceded us on many of our walks, fluttering up to the dry-stone dyke, watching us for a second, then off again; another reconnoitre, and so on, until we are out of the danger-zone. He is an attractive little fellow if not much of a fancier's bird. The Chaffinch is perhaps the most plentiful of all the hardbills. Always brightly clad (with a nest as pretty as himself) our countryside would indeed be strange without his cheerful presence.

The Starling is also seen in great numbers. It is strange to think that this bird is met with in tremendous numbers all over the country now, yet it was quite scarce less than fifty years ago. I was amused to watch some bathing in the rain-rhones on the house-tops outside "my attic near the sky." How these birds enjoy a bath! Though there was great competition between them and the Gulls for certain cosy chimney-cans, there was no ill-feeling.

The Starling is my favourite native soft-bill (probably because he was the first bird I ever kept, and "first loves are sweetest.") and I am never without one. I have two just now at home, aged four and six years. Their lively chatter, unequal but joyous whistle, and their sociability, endear them to many, while their glossy spangled coat—"green, purple, brown and black, with specks between"—entitles them to be placed among our native beauties.

(To be continued.)

A Few Words on Red Mites.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

BEING chiefly based on practical experiments which have not yet ended, I can only regard this contribution as notes by the way which may have some little interest for those concerned in the extermination of the pest. There is, of course, no finality whatever about the results obtained up to the present, and I shall leave readers to make their own deductions; but, simple as the matter seems on the face of it, there are pitfalls that may easily lead to error, and consequently it is unwise to jump to any conclusion.

Fifteen years ago I made a series of experiments with red mites, with the object of testing their vitality and powers of survival under adverse conditions, which, I may remark in passing, produced results diametrically opposed to any theory or opinion ever published, so far as I could discover, up to that time, and when I read a suggestion in the recent correspondence on the extermination of lice that a knowledge of the length of time required for the ova, or "nits," to hatch would be useful, I turned up my notes to see if this point was included. But, unfortunately, I had preserved no notes respecting the actual period of incubation. Hence these new experiments.

My paraphernalia consisted simply of two tiny clear glass tubes in which photographic tabloids are sold. These tubes, closely stoppered with waxed corks, are practically air-tight, and one can imagine that the conditions of life within them, without the slightest visible means of subsistence, are not very enviable from our point of view, even in these times of war economy. I obtained several full-grown mites, and enclosed two in one tube, which had been thoroughly cleaned and dried, on August 5.

To prevent confusion we will follow this colony first. A tiny strip of dark paper was enclosed with them to assist observation. Several ova were deposited the same night, and others during the period up to August 8, when the mites were removed. The first young to hatch came out shortly after noon on the 8th. At the first examination, on the morning of August 9, five young were out, and at night the last of a distinctive group of ova deposited on the night of August 7 was out. One ovum, which I actually saw deposited at 4 p.m. on August 6 was hatched at the first examination on the morning of August 9.

The period of incubation is therefore a matter of hours, probably about thirty hours. But considering the exceptionally wet and cool weather prevailing during the time, it is quite possible that the ova may hatch more quickly during hot, sultry weather, and it may not be far wrong to say the period of incubation is probably from 24 to 30 hours.

The question of feeding a colony of these creatures is a problem I have not attempted to solve, but it occurred to me to try the effect of introducing a freshly-plucked quill of a sprouting feather. This I did when the mites were several days old and exceedingly active, but although closely watched at frequent intervals the quill seemed to be totally ignored. Indeed it appeared to be of just as little interest to the mites, even when running over it, as the strip of paper.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

Keeping the Shows Going.

SIR,—It was with very great pleasure that I noticed a reference in CAGE BIRDS to Plymouth W.C.O.S. show. We in Cornwall always look forward to Plymouth show to give us some idea of what an exhibition bird should be, and a chance to see some real champions. I also see in CAGE BIRDS that the Southern Yorkshire Club is moving. Is the Southern Norwich Club dead? No sign of life yet; it appears to me that it is a specialist club's duty to make an attempt to keep the Fancy flourishing by supporting shows. Plymouth W.C.O.S., in holding an open show this year, will, I am sure, set a good example which many other Southern societies may follow.

J. P. ANDREW.

Patriotic Show at Barrow.

SIR,—At the meeting of the Barrow C.B.A. on Sept. 7, A. Hudson presiding, it was decided to hold our annual show, Nov. 27, for one of the noblest objects that any society could support, namely, in help of the widows of our heroes who have died at the front; 90 per cent. of the proceeds will go to the Mayoress's fund for the above object. When we remember the noble way in which the local people supported our last nest feather show, and enabled us to hand over £15 to the Patriotic fund of our Mayor, we are looking forward to a record show in every respect. We have the good fortune to obtain some good working members who are just novices, and many older members as helpers, and we have engaged Mr. Wellings, of Prescot to judge. Those desirous of becoming members kindly communicate with

D. MCFARLANE, Hon. Sec.

26, Lord Robert Street,
Walney, Barrow-in-Furness.

Breeding Rollers in an Aviary.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent, Mr. Hainsworth (re Rollers breeding in aviary), it is one of the greatest drawbacks to breeding in an aviary that the sitting hens will eat a certain amount of the egg food put in for those which have young ones, but, naturally, they do not leave their nests so often as those feeding young, so do not eat as much, and, having plenty of exercise, they do not seem to take any ill effects from same. Re his other query, as to training young cocks, he will find it answered in the concluding portion of my article. I should advise him to get the best cock possible, and hens of the same strain, but not very nearly related. Take the young out of the aviary as soon as they can do for themselves, cage off in largest cages or flights he has at disposal, and let them hear only their tutor. When moulted, cage off singly in Roller cages, remove out of hearing of the others all young that bring any notes he does not like, as a bad bird will sometimes spoil the whole lot. I may say I won 1st in B.R.C.C. Novice Points Competition, 3rd in Champion ditto, with Rollers bred and trained under the above conditions, which speaks for itself.

A. HARPER.

In Case of Short Entries.

SIR,—I can mention more than one society with only a handful of working men fanciers who are able to have a good show and pay expenses, and produce a profit. Neither have they a very large hall, but large enough for their entries. They engage two specialist judges for about 30 classes; they have a good entry and a good gate; they allow the sec. so much per year, and so much for loss of time on the show week. If you go to the show on the second day you can have your prize-money and specials. Now some societies have the largest hall in the town, and exhibits only enough to half fill the hall. They have to pay the secretary about £10 for his services, and the consequence is their money is eaten up by too much expense.

I have seen a schedule to-day where the judge has 47 classes, of all varieties. Is that a fair day's work? I say it is too much. No judge should ever be expected to judge so many classes. I am thinking that some of those classes will be judged in the twilight or gaslight; and no doubt they will be the British bird classes. How can that society expect British bird exhibitors to send entries? At the largest show in London last year one of the judges was still hard at it late in the afternoon. Can the judge then do justice to the birds? He has to get through them the best he can.

A society should as far as possible put down a good classification, and have sufficient judges to do justice to the exhibits. Try and get members interested in certain varieties to guarantee whole or part of the prize money against loss, and give full prize-money in all classes, then, with judges who fully understand the varieties they have to judge, I feel sure the classes will fill.

Does Mr. Pope and his society expect to get exhibitors living a long distance from Plymouth to send their exhibits on the chance of winning first prize, and the prize-money not pay entrance fees and railway carriage? Exhibitors do not generally send birds to a show just for the benefit of the society and for other fanciers to have a look at their birds. No—birds cost money, and exhibitors want to get a little back for their outlay, and time and trouble. Mr. Pope wants the opinion of readers of CAGE BIRDS, and says that the Plymouth Society are graduating the prize-money. If they have decided on what they intend doing, why ask advice? Should there be six entries at 1s. 6d. in a class, and three prizes are given, 4s., 3s., 1s., that allows 1s. for the society. The exhibitor has to pay 1s. 6d. entrance fee, and perhaps 1s. 6d. or 2s. carriage, so there will not be much for all the time and trouble of getting the bird ready for the show. If entries were sent from the Midlands the birds would have to leave early on Monday morning to arrive in the evening, be on show Tuesday and Wednesday, and arrive home about Thursday evening. It would not pay carriage fare to take and fetch them from the station. Treat it as a business, give the best classification, secure the best judges, give full prize-money, and leave it to the exhibitors to send their entries—and they will, if you adopt the above.

HERBERT J. CHICK.

The Exhibition Yellowhammer.

SIR,—Surely Mrs. L. E. T. Dalton will tender an ample apology to Mr. Herbert J. Chick for trampling on his pet corn by pretending to know something about British Birds. This is a subject upon which Mr. Herbert J. Chick appears to claim a monopoly, vide a letter of his published in CAGE BIRDS some time ago, wherein, if I remember rightly, he criticised and condemned most, if not all, of our present day judges, and then unblushingly announced that he, Mr. Herbert J. Chick, was coming out as a British Bird judge. He even wrote letters to secretaries of societies begging for judging appointments, but apparently met with little success. If Herbert J. Chick will look up the shows of 1914 season where a Yellowhammer class was provided, I think he will find that Mrs. L. E. T. Dalton proved herself a good sport by guaranteeing at least one Yellowhammer class; I cannot remember Mr. Herbert J. Chick ever doing anything similar. H. J. C. suggests that if Mrs. Dalton exhibits that large-sized, full-chested Yellowhammer of hers, all other Yellowhammer fanciers will keep their birds at home. Evidently his opinion of British Bird exhibitors is on a par with his opinion of British Bird judges. As I am not out seeking judging engagements, I will just sign myself

YELLOW YITE.

SIR,—It was with great interest that I read Mr. Chick's letter relating to my short article on this subject, which he has found it fitting to condemn. I am pleased, however, that my humble effort has had the effect of eliciting a reply from such an expert on the Yellowhammer as Mr. Chick, a gentleman who is not only able to teach us the fine art of preparing an exhibition specimen, but is also in such an affluent position to offer such substantial inducements in cash as two five shilling specials

I am quite content to leave my case in the hands of the readers of CAGE BIRDS, who will no doubt understand that whatever I have stated, was with the sole object of inducing others to come to the front. I naturally concluded that when my bird won these prizes that my method of feeding, etc., was worth consideration, whilst the remarks of the Editor will satisfactorily explain most of the other points.

Dealing with the Horticultural Hall show of 1914; I should like to inform Mr. Chick that my birds were not on the bench. Nevertheless the bird illustrated took second prize there. It was then owned by a gentleman from whom I claimed it at the last Swansea show. With reference to the Bathgate show, where I entered two Yellow Buntings, I regret to say my show case did not get through until 3.30 in the afternoon, too late for judging. I think Mr. Chick might have instituted further inquiries before writing to the press.

My reason for quoting the Buff, which is not necessarily an exhibition bird, was to explain what an improvement takes place after a moult, for the most simple reader will understand that what is required is a yellow Yellowhammer, as the name implies. If Mr. Chick is so keen on filling the classes, why has he not written before on the subject instead of leaving it to me? A few weeks prior to the last Bathgate show I appealed, through the columns of CAGE BIRDS, respecting this matter, with the gratifying result there were, I believe, sixteen entries, which is something new as far as the Yellow Bunting is concerned. This pleased me immensely, and I congratulated the winner.

LILIAN E. T. DALTON.

SIR,—I note with satisfaction the interest that is being taken in the short article subscribed by Mrs. Dalton on the Yellowhammer. Mr. Chick, if I may remark, comes a little stronger in his criticism on the subject than there is necessity for, inasmuch as the article was invited by the Editor, and did not appear as a challenge I may say. We have heard Mrs. Dalton's appeal for the Yellowhammer on more than one occasion, and it behoves us who are really interested, even although we may have some friends who can show four yellows to beat one buff, to back up the Yellowhammer as a bird worthy of a class of its own species on the show bench. One point by Mr. Chick which seems to me out of place, is that wherein he states, "another week I will take exception to her method of moulting, etc." Now, Mr. Chick, don't be tyrannical, give us your own method, and don't peck holes in another body's. If it doesn't suit you, take it for what it's worth. That is the method which we novices in that particular section have to follow.

SCOT.

Moulting Exhibition British Birds on Wild Seeds.

SIR,—I have read the splendid articles written by that well-known exhibitor, Mr. C. Prior, that have appeared in CAGE BIRDS during the last few months. It makes me wish that I lived in the country, or that I had the time to visit the fields and lanes to collect the valuable seeds he says are so beneficial to British Birds during the moulting season. I then wonder to myself how many of the hundreds of British Birds exhibited up and down the country, and especially those that have won premier honours, have been fed and moulted on these wild seeds. I should like to know how it is that exhibitors can, and do, improve on the field moulted specimens with the ordinary seed mixture. I know many exhibitors, including myself, who have moulted some of the very best specimens that have ever been seen on the show bench and have never used any of the wild seeds that have been recommended. I remember, years ago, articles appeared recommending this wild seed, and that wild seed, to moult birds a good colour, etc., until it became a byeword amongst fanciers, "My word, your Linnet looks well, did you moult it on shepherd's purse?" I have spoken to men who have put down some of the finest Linnets and Goldfinches that have ever been staged, and they have never used these wild seeds. I should like some of the British exhibitors who have specialised on Linnets and Goldfinches and Bullfinches—men who have taken premier honours all over the country—to say whether they have moulted their champions on wild seed, or on the ordinary mixed seed as we know it.

I know dozens of bird catchers who have every opportunity of collecting wild seed never trouble to do it. Yet they can and do moult Linnets and Goldfinches as well as any one (many a champion has been moulted in their hop cages). They, with the ordinary seed, bring their birds into the best of condition; they can moult them early and get them into full song by the time the catching season commences, when the majority of birds have not really started to moult. I have asked them many times why they don't collect wild seed for their Linnets and Goldfinches. They say that when they first catch them, they are on the soft wild seed, and they take some getting on to the hard, dry seed that is going to be their staple food; many die during the process, from inflammation, or red swelling, as they call it; therefore it stands to reason that after you have got them on to hard seed, and got them thoroughly accustomed to it, to put them back on to the wild soft seed again, you have a harder task to get them on to the hard seed again, and most of them die. Take young Hawfinches: When first caught, they have been feeding on peas, etc. You gradually get them off the soft, natural food on to mixed hard seed, and numbers die in doing so. Should you be fortunate enough to get them on to the mixed seed, and you start them on peas, etc., when the season comes round again, you will find you will have the same trouble over again—they will leave the mixed seed for the natural wild seed, and perchance will not again touch the mixed seed. Their head is soon under their wing, and do what you will, you cannot save them. There is a disease they get that I cannot fathom, and I have spoken to several who have had them die of the same complaint. Water begins to run from their eyes, the eyes swell up and gradually close (the bird keeps rubbing them on the perches) while the skin of the neck seems to stick to the throat and they are soon gone. I have lost several field moulted, but not one cage moulted. I have tried several things, but they have been no good.

Should Mr. C. Prior be judging at the L.C.B.A. show, I should like birds that are entered to be marked in the catalogue whether they have been moulted in cages on natural wild seed or ordinary mixed seed as we know it. The birds could be marked "W.S." or "M.S." I should be willing to give a special to the best bird exhibited that has been fed and moulted in a cage on mixed seed, if some other fancier will give one for the best bird moulted in cage on natural wild seed, birds to be judged for condition and colour only. It will be interesting to know whether a bird can be moulted on its natural wild seed better than on the ordinary dry mixed seed, as we know it.

HERBERT J. CHICK.

"Tortured Prisoners."

SIR,—Mr. Cox as a logician is really too funny. He reads into my letter an ergo that "because men get drunk it is right to keep wild birds in darkened captivity." I think that no others of your readers have come to the conclusion that this was my argument, but to meet Mr. Cox on logical grounds would be so easy as to afford no sport, so we will get back to his "plain facts." I notice that he has jettisoned all of these except one, and he now says "it is a plain fact, that thousands of wild birds are condemned by their jailors to deliberate and calculated cruelty." It is not for bird keepers to prove a negative, so I will simply say that during an experience of more than thirty years I have been a "jailor" of wild birds, and I certainly have not subjected them to "deliberate and calculated cruelty." On the contrary, my birds have shown by their demeanour at home that their lives have been happy, and they have shown by their condition on scores of show-benches that their treatment has been such that no wild bird of their species could compare with them in perfection of plumage. I suppose even Mr. Cox does not need to be told that horses, of which he presumably knows more than he does about birds, and animals of every kind display the first signal of distress in their coats. In any case, I can tell him that if a bird is badly treated it is in bad plumage, and here I will suggest an "ergo" to him: If a bird is in plumage better in captivity than in nature, ergo, that bird is not being subjected to "deliberate and calculated cruelty." This seems to me to be pretty fair logic, and I must leave it to Mr. Cox either to throw over his last remaining "plain fact," or to substantiate it with something more to the point than a rambling statement about birds in bird shops. Bird-dealers are not bird "jailors." They only sell the birds to the jailors.

A grievance of Mr. Cox is that "although we (himself and other professional humanitarians) who work to prevent cruelty to all living beings, men included, invariably do so in the open, our opponents as invariably oppose us anonymously," and goes on to invent his own "ergo" that the anonymity is prompted by trade interest. The signing of his name by Mr. Cox, *is* a trade interest. It is his business to keep his name before the public. The anonymity of private individuals is a matter between themselves and the Editor

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of the paper in which the letters appear, and the suggestion that letters which do not publicly bear the name and address of their senders are written in "trade interest" is a reflection upon the Editor.

The statement of Mr. Cox that the wilful blinding of birds for contest singing is "of more than frequent occurrence" exposes his woeful ignorance of the subject of which he has been writing. Has Mr. Cox never heard of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals? If not I may tell him that such a society exists, and that its inspectors are ever on the look out for cases of cruelty by bird-dealers. Its own monthly journal discloses the infinitesimal proportion which convictions of cruelty to birds bear to conviction for other kinds of cruelty. I believe in the whole of its existence it has a record of one conviction for the brutal practice which Mr. Cox says is of more than frequent occurrence. This conviction dates back considerably longer than the "two or three years" mentioned by Mr. Cox, and was, I believe, obtained upon the deliberate procuration of one of its inspectors. This man caused it to be known that the bird he wished to purchase would be of no use to him unless it were blinded, and managed to unearth a beast who was prepared to undertake the task. Then he laid information and obtained a conviction which has ever since been held up as proving that the horrible practice is frequently occurring. The accusation is a wicked lie, which has been accepted as truth by Mr. Cox for the purpose of bolstering up an all-round attack on bird-keeping, and that is a plain fact and plain English.

As a matter of fact, the value of the whole of Mr. Cox's statements is equal to the value of his latest of all, in which he says that the people who are responsible for the diminution of the Cornish Chough are "Bird Lovers," i.e., bird-keepers. I think it was made plain in the inscription to the picture to which Mr. Cox refers that the diminution is due to the rapacity of egg collectors. How many Cornish Choughs does he think were ever kept in captivity by bird-lovers in any one season? In my own long experience I have kept one only, and that one I had for more than ten years. I do not know of any cage bird keeper who has contributed to the scarcity of Bustards, and I fancy that it must be a "printer's error," which makes Mr. Cox say that the same tale (diminishing numbers) is told of the Great Auk. Surely Mr. Cox knows that the Great Auk is already extinct, and that it was not the keeping of Great Auks in cages that contributed to the extinction.

BIRD KEEPER.

SIR,—With reference to the recent portrait of the Chough on the front page of CAGE BIRDS, and the remarks made by a Mr. Cox this week in the correspondence column that the Chough is getting extinct, I am glad to state that such is not the case here in Wales, at any rate. It is still plentiful on the Pembroke and Cardigan coasts. I cannot follow Mr. Cox when he accuses bird lovers of exterminating the species he alludes to. Oh! no, Mr. Editor. It is not the "Ruffian" either, but the class of man that lives on the fat of the land. Not so very long ago one of these "gentlemen" staying at the seaside here openly boasted at dinner what large sums of money he had refused for his unique collection of rare British birds' eggs, among which were those of the Chough. This is the class of man who is to blame. I may further ask Mr. Cox whom he has to thank over the affair he alludes to at Bethnal Green two or three years ago. Was it not through a bird lover and fancier that this man was brought to justice? I am sure that true bird lovers and fanciers cannot tolerate such acts as Mr. Cox refers to.

D. J. THOMAS.

SIR,—If Mr. F. A. Cox is so confident in the statement that birds are kept in perpetual darkness and their sight destroyed by any set of ruffians, why does he not set to work and bring the offenders to justice? I for one would be pleased to do all I possibly could to assist him. If he hears anyone use the "common expression" (has it been put through it?) why not take the necessary steps to have him or them put through it, as they deserve. I have always been, and I am yet, under the impression that to get birds to sing at a contest they must be in tip-top condition, and have a sight of each other before they are put in their positions (blind birds can't see).

B. HUGHES.

(Several Letters held over.)

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Club Reports.

GLASGOW (North-West) C.B.C.

Meeting Amalgamated Musicians' Hall, Aug. 31, Mr. Gibb presiding over a good attendance. Classification arranged for annual show, Nov. 20. New member admitted, J. Leslie. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to chairman.—J. Houston, Sec.

PLUMSTEAD AND WOOLWICH.

Meeting Sept. 9, at headquarters, Trinity Schools. Mr. Newnham chair. Secretary instructed to send honour list to CAGE BIRDS. Decided to carry out annual show Nov., date to fix. New sec. appointed, Audit of accounts, etc., and report next meeting.—Geo. H. Maclellan, Hon. Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.S.

Meeting, Sept. 4, Y.M.C.A. Hall, Mr. Rundall, chair. Decided to have an extended classification, with prize-money on the sliding scale, at our annual show, Oct. 30. There will be 44 classes:—Nor., 10; Bord., 11; Crest or C.B., 1; Com. Canary, 2; Yorks., 2; A.O.V., 1; Sell., 3; Mules, 2; Brit., 10; For., 1; Gift, 1.—T J McGregor, Sec

SHETTLESTON C.B.C.

Meeting, Good Templars' Hall, Sept. 11, Mr. E. Taylor chair, supported by a good turn-out of members. Classification for annual show was fixed as follows: Crests 2, Nor. 12, Bord. 9, Yorks. 10, Scotch Fancy 4, Nov. 1, Brit. 12, For. 1, and Gift class. Mr A. Wallace was proposed for membership.—S. F. Wood, Sec.

CLAPHAM C.B.A.

Meeting held Sept. 7. Mr. R. Pearce was nominated for membership. The date of the annual show was fixed for Oct. 14, at Strathblane Hall, Clapham Junction, and Sec. was given instructions regarding the appointment of judges. The schedule for last year was again adopted, but a few new classes were added. It was resolved to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, Sept. 21.—A. R. Coe.

CRYSTAL PALACE AND PENGE.

Meeting, Sept. 8, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, Mr. Foxen chair. A large attendance was there to see a most interesting exhibition of washing given by that well-known exponent of the art, Mr. H. Norman. Members went away much the wiser, especially the novice. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer was given, who responded with a neat little speech.—W. D. Fryett, Hon. Sec.

NEW CROSS C.B.S.

Meeting, headquarters, Sept. 2; Mr. A. W. Culham, chair, and a fair number present. Decided to hold the annual show on Nov. 4, Mr. J. Robson judge, and Sec. was instructed to see to printing, etc., as soon as possible. We shall be glad to hear from members wishing to give a special, and hope they will keep up the reputation this society has for the number of special competed for at the annual shows. A judging competition will be held Oct. 7; members please bring one or more birds.—Burton Bros., Hon. Secs.

LOANHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting Mason's Arms, Sept. 11, Mr. R. H. Douglas chair. Selection of medals was first considered, and it was agreed to ask jeweller to get birds on medals if winners desired same, after which a gold medal was selected and secretary instructed to order four of the same. Sec. brought up a motion by the President that this year's door drawings go to local relief fund, and it was unanimously agreed to let every penny go to local fund. Sec. was instructed to engage Mason's Hall for Oct. 9. Stewards were appointed for each section. Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to chairman. —W. H. Smart, Sec.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Meeting, Sept. 6, Mr. Bartlett chair, and a very good muster to hear Mr. Ovenden lecture on colour feeding. The breeding experiences of the lecturer go back some forty years, so that all he had to say was naturally very interesting. Breeding and feeding for colour was fully gone into, and a number of questions were asked and answered. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Ovenden at the close of the lecture. Members please note that no further communications should be addressed to Mr. King, who has gone up North on war service. Mr. T. Collinge has been elected Secretary in his place.—A. W. Farmer, Hon. Assist. Sec.

WALLSEND (Mid-Tyne) C.B.A.

General meeting Sept. 8, Station Hotel, Mr. L. Simpson chair, before a grand attendance. Balance sheet for N.F. Show was read, and gave every satisfaction. Schedule for annual show was drawn up. 60 classes, 11 Nor., 4 Crest and C.B., 4 Cinn. Nor., 7 Yorks., 15 Bord., 2 Liz., 2 Sell., 12 Mules and Brit. Twenty birds will be given by members to be put up for sale the day of show, and proceeds to the Red Cross fund. We have been given the B.F.C.C. patronage, so any Border fancier can become a member at next meeting; all fanciers invited to join, 1s. nom. fee and 2s. 6d. sub. Next meeting Oct. 13, electing prize money for show. All our members are enthusiastic fanciers, so we expect to make our show a success. New members, Mr. Seal, Tynemouth; Mr. Gilroy, Byker; Mr. Anderson, Wallsend; Mr. Lawson, Gosforth; Mr. Wilson, Heaton.—G. Greenwell, Sec.

SOUTHERN BORDER F.C.

Meeting, headquarters, Sept. 23, a fair number present; Mr. Norman, chair. Final arrangements were made for the Club's patronage, which has been given to the following shows, viz., Plymouth, Oct. 10 and 11, judge, Mr. Robson; Cheltenham, Nov. 3 and 4, judge, Mr. Payne; Chester, Nov. 13, judge, Mr. Battye; Redhill, Nov. 24, judge, Mr. Norman; London C.B.A., Dec. 10, 11, and 13, judge, Mr. Robson; Llanelly, Jan. 11, 1916. The special list is as follows:—S.B.F.C., cup, Newley cup, diploma for best bird at each show, 2/6 most points gained by a novice, 2/6 best 4th prize bird each show, 5/- most points in Greens and Cinnamons during the season, two highest birds at each show to count; 5/- for champion, and 5/- for novice for most points during season; two cruets, one champions, and one novices, for most points during season gained with birds out of the money. Mr. H. C. Humphries also offers a 2/6 special at Redhill, and L.C.B.A., for best bird wearing a closed ring. It is hoped that members will support these shows as liberally as possible, as societies who run their shows as usual deserve all the support the Fancy can give them. Will members please note that subs. are due, and as they must be paid before members are eligible to compete for specials, I hope those who have not yet paid will let me hear from them at once.—Geo. Burton, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH.

Meeting, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard St., Sept. 6; Mr. D. Brown, president, in the chair. Sec. read all correspondence. Classes for Club show were fixed. Sec. was asked to write a letter of sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Duncan in the sad loss of their son at the Front, also to compile a Roll of Honour of members at the Front. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—J. S. Smith, Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Evening Show, headquarters, Sept. 8. Judge, Mr. B. S. Forse. Canary: Spl., 1, 2, 3, Bayliss; r, vhc, Reed. Greenf.: 1, 2, Rev. Soames; 3, vhc, Reed; r, Bayliss. Redpoll, etc.: 1, vhc, Rev. Soames; 2, 3, Bayliss; r, hc, Reed. A.O. Brit.: Spl., 1, 3, r, vhc, Bayliss; 2, Rev. Soames; hc, c, Reed. For.: 1, 2, 3, r, Reed. General meeting Sept. 22, at Eagle, at 8. Judges for Y.B. and Annual Shows.—A. Wasey, Hon. Sec.

ALFRETON C.B.S.

Meeting, Sept. 11. A very good number turned up. Mr. J. Adnitt chair. Decided to hold our annual open show Oct. 29-30. Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield). Classes were all made and a lot of other business got through, but owing to the restrictions of the time, the fixing of specials and several other important items had to be left over, and we decided to have a special meeting on Sept. 18, when all members are requested to be present.—G. Beardall, Sec.

PONTYPOOL C.B.S.

Meeting, Sept. 11. We decided not to hold an open show this year, but will hold a members' show Nov. 27. New members elected: Mr. J. H. Watkins and Mr. J. Lewis, both being chosen on the committee; also Mr E. Sweet. Mr. R. Smith was elected assistant treas., Mr Loveday vice-chair, and Mr. B. Lapping assist. sec. Mr. J. Lovell is our president. One of our members has joined the Colours, Pte. George Welsh, 54685, R.G.A., 4th Batt., C Co., now at Great Yarmouth. We are still expecting a few more members to join our society, and I would like to have their names and addresses for nomination at next meeting, or, better still, would welcome their presence.—H. H. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Meeting, Sept. 4, at headquarters, Mr. J. Chambers chair. Mr. W. Hall, our worthy Pres., kindly promised two guineas to be disposed of as the members thought best, and seeing that we have such an excellent list of specials for this season, it was unanimously voted to the funds of the society. Sec. was instructed to write Mr. Hall of this decision, also to thank him for his generosity. Messrs. Hunt and Mr. Fryer were elected members. Mr. Chittenden gave a lecture on "Preparing for Exhibition," which he did in his very able manner, answering all questions put to him to everyone's satisfaction. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Chittenden, to which he suitably responded, thus bringing an interesting meeting to a close.—E. Norton, Hon. Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting, Sept. 6, with a fair attendance. As we are not holding an open show this year, it was suggested that the annual subs. might be reduced but this was left over for further consideration. With a view to maintaining the interest of the members in the Fancy, several suggestions were made, which, if carried out, cannot fail to be beneficial. A table show will be held at next meeting, Oct. 4. Classes are: Yell. Nor., buff ditto, Goldf. and Linnet. There will be a judging competition. All members are requested to bring a few birds; no need to wash. We are hoping to hold two good club shows later on. Mr. E. Tams, of Longton, was recently elected a member. The Norwich members are getting up a medal competition for the best birds bred this season. We hear that Mr. Glover has a very fine youngster coming on which will take a lot of stopping, and we hope it will come up to expectations.—J. Pitchford, Sec.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

CASTLEFORD.

Open sing on September 4, George and Dragon, Bridge Street. 12 birds entered for three prizes given by Mrs. Parker: 1, W. Nelson; 2, Watkiss; 3, Longfield. Sept. 11, 37 members and friends turned up to hear 11 birds sing for three prizes, but some very poor time was done. 1, W. Nelson; 2, Longfield; 3, Smith Members and all Linnet singers please note that all our sings are open up to and including Oct. 30. Look out for special sing, when a copper kettle will be given.—W. Dobson, Sec.

Please do not write on both sides of the paper.—Ed.

PONTEFRACT.

Pontefract Linnet Singing Club. Open contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, Sept. 11, for 3 prizes. 4min. time singing; 22 entered: 1, 2, Watkiss; 3, Jones. Open sing, Sept. 12, for 3min. time singing; 17 entered for 3 prizes: 1, 3, Watkiss; 2, Pugh.—J. Beard, Assist. Sec.

Cross Keys Hotel, Halfpenny Lane, open Linnet contest, Sept. 11; 4 minutes time singing for three prizes. 1, 3, B. Nelson; 2, Plows. Only a small number of birds turned up owing to the birds being in the moult. Sept. 2, open contest for three prizes, when we had fanciers from other parts of the district, and had an enjoyable afternoon. 1, 2, B. Nelson; 3, W. Nelson.—B. Nelson, Chairman.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet and Canary, F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Sept. 11. 14 birds sang for three prizes. 1, W. Sissons; 2, Richardson; 3, Stanney. Judges, Lacy, Naylor. Sept. 12, 10 sang for three prizes. 1, 3, Battery; 2, Chippindale. Judges, Hardcastle and Topping.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Quality Singing Club. Contests at headquarters, Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane. Sept. 11, quality; 18 competed. 1, 2, Lorriman; 3, F. Turner. Judges, Adams and Speight. Plumage: 1, Boyd; 2, Booth. Judge, A. Kendall. Sept. 12. Quality. 22 birds: 1, Jim Chippindale, with Tiny, his last year's champion, which is nicely through the moult; 2, Lorriman; 3, J. Wright. Judges: B. Dearlove and Ridyard. Plumage: 1, J. Wright; 2, Earnshaw. Judge, B. Dearlove. Mr. Dearlove offered a very tempting price for the winner, which was not accepted.—F. Turner, Sec.

Questions and Answers.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

WHICH IS BEST (Yorkshire).—It depends wholly upon circumstances and one's personal inclination whether it is best in breeding to have one cock to two hens or otherwise. When properly carried out the system of running one cock with two hens will almost, or quite, invariably give the highest proportional increase of stock, as the decreased number of cocks required materially reduces the number of adult breeding stock, and in no way affects the yield of each hen individually. It is a good plan where economical breeding is aimed at, and when the number of hens available is in excess of the number of cocks. But you must, of course, adopt the proper plan of keeping each hen separately in a cage by herself, as you may have seen frequently described during the past season in these replies or in "Cage Birds Annual" for 1915.

VARIED (Birdy).—(1) The partiality of the bird for a diet of summer rape solely is probably only a temporary aberration of appetite due to its moulting, which will pass away in due course. Meantime, you need have no fear at all that it will not thrive on the rape. Offer it a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar about every third day for a time, and on the intervening days give first a pinch of maw seed, and next a morsel of some green salad or sweet fruit. Add to the drinking water for one day only a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice, and after this give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week. (2) The sample of rape enclosed is a first-rate quality of summer rape, and quite suitable for the bird in question, or, indeed, any class of Canary. (3) After this lapse of time it will be best to leave the broken leg severely alone. By the time this reply reaches you, assuming the bird to be still living, Nature will have began her own repair of the mischief, and any interference will only inflict needless torture on the bird. These cases require immediate treatment to be of any real service. Please note that British bird queries should be written on a separate paper, as they have to go to a different expert. I reply this time, as the case is urgent.

EFFECT OF GAS (B. Blackburn).—If I am right in assuming that the gas fire is provided with a flue to carry off the fumes and products of combustion, and the room is efficiently ventilated, and you also take care to keep the bird at a reasonable distance from the fire where the warmth is fairly equable, I do not anticipate any harm whatever befalling the bird, either in general health or song from the presence of the fire. The main point is to avoid too close proximity, where the heat is liable to extreme and rapid fluctuations, and at the same time not expose the bird to cold direct draughts from doors or windows. Exposure to the fumes would, of course, be harmful, but this is merely a question of a properly ventilated room, and having the fire provided with a flue.

AILING NORWICH HEN (F. E. R.).—Possibly the commencement of the moult is partly accountable for the symptoms. Make yourself sure that she is not exposed to cold draughts, rapid or extreme changes of temperature, or fumes of burning lights in the evenings, and then treat as follows for two or three weeks. In addition to the staple seed diet give a morsel of bread and milk lightly sprinkled with soft sugar every third day for a fortnight, and on the intervening days give first a pinch of maw seed, and next a morsel of some kind of green salad. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, for three consecutive days, and after this give instead four drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia, and sweet spirits of nitre, every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary.

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A YORKSHIRE SONGLESS (E. B.). I'm afraid there is no remedy for a real cock two and a half years old which has never sung a note in spite of having all encouragement in the way of example from association with good singers. As you say, there is no doubt about his sex. I take it that it has been proved by successful mating, otherwise I should be rather sceptical about it, in spite of external appearances. When the moult is quite finished this season, you cannot expect it to begin to sing before that time, remove him to a room where no other bird is kept, but where people will be often moving about, every third day for a month, and add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. If this produces no effect I fear he is an incorrigible non-singer, for whom there is little, if any, chance of reformation.

A FATAL CLICKING (E. H. M.). Thanks for your report. Sorry that the treatment was not successful, but probably the birds had their passports to the birdies' better land before it was commenced. I assume that you took the necessary steps to remove the birds from the exciting causes of the trouble before commencing treatment, which is always the first and most important part of any treatment for birdy ailments. Certainly, if any others fall ill I shall be most happy to assist you in any way if you write at once, giving full particulars.

TWO COCKS (S. M.). First of all see that both birds are kept in a bright and healthful place, well ventilated, but free from direct cold draughts or sudden extremes of temperature, and do not expose them to the fumes of burning lights in the evenings, nor hang them high up near the ceiling. The temperature need not be very high, but should be fairly equable. Give this bird a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, broken groats and maw seed. Every second day for

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Batty's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

a week give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, lightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and then sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice, then miss a week, and repeat the week's treatment, and repeat it again the third time. Keep a light cover over the cage until the bird seems to have changed the whole of its plumage. Then add a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a large hemp seed, and six drops of dilute sulphuric acid to the water every second day for two or three weeks to tighten up the plumage. (2) Feed this bird the same as No. 1, except that you give it every second day a morsel of bread and milk with 2 drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days add to the water five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine and sweet spirit of nitre. Continue this for a week or fortnight, as may seen necessary by the condition of the bird.

PERCHES ALL DAY (A.C.P.).—It is rather early yet to expect the bird to recommence singing after the moult. If it has made a complete moult it will probably resume its song within the next month or so, although you must not overlook the fact that an individual now and again turns up which will not resume singing before the following spring. See that the bird is kept in a fairly equable and mild temperature, free from cold draughts, or fumes of burning lights in the evenings. Do not hang it high up near the ceiling, nor where it will be exposed to sudden extremes of heat and cold. In addition to the staple diet of seeds give every second day for a fortnight half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water 20 drops of chemical food. At the end of a fortnight discontinue these extras for a week, and then resume them, and give for another fortnight. Give a morsel of some green salad every second or third day.

NORWICH DYING (G. Camp).—Constipation was undoubtedly the indirect cause of the death of the Norwich cock. In addition to the staple of plain canary seed give every third day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and chopped sunflower seeds, and twice a week give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a small spray of watercress daily for the next fortnight or so, and then every second or third day. In the drinking water for three consecutive days add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and then every second day for the remainder of a week, and during the second week give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and dilute sulphuric acid every second day.

BUILDING AND STOCKING AVIARY (Tiny, Ireland).—The aviary you propose building is really nothing more than a large cage. Twelve or thirteen birds the size of a Norwich Canary will stock it to its fullest limits, and for breeding this number should be reduced by at least two-thirds, or, say, one cock and three hens. For this number you should put in six nesting sites, and be careful not to place one materially higher up towards the roof than the rest, or there will be incessant quarrels for its possession. Self-supplying seed boxes, with separate compartments for canary and rape, and all other extras given as required in a separate vessel in the same way as egg food. When a number of birds are kept together self-supplying

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fountains at which more than one bird can drink at once are best, as these arrangements go far to prevent quarrelling. Unless the nesting sites are arranged around the cage, with a door or slide making each one quite easily accessible, it is best when breeding in this manner to leave the eggs in the nests as laid to take their chance, but when each nest is readily accessible, as suggested, the same method of removing them as laid and returning them on the evening of the third day may be followed with the same advantage as in cage breeding. To go into full details concerning the construction of aviary and all the appurtenances would take up far more space than can be spared in this column, and you would find it much more helpful to get a copy of "Aviaries, Bird-rooms and Cages," 2/3 post free from our Manager, for instructions in cage-making, and "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, for full details about all appliances and their uses.

AN ASSORTMENT (John Morrison).—(1) It is not unusual for birds to keep rather slack in feather until the moult is quite finished. Keep the bird in a fairly comfortable temperature but free from cold draughts or extremes of temperature. Add to the water for three consecutive days as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and ten drops of lemon juice, and after this give instead a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a large hemp seed in the water every third day for a fortnight. (2) Keep this bird also in a comfortable temperature until well. Give the aperient the same as No. 1 for three days, and after this give four drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a fortnight. (3) I should treat a bird that caught a cold by first of all removing the causes as far as possible, putting the bird in a fairly comfortable and equable temperature, and giving some such medicine as advised for No. 2 for a week or so. Much, however, depends on circumstances. But this treatment would do good in a very great proportion of cases. (4) If you do not mind destroying the varnish on the cages, there is nothing better than a solution of camphor in methylated spirit—an ounce to the half pint—to touch up your cages now and again to keep red mites at bay. If the varnish is a consideration, however, use instead strong essence of quassia, fir tree oil, turpentine, or paraffin to touch the joints, ends of perches, joints of doors, etc., once or twice a week.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

MULE BREEDING IN AVIARY (Carel Cross).—Goldfinch and Linnet Mules can be bred in your aviary, as both the Finches are good breeders in captivity. I would advise you to procure half a dozen good healthy Norwich Canaries, yellows if possible, as yellow Mules are always more valuable than buffs, but even with these you are sure to produce a certain number of the latter. If you are only breeding your birds for song purposes, then you need not be quite so particular in getting yellow hens, as there is always a big demand for them, and consequently the prices are higher than for buffs, while the supply is never so large. If, on the other hand, your ambition is to produce something choice that will be fit for exhibition, your hens must be large and of good quality of feather, as it is impossible to breed high-class hybrids from poor stock. For producing dark birds you will require hens rather heavily marked or green, and, if you like, one or even two could be extra big buffs. If you prefer a sporting chance of getting light birds, then use clear hens, bred from clears, if possible. As regards the Finches, you will require a couple of big Goldies and a Linnet; it is no use putting in more than one Linnet, as they only waste their

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERIST

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

time fussing about after each other instead of attending to the Canaries. Procure all your birds as early as possible, and let them fly together occasionally during the winter.

VARIOUS QUESTIONS (G. E. S.).—All the British Finches are hardy, but I scarcely think you mean that; I fancy by the tone of your letter that you want to know which are the easiest to keep. If so, you will find the Greenfinch heads this list, and the others in the following order, though, individuals differ, a supposedly tender specimen frequently outliving a more robust one:—Redpoll, Linnet, Twite, Siskin, Bullfinch, Goldfinch. (2) The autumn is certainly the best time to secure your birds, when there is always the possibility of getting young ones that quickly settle down to caged life. (3) If your cages are the size you mention I would advise you to stock each with a single pair of birds; you will do far better, and your chances of success will be much greater than if you attempt to keep three pairs in the two cages combined. (4) As regards the hens to use, Norwich are preferred to Yorkshires, but on this matter you had better read reply to "Carel Cross." (5) Your query re Budgerigars should have been written on a separate sheet of paper for our Foreign-bird expert. I would advise you either to consult him or procure our Nutshell booklet on the Budgerigar, which will tell you all about their breeding in captivity, etc.

GOLDFINCH ILL (Finch, Brighton).—Your Goldie requires a little special attention at once, or you will probably lose him during the coming moult. Keep him without water for a couple of hours, and then dissolve as much glauber salts as will cover a sixpence in two tablespoonsful of water, and when nearly cold give it to him to drink, let him have it for about three hours, then take it away. Give a cube of stale bread soaked in hot milk daily, with a little powdered bismuth dusted on it. If he eats this freely he can have his usual seeds at the same time; if not, withdraw them for a couple of hours daily. When he has had this treatment for a week give a small teaspoonful of chemical food in water that has been previously boiled; he can have this every other day. Give him a spoonful of soaked seeds occasionally, or seeds that have commenced to germinate. Thoroughly examine your seeds and see that they are of best quality; it may be that one of them has been badly harvested and is the cause of the trouble. Why did not you send me a sample, with more particulars about treatment? What about wild food? He should be almost living on it just now.

BIRDS FOR LARGE CAGE (A. C. P.).—It appears to me that you have quite enough birds in your large cage already. I do not say that it would not hold more, and you could possibly keep double the number in it for a time, but they would require very careful management and your risk of illness would be much greater than with the smaller number.

TROUBLE WITH GREENFINCH (W. T. Manning).—The Greenfinch is naturally a big feeder, and I daresay if you examine your bird you will find he is much too fat. You say you are feeding him on mixed seeds, but this may mean anything. You had far better have sent me a sample. Anyway, discontinue its use (the mixed seed), and make the following mixture yourself, using the best and cleanest seeds you can procure:—Canary 2 parts, rape and teazle 1 part each. Give no other seeds just now, excepting wild seeds, which you can gather now almost anywhere, also privet berries, mountain ash, and berries of the hawthorn, also a little soft fruit, such as ripe pear and apple, if he will eat it, also offer him one or two mealworms daily. Put him in the largest cage you have, with the perches wide apart, so that he has to use his wings to get from one to the other, and let him bathe freely. Dissolve in his drinking water as much glauber salts as will cover a threepennypiece, and add to it three drops of syrup of rhubarb, give him this now, and repeat a week later. I would advise you to get our Nutshell booklet on the Greenfinch, it will assist you in your management, especially as you are an exhibitor.

WINTERING BRITISH BIRDS (Bird Lover).—All the British Finches are quite hardy, and one has no difficulty in keeping them out in the open during the winter months, providing one takes ordinary precautions. The aviary should be sheltered as much as possible from rough winds, and the roof should overhang, to keep the inside as dry as possible. The food should be placed well out of reach of mice, as these are generally very troublesome during the winter. The water should be so situated that it is easily replenished from the outside, and during frosty weather this should be seen to every two hours, slightly warmed water being used.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

A FEATHER PULLER (Blunt).—If you have bought this bird on approval I should return it to the vendor at once; there are several causes for this trouble, of which improper feeding is the most frequent. But, whatever the cause, once a bird acquires this pernicious habit an entire cure is seldom effected. As regards wholesome dietary you had better get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free, from our manager; you will get fuller details therein than can be given here. If you do not return the bird, for the next two months keep the bowels rather loose (but the voidings must not remain watery-loose) by putting one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water as often as may be required, and on the days you are not giving the magnesia put half a teaspoonful of chemical food in the water. The main dietary can cover seed mixture, ripe fruit and a few nuts. Parrot grit, cuttlebone, and a thick piece of a branch of a tree should be continuously supplied. Such extras as plain cake, biscuits, dry boiled potato, raw carrot, and stale crusts may be given. Do not, however, give tea, coffee, or milk sops, nor any kind of animal food whatever. In such cases improvement is only gradual, and there are frequent relapses, necessitating one beginning over again, but if these become less frequent and pronounced as time passes, then you may take hope. Pronounced feather-pickers and eaters often live for years in a state of semi- or almost complete, nudity.

BUDGERIGARS NOT BREEDING (Budge).—They have barely had time to settle down yet; they never settle down so quickly in a cage as in the aviary, and owing to the mishap to the cock during the winter, and your not procuring another till July, the conditions are practically the same this year as last. However, as you have them in a cage and, of course, indoors, there is plenty of time yet for them to go to nest this year. So long as it lasts keep up the supply of seeding and flowering grass, when this fails give a little sweet apple and lettuce, but cut away the fleshy centre stem of the latter before supplying to the bird. As regards the other portion of their dietary, canary, white millet, millet spray, and a few white oats will suffice to keep them fit. Of course it is understood that the other essentials: cuttlebone, water, and grit, are continuously supplied. It is principally lack of room for flight exercise that retards settling down to nesting in a cage, and a few hours out of the cage two or three times a week will greatly help in keeping the birds fit. There are many problems that hinge round the question why they do not go to nest. There are the idiosyncrasies of individual pairs, and some are what may be termed breeding pairs, and some are not; after all, it's only a matter of patience; exercise this, and ultimate success will accrue. Get our Nutshell, "Budgerigars," 2½d., post free, from our Manager, it should help you.

GREY PARROT RUNNING AT NOSTRIL (Mrs. Miller).—Of course one is handicapped considerably with a vicious bird which cannot be handled. Use a tepid dilute solution of glyco-thymoline and spray the nostril with this twice a day till the running ceases, do not wet the plumage more than you can help, but it will do no harm if the bird swallows a little of the solution. Keep the bowels moving quite freely, just short of being watery-loose; you can secure this by putting one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water (the bird's condition must regulate the frequency of the dose). The diet should consist of seed mixture, ripe fruit, water, grit and cuttlebone, supplemented by stale crusts, plain cake, biscuits, nuts in variety, dry boiled potato and raw carrot. It is a good practice to keep a thick piece of a branch in the cage for it to exercise its mandibles upon. If you have not got it, our "Grey Parrot" Nutshell, 2½d., post free from our manager, would help you in general management. There is nothing much wrong with the bird at present, and it should be quite normal again in about a month; if not, write again.

DIET FOR GALAH (M. Wright).—Galah is the vernacular name for the Roseate (Rose-breasted) Cockatoo. It is a hardy and robust species, once it has got over the hardships of the voyage to this country. It is to the bird's benefit to have a spell outside when weather conditions are favourable. There is no need to cover it up at night if it is in a position that is free from draught; at any rate it is only the sides of the cage that should be covered, the top being left open for proper ventilation. It can have any kind of ripe fruit it will eat, also nuts and plain cake, biscuits, stale crusts, dry boiled potato, and raw carrot. Water, grit and cuttlebone must be continually in the cage, also a thick piece of a branch for it to exercise its mandibles upon. A good seed mixture is as follows:—One quart each oats, sunflower seed, and hemp; one pint each giant canary, white millet, dari, maize, wheat and shelled monkey-nuts, well mix and keep in a dust-tight tin in a dry place; you can mix any quantity in the above proportions. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or animal food of any kind whatever.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

PULLING ITS TAIL FEATHERS (Mrs. A. S.).—I am not clear whether you mean boiled or dry maize; at any rate, any bird's food must be varied. If you have been giving it boiled maize, continue this, but also supply the following seed mixture: One quart each canary seed, white millet, and best white oats, one pint each hemp, sunflower seed, dari, maize, and shelled monkey nuts—well mix and keep a supply in the cage. As a young bird, I think it will outgrow the habit of biting its tail feathers, but you should put in as large a piece of a thick branch as the cage will allow, and renew it as required; it will not only keep the bird occupied climbing about it, but will supply natural mandible exercise as well. Keep cuttlebone and Parrot grit continually in the cage, but if you have not been giving the latter, supply it cautiously, a pinch at a time, at first till the bird becomes accustomed to it. As you have the Nutshell, you will find therein such wholesome items of food as may be given as extras and to vary the normal dietary. Your treatment as to bathing and putting it outdoors is correct, but a bath will not be needed so frequently during the winter months, and you must take precautions against a chill while the plumage is damp. At present it will be sufficient if you put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water sufficiently often to keep the bowels moving quite freely, but not often enough to cause the voiding to remain watery loose. Continue to supply ripe fruit and the chemical food.

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W.J., A.B.E.R.—The two birds died of ptomaine poisoning, the bowels were acutely inflamed, and both lungs affected with pneumonia.

Miss Beach.—Verminous enteritis and inflammation of the bowels from the presence of worms.

Mrs. F. Barwick.—Dropsy accruing from disease of the liver of long origin.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

R. Newbury.—We think there is no other way than soldering of fixing the wires of cage-fronts, that is, of course, unless you are prepared to put them into a galvanising bath after making them. You might bind them into position by means of flexible wire, as is done with Parrot cages, and the other forms of all wire cages, but we presume that this is not what you mean.

Harvest.—The leaves and berries you send are those of the white beam tree (Pyrus aria). The berries form a very useful food for wild birds, and we believe the shrub is cultivated in France especially to encourage the presence of insectivorous birds, which are as fond of its berries as are the Fieldfares and Thrushes of our own mountain ash berries. The fruit, when dried and reduced to a powder, has been used for making bread; when fermented it is used in the making of a kind of beer, and a very powerful spirit is also distilled from the berries.

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ANYTHING alive; good price given for Parrots: Jopson, Newton Heath, Manchester. (455)

WANTED all breeds of Canaries; state prices: Mrs. Ellett, 104, Kirkgate, Wakefield. (456)

WANTED all kinds of British birds; state prices: Mrs. Ellett, 104, Kirkgate, Wakefield. (456)

ROLLER organ wanted, offers with full particulars to: Carter, 43, Albert-rd., S. Norwood, S.E. (456)

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WANTED a pair of Canaries; exchange rolled gold lever watch, sell 21/-: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (446)

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WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, and Mules, for cash; approval: Bosher, 345, Barking-rd., East Ham, Essex. (433)

WANTED all kinds of healthy British birds for cash; state variety and prices to: Edwin North, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (456)

WANTED, Canaries and British, all varieties; state price for cash: Muir, City Bird and Cage Mart, 176, Saltmarket, Glasgow. (456)

WANTED, any quantity of good typical Norwich, healthy birds only, state lowest price: Scott, 22, Harcourt Drive, Glasgow. (456)

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WANTED, in perfect condition, pair Red-crested, Grey Cardinals, price, age, and if caged: Harbord, Norton Park, Cockermouth. (450)

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WANTED, weekly supply of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Chaffinches, and Siskins: State prices to Gracie, Bird Dealer, Wishaw, Scotland. (455)

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WANTED all kinds of healthy Canaries, also Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and Siskins; state lowest price: Frank Spark's, Bird Dealer, 209, Overgate, Dundee.

WANTED, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Larks, in large or small quantities weekly, of catchers, best prices: Osborne, Naturalist, Dudley-rd., Wolverhampton. (426)

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WANTED, ANY QUANTITY

1915 Norwich, Yorkshire, and Roller Canaries, also Goldfinch and Linnet Mules, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, Linnets, etc.; best prices given per return post: Sandifords, Bird Specialist, Preston.

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Norwich and Yorkshires, Crest and Crested bred, all kinds of Mules, Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and other Hardbills, for export trade; prompt cash, or deposit; state price; also pure bred dog puppies of all kinds: Howard and Sons, Bird Judges and High-class Live Stock Dealers, 1, Selater-st., and 28, Bethnal Green-rd., London; also 77, Pitt-st., Norwich. Best buyers in the country. Est. 53 years.

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EXCHANGE black silk kingfisher net, 9yds. by 4ft., for H.M. Goldfinch, or sell 8/-; approval both ways, bird first: J. Mallatrott, 11, Birkland-st., Mansfield. (454)

TWO cock Goldfinches, proved Mule breeders, 1 cock Linnet, 3 breeding cages, water pots, seed boxes, etc., cheap; stamp for reply: A. Crowe, Stables, 161, Willesden-lane, N.W. (452)

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HIGH class Crested pairs, sell 30/- pair, or exchange good gramophone: Jeffrey, 209, York-rd., Battersea, London. (454)

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YELLOW Yorkshire cock, 2 Buff hens, value 25/-; exchange exhibition cock Goldfinch: Tansey, 57, Reid-st., Springburn, Glasgow. (457)

EXCHANGE pair 1914 Rollers for Norwich songster, also Yorkshire cock for Norwich, yours first: Goodman, Edgar-rd., Yiewsley. (454)

EXCHANGE two good Canaries for good Goldfinch Mule, must have Finch note, yours first: Mr. G. Cowley, South Mead-lane, Henstridge. (453)

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BUFF cock, winner 3rd Gardener, 2nd Robson, also Yellow hen, H.C., 35/-, or exchange songsters; approval: Bartlett, Lawn Cottage, Milford-on-Sea, Hants. (454)

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EXCHANGE pair prize bred Lizards for dozen fresh caught cock Goldies, prize bred Yorkshire cock for 8 cock Bullies; yours first: Gregory, 129, Seaside, Eastbourne. (451)

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PURE bred Samoyede dog, exchange high class Roller cock, or sell 15/-: Newby, 93, Preston-st., Fleetwood. (452)

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EXCHANGE, surplus Canaries, for ladies' cycle, air gun, cycle cape, camera tripod, fountain pen: 41, Nevell-st., Preston. (450)

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EXCHANGE gent.'s cycle, 30/-; Australian Parrot, 25/-, or Canaries, for anything; wanted, overcoat: Poore, 227a, Uttoxeter-rd., Longton, Staffs. (452)

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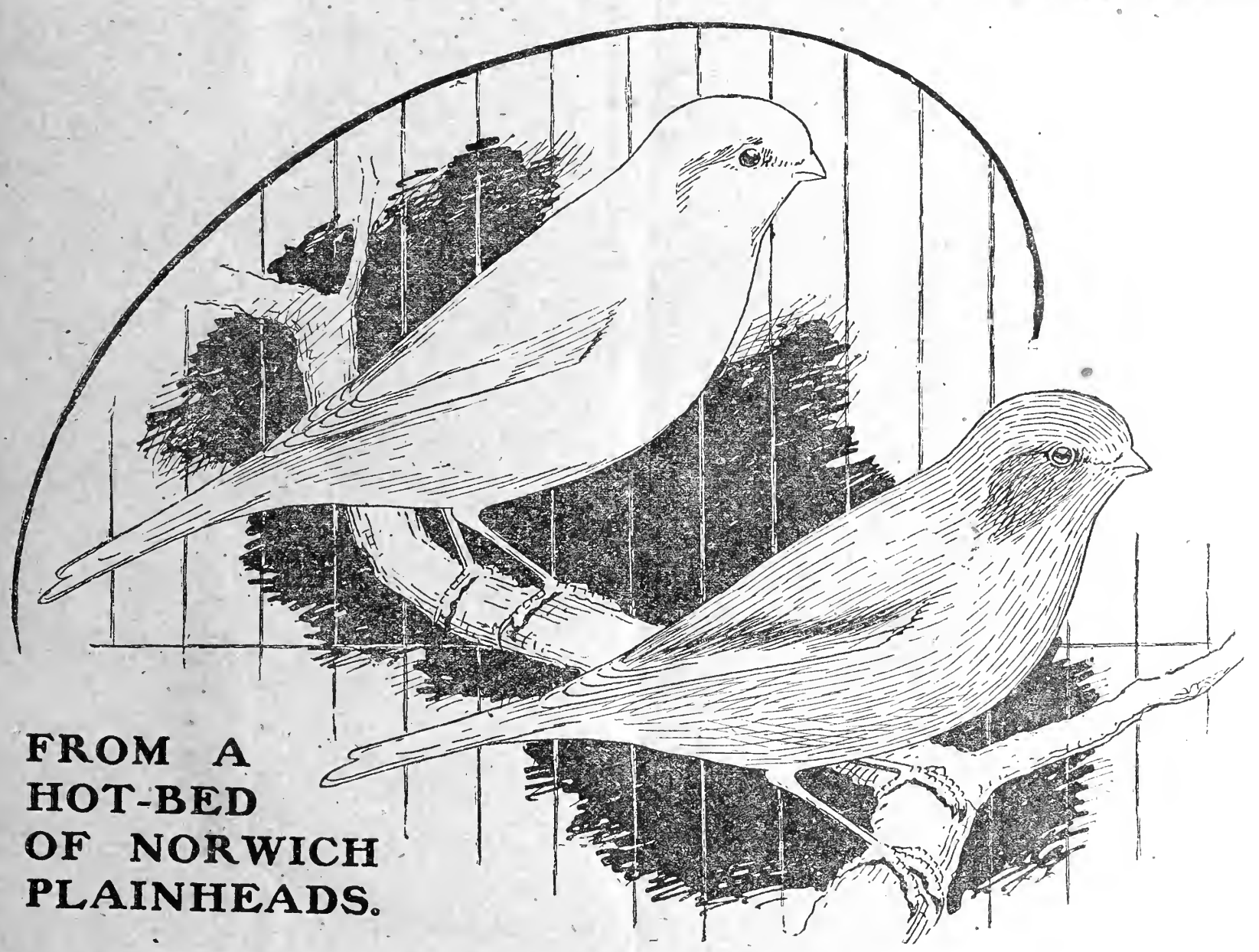

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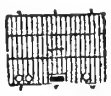

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WANTED all kinds of healthy Canaries, also Goldies, Bullies, and Siskins; state lowest price: Frank Sparks, Bird Dealer, 200, Overgate, Dundee.

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Good large young birds, will give 5/- to 6/- couple, any quantity; also Norwich, Mules; particulars, price; bankers, London County and Westminster; 'phone 3317 Dalston; stamp reply: Oliver and Co., 101, Bridport-pl., Hoxton. (423)

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Norwich or Yorkshire, old or young, 18/- a dozen; common or small, 15/- a dozen; Goldfinch Mules, hens, 1/- each; cash or deposit with Editor: Rutherford, Bird Importer, Leytonstone. (341)

ADVERTISEMENTS

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Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

PONTEFRACT.

Open Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, Sept. 18; 20 entered for 3 good prizes, 4 minutes' time singing, and some nice singing was done. 1, Beard; 2, Jones; 3, shared Blackshear and Wingham. Open sing Sept. 19, 22 entered for 3 prizes, 3 minutes' time singing. We had a few fresh faces to see us; Mr. Plows, Kippax Linnet Club, two or three members from Castleford Club, and Mr. Scottson, from Featherstone; they have all got some very nice birds. 1, Beard; 2, Wingham; 3, Jones.—J. Beard, Assist. Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality singing for Linnets will begin again Sept. 26, at Skinners' Arms. The birds have got nicely through the moult, and we shall be having some good singing again at the old bird house.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York-rd. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Sept. 18; 12 birds sang for 3 prizes: 1, 2, Buttery; 3, Sissons. Judges, Lacy and Naylor. Sept. 19: 18 sang for 3 prizes. 1, 3, Buttery; 2, Chippendale. Judges, Hardcastle and Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Quality Linnet Singing Club contest, Plasterers' Arms, Skinner-lane, Sept. 18: 1, 2, Lorriman; 3, Wright. 18 competed. Judges, Pat Madden and N. Soloman. Plumage: 1, Dearlove; 2, J. Wright. Judge, T. Walker. Sept. 19: 1, J. Chippendale; 2, N. Temple; 3, Lorriman; 4, C. Boyd. 22 competed. Plumage: 1, Rennie; 2, Dearlove. Judges for quality singing, N. Soloman and P. Madden; plumage, R. Rudyard.—Fred Turner, Sec.

Open contest Sept. 11, Clarence Hotel, for quality Linnet singing: 18 entered, and some good singing was heard. Many of the Kippax Linnet fanciers were present. 1, T. Chippendale; 2, G. Hirst; 3, Condeliff. Judges, Marchell, Summers, and Bryan. Sept. 12, 16 birds entered. Host Mr. W. Crowther added a prize. 1 and 2, H. Wigfield; 3, Condeliff. Judges, S. Butterfield and T. Summers. Sept. 18, 17 birds sang for 3 prizes, and some grand singing was heard. 1, J. Parker; 2, T. Chippendale; 3, Condeliff. Judges, S. Butterfield, A. Bryan, and W. Wallis, from Kippax. We had a little harmony after the contest, and spent a pleasant evening. Sept. 19, 24 birds sang for 4 prizes. 1, Farrar; 2, Condeliff; 3, 4 shared Berry and Wigfield. Judges, T. Summer, A. Bryan, and A. Larance.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec. (Kindly let us have your address.—Editor.)

Club Reports.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Meeting Sept. 9. Decided to adhere to our usual show date, third Saturday in Nov. (Nov. 20). Classification and judges are to be arranged at next meeting, Oct. 14, and I trust as many members as possible will attend. We made two more new members.—E. Johnson, Sec.

CLYDEBANK C.B.C.

Meeting Sept. 16, Mr. Sheridan presiding. In regard to our annual show, Nov. 27, it was agreed to have the same classes as last year, and also ten classes open to members of clubs in Dumbartonshire. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Classes: Nor. unflighted, 4; Bord. unflighted, 4; Brit, 2.—Wm. Kane, Sec.

CHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting Aug. 31. Business had to be curtailed owing to members' non-attendance. It is to be hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend meeting at Boot Inn, Sept. 28, at 7.45 prompt, as we have to vacate premises at 9. Business: Final arrangements for open show. Will members kindly let me have subscriptions, and not leave same until show, as they are much overdue?—L. Cavanagh, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Meeting headquarters, Crown Hotel, Station St., Sept. 1, Mr. Broadhurst chair, and a very good gathering. New members elected, Messrs. O. Parker, W. Parker, R. Parker, and Baugh; nominated, Messrs. Robinson, Savigar, and Roath. Decided to hold members' show Nov. 6 at above address. A good classification has been arranged. Judges, Yorks., Mr. W. G. Andrews, West Bromwich; remainder, Mr. W. Weaver, Wolverhampton. We want this to be a record show, and hope that all members who can, will send us about 6 entries. Yorks. were very poor at our N.F. show; don't let this be said at this show. There will be selling classes in Norwich and Yorks. Fanciers who wish to join us will be able to exhibit at this show providing we receive their names before Oct. 6; only half year's sub. to be paid, 2s. Decided to ask the patronage of the following clubs at our open show: Northern Norwich Plainhead, Liverpool Green (Yorks.), and Midland Yorks. Will all members who can, be present next meeting, Oct. 6 at 8, to arrange for Open and Roller Shows?—A. C. Shirley, Assist. Sec.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Meeting at Preston, Sept. 11, Mr. T. H. Dent chair. A long discussion took place in regard to the Club patronage and special. The committee tender their best thanks to societies that applied for the patronage, and to the gentlemen who have kindly promised us specials. The following societies have been granted our patronage for their open shows: Preston, Accrington, Carlisle, Sheffield, Ardwick and Manchester, and Halifax. The following specials will be competed for at these shows. A member must show at at least three shows held under our patronage before he can win one of the Club's specials. Champ. Section: Most points trophy, value £3, presented by Mr. J. Thomas; 2nd most points, £2; 3rd, £1; 4th, 15s.; 2s. 6d. special at each show for most points with birds out of the money. Amateur section: 1st most points trophy, value £2, presented by Mr. J. Thomas; 2nd, £1; 3rd, 15s.; 2s. 6d. most points with birds out of the money. Mr. T. Johnson and Mr. W. Spencer will give 5s. each to the amateur member gaining most points with birds out of the money at the Club's six shows. Electro-silver teapot presented by Messrs. J. Trengove and Son for most points gained by h.c. and c. birds in either champion or amateur section at cup shows. A member gaining a first prize at any cup show not to count points gained by h.c. and c. birds at such shows.—F. Cunliff, Sec.

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Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) is judging Ardwick and Manchester open show on Nov. 13.

At a special meeting held Sept. 13, writes Mr. J. Jackson, hon. sec. Cockermouth F.S., it was decided to hold our annual show on the usual date, Nov. 10. Other secs. please note, to avoid clashing.

The Accrington and Dist. C.B.S. has obtained the patronage of the O.N.P.C. and the N.P.C. for its annual show on Oct. 22 and 23, writes Mr. W. Crawshaw, Crown Hotel, Accrington. Schedules are now ready.

Will secretaries of Midland shows who are willing to accept our patronage for 1915, kindly apply immediately to enable me to call an allotment meeting, writes Mr. W. Wells, hon. sec. and treas. Midland Counties' Y.C.C.

Our open show, under Yorks. Union of C.B.S. Rules, writes Mr. A. Sutcliffe, sec. Halifax C.B.S., will be held in the King's Cross Liberal Club on Jan. 8, 1916, instead of Jan. 22. Intending exhibitors please make note of the change.

Mr. R. Gore writes:—"I should be pleased if you will kindly inform readers of Cage Birds that I have disposed of my bird business, and have no further connection with it, but am still carrying on my appliance manufacturing business at 131, Gooch Street, Birmingham, as usual.

Mr. H. L. Huggins, hon. sec., writes that the 29th annual autumn open show of the London and Provincial O.S. will be held Oct. 28 and 29 at the Lambeth Baths. Six silver challenge cups and a large number of special prizes will be up for competition.

At first we decided to have a two days' show, writes Mr. W. Curry, sec. Gateshead C.B.S., but at our last meeting it was decided to only run a one day show, Dec. 11. The judges will be Messrs. F. Laidlow, Newcastle, J. Stewart, Whitehaven, J. Nicholson, Haltwhistle, and J. Maddison, Newcastle.

OBITUARY.

MR. CANN, LEIGH.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr .R. Charleson, sec., that I undertake the sad duty on behalf of the members of the Leigh C.B.S. of reporting the loss sustained by one of our members, Mr. A. Cann, in the death of his father. I am requested to express to Mr. Cann and family the general sorrow and sincere sympathy we all feel for them in their bereavement, and we trust that time will heal the terrible wound they have sustained.

It is with great sorrow and regret, writes Mr. D. McFarlane, hon. sec. Barrow C.B.A., that I have to report the sad bereavement that has befallen our President, Mr. A. Hudson, and his wife, in the sudden death of their little daughter, aged 6 years. It appears all the more tragic when we think she was at school on the Tuesday and died on the Friday. The members of the Barrow C.B.A. deeply sympathise with our President and his wife in this their great loss.

I am pleased to let you know, writes Mr. E. Thomas, Sec. Cardiff C.B.S., that we intend to hold our open show, also that we have secured the Carlton Banqueting Hall. We are increasing our classification, and trust exhibitors will rally to our aid, as we are running the show in aid of the fund for prisoners of war in Germany.

At a meeting of Pathhead Cage Birds Society held Sept. 14, writes Mr. J. Thomson, sec., it was agreed to hold our show as usual this year, confined to Fife. The date was fixed for Nov. 27. Last year we paid 10s. 1st, 5s. 2nd, 2s. 6d. 3rd, but sorry to say we showed a small deficit. We hope this year to work it up to a success.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Warrington (Lancs.).—Cairo St. Schools, Oct. 15-16. Judges, H. W. Battye, J. D. Leigh, G. Large. 50 classes: Yorks., 6 open, 6 nov.; Nor., 6 open, 6 nov.; Bord., 10; A.O.V., 1; Mules, 5; Brit., 8; Sel. 3; Gift, 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 8 to H. Warburton, 73, Ellesmere [illegible] Warrington.

We have engaged Messrs. J. W. Metcalfe and C. Houlton as judges for our open show on Nov. 13, writes Mr. J. Spencer, hon. sec. Ardwick and Manchester C.B.S.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

We are holding our annual show as usual this year in the Friendly Society's Hall, Nov. 20, and Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) will judge, writes Mr. W. Lidgett, hon. sec. Newark C.B.S., Helmside, Erdington, Birmingham.

"Please thank the 2 persons who answered my advt. I cannot afford to answer them all. Who says there is no sale for birds during war times?"—WM. HAINSWORTH (Preston).

The Bird-Keepers' Roll of Honour.

Aberdeen Amalgamated C.B.S.

Sir,—The following members of the Aberdeen Amalgamated C.B.S. are serving their King:—Peter Auld, John Lyon, A. R. Morrison, and Sam Steele. Several of our members also are serving the Government in other ways.

R. J. Robertson, Hon. Sec.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.

Sir,—The following members of our society are serving with the colours:—Staff Sergt. W. Moore (A.S.C.), Staff Sergt. T. Crutcher (R.F.A.), Corpl. J. Shires (R.F.A.), Driver W. S. Wood (R.F.A.), Pte. W. R. Bennett (R.F.A.), Trumpeter Howard (R.F.A.).

G. H. Maclellan, Hon. Sec.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.; A Fine Roll of Eleven.

Sir,—I am instructed to send you a list of our members who are now serving the colours, also to report further, as in your conditions in the Roll of Honour:—F. Thornhill, J. Richards, E. Wotherspoon, J. Hampson, W. Stewart, S. Greaves, R. W. Masheder, T. Harrison, H. Wolstencroft, W. Latimer, P. Redfern.

J. Spencer, Hon. Sec.

Shettleston C.B.C.

Sir,—I have much pleasure in sending you on the names of members of Shettleston and Dis. C.B.C. who have answered their nation's call:—Messrs. A. Graham, D. Mains, W. Young, W. Thompson, T. Jackson, and R. McKenzie. Mr. T. Jackson is now in Germany, having been taken prisoner at the famous retreat from Mons; the members present at our last meeting subscribed towards comforting him in his weary wait, and hoped that he would soon be with us again.

S. F. Wood, Sec.

Reading C.B.S.

Sir,—I regret being a little late with our Roll of Honour, but our radius being twenty miles, members are somewhat scattered. This is a full list as far as I can ascertain:—P. Chalker, Bombardier (R.F.A.); S. Kerry, Sergt. (Royal Berks Yeomanry), recently wounded in Dardanelles; G. Pounsett, (A.S.C.); C. May, Emergency Stretcher Bearer Unit (on Active Service); T. Emmerson and H. Cook (regiment not known), both Henley members. We have also one regular soldier in Sergt. A. Thomas, who is engaged in the remount department.

O. C. Smith, Sec.

Leyton C.B.A.

Members of the Leyton C.B.A. who are on war service are as follows:—Mr. G. King, chemist in a munitions works; Mr. W. Blackman, Essex Regt., at present in training, Mr. C. Tuck, serving in Territorials; Mr. S. A. Griffin, serving in Territorials in France; Mr. W. Marsh, naval reservist, called up on outbreak of war, was on the "Aboukir," when she was torpedoed, managed to reach the "Hogue," and had just had a rub down, and was in the act of drinking something hot, when she also was struck, and he had to take to the water once more. After floating on a piece of wreckage for about four hours was rescued by a destroyer. At present he is at Chatham, and gets a few hours leave occasionally, just long enough to pop home and see his wife and the birds.

A. W. Farmer, Hon. Assist. Sec.

From New Cross and South London.

Sir,—I have pleasure in forwarding a list of fanciers serving with the Forces for Cage Birds Roll of Honour, and congratulate you upon the idea. All these fanciers are members of both the New Cross C.B.S. and the South London Col. and F.A., and, with the exception of Sergt. Joplin, have all joined since the commencement of the war. I shall be pleased to forward any further particulars that may come to hand.

Rifleman F. W. Burton, Queen's Westminster Rifles. Serving in France (second time).

Private P. Cooper, A.S.C., Motor Transport. Serving in France.

Private J. Fuller, Army Vet. Corps. Serving in France.

Sergt. J. H. Joplin, 20th County of London. Depot Sergeant.

Private C. Preece, 20th County of London. Serving in France.

Gunner C. Young, 4th Howitzer Brigade.

Geo. Burton, Hon. Sec.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.

Sir,—Our ex-secretary, H. Saunders, is the first of our society to join the colours. He is with the Motor Transport A.S.C.

F. A. Green, Hon. Sec.

Cardiff C.B.S.

Sir,—The following members of the Cardiff C.B.S. have joined the Colours:—Mr. Merry, Transport Section; Mr. Charles, Engineers; Mr. Gooding, invalided out of the Yeomanry; Mr. J. Dugmore and Mr. Palmer, 5th Welsh; and Mr. W. J. Lewis, Transport Section. Mr. B. Harriss and Mr. H. Townsend have gone away on munitions work.

E. Thomas, sec.

Elgin C.B.A.

Sir,—The following members of our Association are with the colours:—Sgt. J. Cooney and Pte. W. Gordon (6th Seaforth Highlanders), Sapper J. MacBean (Royal Engineers). There are quite a number of fanciers from this district, who, though not members of any association, are at present or were serving their country. A local fancier, Pte. D. Catto (6th Seaforth Highlanders), was killed in action in June last. I trust you may have above names included in your proposed Roll of Honour.

A. W. Douglas, Sec.

[We hope that all readers who have knowledge of any bird-keepers serving their country will send names to us. It is our object to make this Bird-keepers' Roll of Honour as complete as possible, and our only reason for commencing with societies has been that this seemed to be, as it has proved, an effective method of getting from the very beginning a representative list. We know, of course, that Cage Birds reaches the firing line regularly, and our readers who get their weekly copy sent out to them at the front or in the hospitals should also send us their names if they find that they have not already been included. An alphabetical list is being compiled as the names come in, and we shall ultimately publish this as a permanent record.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

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ABERTILLERY

Cage Bird Society. The Great One-day Welsh Show, on Wednesday, October 20th, 1915. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. 41 Classes for Cage Birds. We have secured the Gymnasium Hall again, which is one of the finest halls in Wales. Schedules now ready from—H. H. MORTIMER, Hon. Sec., 4, Granville Street, Abertillery.

SKELMANTHORPE, C.B.A.

11th Annual Show, under patronage Yorkshire Union and Yorkshire C.C., October 2nd, 1915, in Working Men's Club. Entries close September 28th. Judge, R. Haliday, Esq. Schedules.—W. Everett, Sec., Bagden Hall, Huddersfield.

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HANLEY

Open Show Oct. 14th, at Angel Hotel. Good classification, and birds sent away same night. Mr. J. Robson, judge.—C. BECKETT, 32, Hamilton Road, Birchcshead, Hanley.

WARRINGTON

20th Annual Show, Friday and Sat., October 15 and 16, in the Cairo Street Schools. Judges: Messrs. H. W. Battye, G. Large, and J. D. Leigh. Schedules from: H. Warburton, 73, Ellesmere Road, Lower Walton, Warrington.

CLAPHAM SHOW

OCT. 14, 1915.

Same conditions as last season. Schedules on application to—T. J. HOSE, Hon. Sec., 5 Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.

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Oct. 12th and 13th. Entries begin to close Oct. 2nd. —THOS. POPE, Hon. Sec., 98, Embankment Road.

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IDLE OCT. 6th

Judge, Mr. W. MUNDELL.

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If these five points are not good enough, there is one extra good, and that is, Idle is the ONLY SHOW IN THE DISTRICT PAYING STATED PRIZE-MONEY THIS SEASON.

We are out to help the Fancy, and ask it to help us. If entries warrant it, Mr. M. Broadley will assist Mr. Mundell.

Entries close September 27th.

C. A. HOUSE, Show Sec., Briardene, Idle, Yorks.

On Keeping and Exhibiting British Birds.

By G. MORTLOCK (Stoke Newington).

A lecture given before the members of the London and Provincial O.S., on September 16th, 1915.

OUR Secretary, Mr. Huggins, has requested me to give you a paper on British Birds and Mule breeding. Now this is a tall order for one evening; it is also a task to try to tell you (or most of you) something you do not already know about this particular branch of the Fancy. I am sure there are a number of members present who are better versed and could do greater justice to this subject than I, therefore I will endeavour simply to enlighten those who are not so advanced. I also wish to say that I do not intend to deal with Mule breeding to-night, but will, if it is your wish, give you at some future time my experience. If, however, there are any questions I can answer later on that may help any of you, you who may be trying your luck this season, I shall be pleased to do so.

No Success without Condition.

I do not wish to convey to you that my treatment of the various British I have kept is the best, but I will try to explain to you the manner in which I treat my birds, and I am sure that any of you who have seen my birds on the show bench will admit that in condition they fairly compare with others. Here let me say that in showing birds, condition goes a long way towards success. I have noticed many times that birds which have been low down in the awards would have stood higher if more care had been taken with them.

Then again there are some fanciers who do not take enough trouble in getting their birds used to the show cage, and this is a very important thing, for when the birds come before the judge they do not show themselves off to the best advantage, and when you see them some hours later, when they have become more used to the cage and the surroundings, you blame the poor judge. I have had the privilege and honour of assisting some of our most eminent judges at various shows, including our National Show at the Crystal Palace, and I can assure you that they would have liked to judge some of the birds again the second day, but of course they have to take the birds as they first see them. If you think that you ought to have stood higher in the awards, get hold of the judge and ask him where your bird fails, and most of our judges will be pleased to tell you; at least this is my experience I am pleased to say. Do not run about saying bad things of the judge, for it shows bad sportsmanship.

Get Steadiness from the Beginning.

Now I will tell you the way I select and treat my stock. For years I caught all my British myself, and have all my tackle at home now, but as there is so much restriction in most counties with regard to catching I have not chanced it for three or four years. In selecting fresh caught birds I have always gone for size and steadiness. If you are lucky enough to get in touch with a catcher, and will pay him a bit extra for the pick of his pack, you have a greater chance than by selecting one out of a shop window, although I have picked up some good specimens in this way.

In selecting likely Goldfinches for show, always go for size and distinct markings. I like to have a dozen good greys and moult them out, as I find they are more easily steadied, but don't get them too young or you will lose them. I remember buying some very young greys in the early part of July some years ago from an old catcher, more out of pity for the birds than the benefit of the catcher, as I could see they were what we call "Yelpers." I took them home and put them in a store cage with an old cock that I had used as a brace bird, and as soon as I put him in with them they chased him all over the cage to be fed. Well the old chap adopted them and rammed hemp and egg food down their necks, and saved the three. Two were cocks, and turned out two of the smartest Goldies I ever had.

Feeding Freshly-caught Birds.

In feeding fresh-caught Goldfinches I always give a mixture of hemp (crushed at first), flax, niger, teazle, and a little canary. As they get accustomed to the cage life I reduce the hemp and niger. Some are easier to wean off the hemp and niger than others, but of course you must watch and see their likes and dislikes. I always put them in a good sized cage with water inside at first so that they can have a dip if they fancy it, and as soon as they start bathing I reckon they are likely to live. I also put an old bird in with them, as he makes them feel more at home.

Linnets are treated somewhat similarly, but I give them less hemp, and when they are steadied down I drop the niger and hemp, and feed on German and English rape, flax and canary. Bullfinches I feed on canary seed and German rape. Give them a little hemp and sunflower seed, but not too much, if you do they will get very fat and lumpy. Then you must look well to their feet, or you will find that they will get clogged up, and lose their toes. The Chaffinch and Bramblefinch I feed on a mixture of canary, summer and English rape, a little linseed, and a few hemp and cracked sunflower seeds. These birds are very fond of mealworms and also ants' eggs, also blowflies and small beetles are very acceptable. Give them some occasionally, as they tend to keep them in good health and plumage.

Proper Keeping, Proper Condition.

I have brought a Chaffinch with me this evening to show you what proper feeding and cleanliness, combined with kindness, will do for this bird. I bought it from a poor lad some time ago; it was in one of the small back cages and in a very filthy condition. It had a few stumps of feathers in the tail, and its general appearance showed what a rough time it had had. Proper feeding and comfort in a larger cage made such a difference when he went into moult that if the lad could now see him, he would not know him. He also has his run in the garden without making any attempt to fly away. Of course the wife or one of my sons keeps watch to keep the stray cats from taking him off. My Fox-terrier had him in his mouth one day, but he does not seem any the worse for it. It is very nice to see him catching the various small insects, which seem very tasty to him.

The Greenfinch is another very kind bird. I usually feed him on Canary seed, summer and English rape, with a fair supply of sunflower and a little hemp. These birds are very easy to hand-rear, and with patience can be got very tame. They are also very ready mulers, but they want watching.

Then there are the various Buntings. These I feed principally on canary seed, with a little hemp and cracked sunflower, also ants' eggs and mealworms, flies, beetles, etc. These birds I find are not so easy to steady as others, but with care you can soon get them to take a mealworm from your fingers.

An Interesting Trio.

The Redpoll, Siskin, and Twite are also very interesting birds, while the Redpoll and Siskin are very easily tamed. You must not let either of them have too much hemp, or they will put on fat in an alarming manner, and spoil themselves for show or breeding. I give the Redpoll canary seed only, with a little flax, rape and hemp in a separate pan, and to the Siskin I give canary, teazle, flax, niger, maw, and a little hemp in a separate pan. The more liberty these birds can have the better they keep themselves. The Twite I feed as I do the Linnet.

With regard to softbills, I have not kept any since I was a boy, and the only food we gave them then was crushed hemp and soaked bread, with any kind of small caterpillar and insect we could find. But the hardest time was the winter. We had never heard of dried ants' eggs or flies, or even gentles or mealworms. I believe it is possible to get gentles all the year round from some of the dealers, and it is possible to keep the most delicate softbills always in perfect condition.

(To be continued.)

MY OUTDOOR BIRD-ROOM: Its Construction and Its Fittings

(Continued from page 91.)

By A. E. Moule (Abertillery).

IF you have the luck to be possessed of a little skill and ingenuity, you only require patience, perseverance, and a little practice to enable you to become your own cage-maker. It is a somewhat tedious occupation, to be sure, particularly so, I should imagine, to those who are not fanciers themselves, but with a genuine love for birds, and more especially if you have what most fanciers call "bird fever," it is astonishing what things you can accomplish.

If you resolve to try and make your own cages, I should advise you to make them in the following manner, that will be the same as my own, and I have found them to be absolutely ideal. The best wood will be American pine, a quarter of an inch thick. Be careful that it is well seasoned, plane it nicely, and well sandpaper it on both sides. For the backs I find that the three-ply wood from tea chests, to be had from the grocer's, suits admirably. It is light, strong, and durable, and, providing you well sandpaper it, you will find it has a nice surface as well.

Single and Double Breeders.

Every fancier has a different view as regards the size of cages. In the course of my own experience I have found that some birds breed with better results in single breeders, while others, those that are as a rule spiteful or quarrelsome, require double breeders. So I myself have adopted both single and double breeders. I recommend the single cages to be 18ins. long, 16ins. high, and 11ins. deep, fitted with two perches; the middle rail to be 2ins. wide and ¼in. thick, the top rail 1in. wide. Some prefer not to have this top rail, because it may harbour red mite, but I always have a top rail, for it puts a finish to the cage, and, providing that it is well glued, it does not harbour red mite. Leave a space one inch wide for a tray or slide at the bottom. I have two different types of trays myself, some entirely loose and some fixed to the front piece. I advise them to be entirely loose, without any kind of border attached whatever, the tray itself to be made of three-ply wood and enamelled.

This size of cage will give you space for a 12in. wire front. I prefer the fronts to have three bars, the doors to be 5ins. wide, so as to give easy access to the nest pan, and enable one to get this in or out without tilting. I do not advise anyone to make the cage fronts himself, for they may be got cheaply by sending to a firm of wire manufacturers for them.

The double breeders I have are 30ins. long, 16ins. high, and 11ins. deep, fitted with two perches, placed on the ends of the door, not in the middle. My object here is if the perches are placed in the centre of the door the occupants of the cage cannot avoid messing up whatever food is placed in the egg pan.

Two Cages in One.

I have the fronts of these cages in two sections, so that a partition may be placed between them to convert a double breeder into two single cages when required. In order to keep the slide in position you will require a bottom cross bar 3ins. wide in the centre of cage, also one at the top 1in. wide, but do not have a groove in these bars, or it will serve as a lodging place for dirt as well as for red mite; simply keep the partition in place with a piece of wire placed through the top and bottom bar bent over so as to form a letter U.

Make the slides of three-ply wood. I myself have two sets of these, one set blank, and in the others I have a wired space at the bottom 4ins. by 2ins. for the birds to finish off their young; it also prevents plucking. You will have to place two perches on either side of the partition, but put them sufficiently low that their tails will not come in contact with the wires through which they are fed. By this above method you will avoid the plucking, which is especially annoying if you have your eye on a good youngster.

In my own estimation you cannot do better than stain and varnish the outside of your cages black, with a light colour for the inside. The colour I have adopted suits admirably, that is, eau-de-nil, a French colour something after a light green, but, of course, every fancier has his own particular choice as to the colour.

I advise the use of enamel for various reasons. I have done my own cages now about five or six times, and it dries with a hard, smooth surface, can be easily cleaned with hot water or scrubbed, and looks well afterwards. When I am putting my cages together I glue every joint, and any space which may be left is filled up when enamelling.

An Enamelling Tip.

There is one thing I detest to see, and it may be noticed in a good many rooms; that is the enamel or paint running all down the cages in long streams. This eyesore is easily remedied in the following manner. First give the surface of the cages a good rubbing with sandpaper, and do about three cages at once. Let each side or back, as the case may be, lie on a level surface until set, and you will find by the time you have done the third one the first will be ready again, and so on, and in the end you will have a nice smooth flat surface. *(To be continued.)*

Some Reminiscences of An Old Fancier.

By E. HURDLEY (Madeley).

(Concluded from page 79.)

Near Squeak That Time.

BUT they could never induce her to enter the house, although she was evidently in the habit of visiting somebody else's, for up in the troughing under the eaves where she used to pretend to build a nest, were found brooches, hairpins, safety-pins, and other little nicknacks. Inquiries were made, but nobody ever came forward to claim any of the things, and nobody seemed to miss anything. But on one occasion somebody must have "caught her rapping." When darkness came on "Jack" had not returned from her tour, and enquiries were made in all directions, but nobody had seen her. Boys began to hear of the loss, and everybody was sorry about "Jack." No tidings could be found. After the street lamps were lighted, and everybody had given up the hope of seeing "Jack" again, my mother, who was mourning her loss to a neighbour, exclaimed, "Whatever is this coming hopping down the road?" She did not have long to wait for an answer, for presently "Jack" managed to get on a low wall close beside her and shouted "Jack." She had been knocked about, but soon became all right again. They do not know to this day where she had been.

Now somewhere about this time "Jack" made a change of sleeping quarters, for my brother, who kept a few flying Homers which always had their liberty, had a hole in the loft left open for them. This "Jack" had found out, and at night would be found at the very top perch in the loft, above all the Pigeons; and she was always first out in the morning and would fly up in the air with the Pigeons and circle round. She would sometimes get up to a much greater height than the Pigeons.

About this time we began to fear that "Jack" was getting uneasy. We had been told that nobody was able to keep a "Jackdaw" that had had its liberty for more than two seasons, and this proved only too true, as she disappeared one morning, and since then we have never seen her, although the old lady had good faith that "Jack" would return. I may add that the time of her departure was spring, and the breeding season, of course. This bird, although a hen, could say three words distinctly—"Jock," "Alice" and "Alf."

My next venture was with young Wood Pigeons. They were reared under Homing Pigeons, and were brought up by them until they could fly well. But when they were let out they made for the trees instead of the houses, and were soon lost sight of. I thought they might have settled down, but they seemed to prefer the open air to confinement, so I soon gave up experiments with these. I have also known wild Doves to act in a similar manner.

Another little find I had was a couple of Nightjars just hatched. These I found in a rocky part of a wood. If I had a chance, even now, to have a look round, I could find my way to the spot where I found these. I remember that there was no nest, and the eggs had been laid on moss in between some rocks. The young were hatched here, as I found the shells of the eggs close to the young birds; the shells were white, or nearly so, and about the size of Pigeons' eggs. The young were like two bits of fur; in fact, they put me in mind of ends cut from a cat's tail. When I approached the old bird, who was sitting on the young, she let me get very close to her before leaving the young, and then acted in the same manner as the Partridge usually does when disturbed from her young—flying and flapping about, as though her wings were hurt, and clinging to the rocks until I could nearly catch hold of her, but not quite. After she had led me on for some time I lost sight of her altogether. I returned, had another look at the young, picked them up, and found out all I could about them. I put my prize down again on the moss, as there was no nest, and returned again next day with one of my confidential pals to pass his opinion on them; but we were unable to find them, although I could have found the place where I left them to an inch. We tried the ground over and over again, but I could not produce the curios I had taken my friend to see. As to the old bird, as far as I can remember she was about the size of the Cuckoo, but I should say a shade lighter in colour; she was very nicely spangled, a shade lighter, and also, I believe (but this I won't be so sure about) the beak was the same shape as a Parrot's.

These stories I have written are absolutely true as far as my memory serves me, and the incidents referred to have come under my own observation.

Correspondence.

A Reminder to Chopwell Members.

SIR,—At the last two meetings of the Chopwell C.B.S. only three members turned up at each meeting, so that no business whatever has been got through this season. If the members desire the Society to continue they had better try and turn up at the next meeting on Sept. 25, at 6.30, in the Club Hall. Subs. are now due. Any person desiring to become a member can have particulars on application.

W. H. CHRISTER, sec.

22, Mersey Street, Chopwell.

A Combined Show at Nottingham.

SIR,—I beg to inform you that the Committee of the Nottingham and Notts. O.S. have been compelled to abandon holding the annual open show fixed for Nov. 13 and 15, in consequence of the Mechanics' Hall being occupied by Government authorities. In place of this we hope to be able to arrange for a combined Nottingham Societies' Members. show for Saturday, Nov. 13, if a suitable room can be found. I am asking the other local societies to send delegates to a meeting, when the whole thing can be discussed and arrangements made, and we trust that all members will give us their wholehearted support to make it a thorough success, and be able to give the bird-lovers of Nottingham something worth looking at, and worthy of local fanciers.

J. G. ROYCE.

In Case of Short Entries.

SIR,—Mr. Chick, in his reply to my letter, seems to infer that if shows are properly managed there will be no need of any safeguard as to shortage of entries. I have been secretary of Plymouth for ten years, and although we have had on several occasions an average of 14 per class, I find that even then it is necessary to protect the Society against short entries in some way or other. We have always given good prize money, and our graduated scale this year is more generous than most scales, as a reference to your advertisement columns will show, but the point I wished to discuss was whether it is better to pay prize money in this way, and keep all classes, or to cancel those insufficiently filled. In Plymouth we have tried all ways to get increased entries, viz., (1) paid prize money first day of show, (2) given 25s. for 1s. 6d. entry fee, and in our Jubilee Show we allowed all classes to stand, but our entry, although perhaps quite as good as most shows, never increased as we expected. It is a remarkable fact, but if you pick up any catalogue you will find that 75 per cent. of exhibits are from exhibitors within 50 miles of the show; the prize money and the reputation of the show seems to weigh less with exhibitors than the length of the railway journey. In 1913 I took the trouble to find out and advertise the train service to 15 of the principal towns in the Midlands and North, showing how birds could get to Plymouth in one day, as our railway service is exceptionally good. We guaranteed prize money on first day, and gave 25s. prize money per class. The result was that we had three exhibitors, showing 12 birds, from the districts mentioned.

Mr. Chick has exhibited at Plymouth in the past, and he must know we have never paid half prize money, so that his strictures do not apply to us, but I am still of opinion that a graduated prize scale for all classes under 8 entries is better than cancelling; of course, 8 and over would get full money.

THOS. POPE.

SIR,—Mr. Pope has raised a question which has agitated the Fancy for as many years as I can remember, but its solution is not yet, that is, a solution agreeable to all. Mr. Pope says at Plymouth they have usually adopted the first solution he gives—Cancelling of classes. This I consider the fairest all round. A class that does not fill well is a loss to the society, and there is not much credit to an exhibitor in winning in such a class. Half prize-money classes are unsatisfactory to both exhibitors and societies, often the latter lose money on them, exhibits are without the chance of winning the cost of entry fee and carriage, and the honour of a win in a halfcrown money class is nothing for an exhibitor to crow about.

In graduated prize-money is safety, so far as the society is concerned, but to the exhibitor it is a speculation, and to those of a sporting turn of mind it adds increased excitement and increased expectation if nothing else. Its great recommendation is its all round fairness. If exhibitors support the show well, they reap the benefit; if they don't, then the society is saved from loss; but there is the drawback of a win in a small class, and 1st at Plymouth counts. It did even thirty-four years ago when I first won first prize at Plymouth, and it does to-day. I hope the graduated scheme will work well at Plymouth, not only for the sake of the W.C.O.S., and the exhibitors, but also for the sake of the judges, of whom the oldest and dearest friend I have is one.

At Idle we are adopting the "cancelling of classes," which I think is the better plan, as by its adoption the birds are kept at home in comfort, and the society's money is saved. In cancelling, we shall exercise discretion, and not knock out say an odd poor class in a section which on the whole is good. We shall act as sportsmen. If a whole section is poorly supported then all the section will go. The half-prize money system is often abused, members are urged to cancel entries, and thus bring the classes down to half-prize-money to save the society. This is not playing the game, and we at Idle have decided not to lay ourselves open to that charge. I trust, however, that all our classes will fill; we have issued a classification uncommon in this district, and hope our experiment will succeed.

C. A. HOUSE.

The Lesser Whitethroat and Nightingale in Devon.

SIR,—"A great increase in summer migrants to Torbay has been particularly marked within recent years. The Lesser Whitethroat and Nightingale, both hitherto unknown in these parts, are not infrequently met with, and particularly the former," says Jas. W. Lund in "The Manchester City News."

Is it not the fact that the Lesser Whitethroat nests fairly regularly in Devonshire, and that the western boundary of the range of the Nightingale is generally understood to be the River Dart, a trifle west of Torbay? Perhaps some Devonshire reader will kindly tell us whether the Lesser Whitethroat and the Nightingale were "hitherto unknown" about Torbay.

PHILOMEL.

Idle Show.

A Disclaimer, and an Appeal.

SIR,—A rumour which has become widely spread, and which is likely to do Idle Show considerable harm, is touring the West Riding. It is said that Idle Show is being run by me in opposition to the Yorkshire Union, and with a view to injure the Union shows. The reason given is the unfortunate Halifax incident of two years since. The statement is absolutely false; such an idea has never entered my mind. I have no wish to injure any Union show, or the Yorkshire Union itself. Quite the reverse. Two years ago I stood for a principle, and fought for it. That incident is, so far as I am concerned, closed.

Proof that Idle Show is not being run in opposition to the Yorkshire Union is seen in the fact that it is a mid-week show, and that our schedule gives acknowledgement to the rules of the Yorkshire Union, which it certainly would not do if I was antagonistic to the Union.

Idle Show is the outcome of a conversation between Mr. J. Chippindale and myself. None of the shows in the district are being held on the usual lines. Idle Show has been conceived and is being carried forward in a desire to help the local Fancy in this time of stress. Mr. Chippindale and myself are joint guarantors, and I am acting as show manager. There will be no half prize money classes, as those which do not fill will be cancelled.

The schedule which we have sent out is an unusual one for this district, and I hope that exhibitors of Norwich, Borders, and British particularly will assist me in my effort to show the West Riding fanciers that these sections will support shows in Yorkshire if they are given the opportunity, even in war time.

Owing to the unique character of our classification only one judge, Mr. W. Mundell, has been announced, because our members, myself excepted, have not faith in the filling of the Norwich, Borders, etc. I have faith. I believe these classes and the British too will fill, and if they do Mr. Matt. Broadley will assist in placing the cards. I hope the entry will be such that both Mr. Mundell and Mr. Broadley will have a stiff morning's work. Mr. Broadley will take all Novice, A.O.V., and Selling, if needed.

I hope the result of our effort will be successful. Idle is the only show in the district offering stated prize money this season. On this ground I ask for support, and I would particularly appeal to the Novices and British bird lovers.

C. A. HOUSE.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

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Birds in Bedrooms.

SIR,—We in Coventry barely find time now even to read CAGE BIRDS, but I did happen to note in one of your replies to a correspondent what an opportunity was lost of a fine lesson in eugenics. It was a paragraph concerning the keeping of birds in one's bedroom. I thought, Sir, the time had surely gone by when people closed their windows because of the terrible (?) effect of breathing night air. I have about 20 birds of all kinds in my bedroom, but I so contrive that the air we breathe when asleep is at least as pure and fresh as in the day, and your correspondent should certainly *not* keep his birds in his bedroom under any other condition; it is very unhealthy—for the birds.

S. ABEL.

Red Cross Show at Lochgelly.

SIR,—Would you kindly allow me to draw the attention of fanciers to Lochgelly show, to be held on Oct. 9 in aid of the Red Cross Society. Our classification is of the best: 97 classes, prizes 10s., 5s., and 2s. 6d., for 1s. 6d. entry, including a special in every class. We are also holding a championship class, with £1 for the best bird in the show; 10s. 2nd; 5s. 3rd; 2s. 6d. 4th; the best bird in each section to compete, free. There are also seven trophies, and a list of 120 open specials, including nearly £15 in cash. We are running the show for the Fancy, as all profits accruing from it are to be handed over to the Red Cross, and I would ask fanciers to help us in our efforts to do a little for a good and worthy cause. If any fancier who has not received a schedule will kindly drop a postcard to Mr. R. Muir, sec., Station Road, or to me, at 7, Park View, Lochgelly, we will send one by return. Do it now.

W. GREWAR, Treas.

Herbert J. Chick on Himself and Some Others.

SIR,—In answer to "Yellow Yite" and "Scot," I thought there would be someone write and not be man enough to sign his name. Why hide behind a nom-de-plume? Mrs. Dalton has not trod on my pet corn in any way. I do not claim a monopoly, but I do say this, that what I know about exhibition British Birds has been from practical experience, selecting from the store cage, moulting and exhibiting, and is not book knowledge. How many of the so-called British Bird experts have done that? Why is it that I have won so many prizes and sold hundreds of winners and practically every bird selected by myself? Most of the older exhibitors know whether I know anything about British Birds. Some of them have told me they have envied some of my birds many times. Perhaps "Yellow Yite" has had to play second fiddle to me when I was in the thick of exhibiting.

I have been out of the Fancy for six years, so some of the younger fanciers do not know what I have done on the show bench. I had a perfect right to condemn some of the so-called British bird judges. I did not condemn them as men; it was their ability as judges. I had a perfect right to announce that I was coming out as a British Bird judge (and could do it without blushing). Some judges advertise in the Fancy Press every week. I should think it is the ambition of a British Bird exhibitor to some day come out as a judge, that is, if he has the ability. I was also within my bounds to write to a few societies and tell them that I was coming out as a judge, without (as "Yellow Yite" says) begging for engagements. I could have judged a number of shows, but I was unable to leave my business on Saturdays, and I could have judged several, but my fee was too much for some of the North of England societies, the railway fare being heavy.

At one society my name was brought forward and the secretary was asked to write me to see if I could judge their show, it being on a Saturday, and to know my fee, but before the next meeting a British Bird judge from London wrote to the secretary saying that as he would be coming down to report the show, he would be willing to judge, it being the only show in the provinces that he would judge. They thought all the London exhibitors would follow him, but they were mistaken. I don't think there were any from London. Every man is worthy of his hire, and if I am engaged to judge a show I want a fair pay for a fair day's work.

Re guaranteeing classes, I have guaranteed dozens in my time. I have not put it through the Fancy Press or "Yellow Yite" might have seen it. I don't know whether "Yellow Yite" is a British Bird exhibitor or not (I expect he keeps birds, as he takes in CAGE BIRDS), but just to let the Fancy know that I am going to exhibit a team of my own selecting and moulting, all of them caught during the open season, 1914 to 1915, and just to see if "Yellow Yite" is an exhibitor of any standing, and if he is a sport, I will show ten to twenty specimens (seed-eaters) at two all-England shows, under two different British Bird judges, for £10, against any number that he will like to put down. Or I will show the above team (or part of them) against his, and if he wins more prizes than I do he can take my lot. But the birds that he exhibits must be birds that he has moulted himself. What is more, "Yellow Yite" can come and see my specimens as soon as they have finished their moult, and judge for himself if it is an idle boast. I will let him see that if he treads on my corns I can retaliate and he will find that I am as good as him at anything. When he has won so many prizes and brought out so many champions that have gone right through the show season (and some of them two seasons) and never been beaten, the same as I have, I expect he will think that he knows an exhibition British Bird when he sees one.

The Yellow Bunting is a bird worthy of a class to itself, and the only way to get societies to have it is for those who are interested to guarantee a class at their next show. Now "Scot," I take it you are interested in the bird, so I shall look forward to you guaranteeing a class to help to make it popular.

H. J. CHICK.

The Exhibition Yellowhammer.

SIR,—I think if Mr. Chick were to send some of his experiences regarding the birds he has kept and exhibited, for publication in CAGE BIRDS, he would be doing some good for his fellow fanciers, and I am sure as regards judging appointments a great deal of good for himself. In reply to his attack on Plymouth, I have exhibited at the W.C.O.S. show for the past seven years, and I must say the treatment has always been the same; birds back in good time, in good condition, and prize-money first post on the second day of show. Now Mr. Chick you were rather free with your money last week, let us see if you are as good a fancier as you would have us believe. I am willing to guarantee three-fourths of the British and Mule classes at Plymouth if you will guarantee the remaining fourth. Buck up fanciers, support one of the best-conducted shows in the Kingdom.

J. J. REES.

"Tortured Prisoners."

SIR,—You are evidently not of the fierce and bloodthirsty species of Editor of whom we all have a wholesome sort of dread, else your patience would have been long since exhausted by the effusions from the pen of F. A. Cox. Mr. Cox uses strong and intemperate language in dealing with the poor man's hobby. How does he know that that weather-protected cage which dropped contained a bird at all? More likely the bird which belonged to it (or its price) was inside the drunken man he makes such capital of; but it gave Mr. Cox something by which to gain a little extra notoriety and have his axe sharpened at the same time. He seems to be being effectively dealt with by a number of bird-lovers who, I am sure, don't waste their time writing in defence of "drunken ruffians." As a final touch of inconsistency, Mr. Cox refers to the vanishing Chough, and looks for no further proof than the existence of the bird lover. Can he tell why Robins don't swarm the bushes? Well, these lovely little creatures murder each other. Or why the Skylarks don't dim the sunlight of the summer morning and deaden other sounds by their glorious song? Because the cherished Starlings gobble up both eggs and the young of the Lark.

B. REID.

(Several Letters held over.)

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WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Meeting, Sept. 4, Nelson Temperance Hotel, M. W. Wood presiding over a good attendance. The members were treated to a paper on the Canary, by Mr. R. Heggie. His paper dealt ably with all the various stages: Stock, breeding, moulting, and staging. A vote of thanks to Mr. Heggie terminated the meeting.—W. Hutchison, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting, Sept. 11, Mr. Farrer presiding over good attendance. A deputation (Messrs. Swan, Waters and Sec.) with power to engage a suitable hall for Members' Show on Dec. 27, having fixed up for the Miners' Hall for that date, this meeting confirmed same. Classification for Members' Show was made: Nor., 5; Crests, 5; Clin., 4; Bord., 5; Yorks., 5; Liz., 4; Brit., 5; Mule, For. (single or pairs). Judges, Messrs. Johnston (Wallsend) and J. Clark (Sunderland). Members will be allowed to put price on any bird exhibited. Fee, 6d. per cage. Admission, 3d.—J. Peacock.

LEITH O.S.

First meeting of this Society, Liberal Club, High Street, Sept. 11, Pres., Mr. Lumsden, chair. The meeting endorsed the action the President and Secretary had taken with regard to the public subscriptions, owing to the poor support the collector had received. It was agreed to get the usual posters, catalogues and prize cards for show to be held Nov. 13, in Junction Road Church Hall. Also agreed to have a Gift Class as formerly, and several members promised birds for same. As the next meeting is the last before show it is hoped there will be a large turnout of members.—George W. Brown, Sec.

FIFE C.B.L.

Meeting held in Coaltown of Wemyss, Sept. 1, before a very poor attendance of delegates. Mr. R. Campbell chair. Replies were read from the Fife and Kinross Plainhead Club, and the B.F.C.C. As there were no delegates present from Buckhaven, where the league show was to be held, the few delegates present thought it advisable to abandon the show. Meantime Sec. was instructed to write Mr. Paterson, Methil, asking him to cancel hall. After meeting Mr. Storrar read a paper on Ailments of Cage Birds, which was very interesting. A vote of thanks to Mr. Storrar and the Chairman ended the meeting. Next meeting in Dunfermline, Oct. 2, when a full turn out of delegates are expected to be present.—Joe Sneddon, Sec.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting, Sept. 11. Chairman, Mr. Alf. Holden, presided over a good attendance. Classes for our Annual Show were decided: Nor., 8; Crests, 4; Yorks., 7; Bord., 9; Scotch Fancy, 2; A.O.V., 1; Sell., 3; Mules 3; Brit., 9; For., 3; total, 49. Judges, Messrs. F. Laidlow, J. Stewart, J. Nicholson and J. Maddison. A discussion arose whether it would be advisable to have a two days' show, and it was decided just to have a one day, Dec. 11. Prizes: 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; fee, non-members, 1/6, members, 1/-. Also decided to get the same hall as last year, Rochester-st. Sunday School. Members elected: Rev. C. R. Appleton, Mr. Frost, Mr. T. Stevens, Gateshead; Mr. W. Smailes, Acklington. Subs. are now due. Next meeting, Oct. 11, in Lockhart's Cafe, High-st. Not having a radius, fanciers from far and near can join us, and I will be pleased to send further particulars to anyone who sends for same. Entrance fee, 1/-; annual sub., 2/6.—W. Curry, Sec., 6, Roxburgh-pl., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

Meeting, Sept. 7, with an excellent attendance to discuss the business, re Open Show. After members had put before them the financial state of the society, which was considered inadequate for holding an Open Show, owing to the high charge required for a suitable hall, it was decided to again hold an inter-club show inviting the following societies:—Birmingham City, South Birmingham, Walsall, and Wolverhampton. It is hoped that members of these societies will rally round us on Nov. 20, which is the date of show. Mr. J. H. Roe judges, and schedules will be sent to all members in due course. To facilitate the business of society it was decided to alter day of meeting to a Saturday. This, we hope will meet members' wishes, and we trust to see again a good muster at the meeting. Any one wishing to become a member should apply to Sec. at 1, Hayes-st., West Bromwich, who will gladly give any information required. Those joining now will be in time to compete for the valuable shield provided by society for members, novice, and champions competing in their own sections.—W. G. Andrews, Hon. Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting, Sept. 17. After a long discussion it was unanimously agreed that we hold our open show on Nov. 17 and 18; the show to be run in aid of the Prisoners of War in Germany Fund. In regard to the Hall, Mr. E. J. Banks has been able to secure the Carlton Banqueting Hall for the show, also a £5 10s. challenge cup for the best bird bred 1915. Mr. Banks also kindly offered to let the Society have the use of the staging and bunting, the property of the Welsh National Society. We have increased the classification, and are giving 15 Norwich, 16 Yorks., 8 Bord. and 11 British classes, also selling and Foreign classes. Secretary was instructed to write to the Crest and Cinnamon Clubs to see if they could help us to add Crest and Cinnamon classes. The following members promised to help to the Show Fund: Messrs. Alf. Shellam £1, Smith 5s., Whetton 5s., Ball 5s., Braille 5s., E. J. Davies 5s., Allsopp 5s., James 2s. 6d., Wells 2s. 6d., Gardener 2s. 6d., Philps 2s. 6d., Weeks 2s. 6d., Howard 5s., Bowen 2s. 6d. I am still open for further donations. Will those members who were unable to be at the meeting try and help us; we want to make the show a great success. Now, members, let me have all specials and all contributions by the next meeting, or post on to me as soon as possible. Agreed that Messrs. Whetton, Banks, Davies, Ball, and H. C. Smith act as a sub-committee. The Rev. C. F. Norries was elected a member.—E. Thomas, Sec.

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LONDON C.B.A.

General meeting Sept. 11, Red Lion, York-st., St. James. After general business had been transacted a discussion was opened by Mr. Watcham on "If Canary seed failed, on what would you feed your birds?" This proved a most interesting subject, the members present, of which there was a good muster, giving their idea of what would be a good substitute. The majority pinned their faith to grouts. Among those taking part in the discussion were Messrs. Watcham, Dewhurst, Robson, Trower, Pretty and Offord. A vote to the chair ended a very instructive and interesting meeting.—A. Wallington.

NORTHERN BRITISH M. & F.B.C.

The following societies have been granted our patronage: Newcastle, Blaydon, Haltwhistle, Hartlepool, and Gateshead. The following specials will be competed for; Silver cup, Mule or Hybrids; silver cup, British; silver cup, Foreign; medal to each section. Three highest birds only to count in each section for cups; all points to count for medals in each section. I apeal to all fanciers to join. Membership is open to Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland and Westmorland. Annual sub., 2/6. Next meeting, Oct. 2, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, Newcastle, to decide what Table Shows to hold. Subs now due.—W. Curry, Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Special meeting held Sept. 18 last, with a good turn-out of members. Announced that for annual show, Nov. 12 and 13, we had received that following clubs patronage: Northern Crest Club, Northern British Bird, Mule and F.B.C., Northern Y.C.C., Open Norwich P.H.C., Border F.C.C., and Northern Border F.C. Decided to give the following classification: Norwich, 15 classes; Crests and C.B., 9; Yorks., 16; Bord., 18; Clin., Nor. type, 1; Liz., 2; sell., 4; Mules, 2; Brit., 7; For., 1. We hope that fanciers, especially in the North, will give us their support, as we think we deserve same with our classification. Messrs. N. Pemberton and J. Wardle were elected members.—Geo. Havver, Hon. Sec.

SHETTLESTON CARNTYNE C.B.S

Meeting Sept. 18, Houston's Cafe. A splendid turn out of members gave the Chairman, Mr. Kendrie, every encouragement to carry out what we hope will be a great success—the Annual Show—this being our first. The proceeds will be handed over to a local institution, after expenses are deducted. Judges were appointed, and the following classes approved of:—Young Birds: Nor., 6; Scotch Fancies, 2; Cr. and C.B., 1; Bord., 8; Yorks., 2. Old Birds: Fancies, 4; Cr. and C.B., 2; Nor., 6; Bord., 8; Yorks., 2. Nov.: Nor., 2; Bord., 2.; A.O. Can., 1. Brit, 8; For., 1; Sell. and Gift, 1. New members elected: Mr. J. Shepherd (Uddingston), and Mr. D. McCaskill (Bellshill). Proposed: Mr. R. Gray and Mr. M. McLeod. A hearty vote of thanks to Chair closed a very enthusiastic meeting.—J. Irvine, Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTY A.C.B.

Meeting, Sept. 18, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse-st. E.C., Mr. F. Harrison presided. The Chairman called on Mr. H. Bell for a few words on Colour-feeding, and he entertained the members for about one hour with a paper as follows;

I have been asked to say a few words about colour-feeding, but I am not going to try to improve on Mr. Hazel's lecture on colour-feeding which we heard here a few weeks back, as that was one of the best lectures on colour-feeding I ever heard. I was once much against colour-feeding, for I like to see a bird brought out a good colour naturally. Where there was one who used to colour-feed in years gone by 20 did not.

It is about 15 years ago, as near as I can tell, when cold or tasteless colour-feed came out. Before then birds that had colour-feed were called cayenne-fed birds. I have never been in favour of the hot pepper, and never will be, for I can bring a bird out a good colour on the cold colour. As I said before, I was once against colour-feeding, and I went on a few years without it, but I found out that I might as well give up showing as try to win with a bird that was not colour-fed against one that had been colour-fed.

If you make up your mind to colour-feed it is no use half doing it; when you start to colour-feed it must be done regularly. Some people are colour-feeding weeks and weeks before I start, and then get sick of it before the birds are properly through the moult. I think that leaving it off too soon is as bad as not starting soon enough. In fact I think that birds which are intended for continuous showing ought to have a little colour-feed all through the winter. When you have been feeding a bird up on eggs and colour-feed, if you take it off you will soon see the bird go back again, and not look so well.

You will have to breed for colour, as all the colour-feed in the world will not bring a bird out a good colour if you do not breed for it. I have over 50 birds, and they all get the same kind of colour-feed. Some of them are coming out a nice colour, and some you cannot tell whether they have had any or not. Keep all your best coloured birds for yourself, unless you have a tempting offer for them, and if you are able to buy a fresh bird to improve your stock try and get a good yellow variegated bird, as that will bring you colour and quality of feather, and will improve your stock for years if you have luck with it, but a good yellow variegated bird takes some finding.

I will tell you how I mix my colour-feed, but I don't want you to alter from the way you are feeding, now that the birds are half through the moult. If you do, you will have them patchy, and that will spoil them. I get one egg, a piece of stale bread, a few biscuits or stale cakes which they make at home (if I can get hold of them) and grind them in the egg mill, and then add two teaspoonsful of sugar, a little maw seed, and about three teaspoonsful of colour-feed. Then I put all through the egg mill about two or three times; the more you mix it the better colour you get. The ingredients named make an ordinary basin nearly full, enough to give over 50 birds a little each.

I should just like to say a few words about the bird fancy in general. I think when the war is over there will be a better prospect for the fancy than ever, as there will be plenty of work, and people will be able to buy birds better than before the war. It is the duty of all fanciers who are not able to enlist to keep the fancy going as well as they possibly can for the sake of those who are at the war, and I think every bird society ought to open a subscription list so that they can start a member with a pair of good birds when he returns from the war.

A big discussion followed, and questions were asked which Mr. Bell suitably answered, and a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Bell. Specials for the autumn were promised by Messrs. Durham, Dyer, Cullers and Gilbert, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close.—W. Gilbert, Hon. Sec.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Sept. 25, 75, Lindsay St., 7. Grand concert for past and present members and their friends. Fanciers wishing to join the society should apply to J. Moorhead, 102, Nairne St., Barnsley.

Bulwell F.A.—Sept. 25, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Balance sheet of young stock show and discussion on winter show.—L. Mellor.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Final arrangements for annual show, etc. Members who have not paid subs. kindly do so.—G. Havver.

Bradford East O.S.—Sept. 25, Park Chapel School-rooms, 2.30. Members' show; judge, Mr. L. Dykes (Bolton Woods). Entries, Friday night, 8 to 9, at Headquarters.—J. Spencer.

Bradford National.—Sept. 29, Cinderella Club Rooms, Thornton Road, 8. Balance sheet and winding up for the present season.—S. Midgley.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Open show business.—Smith and Lees.

Chopwell C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Club Hall, 6.30.—W. H. Christie.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Sept. 27, Church Institute, 60, Paddington St., W., 8. Judging competition in Norwich Plainheads; final judge, Mr. J. Hodder; three medals and special prize for most entries.—V. Wynn.

City of Bradford O.S.—Sept. 25, Flying Dutchman, 2.30. Members' show; judge, Mr. P. Mason.—W. Helliwell.

Chester C.B.S.—Sept. 28, 7.45, Boot Inn. Final arrangements for open show; subs. overdue.—L. Cavanagh.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Open show business and table show, Yorks., Greens, ditto 1915, Nor. buff, ditto 1915.—F. A. Green.

Coventry O.S.—Sept. 29, Sydenham, 8.30. Open show, etc.—A. Green.

Derby C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Normanton Hotel, 7. Ann. show arrangements and paying up for same.—F. W. Jordan.

East Ham F.S.—Sept. 30, Harmonic Hall, Plashet Grove, East Ham. 7th annual young stock show; members are earnestly requested to send plenty of entries, and to enter early.—W. Harwood, Hon. Sec.

Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.—Sept. 25, 80, Graham's Road, 7.30. Advisability of appointing another judge, Mr. John McLay has consented to judge the whole show, but we may require another one.—W. Clarkson.

Fife C.B.L.—Oct. 2, at Dunfermline, in I.L.P. Rooms, Kirkgate, opposite Corporation Buildings, 5. Mr. Campbell will lecture on the Border Fancy Canary.—Joe Sneddon, Sec.

Grimsby O.S.—Sept. 30, Slatter's Rooms, 160, Free-St., 8. Arrangements for show.—J. T. Cotterill.

Glasgow and W. Counties' Club—Oct. 2, 122, Ingram St., 7. Lecture on general management of Canaries, by Mr. J. H. Adam.—J. H. Adam.

Glasgow and W. of Scotland.—Sept. 28, Masonic Halls, 160, West Regent St., 8. Final arrangements, annual show; important. A. K. Chalmers.

Guisbro' Priory C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Wear's Rooms, 7.30. Report of Federation meeting re proposed shows, also washing exhibition by one or two of the older hands.—A. Knagge.

Hanley C.B.S.—Sept. 29, 28, Mayer Street, 8. Open show business and new members.—C. Beckett.

Halifax C.B.S.—Sept. 25, King Cross Band Room. First members' winter show, staged 2.30. A cock chicken will be given for most points. Judge, Mr. Fred Self, Great Horton.—A. Sutcliffe.

Islington F.A.—Sept. 25, Headquarters, Warlters Road, Holloway, 25th young stock show, 2 till 9. Fanciers invited.—W. A. Bibb.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Oct. 2, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7. Show business; closing date for new members wishing to compete for young bird cup.—T. J. McGregor.

Leigh C.B.S.—Sept. 29, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Table show, A.V. Canary, natural col., fee 3d; judge, Mr. J. Hamer.—R. Charleson.

Midland Roller C.C.—Sept. 30, Seven Stars, John Lane, Wolverhampton, 8. Most important business re forthcoming show.—J. W. Thomson.

National British Bird and M.C.—Sept. 30, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, S.W., 8. Important business.—E. Stephens.

Newcastle East End C.B.S.—Sept. 29, Hall's Cafe, Heaton Road, 7.30. General show business.—J. W. Coutts.

Northern B.M.F.B.C.—Oct. 2, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, 8. Subs. due.—W. Curry.

Oldham C.B.S.—Sept. 28, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Business of back-end show.—G. Mills.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Sept. 25, Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester, 6. Show and points' competition.—A. Percival.

Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S.—Sept. 29, Marie Stewart Hall, 8. Tickets and bills for annual show and other important business.—A. K. Hunter.

South Moor Social Club F. & F. C.B.S.—Sept. 26, Club Room, 6.30. Important business in connection with annual show, Nov. 6 and 7th.—G. Lane.

South Moor C.B.S.—Sept. 25, South Moor Hotel, 6.30. Stewards, etc., for annual show, and other business. Subs. are overdue.—G. F. Bates.

Stockport and Hazel Grove B.F.A. — Sept. 28, Trinity House, Shaw Heath, 8. Show room; judge, and alteration of date.—W. Stafford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Sept. 25, Station St. Cafe, 7.30. Members' show business.—J. Peacock.

Tong C.B.S.—Sept. 25, members' show, birds staged at 3; judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill; also special meeting same day: business important.—W. Walker.

Warrington C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 8. Show business; important.—H. Warhurton.

Windhill C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Blue Bell Hotel, 2.30. Members' show; judge, Mr. J. Dawson (Gt. Horton). Entries, Friday, 6.30 to 9, at headquarters, or by post to sec.'s address; union books now ready.—J. Taylor.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

FOR RULES, SEE LAST WEEK'S ISSUE.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

BEETROOT BEATEN (Rex).—No, beetroot cannot be relied upon to colour feed birds up to the present day standard of colour feeding, but it would be a useful adjunct to assist the natural colour of so-called non-fed varieties, such as Borders. It is one of the things used in the old days before pepper feeding was discovered, but was quite superseded when the modern methods came into use. Neither is hot pepper feeding by any means essential, or even advisable, in these days, as the cold tasteless pepper, as the substance was unfortunately named, will do all that is really necessary. Even for the very highest form of colour feeding only a small proportion of hot pepper need be used, mixed in with the cold. As your birds take the tasteless well you need have no fear of the result, provided only you get a sample with plenty of colour in it. But in any case, as your birds will probably have made some headway with the moult it would not be quite judicious this season to make any material change in your colour food.

BEST FOR SONG (E. G. M.).—For singing purposes only you cannot get anything to beat the pure Roller, especially when properly trained under a good tutor. The runner-up would be a first-cross with either the Border Fancy, Yorkshire, or Norwich, preferably in the order named. The part of your query referring to British birds has been copied out and forwarded to Mr. Norman. Please see his columns for reply, and note that all queries relating to different sections should be written on separate sheets of paper, as they have to go to different persons for reply.

A POSER (Van Oppen).—Honestly, I cannot tell you how much per pair you would have to give to a noted breeder for stock birds in order to enable you to sell their progeny to wholesale dealers at the price you name. It should be obvious that wholesale dealers can only buy and sell according to the face value of the birds, and inherent qualities, or pedigree, must necessarily weigh little or nothing with them. Then, skilled management and mating of stock would naturally bear a far greater influence upon the value of the young you bred than the mere price you gave for the parents. If you study our advt. columns during the season you will find that the price you name is quite as high as many dealers sell the birds themselves, and I have very serious doubts whether they would give this amount for all one's surplus to anyone but a noted breeder whose stock was sought after. A much better plan would be for you to get a pair or two of good stock birds of a well-bred strain, and by careful breeding and occasional exhibiting for a few years gradually work up a reputation for your birds, and meantime dispose of the surplus as far as possible locally and through private advertisement, such as our prepaid columns afford. This, I think, is the only chance you have of getting the average price you name for all the birds you breed, at least, until your birds have made a name for themselves. The best time to sell would, at the beginning, be soon after the moult, but when you had acquired some experience in picking out the birds you did not want for stock at an earlier period, a first selection should be made before the moult commences, and thereby avoid the ordinary risks and expense of moulting them. I do not advise you to attempt colour feeding in the nest. As regards starting with yellow cocks and buff hens, or vice versa, you should certainly start and go on with both, and keep the colours crossed as far as possible; e.g., mate a yellow cock bred from a buff cock and a yellow hen to a buff hen bred from a yellow cock and a buff hen, and vice versa.

BIRD-ROOM HINTS (T. K. F.).—There is no reason at all why you should not fit up cages on both the walls, A and B. They seem to be very well suited for the purpose, and the fact that the birds will be always seeing each other will not hinder them breeding in the least degree when the proper season arrives. Fit up the cages on racks, by all means, and as you appear to be starting from zero I strongly advise you to have all cages similar in size and shape, and to stand separately on the rack, so that if the necessity arose during the breeding season any cage could be removed from the rack for overhauling and disinfection, and be immediately replaced by a spare cage without the change being noticeable. Start the first tier of cages 18ins. from the floor, which, with cages 16ins. high, will enable you to make four tiers, the bottom one being, if desired, made up of large flight cages for keeping stock in winter, or young during the period of growth.

EXTERMINATING RED MITES (H. A.).—Had you named the size and construction of your aviary I might have been of more use to you. If its polish or varnish is a consideration the following will be about the most suitable method for you, and with persistent effort for a few weeks should enable you to get rid of the pest. Keep a small quantity, say a teacupful, of paraffin handy in a wide-mouthed bottle well corked, and dissolve in it a penny cube of camphor. Then with a small water-colour brush dipped in this fluid go over every joint, crack, and corner of the cage inside and out twice a week, and at the same time remove the perches, keeping an eye on the ends where they rest on the cross-bars for any stray insects, well scrape them, and dip the ends in the fluid before returning them to the cage. Do not forget the joints of the doors, and brush the fluid well into any open joint, crack, or vacant wire or nail hole. When the latter are quite freed from the pest they should be well plugged with soft putty, which can be coloured to match the colour of the cage. It is quite useless dusting the birds for this trouble, though it would do no harm to add a few drops of essence of quassia to the bath twice a week for a time, but do not pin your faith to this. Persistent effort with the fluid for some time is about the only method that will in such circumstances enable you to win through.

A CAPER (H. H. R.).—It is just possible that the gaping may be merely the effect of overfeeding, but it is frequently the outcome of bronchial trouble. Its silence just now is of no moment, as

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this may be the natural result of the moult approaching, if it has not already begun. See that it is not exposed to cold draughts, or sudden extremes of heat and cold, and do not expose it to the fumes of burning lights in the evenings, nor hang it high up near the ceiling. Continue your present feeding, except that you should give the paste only twice a week, and give a little green food daily. In the drinking water every second day for a week add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give instead five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia, and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a fortnight.

WASTING SEED (R. W. P.). Although you say only one of your hens wastes the seed in the manner indicated, you should take the precaution to chew a little to see if there is any indication of mustiness, and if there is, the best remedy is to change it for a sample that is sweet and sound. If your present sample is above suspicion, treat as follows for a fortnight or so. For staple give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Give separately each day during the first week, and every second day during the second week, a morsel of bread the size of a large hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Twice each week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and maw seed, and a little green salad daily. Add to the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); Rouse's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Baltyne's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); Rouse's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

pea every second day for a week, and after this give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

CREST ITEMS (Embryo).—(1) Beyond the necessary grooming of the crest to make it appear at its best in shape, droop, and radiation, the method of getting Crests into show form does not differ materially from that of any other variety. Possibly you are a little premature in trying to improve the crest, as there may still be "pen" feathers that are not fully developed, which are preventing the proper droop of others that are full grown, in which case the misplaced feathers will in all probability fall into their proper place when the crest is quite fully developed all through. Until this stage is reached I advise you not to attempt to improve it by soaking or heating the feathers in any way, but limit your attentions to gently brushing the crest for a few minutes daily with a small camel-hair brush, working from the centre to the tips and in the direction in which you wish the feathers to lie in order to give the best radiation possible, and being careful to avoid too much pressure on the base of the quills at the centre of crest, which is apt to exaggerate any tendency to a bare centre. When all the quills are fully developed and dried, if there are still any stray ones sticking up in the centre, moisten them with lukewarm water, then get a folded bit of old silk over the tip of the forefinger, warm it at the fire, and gently stroke down the feathers one at a time into the position they should lie, keeping the silk warm, and brushing gingerly and judiciously until the feathers are dry. Repeat this every day or two until the desired effect is attained, or, if this should fail, borrow one of the "better-half's" knitting needles, and after slightly moistening the feather warm the tip of the needle in a clean fire—tolerably warm, but not hot—place it against the under-surface of the feather and gently stroke the feather down over it with the thumb until dry. This needs careful manipulation to avoid extracting the feather. (2) The markings on the feathers you mention are due to slight imperfections in the web or quill of the feather, the cause of which is as yet very obscure. They are of very little moment, as they disappear in a short time, and in any case are quite unnoticeable after the first wash. (3) The specks on the tips of the new quills do not necessarily indicate a delicate constitution. It is more often due to a slight temporary check in the moult, which may arise from a sudden drop in the normal temperature, or even from an unusually profuse cold bath when the bird is rather bare of feathers, and not, perhaps, in the best condition. The condition is not infrequently the origin of the controversial "square feathers." A warm, equable, and slightly moist temperature during the period of feather growth should quite prevent the condition.

AILING NORWICH (H. G.).—(1) The bird will not sing whilst moulting, and apart from the moult I do not think there is much wrong with him. Make yourself quite sure that it is not exposed to cold draughts; do not hang too near the window where the temperature must vary considerably, but keep it in as cosy and bright a position as you can, and throw a light cover over the cage at night whilst it is moulting. Alter the staple diet to three parts canary to one part summer rape, and stop the linseed altogether. Once a week, in addition to the egg food, give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. In the water add, for three consecutive days, six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give five drops each of oxymel of squills and sweet spirit of nitre for three or four days. (2) The trouble is not infectious. If it really arose from being with the hen, it would merely be owing to its being exposed to the same conditions as the hen. (3) From six to eight would be sufficient to winter in the flight cage. One perch at each end midway between top and bottom, and another at each end rosting on the front piece, would be better than two only, as it would help to prevent quarrels.

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HEAD AND TOE (Scottie).—(1) As you say the toe is quite normal, and only the "nail" part deformed, I would advise you to nip off the nail with a sharp pair of nail scissors to about an eighth of an inch from where the toe joins it. This will probably cause it to bleed a little, so have a bottle of Friar's Balsam handy and apply a drop on the end of a match stick to check it. Slight bleeding will be of little moment, and the advantage to the bird will quite warrant the operation. (2) It is not always that these bald heads are amenable to treatment, but the following for the next few weeks should do all that can be done. Give a staple seed diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give separately half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, linseed and broken groats twice a week. Every third day give a morsel of bread and milk lightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and then dusted with maw seed, and on each of the remaining days a morsel of any green salad that is going. On the day following that on which you give the bread and milk, each time add to the drinking water as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence and ten drops of lemon juice. Treat thus for a fortnight, then miss a week, and then resume and treat again for a fortnight, and continue thus for a couple of months.

KEEPING THIN (A. P.).—(1) You should have no difficulty in adding to the substance of your birds after the moult is quite finished and the plumage tightened up. Give a staple diet of three parts good sound canary to one part summer rape, and in addition give separately every third day a piece of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the intervening days give first half a teaspoonful of boiled rape, and next a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle and broken groats, or, failing the latter, chopped sunflower seeds. (2) Do you mean that the one bird is only deficient in colour, or is it not casting its feathers properly If the former, it is possible that this bird is a buff, and hence seems so much paler than the others. Even if it is a yellow, you must remember that all birds are not equally susceptible to the effects of colour food, and this is doubtless one that is non-susceptible. As the other birds are coming out well, it cannot be the fault of the treatment altogether. On the whole, I think you had better let well alone. If the bird is not dropping its feathers properly, place it in a little warmer temperature and add 20 drops of whisky and five of syrup of saffron to the water for a few days. (3) The seeds sent were accidentally lost in opening your letter. Please note that any sample sent should be securely wrapped in a separate paper or stout little envelope that will withstand the vicissitudes of postal transit. If the seed is canary with the husk removed, and the bird referred to in No. 2 is the culprit, separate it, keep it in a cosy place, and treat it as advised to "R. W. P." in this issue.

CRACKLING BREATH (Dereham).—(1) I am afraid the bird is really in a chronic state of bronchitis, and can only be temporarily relieved. I cannot advise you to attempt to breed with him again, as his progeny will certainly be strongly predisposed to the trouble. To ameliorate his condition now, you had better keep him in the warm room for the time being, and give a little soft food every third day until the moult is quite finished, varying it with egg food, bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, or crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. On the intervening days give first a pinch of mixed seed and a spray of green food, and next a morsel of banana. In the water add every second day for a fortnight four drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia, and sweet spirit of nitre, then miss a week, and repeat it for another fortnight. (2) Treat this hen the same as No. 1, but do not breed with these two birds by any means. To do so would simply be asking for trouble. (3) There is no objection to the hen going into the aviary with the other hen, but the cock should not be caged with the hens at all until spring, and only then if wanted to breed. (4) The gold of pleasure and sesame are most useful seeds for the purpose advised, and you should have no difficulty in getting them from any good seedsman who stocks bird seeds. Practically all the large advertisers of seeds in our prepaid columns stock them.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

BEST BIRDS FOR SONG (E. G. Miles).—You do not say in your letter if you prefer seed-eating birds or softbills. If the former, the Linnet is the most popular, is not difficult to keep, and has a pleasing song. The Goldfinch is perhaps the next, is of gayer plumage, has a lively, cheerful song, but is scarcely so easy to manage as the former, although some of them live many years as singing pets. Of the Softbills the Skylark and Thrush stand first; the song of these birds is no doubt well known to you. To keep them in health they require fresh soft food daily, and a certain amount of insect food. Whichever you choose, I would advise you to get our little booklet on the bird; it will give you full instructions about feeding and general management.

LARK MOULTING BADLY (G. Lowe).—I fear you have not been careful enough in the management of your Skylark, and it is just possible he has been in a draught or allowed to hang in an unusually exposed position. Your best treatment now will be either to place him in an extra large cage, where he can take plenty of exercise, or put his cage in a cosy corner and partly cover it up with a thin cloth; this will make him fret, and possibly start him again in the moult. At the same time feed him rather better than usual, give him some good insectile mixture, adding a little hard-boiled egg, and be liberal with mealworms or any insects you can collect. Keep his cage perfectly clean, and about twice a week run him into a spare one and gently spray him with tepid water. Do not attempt to make him quite wet, just use the spray lightly.

AILING LINNET MULE (A. W. Elliott).—You do not tell me how you are feeding your bird, but by the symptoms you describe your treatment is not what it should be. Just now is a most critical time with all birds, as there is a great strain on them producing a new set of feathers, and you do not say if yours has commenced to moult or not. You had better give him the following aperient: Dissolve as much Glauber salts in two tablespoonsful of water as will cover a three-penny piece, and mix with it four drops of syrup of rhubarb. Give this for one day only, and then miss a couple of days, and repeat. Give a little bread and milk daily, slightly moistened with sugar, and twice a week a spoonful of hard-boiled egg and biscuit. Let his seed be three parts canary, one each of teazle and summer rape, and offer a spoonful of Finch mixture twice a week. Let him bathe daily on fine days, and be careful to keep him out of draughts.

KEEPING A MAGPIE.—I am sorry about your Magpie, as you appear to have fed him fairly well since you have had him. I am afraid he is now suffering from acute indigestion and bowel trouble; probably he is weakened through the method in which he was hand-reared. I much prefer a more nutritious and less strong food than he had. In keeping these birds in captivity an aperient occasionally is very necessary, and you do not appear to have given him one, so you had better let him have this at once. Dissolve in three tablespoonsful of water as much salts as will cover a shilling, and give him for one day only; then offer him daily a little stale bread soaked in hot milk, and well dusted with bismuth. As regards the position of the cage, it would certainly be better if placed outside, but with care and attention to cleanliness there is no reason why you should not keep him as you do now. I have kept these birds under all conditions and had very little trouble with them.

GOLDFINCH MULE NOT SINGING (Berwyn).—After having had inflammation of the bowels and then the moult, you can scarcely expect your bird to sing for some time; in fact I shall be surprised if he does much in that way until the end of the year. You appear to be feeding him correctly, excepting that I would advise a little soft food or soaked seed about twice a week, and a small spoonful of chemical food in the drinking water every other day, boiling the water first, or it will not mix; a daily bath would also assist him.

GROWTH ON WING (S. Potter).—I do not care much for your sample of seeds that you send me, it has too much niger, and not enough rape. You had better make up the following mixture yourself: Sound canary three parts, teazle two parts, rape and linseed one part each; this as a staple food,

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERIST

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

and then use your gold of pleasure, niger and maw as a tit-bit, to be given, say, two or three times a week. As regards the growth on the wing, this is probably a cyst, and requires a surgical operation to remove it. If you know a medical man or chemist who would do it for you, it would be far better than attempting it yourself. It is this that makes your bird so bad tempered; no doubt it is somewhat painful.

BIRDS FOR LARGE CAGE (Bird Lover).—Your aviary is really no larger than plenty of Canary-keepers' breeding-cages, so you see you cannot expect to keep many birds in it. Four or five cock British would be quite sufficient, and if you attempt to breed you must give it up to one pair only. Greenfinches would be the most likely of the British Finches to nest in it, as these do fairly well almost anywhere. Of course, they are the commonest of our Finches, and if you would like to make the trial with something more choice there is no reason why you should not make an attempt with a pair of Goldfinches; if these bred with you you would be well repaid for your trouble.

MIGRANTS FOR AVIARY (Rusticus).—In an aviary the size you mention it would be possible to keep any of the Softhill migrants, and with these you stand a much better chance of keeping your shrubs intact than with the Finches, which invariably destroy all living plants, even in quite large aviaries. The following birds have been kept in an aviary all the year round here in Surrey and the climatic conditions with you would be much the same; and I gather from your letter that your aviary is rather more covered in. The list is: Nightingales, Blackcaps, Whitethroats, Wheatears, several foreign birds, including Gouldian Finches, and all the British Finches. In your place I would make an attempt with the four first on the list. Skylarks have also bred here, but although particularly interesting from an avicultural point of view, they are not very remunerative, as they require plenty of insects, and can be bought cheaply. I am rather interested in your account of the Bullfinches breeding with you, as these birds are not generally very successful when in captivity. If you decide to try with the Softbills mentioned above you should secure them as early as possible, and turn them out while the weather is fine.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

PLANT CUTTERS NOT REQUIRED (Rusticus).—Finches (Weavers and Serins, also Red-crested Cardinals, Siskins, and Serins generally) are all very destructive to plant-life, but if the numbers are not too great, and the living green is plentiful, they should not do much more than useful pruning. In a garden aviary, 30 x 30 x 15 feet high, I have about 40 various Finches, and about 20 or more softbills, the latter ranging from a Thrush to a Tanager and Sugarbird. I have rather a prejudice against lilac for an aviary, and prefer such plants as hazel, common broad-leaved laurel, elder, Portugal laurel, evergreen and golden privet, retinosporas, aucubas, and rambler roses, clematis, hops, nasturtiums, canary creepers, etc., to cover the internal standards. With such flowering plants as michaelmas daisies, perennial sunflowers, bedding pelargoniums, marigolds, cornflowers, etc., a most attactive effect can be gained, as well as adequate cover for the birds. The question of covering cost is a difficult matter; the results of the various seasons vary, and some pairs may breed and others not. If you want the aviary to be as near self-supporting as possible it is of no use buying cheap, common birds. Gouldian Finches, if you have luck with them, should pay. Among the softbills you could have Gold-fronted Fruit-suckers, one pair of Thrushes (such as Orange-headed Ground Thrushes, or some showy species of Rock Thrush), Black, Blue, Maroon and Archbishop Tanagers could be included, also White-eyes, Sugar-birds, Redstarts, Flycatchers, (not easy to get now). A pair of Diamond Doves ought to more than pay their keep, so also should a pair of Australian-crested Doves. Small birds should be domiciled in the aviary first, and then the large ones introduced as opportunity offers. I have never found hardbills or softbills to take any hurt from partaking of each other's food. If still in doubt on any point repeat query to that extent.

BUDGERIGARS IN OUTDOOR AVIARY (E. K.).—Your aviary should provide accommodation for fifteen birds all told. Twiggy branches are the best for perches, and you must put up at least half a dozen husks; fix these as far apart as possible, but the openings of the husks must face the light. You will not have much luck unless you have your shelter ("covered-in room") well lighted. Such hardy species as Budgerigars can be allowed to go in or out at will all the year round, but during very severe spells or long continued cold wet weather, it would be well to shut them in at night. If you were to fasten roofing felt over the north and east sides of flight during the winter months it would make the birds more comfortable. It can easily be fastened on with a little binding wire, and be as easily removed in the Spring. For breeding purposes you should only put in three pairs, and confine your breeding stock to that number, as even then during the breeding season your aviary will at times be overstocked. Your best plan will be to dispose of the young as they are able to fend for themselves. The pair you have now can be put out at once, as also can others if you procure them from outdoor aviaries; buy each pair from a different source. Your adult pairs should be rung, so as to be able to distinguish them from their progeny, if you keep any of the latter past the moult. Do not decorate your post with virgin cork; get some ordinary bark from a timber yard, or collect from field or hedgerow if you have such in your vicinity.

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16. "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

GREY PARROT AND GRIT (E. M.).—I should not force the Parrot to eat grit, it is natural to them to take it when they need it, and it will do so if the supply be constant. Keep the bird's bowels moving very freely for the next two months; at the same time the voidings should not be allowed to remain watery-loose; give one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking-water, as often as may be required to secure this. Roughly the diet of a Parrot should be confined to seed mixture, ripe fruit, and a few nuts; such extras as dry boiled potato, raw carrot, stale crusts, biscuits, and plain cake may be offered to vary the diet, but do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, or any kind of animal food whatever. Keep grit, cuttle-bone, and a thick piece of a branch (the latter for mandible exercise) continually in the cage. If you think the bird needs a tonic at any time put half a teaspoonful of Chemical Food in the drinking water for a time. While the bowels must not be abnormally loose at any time, the least semblance of constipation must be rectified at once. Our "Grey Parrot" Nutshell, 2½d., from our Manager, would help you as to general treatment.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A. Lodge.—Thanks for cuttings, which we hope to be able to utilise.

W. P. Beckett.—We have adopted the proceeding suggested by your initials. Your second letter, over the initials "W. R. B.," has accompanied the first. What do you think would happen to the eyes of birds which were sprayed with a solution of camphor in petrol and paraffin?

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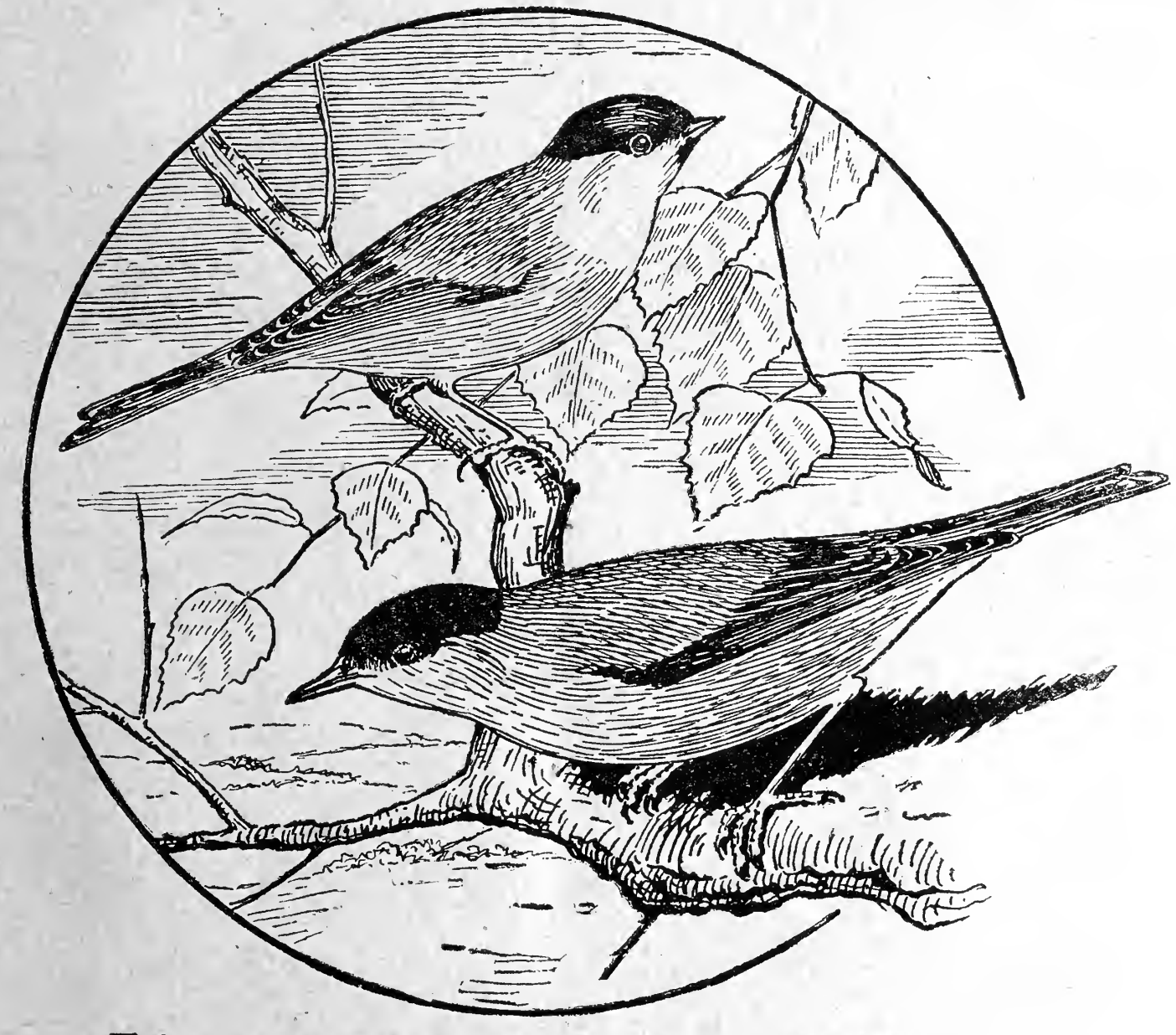

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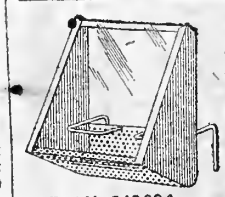

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NOTICE, grand lot Scotch fancy, many winners, prices low; state wants; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (470)

SCOTCH fancies for sale, stock and young birds, cheap; leaving district; state wants: Buchan, 10, W. Promenade-terr., Portobello, Midlothian. (471)

FINE, large, good quality, yellow foul hen, 30/-, good buff cock to match, 40/-; clean moulted and in the pink; approval; particulars: Lawson, Public Park, Biggar. (469)

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WANTED, young Yorkshires, any quantity, cash deposited; particulars, stamp reply: Oliver, 101, Bridport-pl., Hoxton.

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SEVERAL clean moulted, 1915 Yorkshires, both sexes, fit to win in good company, from 10/- each: Gardner, 5, Priors Wood-terr., Taunton. (472)

SALE, Yorkshire cock Canary, singing, lovely plumage, 8/6; would exchange for good Roller; yours first: Carter, Hairdresser, Rhymney, Mon. (475)

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SHOWS.

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Thursday, Oct. 21st.

Judge: J. Robson, Esq.
Amateur Classes each section.
Schedules from—**C. F. HOLLIDAY, 58, George Street, Oxford.**

HANLEY

Great Open Show, **Oct, 14,** at **Angel Hotel.** 40 Classes for Cage Birds. Judge, J. Robson, Esq., London. **Entries close Monday, Oct. 11. Schedules now ready,** from—**C. Beckett, 32, Hamilton Road, Bircheshead, Hanley.**

BURTON

ON-TRENT

Open Show, **Oct. 23rd,** at **Victoria Hall.** Mr. J. Robson, judge. Good classification. No cancelling and no amalgamation. Schedules from—**A. Wood, 18, South Oak Street, Burton-on-Trent.**

LIVERPOOL

OCT. 22nd & 23rd.

Judges: Messrs. Mundell, Cowgill, Vardy, Dixon, and Houlton. Schedules to previous exhibitors, others kindly apply this year.—**Metcalfe and Green, Secs., 68, Brunswick Rd.**

CLAPHAM

8th Annual Show, **Oct. 14, 1915,** at **Strathblaine Hall, Ye Plough, Clapham Junction.** Open to all fanciers who will bring their exhibits to the show and take them away after. Judges: Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, **Mr. P. Rorke;** A.O. Canaries and Hybrids, **Mr. W. H. Vale;** British and Foreign, **Mr. H. J. Fulljames.—Hon. Sec., T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.**

L. & P.O.S. OPEN SHOW

Lambeth Baths, Kennington Road, S.E., Wed. and Thurs., Oct. 27 and 28. Judges, Messrs. T. Heath, H. Norman, R. J. Watts, and J. Hodder. 63 classes; six Silver Cups, two Trophies, and dozens of cash Specials. Schedules ready shortly.—**H. L. Huggins, Hon Sec., 130, Myddleton Road, Bowes Park, London, N.**

COVENTRY

ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

39th Annual Open Show, ***OCT. 16th*** 39th Annual Open Show.

Judges: J. Trengrove, Esq., Canaries; W. H. Raven, Esq., British and Foreign.

Five Good Points to Remember:—

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2.—That this is **the** oldest Society in the Midlands.

3.—That we are running the Show for the Wounded Soldiers' Fund.

4.—That last year we handed over the sum of £1 11s. 6d. to the local relief fund.

5.—That this year we hope with the help of your entries to hand over a much larger sum.

Schedules:—A. GREEN, Sec., 205, Stoney Stanton Road, Coventry.

ENTRIES CLOSE TUES., OCT. 12th.

THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SHOW OF THE

SCOTCH FANCY NATIONAL DERBY

will be held on **Saturday, 9th Oct.,** in the **Grand National Halls, Main St., Gorbals, Glasgow, S.S.** All the Scotch Fancy men who wish to see the cream of the season's breeding will be there. The whole of the stock of Scotch Fancy Canaries belonging to the late Mr. George Fulton, Partick, will be sold by auction at the show.—**Arthur M. Baird, Sec., 25 Neilston Road, Paisley.**

Show advts. continued on next

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All matter *intended for publication must be written or typed on* **one side** *of paper only, and must reach us not later than the first post on Tuesday if insertion in the next issue is desired.*

Twitterings.

South Shields C.B.S. will hold its annual show on Dec. 4, writes Mr. W. J. Smith, hon. sec. Mr. H. W. Battye will judge.

Please intimate in Cage Birds that my address is now "Stepps, Glasgow," instead of 27, McLennan Street, Mount Florida, writes Mr. Robt. Heggie. Show secretaries might take note.

Mr. J. Jackson, hon. sec., Cockermouth F.S., writes that the show of the society will be held on Nov. 27, not on Nov. 10, as stated in a Twittering last week. Will other secs. kindly note?

The postponed lecture by Mr. G. Gamble, of Winchester, on the Yorkshire Canary, will be given on Oct. 5, at 7.30, at the Waterloo Temperance Hotel, Southampton. Owing to the very poor attendance on Sept. 1, writes Mr. W. L. Page, hon. sec. Southampton C.B.S., we were obliged to postpone lecture. Non-members will be made welcome.

Mr. J. G. Torbett writes that there will be 10 classes at Muirkirk show, Nov. 13. Variegated cocks and hens will have separate classes. Mr. D. Hamilton will judge.

We have received the patronage of the following specialist clubs, writes Mr. W. Tallantyre, hon. sec., Haltwhistle C.B.S.: Northern Norwich P.C., Northern Yorks. C.C., Northern British Mule and F.B.C., Northern Border F.C., and also three medals from the Border Fancy C.C.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

The Exhibits for Clapham Show.

I should be greatly obliged if you would kindly notify that our show is only "open to those fanciers who will bring their exhibits to the show and take them away after," as I have had a great many enquiries for schedules from country exhibitors, writes Mr. T. J. Hose, Hon. Sec., Clapham C.B.A. The judges will be: Norwich and Yorks, Mr. P. Rorke; A.O. Canaries and Hybrids, Mr. W. H. Vale; British and Foreign, Mr. H. J. Fulljames.

Birds with a Fine Record.

I cannot speak too highly of the drawing of my birds which appeared on the front page of Cage Birds last week, writes Mr. J. McAndrew. It does your artist, Mr. Norman, great credit. Before the wins at the Crystal Palace, the buff cock stood 1st and special at Longton, 1st Warrington, and 1st and special Wigan, while the yellow had won 1st and special Longton, 1st, special, and Cage Birds Diploma at Warrington, 1st and special Wigan, and several 2nd and 3rd prizes. The Crystal Palace show was my first attempt among the champions. The Buff was claimed at the Palace for £7 7s.

Mr. J. Walsh, Blackburn, sends us three samples of Spanish Canary seed which he expects to arrive from Spain per the s.s. Ciscar All the samples are clean, sound, and full, and appear of excellent quality. Mr. Walsh says he will be very pleased to send samples, as per his advt., to any reader of Cage Birds.

I shall be glad if you would kindly announce that owing to pressure of business I have been obliged to resign the secretaryship of the South London Col. and F.A., writes Mr. Geo. Burton. My successor is Mr. J. Luckham, 447, Old Kent Road, S.E., to whom all communications should now be addressed. I thank members for the way they have supported me in the past, and hope they will continue to give their best support to Mr. Luckham in the future.

The Printer Takes a Hand.

We fancy the Twittering of Mr. Hainsworth last week must have raised many a smile, for he was made to say that he could not afford to answer "all" the "two" people who replied to his advertisement. Mr. Hainsworth wrote eighty-two, not two, and it was Mr. Printer who introduced the element of comicality into the Twittering by rendering it as it appeared.

Mr. Arthur Howard, of J. Howard and Sons, Norwich and London, Bird Dealers and Shippers, will be at the secretary's office throughout the continuation of Idle show, and will be prepared to treat with breeders of Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries who have surplus stock for sale.

Mr. J. Pitchford, Stoke-on-Trent, has forwarded for inspection one of his registered seed boxes as advertised. Besides having the advantage of a perforated bottom and front, the box should be especially useful in preventing waste of seed, as the bent wire contrivance renders it impossible for a bird to scatter the seed when feeding. The prices are very moderate for so well made an article.

The Patronage of the Cinnamon-marked Y.C.C.

Following is a corrected list of competitive shows, writes Mr. R. Garnett, sec. Members please note dates, as they are not correct in our Year Book. Oct. 9, Shipley; Oct. 23, Bradford West; Oct. 30, Tong and District; Nov. 5-6, Sheffield O.S.; Nov. 20, Huddersfield; Nov. 27, Laisterdyke; Dec. 3, Windhill; Dec. 11, Great Horton; Dec. 18, Bradford East; Jan. 8, Halifax. These alterations have been caused by the Bradford National show falling through this year.

The Bird-Keepers' Roll of Honour.

Halifax O.S.

Sir,—We have one member serving with the colours—W. Woodhead, 2nd Fourth West Riding.

Harry Clegg, Sec.

Hemsworth C.B.S.

Sir,—The following members have joined the colours: A. Graham, R.F.A.; W. Brown, K.O.Y.L.I.; H. Kendrick, Sherwood Foresters; I. W. Gillings, K.O.Y.L.I.

Jas. Hall, Sec.

Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.

Sir,—Your idea of getting up a Roll of Honour is splendid. The members of our society are greatly pleased with their own list, and we are paying all the subscriptions of our fighting members, and are keeping them as members. In fact, members who are unable to enlist are looking after the birds of those who have enlisted, and they hope by this means to give them a good start in the Fancy if they are spared to come back safely. We have a total membership of thirty-one, and ten have enlisted: Sergt.-Major J. Dewar, 4th Royal Scots (King's Prizeman), home from the Dardanelles with sunstroke; Pte. Hugh Dickson, Seaforth Highlanders; Pte. James Johnstone, 5th Royal Scots, wounded at the Dardanelles, but back in the trenches; Pte. Wm. Downie, A.S.C., in France; Pte. Robt. Davidson, 1st Batt. Gordon Highlanders, wounded at Hooge, but has recovered, and is back in the trenches; Pte. Andrew Davidson, 6th Royal Scots, Dardanelles; Pte. Jas. Ferguson, 9th Royal Scots; Pte. Jas. I. Yellowlees, R.A.M.C., in France; Pte. Arthur Morrison, Sapper, Royal Engineers, in France; Pte. Peter Rigby, A.S.C.

Jas. Napier, Sec.

Halifax C.B.S.

Sir,—The following are the members of our Society who have enlisted since the war began. I wish you would add them to your worthy Roll of Honour: Pte. F. P. Sunderland, 2nd West Yorkshires; Pte. Arthur Crabtree, 3rd/4th West Ridings; Pte. G. H. Fletcher, R.A.M.C.; also Vice-President Pte. Albert Brooks, 3rd West Ridings. The best wishes of all our members are extended to them for a safe and early return to the society.

A. Sutcliffe, Sec.

Mr. Wm. Adams, ex-sec. Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S., has enlisted in the A.S.C.M.T. as a smith, and is at present stationed at Grove Park Camp, Lee. His official address is Private Wm. Adams, 117491, E Company, No. 2 Section, A.S.C.M.T., Grove Park Camp, Lee, S.E.

I have sent schedules to all who exhibited at our show last year, writes Mr. H. Warburton, hon. sec. Warrington C.B.S., 73, Ellesmere Road, Lower Walton, Warrington. Anyone overlooked please drop a line. Would exhibitors let me have entries earlier, as we have had to close two days earlier than usual, owing to our printer being short-handed.

Support Idle Show.

The officials of Idle show earnestly ask for entries. Surely exhibitors will see that this appeal does not go unheeded. Only 70 entries to date is the dismal total; and this for a fixture got up solely to benefit cage-bird fanciers in these unpropitious times. It is a mid-week show (Oct. 6), has a very popular judge in Mr. W. Mundell, and good prize-money, while the classification for Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, Mules and British Birds is really excellent. The show manager is that long-experienced and popular fancier and judge, Mr. C. A. House (address—"Briardene," Idle, Bradford), so that everything possible will be done for both birds and their owners. He will accept all entries posted up to Saturday (Oct. 2), so send them along, fanciers.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Llandudno (Welsh Northern Counties F. and F.A.).—Hippodrome, Craig-y-don, Llandudno, Nov. 17. Judge, T. J. Ambrose. 12 classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, [illegible] 1, Mule or Hyb. 1, Brit. 2, Nov. [illegible] For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6. Close Nov. 6, to G. E. Cragg, Rock Lawyn Bay.

Yorkshire Union New Hand-book.

We have received the year-book of the Yorkshire Union of C.B. Societies. The annual is produced in the well-got-up style which is now so well known. It contains portraits of the President, Mr. J. Butler, and the Secretary, Mr. S. Midgley, the names and addresses of the officials and delegates to the Union, the general rules, the show rules, list of societies affiliated to the Union with dates of their shows, names of judges, and copies of the schedules, particulars of the competitions promoted by the Yorkshire C.C., with list of Patronage Shows, the competitions of the National Green-marked Y.C.C., and much other useful information. The Secretary's address is 10, Victoria Street, Clayton, Bradford.

OBITUARY.

Mr. H. CHEW, LEEDS.

It is with sincere regret that we learn, writes Mr. E. Norton, hon. sec., Leeds C.B.S., of the death of Mr. Herbert Chew on Sept. 20, in his thirty-fourth year, after a very long illness, at the Leeds General Infirmary. Eldest son of Mr. Alf. Chew, of the late firm of Messrs. Chew and Stokoe, Mr. Herbert Chew was a prominent member of our society, and I am sure all members and friends will sympathise with his widow and parents in their sad bereavement.

SHOWS

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"THE DAY." **DRILL HALL, LOCHGELLY**

October 9th, 1915. Don't forget what it means to you fanciers. The great show of the Season. Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6 per pen. All profits go to Red Cross Society, Scottish Branch.—**R. Muir, Sec., Anderson's Cottages, Station Rd., Lochgelly.**

CITY OF BRADFORD

O.S. (under Yorkshire Union Y.C.B.S. Rules, and the Patronage of the Y.C.C., Ogden's Trophy, Ramsden's Cup, Amateur and Junior Novice Competitions, and Open Norwich Plainhead Club). The Thirty-Fifth **Grand Annual Exhibition of Canaries** (open to the United Kingdom), on **Saturday, Oct. 16th, 1915.** Judge: **A. Hirst,** Esq., Accrington. **Entries positively close Oct. 12** (see Union Rules). Prize-money on the Y.U.C.B.S. sliding scale. All prize-money guaranteed. Entrance fee, **1/6** each cage. Schedules with pleasure from—**W. Helliwell, 116, Mill Lane, Bradford.**

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Schedules now ready from the secretary—**G. BUCK, 5, Nevett Street, Preston.**

YORK C. B. S.

Seventh Open Show. **Saturday, Oct. 30th. Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes, Sheffield.** Classes: 9 Norwich, 9 Yorkshires, 4 Novice, 8 British, 2 Foreign, 3 Selling. Prize-money guaranteed: 1st, 10/-; 2nd, 5/-; 3rd, 2/6, for 1/6 entrance fee. **Entries close Oct. 25th, 1915.** Write at once for a schedule to—**V. C. F. Zimmermann, 7, Portland Street, Yorks.**

DON'T LAG—ENTER AT ONCE AT

PLYMOUTH

OCT. 12 and 13.

ENTRIES CLOSE SAT., OCTOBER 2nd.

Judges: C. A. House, Esq., and J. Robson, Esq.

Patronage of S.B.F.C. and S.Y.C.C.

Schedules now ready:—THOS. POPE, Hon. Sec., 98, Embankment Rd.

WARRINGTON

20th ANNUAL SHOW,

FRIDAY & SATURDAY OCTOBER 15 and 16.

Held in the

Cairo St. Schools.

Judges:

Messrs. H. W. Battye, G. Large, and J. D. Leigh.

Open Yorkshire and Norwich, Novice Yorkshire and Norwich, Borders 10 classes, Mules and British.

Entries Close Friday, 8th October.

Schedules from:—H. Warburton, 73, Ellesmere Rd., Lower Walton, Warrington.

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Exhibitors in each section can obtain Schedules and Entry Forms from these sources, or from the Show Manager—**Allen Silver, F.Z.S., 7, Bampton Road, Forest Hill, S.E.**

All Exhibitors bear these Dates in Mind

Stall Holders and Advertisers of Stock or Appliances can obtain particulars and prices of space in Catalogue, Schedules, or Show, by applying to the Show Manager.

WILD FOODS FOR SEED-EATING BIRDS

By CHAS. PRIOR (Ropley).

The following article, which treats of the wild foods available for pet-birds during October, is the concluding instalment of the helpful series which has been running in our columns monthly since April. The first article was published in our issue dated April 10, and the intervening ones have appeared in the first issue of each month.

WHEN the page headed September is torn from the calendar, the flood time of autumn weed foods is stayed. Swiftly follows the inevitable ebb.

October finds the knapweeds emptied of their seeds, the rapes and charlock spent and dead. The thistles have taken wing, shepherd's purse and chickweed have run their second course, and milk thistle is done at last. Groundsel still makes growth, and will continue to do so until frost appears. Cornbino and persicaria linger yet, partially depleted of their leaves, and, like teazle, fast shedding their seed, but still worth getting. These are all that are left of September's bounty.

A Food Problem.

Sorrel and docks have long been brown and ripe, dotting the country-side with harsh unloveliness, but their seeds are in no hurry to fall. Nor will they be so till visited by frost. Then is the time to get them for the Bullfinch. So with nettles; late in the year, when they are dry and withered, Bullfinches pull these to pieces, find something, and chew it up. Whether what they find is seed, or the larvæ of some insect I cannot say.

Blackberries, too—late ones which never mature, and which cling to their thorny stems long into the winter—are better for the Bullfinch fed in clusters, dry and shrivelled, than singly, ripe and juicy. Possibly again because of the presence of some unseen larvæ, or it may be (as is, I think, the case with dock seeds) that there is some alteration in their chemical composition wrought by frost. Whatever the reason, these three foods in combination have excellent effect in levelling and "toning up" the breast colour—a point much coveted in Bullfinches. They also do yeoman service in bridging the gap that divides fresh-caught specimens from those domesticated.

Other food stuffs are furnished in October by the trees and bushes. Privet berries, for instance, are changing rapidly from green to black, and these black privet berries bring to the Bullie's back its proper colour—a sort of silvery grey-blue. Greenfinches, too, are fond of them, and Chaffinches and Bramblefinches are often inclined to eat a few. They remain on the bushes right through the winter, and well into the spring, and are, in fact, improving all the time.

The Hawfinch's Monopoly.

Haws, the familiar red berries of the hawthorn, which also stand the winter, provide a keenly relished luxury for the Hawfinch. No other seedeater can make use of these berries, but the Hawfinch has a workmanlike knack of stripping off the fleshy outer covering and cracking the hard "stone" it encloses in order to get eventually at the tiny kernel, which he eats; and he alone amongst the Finches is able to obtain food and enjoyment at the expense of hawberries.

Beechmast, the brown, hard-skinned, three-cornered kernel of the beechnut, is a good winter food for Bramblefinches, Chaffinches and Hawfinches. A little perseverance may be needed until the birds "discover" it, and it is necessary to crush it well beforehand. The fruit of the beech tree is a sort of hard rough pod, enclosing three or four sections of kernel, which fit together after the fashion of the quarters of an orange. When, in October, maturity and ripeness are attained, the pods open and release the imprisoned kernels which then fall to the ground. In years of abundant yield it is easy to scrape together and carry away a supply sufficient for months, but the task should be undertaken in good time, or the bird-keeper may be forestalled by squirrels, doves, wild pigeons, Jays, and other candidates.

And with October here, having exploited wild weed foods, from the humble, creeping chickweed to the stately giant beech, my pen runs dry. Winter approaches; his breath already strikes us chill; perhaps that is what is drying up my ink. What sustenance wild Finches find in winter, who can say? The scarcity of food is palpable. You see them visit many gaunt and withered relics of the autumn. Dead thistles, yarrow, nettles, heather, spurrey, tough old grass, the stubble weeds, and so on. What do they find?

A Mistaken Notion.

Soaked and sodden seeds you will be told offhand by the—in this particular matter—unobservant bird-catcher. "Experts" enunciate the same unthinking doctrine. But rarely indeed will your most diligent probing discover, in the winter, any trace of seed in these plant skeletons. That the chance of finding some dormant form of insect food attracts the birds is far more likely. Not, of course, the lively squirming hordes of spring and summer, but scantier measure of inanimate larval and chrysalide forms of insect life; invisible to us, but well-known to the birds by long-developed and hereditary instinct.

There are many problems connected with the feeding of "seed-eating" birds which yet await solution. How best to provide the proper ratio of nitrogenous (proteid) element in their dietary, in a form which shall be acceptable, digestible, and assimilable, is the dominant one. Thoughtful avieulturists have long recognised this fact. Nature solves the problem by providing insects, and those insects which the Finches use as food conform to the three essentials—acceptability, digestibility, and assimilability.

Matters for Reflection.

Keepers of birds are not sufficiently enterprising. They cling too long and too exclusively to old ideas. Egg-food, the ancient hard-worked slave, is of some use, but no one will claim infallibility for it. Milk, in some form or other, may have immense potentialities. Wild foods, many of which are highly nitrogenous, undoubtedly do help; aye, more, they approximate more nearly to what is wanted than anything yet tried. These are things to take into account when you are invited to believe that canary seed, excellent food though it be, is the Alpha and Omega of a bird's requirements. These are matters for reflection when you are told, in connection with "ordinary seed" feeding, that "many die during the process from inflammation or red swelling," an admission which may surely be translated into the death sentence of the "ordinary seed" system.

Liverpool's Own Zoo

A Visit to the Zoological Gardens at Otterspool Park.

By T. JOHNSON (Southport).

IT was the writer's very great pleasure to avail himself of a spare afternoon to pay a visit to the estate of Mr. Cross, the eminent zoologist and aviculturist, at Otterspool, near Liverpool.

Otterspool is a place beloved of the archæological students, as it bears many visible and legendary connections with the remote ages; and it is through the enterprise and foresight of Mr. Cross that these grand old grounds and house are open to the public at a really nominal charge.

There is an old ruined chalet that would delight the eyes of a sensational novelist; part of the original Otters' Pool which gave the estate its name, and which was so called because of the quantity of otters which used to sport in its pellucid waters, and live on the salmon and Wild Duck which inhabited the Mersey in the days before bricks and mortar had defaced the fair country-side; and—but if the reader is really inclined to the study of the archaic, he could not do better than pay the place a visit and secure the pamphlet which gives the history of the estate from the days of King John.

Rus in Urbe.

However, Otterspool itself is one of those few places which have escaped the landscape-destroying hand of the builder, and as one walks down the valley amidst the giant oaks and beeches, and every now and then meets wild animals grazing and roaming at will amongst the falling autumn leaves, with not a sound except the screeching of the Parrots and the monkeys, one could imagine oneself a second Columbus discovering some unexplored country thousands of miles away from civilization.

Yet, two and a-half miles across the commerce-laden waters of the Mersey is Birkenhead, where a great shipbuilding firm is building things which bring back abruptly to one's mind these stressful days of modernity, and a twopenny car from the entrance to the estate puts one down right in the heart of the busy thoroughfares of Liverpool.

The estate is twenty-five miles in extent, but is so laid out with due regard to its natural outlines that in traversing the grounds one would think it to be quite forty. As we passed through the gates and entered the drive we were struck by the natural beauty of the scene. The drive is almost a mile in length, and is of a winding nature, which leaves one in doubt at almost every step as to whether one is within a few yards of the end. To give an adequate description of the beauties of the estate is far beyond the powers of an ordinary ornithological scribe, however, so I will describe the scene as it appeared to me without any elaborate details.

Something fresh seems to meet the eye at every point. The drive was originally the bed of a stream, but from some fitful caprice of nature it dried up and was made into a drive by the original founder of the house. On each side is solid rock varying in height at different points from a few feet to a hundred feet, forming what the Yankees call a "canon." Wild ferns are growing from the fissures in the rocks, and giant ivy-twined forest trees of almost all shapes and sizes shed their autumn leaves at one's feet. Great rhododendron bushes and dense undergrowth provide shelter and a happy hunting ground for the many and varied wild birds which find it a paradise.

Some of the Inmates.

Mr. Rogers, the genial manager of the estate, who escorted us round the grounds as an assurance that we shouldn't be bitten by a snake or attacked by a rhinoceros, first called our attention to an aviary containing various kinds of Swans, and Canadian, Australian, Cereopsis, Chinese and Egyptian Geese; a cosmopolitan collection, but seeming to agree very well together; they were wired off in the original bed of the otters' pool, which fills up twice each day with the tide. Further on we saw a fine collection of Crowned Cranes and Sarus Cranes, a very beautiful pen of rare birds in grand plumage, sitting up as straight as if each had swallowed a poker.

We walked along the valley, and made the acquaintance of a llama and her young, while further on was a zebra and a buffalo, all at liberty in the valley. We confess to a feeling as of a lamb entering a butcher's shop as we approached the buffalo, but Mr. Rogers brought some of his sophistries to bear on him, and all was well. As a female buffalo loomed in sight at the moment, the thought entered our head that the poor chap was married, which perhaps accounted for his docility.

We now approached a pen of fine Waterfowl, included among which we noticed Mandarins, Carolinas, Widgeon, Call Ducks and East Indian Ducks. Then a little further on was a cage containing three very fine conditioned White-backed Australian Piping Crows, a great rarity, Mr. Rogers assured us.

An aviary next attracted our attention containing a beautiful collection of Doves, amongst which we noticed the Bare-shouldered Dove, Aldebran Red-shouldered Dove, Zebra Dove, Half-collared Senegal Dove, Vinaceous Turtle Dove, White and Ring Doves, and a pair of Stock Doves taken from a nest in the grounds, also some Gold and Silver Pheasants.

The next aviary was a well-appointed one, and contained what we might call the "objet d'art" of the collection—a grand collection of Yellow and Green Budgerigars. They were housed in a comfortable aviary without artificial heat, and were the healthiest and the cleanest-looking lot of birds it has ever been our good fortune to see. The aviary was started during the winter with six pairs, and now—well, they were uncountable. There seemed myriads of them. The Green and the Yellow had, in a few cases, interbred, but the young from this pairing were invariably Green; and, in course of conversation, we elicited from Mr. Rogers that he attributed his success in breeding to a special husk, which he regards as a *sine qua non* to successful Budgerigar breeding.

Three Broods in One Nest.

During the season there had been one very peculiar occurrence. Three hens had laid together in one husk at different periods, with the result that there were three different broods in one husk at the same time, all of different ages, and all successfully reared. Mr. Rogers has selected a few pairs of Green and Yellow birds, and intends going in for breeding Blues next year, and if results are a fit reward for the enthusiasm manifested, there need be no question of his success. A few Californian Quail were noticed also in this aviary.

Round the corner the staff were building a new aviary, and, in answer to our question about the potential inmates, we were told that it was being built specially for a collection of Pennants, Rosellas, and Cockatiels.

In one of the greenhouses attached was a very fine collection of Cockatoos and Parrots, the Cockatoos numbering amongst them the Moluccan, Salmon Crest, Great and Lesser Sulphur Crest, Citron Crest, Blood-stained, Bare-eyed, Goffin's, Ducorp's, Western and Southern Slender-bills, Leadbetter's, and others. Among the Parrots were the Cut-throat Parrot, Yellow-fronted, the only Vinaceous Parrot known, Muller's, the ubiquitous African Grey, Pionus Parrot, Jardine's, the rare Baure's Parrot, and some others.

There were many Conures in the collection, and amongst them we noticed were the Canary-winged Conure, Nanday Conure, the Cuban, and several with which we were unacquainted. Here was a great and varied collection of Parrakeets and Rosellas, but the palm went to a very beautiful Hybrid between the Mealy Rosella and Redrump. It was in fine plumage, of a gorgeous colouration, which could only be described by an artist, so I will ask the curious to see the bird for themselves.

A cage of the very rare White-cheeked Finch Lark next attracted our attention, and also some Yellow-rumped Mannikins, also rare, but which breed freely in captivity in the Gardens. There were also the Jerdon's Accentor, Weavers in many varieties, and Macaws by the dozen.

Cross by Name; not by Nature.

A brief view of the wild animals, and we were finished with the live stock; but mention might be made of one or two monkeys, very rare, in which Mr. Cross takes a pride. One is the Cross's Monkey, so-called because Mr. Cross was the discoverer of the species; another is the Nigger Monkey, covered with wool, with a perfectly negroid expression of countenance. Both are captivating pets and absolutely without vice; they may be handled at will by a child.

We might mention, by the way, that many of the Parrots and Cockatoos were talking, and although the people visiting them daily are a cosmopolitan crowd, we didn't notice that the birds had picked up any words that were not exactly circumspect, or any which were using what the old lady called "unseen lan[illegible]. All the same, we were rather

escape from the Parrot house, for while we were there they were making as much row as a packed meeting at election time. They must have taken umbrage at our good looks; or was it feeding time?

In the office we were shown a part of the daily correspondence, and one commission especially struck us as peculiar. It was an order for a Russian bear, a snake, and a pair of Lovebirds. Surely a queer mixture. We wondered if they were to be sent all in one box.

A review of this description would be incomplete without an appreciation of the services to aviculture of the owner of this wonderful collection. As sure as we can tell almost any bird by its chirp, so can we tell what a man is from his conversation, and as we talked with Mr. Cross we were assured of his real love of all things living. We were struck by the manifest enthusiasm of him as he talked about his wonderful collection and their little peculiarities, their tricks, and their absurdities. He is known the world over to be in the forefront among zoologists and aviculturists, and a true lover of pets and animals of all descriptions, and pages could be filled in an attempt to express an adequate appreciation of his services to aviculture.

The public in the immediate district of Liverpool have much to thank him for in this latest enterprise of his, and they, as well as people and fanciers farther afield, will do well to pay the estate a visit. The Liverpool cars run past the gates, while the Great Central Railway has a station right in the centre of the park. Teas and other refreshments at moderate prices are provided for parties, and these are especially invited.

Correspondence.

Extra Classes for British Birds.

Sir,—The Committee of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. have decided to give three extra classes for British Birds at the annual show Nov. 6-8, viz., Greenfinch, Yellow Bunting (cock or hen) and Bramblefinch or Chaffinch. A friend interested in the Yellow Bunting, Bramblefinch, and Chaffinch offers 5s. special for the best bird in each of the latter two classes. Fanciers are earnestly requested to support the Committee's decision, so that the classes may be repeated at future shows.

A. Freestone.

Proposed Border Fancy Show in Edinburgh.

Sir,—The committee instructed me at the patronage meeting of the Border Fancy C.C. that in the event of the Scottish National show not being held our members should be postcarded to get their opinion of running a club show, open to all comers, on the Scottish National dates, that is the last day of December and the first of January, 1916. Before this appears in print I hope to have every member of the Club supplied with postcards, as I hear that the Scottish National show will not be held owing to all the large halls in Edinburgh being in military occupation, and I trust that they will be returned as early as possible, and not later than Oct. 9, so that necessary arrangements can be made. I may say that during the whole time of the National this section has been one of the best paying, on an average right through, and I for one think the members would be quite safe to run a show at New Year's time, as it is arranged that the general meeting is to be held in Edinburgh on New Year's Day.

W. B. Smart, Sec.

Herbert J. Chick on Himself and Some Others.

Sir,—I take it that in the third paragraph of his last letter Mr. Chick is making reference to myself and to Nottingham show. His grievance seems to be that I was elected as judge in preference to himself; further, he insinuates that I got the appointment because I was going to report the show, and that I did the work for less than "fair pay for a fair day's work." My inclination is to tell Mr. Chick to mind his own business, but I well know that he is by temperament quite unable to do any such thing. I realise, too, that he has no doubt told the same old story to scores of other fanciers. I should like to say, therefore, that there is not an atom of truth in his insinuations. I have never touted any society for a judging engagement (Mr. Chick is welcome to the monopoly of that kind of thing), and I have never officiated as a judge without being well paid for my work.

As a matter of fact I dislike judging (unlike Mr. Chick) and have for a number of years inserted a paragraph in Cage Birds that I was unable to accept engagements, and I have turned down scores of offers. The particular Nottingham fixture to which Mr. Chick refers would have been turned down, too, but for the fact that I have a special regard for many of the society's officials and members, some of whom are old friends and lent me a helping hand many years ago when I was badly in need of it, consequently when I was asked whether I could judge the show in the event of being elected, I replied that I should be pleased to do so. Why the committee should elect me in the face of Mr. Chick, I really can't imagine. Anyway, they possibly gained nothing (as Mr. Chick seems anxious to make clear) for the entry was only moderate. If it delights Mr. Chick to think that I was the cause of the moderate entry, then I am the last to wish to deny him this little pleasure. At the same time, it is a fact that more capable judges than myself have met with even worse support at Nottingham. Why, puzzles me, for no show better merits success than Nottingham, always well managed and liberal with its prize-money and specials.

With regard to reporting, if I have been doing this it has never made the slightest difference to my judging fee. I have been down to see my Nottingham friends on several occasions and never written a line of the show report. Further, for a long time now the shows I have reported each season can be counted on the fingers of one hand. Now, Mr. Chick, tell readers the exact amount of the fee I was paid for judging at Nottingham and the amount you yourself offered to judge for, then they can see how much "sting" there really is in your insinuations—and, also, how little truth!

G. E. Weston.

No Show at Elgin this Year.

Sir,—Would you kindly mention in your valuable paper, Cage Birds, that after careful consideration of all circumstances, our Committee have decided not to run an open show this year. I am sure many fanciers in the North of Scotland will be sorry to hear of this, as I believe ours was the only show held in the district last year. However, we can only hope for a speedy termination of this awful war, when things will be back to normal, and shows be held as in the past.

A. W. Douglas, Sec.

A Taming Secret Wanted.

Sir,—I am anxious to know the secret of thoroughly taming Canaries, so that they will perch on one's finger and make themselves generally familiar, *losing all sense of fear*. I have succeeded in getting a bird to take hemp-seed from me, but "thus far and no further" seems to be his dictum. A friend of mine, travelling by tube, once saw a man on the platform with a Canary perched on his coat collar, and each time he "shoo'd" the bird off, it would return to his outstretched hand and run up the arm back to the coat collar; and all this on a railway station. What *is* the secret? Perhaps some of your readers can say.

F. Dean.

In Appreciation of the Late D.A.S. Longden.

Sir,—It has been suggested by a few friends of the late Mr. D. A. S. Longden, Swansea, that the present would be an opportune time to appreciate, in some form or another, his untiring efforts on behalf of the Fancy generally, and Wales in particular. A long illness necessarily means considerable expense, and it has been decided to open a subscription list for the benefit of his widow and children, towards which a donation of £2 2s. has been promised by Mr. W. F. Lloyd James. Subscriptions, which, with your permission, will be acknowledged through Cage Birds, should be forwarded to the undersigned.

S. J. Nicholas.

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The Exhibition Yellowhammer.

Sir,—I was surprised at the animosity shown by Mr. Herbert J. Chick in reply to Mrs. Dalton's article on the Yellowhammer. Has he, Mr. Chick, a past grievance? If so, the medium of a fancy paper is a poor way of settling it. Or does he think it time his name was pushed before the Cage Bird fancy again? Judging by some illustrations of British birds, in a book I have before me, with Mr. Chick's name appended, I should take him to be an exhibitor of the first water, and not one who would try to belittle a person's article because it did not fall in with his idea of things. Also, why should he try to open a discussion on wild seeds versus mixed seeds, if not for the above mentioned reason? Even the merest novice knows that Nature's food, as provided in the fields, will beat anything in the way of prepared mixed seed. No, Mr. Chick, give us fair criticism in reasonable terms, but at least be polite to the ladies, for they are all too few in the fancy.

Sheffield.

Sir,—Mrs. Dalton, writing in your issue of Sept. 18, is not quite right when she says that sixteen entries is something new as regards Yellow Bunting classes. I find that as recently as 1913 there were twenty entries at the Crystal Palace and twenty-one at the Scottish National. On looking up old show catalogues and reports I see these classes were usually well filled in the past. Neither is she quite consistent in the same letter when she writes: "I naturally concluded that when my bird won these prizes that my method of feeding, etc., was worth consideration"; and later, on stating that she claimed this bird at Swansea show. To the one who had all the trouble of moulting and colour-feeding the bird, most of the credit should be given. In discussing the points of the exhibition Yellowhammer we want more than "size, abundance of yellow, with a most distinct V, and prominent eye and cheek markings." Do not thigh and back markings; breast and body colour, with pureness and depth of yellow on the throat, with freeness from black flecks on the same, absence of "gaiters" on the legs, combined with perfect steadiness, count for something? The Yellowhammer, being a late breeder, is a late moulter, though a quick one when once he starts; therefore I cannot see the object of starting colour food in June. Has Mrs. Dalton only a "few obstinate" cases of these birds refusing colour food? I am informed that Yellowhammers are most difficult to get on to it. I cannot write from experience, as I always show my birds in their natural colour, and I have time and time again proved that if you have good natural colour, combined with the points mentioned above, your bird will win in the best of company. Artificial colour is in many cases a blind, and the British-cum-Canary all-round judge sometimes falls into the trap. Let us therefore leave "digital excrescences," wagers, and personalities alone, and discuss with all friendliness that most beautiful of British Birds, the exhibition Yellowhammer.

W. F. Lloyd James.

Sir,—If Mrs. Dalton's birds were not on the bench at the Horticultural Hall, then the two that were entered in Mr. W. H. Dalton's name must be different birds, and they must be two different exhibitors. I credit myself that I am able to prepare an exhibition specimen with any exhibitor, although I don't say for one moment but that there are other exhibitors quite as capable as myself, and I give them credit for it. No fancier ever put a Yellow Bunting down better than the late Tom Ride, of Leicester, and I could mention others. No exhibitor ever beat me for condition and staging; if they beat me it was with a better specimen. All credit to them. It was an incentive to me to try and get a better one than the one that beat me. Mrs. Dalton says that when her birds won these prizes she naturally concluded that her method of feeding, etc., was worth consideration. The bird that was depicted on Cage Birds' front page won the prize at the Horticultural Hall for another exhibitor, from whom she bought it, so the credit of moulting it and getting it up into condition belongs to Mr. Jones. If Mrs. Dalton will get some fresh caught birds and moult them, put them on the bench and defy all comers, I shall then know that she knows how to moult and feed them to perfection. Anyone with a deep pocket can buy winners and exhibit them and win with them. Mrs. Dalton says that the Yellow Bunting should be "yellow" because its name denotes it. I say that practically the only yellow that should be on an ideal specimen is the head and neck, with the distinct black V mark on the head and the distinct black cheek marks. With reference to Bathgate Show, I tender my apology to Mrs. Dalton. I had no catalogue of the show, and I saw no mention in the Fancy papers of her birds ariving late. I sympathise with her that her birds had not a run for their money.

Herbert J. Chick.

The Lesser Whitethroat and Nightingale in Devon.

Sir,—When I was a lad living at St. Mary Church, Torquay, we had the Nightingale nesting there. I well remember staying out very late one night to hear the 'Gale (one had been heard singing in a spinney up Warberry Road, off St. Mary Church Road). There were dozens of people up there to hear it the night that I went. Re the Lesser Whitethroat, I have found several nests of them when I was a lad at school. I have a friend living seven miles out of Torquay who catches a few every season.

Herbert J. Chick.

Specials at Lochgelly Show.

Sir,—We received notification of the patronage of the Y.C.C. of Scotland too late for publication in our schedule, and I should be obliged if you will allow me to say that under this patronage the following cups will be in competition at our show: Silver Challenge Rose Bowl for most points at patronage shows. Three nominated birds in young bird classes to compete; entries must be marked Y.C.C. Bowl, and ring numbers given. Cup by Mr. Heggie: Points with 4 highest birds at patronage shows in 1915-16 season, birds need not be nominated; 1st prize 7 points, and downwards to 7th prize 1 point. Novice Rose Bowl for most points throughout the season by novices in unflighted classes; 3 highest birds to count. Entries must be marked "Novice" on entry form, and ring numbers given. A list of other specials has been sent to all members.

R. Muir, Sec.

In Case of Short Entries

Sir,—I was extremely pleased to read Mr. C. A. House's letter and agree with his remarks about half prize-money, but I think the cancelling method has its drawbacks, even from an exhibitor's point of view. I well remember in my earlier days in the Fancy having a showable specimen of a Cinnamon, and as I always like to send two birds for safety on the railway, I usually entered a Norwich that had a possible chance of a vhc, but little of winning a money prize. Very often I found the Cinnamon class cancelled, with the result that I sent nothing. Again, a fancier often enters birds in accordance with the size of his cage cases, and if one or two classes are cancelled he often keeps others home rather than send insufficiently filled cases. For these reasons I still think that a graduated prize-money that gives reasonable return for an ordinary entry, and extra money where classes are extra large, as Plymouth is doing, is the best way to run a show. I must thank both Mr. House and Mr. Rees for their good opinion of Plymouth show, and may tell the latter gentlemen that two of our members are guaranteeing a Linnet and a Greenfinch class for our show this year.

Thos. Pope.

Sir,—In answer to J. J. Rees, I may say that I have written many articles on Selecting, Moulting and Exhibiting British Birds. I have also lectured on British Birds before the members of Manchester and N.C.O.S., Nottingham, Sheffield, Leicester, and other societies on several occasions. I have always been ready to give advice to young fanciers. Perhaps when I have a little more time I may be able to write one or two articles. I did not wish to attack the Plymouth Society in any way. I have known many of the members for a number of years, and they are all real good fanciers. They always carry the show on in a proper way. Birds are looked after and returned by proper trains, and prize-money is paid promptly. I was taking exception to the graduating scale of prize-money. Personally I don't think it is desirable, but they are going to try it, so we shall see the result; I trust it will be better than I anticipate. Re guaranteeing classes, I have promised several already. I think you will find one or two British Bird fanciers in the Plymouth Society who will help you to guarantee all the classes. I trust the Plymouth fanciers will have a good and profitable show.

Herbert J. Chick.

(Several Letters held over.)

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Abertillery C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Prince of Wales Hotel, 6.30. Special meeting.—H. H. Mortimer.

Accrington C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Open show business and competition for hottest fed bird.—D. Harwood.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Station Cafe; 8. Gen. bus. and lecture on "Inbreeding," by Mr. Schofield.—C. Bailey.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Oct. 5, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion St., 8. Final table show; paper on "The Yorkshire Canary," by Wm. Green.—J. Whitehead.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Oct. 5, St. Thomas's Old Schoolroom, entrance Chapel St., 8. Washing demonstration by Mr. Sam Cook; open show business; show committee, Oct. 12.—J. Spencer.

Bacup Roller C.C.—Oct. 5, Swan Hotel, Bacup. Important business re forthcoming show, etc.—Geo. Johnson.—(Time not stated.—Ed).

Bradford East O.S.—Oct. 5, Park Chapel Schoolrooms, 8. General business; the supper arranged for the above date is postponed until Oct. 19 (on account of local Fair).—J. Spencer.

Beamish C.B.S.—Oct. 1. Bird Inn, 6.30. Stewards for annual show and other business. Show on Oct. 23.—J. H. Elliot.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Victoria Hotel, 2.30. Members' show; birds staged 2.30; judge, Mr. F. Sell; entries, Friday night from 7.30 to 9. — H. Bryant.

Bootle C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Headquarters, 8. Competition for hottest colour-fed birds; 2 classes, yellow and buff; Judge, Mr. T. Evans. Fanciers invited.—A. E. Huyton.

Blaenavon C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Crown Hotel, 6.30. Arrangements for open show and other important business.—G. Broome.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Oct. 5, New Inn, 8. Open show business.—A. Wood.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Raith Arms Inn, 6. General show business.—A. Robertson.

Choppington (Scotland Gate) C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Social Club, 7. Important business.—H. Seely.

Chorley C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Shepherd's Hall, 7.30. Very important show and other special business.—J. H. Welch.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Crown Hotel, Hill St., 8. Open and Roller show business; also final arrangements for members' show and other important business.—J. H. Jones.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Washing exhibition.—J. Southworth.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, S.E., 7.30. Washing competition.—D. Reeks.

Eastleigh C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Headquarters, 8. Arrangements for annual show; officers to be selected, and other special business.—J. Aldersiade.

East Ardsley C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Black Swan, 7. Election of stewards and other show business.—A. Walton.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—Oct. 7, Riego Street Hall. Show and other business. Admission cards can now be had. Members are asked to attend this meeting specially. It has been arranged to hold the show in Buccleuch Parish Halls, owing to the military taking over Grindlay Street Hall. The committee hope to receive the same patronage as of old.—C. Grant.

Edinburgh Norwich and Mule Breeders' Society.—Oct. 7, 142, High Street, 8.15. Arrangements for annual show.—J. Stormont.

Edinburgh North Eastern O.S.—Oct. 4, Regent Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Final arrangements for annual show and other business.—R. S. Spence.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Lockhart's, High Street, Gateshead, 8 p.m. Show business. Subs. due.—W. Curry.

Guiseley, Yeadon C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Regent Hotel, 7. Show business and other important matters.—W. Rose.

Halfwhistle C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Mechanics' Hall, 8. To arrange classes and general business in connection with open show.—Wm. Tallantyre.

Hornsey, Wood Green C.B.S.—Oct. 5, The Nightingale Hotel, High Road, Wood Green, 8.30. Table show; judge, Mr. H. Norman.—P. Brooks.

Huddersfield O.S.—Oct. 4, Headquarters, 7.30. Monthly table show for moulted birds, 8 Yorks. classes and 4 Norwich. Judge, Mr. W. Gledhill.—A. Lawford

Halifax O.S.—Oct. 2, Flummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Meeting and washing exhibition. Open show business. Washing to commence 7.30 prompt.—H. Clegg.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Queen's Head Inn, 7.30. Selection of judges and classes for annual show.—(Notice not signed.—Ed.).

Idle C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Co-operative Hall, 7.30. Members please attend to unpack birds for open show.—T. Elsegood.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Royal Oak, Cotmanhay Road, 7. Class making and other important business.—G. Siddown.

London and Counties' A.C.B.—Oct. 2, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 8. Autumn show business.—W. Gilbert.

Leicester C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Hare and Pheasant, 8. Nor. Buff cock (unflighted).—J. Hardbattle.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Oct. 5, White Swan, 8. Important business.—A. Freestone.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Oct. 2, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 7.30. Very important business in respect to annual show.—H. Best.

Leeds C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Lockhart's, next door to Hope Bros., Briggate, 7.30. Table show of unflighted Canaries and British; Judge, Mr. J. Chambers.—E. Norton.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Masons' Arms, 7. Arrangements for show, draw specials; members' entries must be forward; cups returned.—W. B Smart.

Leith O.S.—Oct. 9, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Schedules given out; final arrangements for show.—G. W. Brown.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Oct. 6, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Steward for members' show; open show business; workers wanted for same; also members' show. Oct. 9. Judge, W. Morement, Bradford. Entries, Friday night, or first post Saturday morning.—W. H. Symes.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Headquarters, 7.45. Show business and fixing of prize-money; subs. due on this date.—D. H. Davies.

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Lancaster C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Show business.—H. Hoyle.

Middleton C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Old Boar's Head, 8. Meeting re back-end show. If members don't turn up we shall have to close for the present.—J. Hulton.

Manchester and Northern Counties' O.S.—Oct. 4, Deansgate Hotel, 8. October show business, etc.—F. Wilkinson.

Manningham C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Mowbray Arms, 6.30. Arrangements for open and members' shows; members please note change of time.—F. Darwent.

Middlesex O.S.—Oct. 7, St. John's Schools, 8. Special business.—R. Cambers.

Morley C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Headquarters, 8. Final business for 1st old bird show.—J. W. Mitchell.

Macclesfield C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Daybrook Street School, 7.45. Show business, etc.—H. Hall.

Northern Border F.C.C.—Oct. 6, Pillar's Cafe, Pink Lane, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 8. General business.—C. Farrer.

Nelson Colne C.B.S.—Oct. 5, 117, Every Street, 8. Show business, etc.—D. Watts.

New Cross C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Salisbury Hotel, Clock Tower, Lewisham, 7.45. Judging competition. Final judge, Mr. G. F. Crawford. Members please bring a few birds and compete for specials.—Burton Bros.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, 8. Awarding specials for Nov. show. New members invited.—A. Colley.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Club Room, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. Annual show business, important.—A. W. Newton.

Pontypool C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Headquarters, 6.30. Special business in connection with show. Members kindly notice time of meeting.—H. H. Vanghan.

Perth City and County C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, 8.—J. L. Smith.

Portobello C.B.S.—Oct. 4, in Masonic Hall, Tower Street, 8. Arrangements for show and other important business.—J. H. Buchan.

Pudsey and Stanningley C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Fleece Hotel, Stanningley, 7.30. Arrangements for Oct. show.—R. Kell.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Granby Hotel, 7. Open show business.—W. Jagger.

Runcorn B.B.A.—Oct. 7, Headquarters, Old Cocoa Room, 7.30. Arrange classes for old show.—E. Rone.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Annual show.—J. Coupe.

Reading C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Palmer Hall, 8. Classification for open show, selecting stewards; also washing exhibition.—O. C. Smith.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Minutes of last meeting and other business.—G. Lord.

South-East London F. & F.A.—Oct. 4, North Camberwell Constitutional Club, 432, Old Kent Road, 8. General meeting and closing of entries for October show.—R. Jackson.

Southampton C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Waterloo Hotel, 7.30. Lecture, "Yorkshire Canary," by Mr. Gamble. Annual show business.—W. L. Page.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Oct. 8, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Table show; members note meeting is on Friday this month.—A. Hobson.

Sacriston P.P.R. & C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Abbot's Tea Rooms, Front Street, Sacriston, 7. Electing of stewards and taking subs. Members please note that annual subs. must be paid by the middle of Oct.—Dodd and Wilfred.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Oct. 4, Red Lion Hotel, 7.30. Table show: Nor., Yorks., Goldf., Linnet, Redpoll. Mr. J. Davis, judge. Special best in each class.—J. Pitchford.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Wharf Hotel, 8.—G. Mitchell.

So. Shields.—Oct. 2, Cyprus, 7. Schedule, etc.—W. L. Smith.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, 7.45. Distribution of Union handbooks and show business.—S. B. Grayshon.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Oct. 5. Liberal Club, 8. Arrangements for members' old bird shows and other business.—W. Everett.

Windhill C.B.S.—No meeting on Oct. 2nd.—J. Taylor.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Duke of York, Princess Street, 7.45. Important business re open show; subs. due.—Wm. Harrison.

West of Scotland O.S.—Oct. 2, Nelson Temp. Hotel, 7.30. Washing exhibition and novice competition.—Wm. Hutchison.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Commercial Hotel, 6.30. Special meeting to settle whether we have to carry the carry the show on or not this year.—Wm. Cresswell.

Walkden Roller Society.—Oct. 5, Stock's Hotel, 7.30. Important business.—E. Hibbert.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Oct. 4, 6, The Broadway, 8. Annual show business; judging competition: Yorkshires and British. Six entries in each class or prize withheld.—G. Griffiths.

West Stanley Empire F.F. and C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Club Room, 7. Election of stewards for annual show, Nov. 20, 21, and other important business.—R. Hutchinson.

Wigan C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Legs of Man Hotel, 7. Important; arranging schedule and old show business.—Ed. Ball.

The Shows.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' show, Granby Hotel, Sept. 25; 45 birds were judged by Mr. J. Bailey, of Allerton. Clr. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Sharpe; 4, Williams; vhc, Ambler. Buff: 1, Sharpe; 2, Farrar; 3, Womersley; 4, Hoyle; vhc, Blagbrough. Mkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, Williams; 2, Hoyle; 3, Allatt. Buff: 1, 3, Hoyle; 2, Sharpe. Clr. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Haggis; 2, Sugden; 3, Ambler. Buff: 1, Sharpe; 2, Haggis; 3, vhc, c, Sugden; 4, Allatt; hc, Farrar. Mkd. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Sharpe; 2, A. and A. Jowett; 4, Ambler. Buff: 1, Sharpe. Unflig, Ck.: 1, vhc, Rolfe; 2, Sharpe; 3, Farrar; 4, Allatt.—W. Jagger, Sec.

TONG C.B.S.

Members' show Sept. 25, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill. 73 birds were judged by Mr. W. A. Cowgill, Bradford. CHAMP.—CLASS 1 (5): 1, 3, Gledhill; 2, Atkinson and Firth; 4, Hodgson, sen. CLASS 2 (8): 1, Hodgson, sen.; 2, Cascy; 3, Padgett; 4, Gledhill. CLASS 3 (6): 1, Jowett and Robertshaw; 2, Hodgson, sen.; 3, Gledhill; 4, Atkinson and Firth. CLASS 4: 1, Cascy. CLASS 6: 1, Casey. CLASS 7 (3): 1, Hodgson, sen.; 2, 3, Cascy. CLASS 8 (4): 1, Hodgson, sen.; 2, Gledhill; 3, Hodgson, jun.; 4, Padgett. CLASS 9 (9): 1, Hodgson, sen.; 2, 3, Casey; 4, Nicholl. NOV.—CLASS 10 (3): 1, Parker; 2, Dockerill; 3, Naylor. CLASS 11 (8): 1, Robinson; 2, Raper; 3, Parker; 4, Wardman. CLASS 12 (6): 1, 3, Dockerill; 2, 4, Raper. CLASS 13: 1, 2, Crabtree. CLASS 14: 1, 2, Crabtree. CLASS 15 (5): 1, Crabtree; 2, Dockerill; 3, Parker; 4, Naylor. CLASS 16: 1, Naylor; 2, Holt Bros. CLASS 17 (5): 1, Raper; 2, Robinson; 3, Parker; 4, Holt Bros. CLASS 18 (3): 1, 3, Wardman; 2, Robinson.—W. Walker, Sec.

WINDHILL C.B.S.

Members' Show, Sept. 25, Blue Bell Hotel. Entries were below previous years, as most of our members had very few through the moult. Points up to date:—Champ.: P. Mason, 28; H. Fretwell, 25; G. Broadley, 23; R. Garnett, 21; E. Wilman, 14; E. W. Goodwin, 11. Nov.: B. Baxter, 36; W. Bloomfield, 25; J. W. Ellis, 8; J. Lakin, 7; W. Green, 7; T. Farnish, 6. Awards: Cl. or Tk. Yell.: 1, Mason. Buff: 1, Mason; 2, 3, Fretwell; 4, Wilman. Unfl. Yell.: 1, Mason; 2, Fretwell; 3, Broadley; Buff: 1, Wilman; 2, Fretwell; 3, Broadley. Unfl. Hen: 1, 3, Broadley; 2, 4, Garnett. Yell. Hen: 1, Broadley. Buff: 1, Mason; 2, Broadley. Green Mkd. Yell.: 1, Mason; 2, Garnet. Green Mkd. Hen: 1, Mason. Sell.: 1, 2, Broadley. Nov., Yell. Ck.: 1, Baxter. Buff: 1, Baxter. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Farnish; 2, Baxter. Buff: 1, Baxter. Unfl. Yell.: 1, Farnish; 2, Bloomfield. Buff: 1, Farnish; 2, Bloomfield. Green Mkd. Ck.: 1, Baxter. Hen: 1, Bloomfield.—J. Taylor, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Third members' show of the season Sept. 25. Mr. P. Mason judged the 74 birds shown, and gave every satisfaction. Open, Yorks. Ck. (4): 1, Horsfield; 2, 3, Helliwell; 4, Symes. A.O.V. Ck. (3): 1, Horsfield; 2, 3, Hunter. Unflgh. (3): 1, Symes; 2, Horsfield; 3, Helliwell. Yell. Hen (8): 1, 3, 4, c, Symes; 2, Helliwell; vhc, hc, Horsfield. Buff (7): 1, Helliwell; 2, c, Hunter; 3, 4, Horsfield; vhc, hc, Symes. Nov. Ck. (4): 1, Simonett; 2, 4, Bolton and Lunn; 3, Rhodes. A.O.V. Ck. (4): 1, Rhodes; 2, 3, McEwen; 4, Bolton and Lunn. Unflig. (6): 1, hc, Bolton and Lunn; 2, 3, Wood; 4, McEwen; vhc, Bower. Yell. Hen (4): 1, Wood; 2, Rhodes; 3, Bolton and Lunn; 4, Copland. Buff (13): 1, Bolton and Lunn; 2, c, Bower; 3, Simonett; 4, Rhodes; vhc hc, Copland. Nor. Yell. Ck. (5): 1, Kaberry; 2, 3, 4, Plowright; vhc, Airton. Buff (6): 1, 4, hc, Plowright; 2, Kaberry; 3, Airton; vhc, Simonett. Hen (7): 1, Simonett; 2, 3, Kaberry; 4, vhc, Airton; hc, c, Plowright.—W. Helliwell, Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

First old bird show, Park Chapel Schoolrooms, Sept. 25; 68 birds staged. Mr. L. Dykes (Bolton Woods) judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Walker; 2, Farrer; 3, Midgley. BUFF: 1, Walker; 2, Midgley; 3, Bousfield. UNFLIG. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 4, Walker; 2, Taylor; 3, Northrop; vhc, Cruise; hc, Farrar; c, Rushworth. BUFF: 1, Walker; 2, Laycock; 3 Cruise; 4, Bousfield; vhc, Northrop; hc, Rushworth EVEN. ETC.: 1, Taylor; 2, Farrar. TKD. OR CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Walker; 2, Farrar; 3, Northrop; 4, c, Cruise; vhc, Rushworth; hc, Laycock. BUFF: 1, Laycock; 2, Bousfield; 3, vhc, hc, Walker; 4, Midgley; c, Farrar. EVEN, ETC.: 1, Taylor; 2, Farrar; 3, vhc, Cruise; 4, Bonsfield; hc, Northrop; c, Cowgill. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Whcelwright. BUFF: 1, Hargreaves; 2, Wheelwright. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Hargreaves; 2, Wroe; 3, Wheelwright. BUFF: 1, Hargreaves; 2, Wheelwright. EVEN, ETC.: 1, Hargreaves; 2, Wheelwright. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Hargreaves; 2, Wheelwright; 3, 4, Spencer. BUFF: 1, Wheelwright; 2, Hargreaves. EVEN, ETC.: 1, Wroe; 2, 4, Hargreaves; 3, Wheelwright. SELL.: 1, Layeock.—J. Spencer, Sec.

Club Reports.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held at headquarters, Sept. 25, Mr. Wareing in chair, and a good attendance of members. Passed that all Rollers to be eligible to compete at P.R.C.C. shows must be British rung; also that all alien enemies' names be struck off P.R.C.C. list of members.—W. Johnson, Assist-Sec.

ABERSYCHAN C.B.S.

Meeting, Sept. 27, Queen Hotel. Owing to the lack of the members it was decided not to have an Open Show this season. The extra rate of postage would mean double expense also.—W. T. Couch, Sec.

SCOTTISH ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Sept. 22, Mr. T. M. Arnott chair. Agreed to change date of Members' show from Dec. 18 to Nov. 13 to suit Mr. Tomlinson, who is to judge same. Next meeting Oct. 13. Agreed to hold Open Show in Saltcoats in January, date to be fixed later.—J. Macdonald, Sec.

BURNLEY C.B.S.

Re-union and concert, Sept. 25, Mr. J. Haylurst presiding, the Agean Glee Party entertained a full assembly splendidly. Members and fanciers that did not attend missed a real treat. We shall shortly have a lecture by a popular fancier and judge. Will fanciers wishing to join our society send in their names to J. Moorhouse, 102, Nairne St., Burnley.

WIGAN ROLLER CLUB.

Meeting Sept. 11, Legs of Man Hotel. Mr. Smith presided over a very good attendance. Mr. Wetherby and Mr. Dickenson were elected members. Definitely decided to hold our open contest Dec. 17, 18. Messrs. Massey and Kilshaw will judge, and we earnestly appeal for the support of all Roller fanciers to make our first venture a success.—P. Greenall, Sec.

WEST STANLEY (Victoria).

Meeting, Sept. 12, Mr. J. Armitage presiding. We had a good turn-up of members. Decided that we have no catalogues and that we accept Spratts' offer for prize-cards. It was passed that we make the first entry 7d. and additional entries 6d. Will members get as many specials as possible and attend next meeting when the stewards will be elected for the annual show, Dec. 4, 5.—R. Hutchinson, Sec.

BURNLEY O.S.

Meetings held Sept. 9, 16, 22, at Star Inn, Church-st., Mr. Hargreaves chair. The business under discussion has been the amalgamation of the C.B.S. and B.O.S., but it was decided that we go on as at present, and that we try to build up our society, as we have made good progress in the past. We shall be pleased to see a few more novices roll up and enter the society. Next meeting Oct. 6. All members are requested to attend.—T. Chadwick, Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting, Headquarters, Sept. 8, Chairman Willmot presiding before a moderate attendance. Resolved after a lengthy discussion that the young stock show take the form of a table show, as the majority of the members have not had the time at their disposal to devote to the birds which they require, and the results of the N.F. shows have proved that most of the members have had a poor season. Classification same as N.F. shows, entrance fee 8d. Judge, Mr. J. Burke. Entries close Nov. meeting night; show, Nov. 14, at Marlboro' Hotel.—G. W. Bayliss, Assist. Sec.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

Meeting Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie-road, 21st Sept. Mr. Wm. Thomson chair, and a fair turn-out present. Sec. gave report of F.F. show held in July, which showed a balance of 8s. 3d. to the good. Agreed to hold a table show at October meeting. Classes: Nor. 4, Crest or C.B. 1, Bord. 3, Scotch Fancy 2, A.O.V. Can. 1, Mule or Hyb. 1. Sec. to find judge for same. Agreed to approach the Western O.S. for use of staging for annual show. Leith Printing Co. were favoured with the posters, prize cards, etc. Sec. was instructed to write to Dalkeith for estimate for catalogues, and to get admission tickets from Hyde's. It is to be hoped there will be a good turn-out at next meeting, as there is important business in connection with annual show.—J. C. Charlton, Sec.

BARROW C.B.A.

Meeting, Sept. 22, Mr. G. Large presiding. A real good meeting was held and a great amount of business was gone through. Decided to abandon the tea and concert for the presentation of cups and medals owing to the great amount of work in hand for the back-end show. The presentation will take place next meeting night at the club house, Gardner's Restaurant, so let us have a real good turn out of members. The largest schedule ever given by the Society was drawn up. Fifty classes: Yorks., 12; Bord., 10; Nor., 15; Scotch Fancies, 2; Mule or Hybrid, 2; Brit., 5; Sell., 2; Gift, 1; A.O.V., 1. With a schedule like this at 1/- per class there should be a good turn out for the "widow's show" at Barrow. Plans are being formed to make this a record, and members are all in good spirits for a real success; all should rally round and help to push up to the final: D. M. Farlane, Hon. Sec.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

PONTEFRACT.

Open Linnet contest Woodman Inn, Horsefair, Sept. 25; 18 birds entered, four minutes' time singing, and some very good singing was done. 1, Beard; 2, 3, Pugh. Open sing Sept. 26; we had a good muster and some lovely singing was heard for three minutes' time singing. 1, 3, W. Nelson; 2, Wingham.—J. Beard, Assist.-Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest, Sept. 18; 11 birds entered: 1, 2, Watkiss, 78, 72; 2, B. Nelson, 73. Sept. 25: Between 40 and 50 members and friends turned up to hear 26 birds sing for 3 good prizes given by Mrs. Parker, and some very good time was done. The winners were: 1, W. Nelson, 133; 2, Watkiss, 80; 3, Morley, 72.

Don't forget the last Sat. in October. We are giving £1 and a copper kettle. Entrance 6d. per bird. This is the last open sing for 3 months, and it would please the donors very much to see all the best birds in Yorkshire compete.—Walter Dobson, Sec.—(Advt.)

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York-road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing Sept. 26; 12 birds sang. 1, Hayes; 2, S. Johnson; 3, Bell. Judges, Madden and Smith. Sept. 26, 16 sang. 1, Buttery; 2, Sissons; 3 shared Sissons and Wood. Judges, Madden and Crane.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Sept. 25, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane; 22 birds entered, and some good singing was heard: 1 and 2 shared, Binns and Concliff; 3, Binns; 4, Concliff. Judges, Messrs. A. Bryan, T. Summers, T. Butterfield. Sept. 26: 18 entered for three prizes: 1, T. Chippendale; 2, Parker; 3, Warram. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers and C. Cooper.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Quality Linnet Singing Club contests, Plasterers' Arms, Skinner-lane, Sept. 25; 17 birds competed, and some very clean quality singing was heard. 1, C. Lorriman; 2, 3, Turner. Judges, Alf. Lorriman and R. Ridyard. Sept. 26, 22 entered. 1st and 2nd shared J. Chippindale and Turner; 3rd, Lorriman; 4th, Thompson. Judges, Alf. Lorriman, N. Soloman, and Ridyard.

A committee meeting was held same evening. Present: C. Lorriman, Alf. Lorriman, Wright, Dearlove, Turner, Chadwick. We propose to start counting marks for the gold medals for championship match at Whitsuntide from Oct. 3 contest. Members please note, and let us all come together as we did last year. Twenty-eight attendances entitle members to box benefits of the club. We were pleased to see Jack Chippindale amongst us again.—F. Turner, Sec.

In the Courts.

A bird dealer named Womack was charged at Middlesbrough on Aug. 27, with having in his possession nine Redpolls and four Thrushes, in contravention of an order in Council affecting Middlesbrough, and with causing them unnecessary suffering. Mr. A. E. Lauriston prosecuted on behalf of the R.S.P.C.A. He said that the Society's inspector found the birds in a shockingly neglected condition. Womack pleaded not guilty, and said that the cages were clean, but admitted that the birds had not had any clean water between the Wednesday and Saturday. He was ordered to pay costs on the first charge, and was fined 30s. in the second.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

C. W. and Miss F. E. H.—Replied to by post.

LARGE SCALES (Max).—It is quite natural for birds to have large and coarse scales on the legs and feet when they are getting old. Coarse scales are indeed a fair sign of age, though some birds get them much earlier than others. You cannot remove them entirely, but when they appear so coarse as to be troublesome to the bird you can improve matters by well soaking the legs in tolerably warm water—not too hot to be borne with comfort—in a teacupful of which you have dissolved a piece of common washing soda the size of a small pea. After bathing for, say, ten minutes, try one of the scales by gently pressing against the lower edge with a blunt match stick, and if it lifts and comes away readily remove it and repeat the process with the others one at a time. Be careful to use no force, and by no means cause any bleeding. If the scale will not come away easily, soak the leg a little longer, and try again, and if it is obstinate after several attempts, dry the legs, smear on a little boracic ointment, and return the bird to its cage, and try again two or three days later. Do not in any case remove a scale that has not a fairly well-developed new one beneath it.

PERSISTENT RED MITES (E. C.).—The probability is that your failure to eradicate red mite is due to your either overlooking to deal with the nail, hook, or whatever it is, where the cage hangs, in the same thorough way you deal with the cage itself; or, perhaps you do not deal with the cage properly when you change the bird from one to the other. It is utterly useless merely to change the cage once a week with the idea of getting rid of the pest. Assuming your cages are ordinary singing cages which you could re-stain and varnish with little trouble, I advise you to proceed as follows, and am quite sure it will prove successful. Dissolve an ounce of camphor in half an ounce of methylated spirit, and each week when you put the bird in a fresh cage well clean the debris from the vacated one, carefully probing any open joints or cracks with a pin if necessary to remove, as much as possible of the pest, and burn at once; then paint the cage thoroughly all over, inside and out, with the spirit, using a small paint-brush, and working the fluid well into all cracks and joints. Scrape the perches clean, brush over with the fluid, then bake them in a hot oven a few minutes. Treat the place where the cage has hung with the fluid in the same way, killing any mites that may be seen about the wall. Three days later give the cage another dressing with the fluid, and again at the end of the week, just before returning the bird to it, which you may do as soon as it is dry. When changing the cage, give the wall, etc., another dressng. Now treat the cage freshly vacated in the same way during the next week, and for a couple of months persevere with this treatment of both cages as they become vacant. By that time you will be rid of the pest root and branch, and may then redecorate the cages, and give them only ordinary attention. Allow the bird to bathe freely, give a morsel of bread and milk twice a week for a month, and add a pinch of Epsom salts to the water for two or three days. The bare patch under the wing is probably quite natural. All Canaries have a bare patch there.

TO DISTINGUISH SEX (G. W. Temple).—(1) I'm afraid you have not examined our bird books very carefully not to have found this information in them. In "Canary Breeding for Beginners," for instance, it is dealt with fully, and also illustrated on pages 29 to 31, and it is also dealt with in some other of our handbooks. The differences are very slight, and comparative, so that it needs close observation and experience to distinguish them with certainty, and even the most experienced are not infallible. Compared with the hen the cock is bolder and more jaunty in carriage, has a larger and more bolting eye, stouter neck, richer colour on the throat, butts of wings, and at base of back; the under tail coverts are fuller, giving a more graceful curve of outline from the abdomen to the under surface of tail; and the appearance altogether is more pushful and defiant. The voice is more liquid and mellow, and when he sings the throat swells and palpitates very perceptibly as the notes are produced. The song is the most reliable point for the novice to be guided by. (2) There is no way of distinguishing the age of a bird to a year or two after the first two seasons, but you can form some judgment whether a bird is old or very ancient by the scales on the legs and feet. A young bird has the legs and feet quite smooth, the scales small, and fitting quite close to the surface, and the claws short and fine, with almost needle-like points. As it gets older the scales increase in size and coarseness, and the lower edges grow up from the shank in a more or less unsightly manner, while the claws grow thicker and longer, and occasionally require nipping off, so that they are quite blunt in an old bird.

SEED SAMPLES (Seeds). (1) Call it "German rape" if one likes, but this hot mustardy stuff is certainly not summer rape, and the latter is what you require for use as a portion of the staple diet. The sample is probably charlock, or wild mustard, and being clean and a good quality would do very well as an item in a seed mixture, but for general use try to get a sample of summer rape, which is mild and nutty in flavour when a little is chewed in the mouth. (2) Considering the time, the canary seed is a very good sample, and the quality is very good, but it is certainly rather dusty. This, however, should be easily remedied by sifting it. At this time we must be a little tolerant of slight imperfections, and thank our good fortune that things are still as bright as they are with us.

HAND-REARING YOUNG (Mrs. Forrest).—It is much too late to think of continuing breeding operations this season, as the moulting season is now getting well advanced. You can get an appliance called a "fill-up" feeder for hand-feeding young birds, which you may see advertised in our columns during the breeding season. With this you would simply reduce the ordinary egg-food to the consistency of thick cream by the addition of a little water or milk, water for preference, during warm weather, to avoid the possibility of the milk being used in a sour condition, place it in the feeder and feed to the youngsters about every two hours from dawn to dusk. For an hour or two each day mix in the food a little finely minced greenstuff, but see that it is minced finely enough to prevent it choking the nozzle of the feeder. If no feeder is used you would adopt the same method, but make the food to the consistency of a soft paste, so that you could give it in morsels from the end of a tiny spatula-shaped stick.

WHAT IS RED MITE? (Mrs. E. C. Phillips).—Your request to know exactly what red mite really is and how it originates sets me thinking whether the bird really has red mite, as you say. Red mite is a tiny insect that is parasitic on birds, but does not live upon their bodies permanently. It is nocturnal in its habits, bides away in cracks, crevices, etc., in or near the cage by day, visits the bird by night, and feeds by sucking the blood from its body in the same way as the female gnat will do with humans if it gets a chance. It is an *Acarus*, and its scientific cognomen is—sorry to inflict it upon you—*Dermanyssus avium*. That is what it is; it originates, of course, by procreation. It is quite easy for a cage to become infested by hanging near another that is infested, or by using in one that was not so perches or any appliances from an infested cage. It is the cage that requires looking after to eradicate this pest, and not the bird. For different methods of dealing with it see replies to "E.C." in this issue and "H.A." in last issue.

YOUNG DYING (Disappointed).—Your feeding seems to have been somewhat faulty, in keeping the young too exclusively on soft food over too long a period. As you say you have "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which you have found very useful, you should certainly have avoided this error. Read and digest Chapter 13, especially the latter part, and Chapter 15, and you will doubtless discover your mistake and be better prepared to avoid it next season. As you have no more young now, and it is quite too late to think of allowing the parents to nest again this season, it is useless repeating here at present what you will on careful study find given in much more detail in the book you have than could possibly be given in space available at the present time in this column.

J. O'Reilly.—Replied to by post.

VARIED (G. C.).—(1) It is rather a delicate matter to select any particular strain of Rollers as having the most changes in their song. I should imagine this distinction is more properly applied to individuals rather than strains. But taken as a whole, I fancy the so-called Seifert or St. Andreasberg, would give you most satisfaction. I should say there is nothing to choose between these strains, though individuals of either might excel the other. The Glucke is a term applied to a strain which excels more or less in singing Glucke rolls, and is no indication whatever that the birds possess a great number of changes. (2) Sorry, but cannot lay my hands on address. Possibly Editor may do so. (3) The canary seed is small, but bright, clean and sweet, and of good quality. The rape is a kind of bird rape—the exact species I do not know—but is quite good, and mild, so I see no objection to its use if you have any difficulty in getting a good sample of summer rape, which is barely half the size of the grains of the samples you sent.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Cattye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

AVIARY FOR BREEDING (A. Harrison).—Your aviary appears to be built on quite a good principle, and you would find that any of the British birds could live in it quite comfortably during the winter. If you wished to give them a little more protection, you could fix a temporary shutter or screen over half of the front during very severe or stormy weather. (1) As regards your birds, I think you would do well to try for Mules, with just a pair or so as a sporting venture for Hybrids. Your collection could be the following:—4 hen Canaries, 1 hen Bullfinch, 1 hen Greenfinch, 2 cock Goldfinches, 1 Linnet, 1 Siskin. With these you would be almost certain to breed Mules, and if the Bullfinch or Greenie went to nest, and the eggs proved fertile, the young ones, if reared, would be interesting and valuable. (2) As regards foods you would require to feed them pretty liberally, watching the Goldfinches to see how they fared, as they would be the most likely to feel any neglect of their proper diet. Your stock mixture would be four parts good canary seed, two parts teazle, and one part summer rape; then if you can procure a good brand of wild seed mixture you could use this every other day, giving a spoonful to each bird, and on other days a little hemp, maw and niger. A handful of good sound sunflower seeds every day would not hurt them. For further particulars on feeding you had better procure our British Bird Manual, or the Nutshell booklets on the Goldfinch and Bullfinch. The birds would not require nests or boxes to sleep in during the winter. If you place plenty of perches in cosy corners, high up near the roof, they will use them in preference to any other quarters.

CONCERNING A BLACKBIRD AND LINNET (N. Y. Charles).—I am glad to hear my previous advice has been useful. As regards your Blackbird I fancy his fondness for the new food causes him to eat rather heavily, so I would advise you to offer just now plenty of ripe fruit, or even a little decayed apple or pear; failing these, give him an aperient occasionally. Your cage should be large enough for him to take a fair amount of exercise, which as you may imagine has much to do with a bird's general health. An occasional romp in a good roomy cage does a world of good. A big packing case with a wire netting front to it answers admirably. A bird can soon be taught to run from one cage to the other. (2) You need not trouble about your Linnet failing to appreciate hemp; as a rule birds are rather too fond of it. Try him with a little shelled sunflower. The wild seed mixture is quite all right, but see that it is genuine wild seed that has been properly harvested. If you have occasion to write again you had better send me a small sample. Hen Linnets are frequently used in hybrid production, and there is no reason why yours should not mate next season, either let her fly with her selected partner, or let her see him occasionally during the winter months.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERIST

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

TREATMENT OF AN OWL (A. D., Pontypool).—I scarcely know which Owl you refer to as a "Hoop Owl," unless it is the Common or Barn Owl. This bird can be kept in confinement in almost any kind of cage. If a large one it should have a box or partition in one corner for the bird to retire to during the day time; if not, the cage should be stood in a dark corner of the room. In a state of nature the Owl lives upon rats, mice, small birds, large beetles, and occasionally fish. When in captivity all these should be supplied; failing them, some meat from the butchers. If let loose at night, in a shed or outhouse, infested with mice or beetles, he will soon clear them off; I knew of one that was given its liberty in a kitchen where beetles were pretty numerous. As pets, I fear the difficulty in keeping them supplied with suitable food is greatly against their popularity.

TROUBLE WITH CHOUGH (C.P.O.).—My experience is that birds with overgrown or deformed beaks to any abnormal extent are usually not very robust in constitution, and what you say about yours only bears out this rule. It appears to me that if you want to keep your Chough in good health for any length of time you will have to be a little more liberal in your treatment. I would advise you to make the scalded Melox crumbly with the addition of some best quality insectile food instead of what you are using, and occasionally give him a feed of the insectile food without the Melox, mixing with it a little mashed potato with a lump of fresh dripping incorporated with it. I would also advise you to try him with a little cod liver oil, but do it gently; mix just a drop or two with a little food, and if he takes it gradually increase the quantity. This will improve his health and put a little flesh on him. Continue to supply him with scraps from the table and occasionally a freshly killed small bird or mouse, partly plucking the bird before you give it to him. For some reason or other the Chough suffers from this erossing of the beak more than any other bird I know of when in captivity. You cannot do better than attend to his general health and occasionally trim the beak.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

A RARE AMAZON (D.S.).—I cannot at the moment give you any more information re Chrysotis chloronota than the Brit. Mus. Cat. of Birds. It is a reasonable assumption that your bird, if correctly named, was a first importation; but as it so closely resembles C. festiva it may have appeared and passed unnoticed as the Festive Amazon. Unless more direct evidence of appearance can be found, however, your bird must be awarded the palm of being first arrival. The distinction between the two species is certainly a notable one, but capable of being overlooked sometimes in the living bird by the uninitiated—the lower back and rump of C. Festiva are bright red, in C. chloronota these parts are green; but you must note the compiler of the B.M.C. confesses to not understand the single skin he had to study, as the only other skin had the parts green and red. Neither am I aware of any English name. It is usually left to travellers, natives and bird-keepers to supply these, as Latin only is used in scientific nomenclature. The first opportunity I get I will make a search of records, and if I can discover anything further will insert a note.

FOOD FOR CUTTHROAT (Cutthroat).—There is only one Cutthroat, but there is a local race which is slightly larger, but save for the slightly increased size it is a facsimile of the ordinary species, making allowance for the variation common to every species. Your bird is a cock; the hen has no red band nor dark patch on the breast, and is also a little greyer in colour. White millet and canary seed in equal parts will meet the simple needs of this bird, together with greenfood (while it is in season nothing is superior to seeding and flowering grass); of course, the other essentials, grit, cuttlebone, and water, must be regularly supplied. I take it your bird is in a cage, and a millet spray once a week will give it exercise, and also be a wholesome change. While not really necessary, a teaspoonful of preserved ants' eggs will also be appreciated, and tend to its general well-being.

BUDGERIGAR WITH WARTY GROWTHS (Regular Reader, G. K.).—The trouble is not what you think, but at the same time I do not care to guess. It is one of those cases where an examination is necessary for a complete diagnosis. With a bird of such small value it would be best, I consider, to painlessly destroy and have a post-mortem made. If you wish to try a cure, isolate it at once and keep its bowels moving quite freely (not abnormally loose) by an occasional dose of fluid magnesia (one teaspoonful) in the drinking water as required. Diet: canary, white millet, and spray millet; greenfood, and a little milk-sop. It may not eat the latter at first—about a tablespoonful daily will be sufficient. This can be made with either sponge cake or stale bread, condensed milk, and boiling water; when stirred, add ten drops of cod liver oil emulsion and stir again—the sop must not be really sloppy. If there should be any excision from the growths, then these must be cleansed with warm water and the plumage dried with a soft cloth, afterwards anoint any sore lightly with zinc ointment.

A FEATHER PULLER (R. Pulvercraft).—A bird that has had this habit for five years is a fairly hopeless case; still, with patient perseverance an improvement, if not a cure, may be effected. You must continue the treatment given in our previous reply. Diet: seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and such extras as stale crusts, plain cake, biscuits, little dry boiled potato, and raw carrot. Keep a piece of cuttlebone in the cage as well as continuing to supply the mortar rubbish; also keep the water in the cage continually, and supply a thickish piece of a branch for the bird to exercise its mandibles upon. If it will eat it, moisten a dry crust with sweetened hot water, and then lightly dust it with flowers of sulphur; supply this daily. Do not give any tea, coffee or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Be careful to keep the bowels moving freely, and you can give a little chemical food occasionally in the drinking water. Also once or twice a week a small piece of plain cake lightly spread with cod liver oil emulsion. It is a case, apart from the general treatment given in this and previous reply, which must be left to time and nature.

AVIARY OUTSIDE WINDOW (P. I. I.).—I really consider you have sufficient to stock your aviary, especially when breeding commences, for, even with getting rid of the young so soon as they are able to fend for themselves, your accommodation will be overstocked while the young are being reared. Still, as you want a bit of colour variety, get a cock Red-crested Cardinal and a pair of Grey Java Sparrows. These will do on the Budgerigar menu, if you add a little ripe fruit, a few sunflower seeds, and an occasional mealworm for the Cardinal. It will not hurt the other birds if they help themselves to these extras. You see it is not only the birds you have to allow for in your space, but there ought to be two husks for each pair of birds, making eight in all, which will considerably lessen the space of your aviary. Use only twiggy branches for perches.

GREEN AVADAVAT (E. P. M.).—You should get our Nutshell "Avadavats," 2½d. post free from our manager; it will give you all details re treating this charming Waxbill. The colouration is: upper parts olive-green, with the rump and upper tail-coverts golden-green; tail black; beneath it is bright yellow, duller on the abdomen, with the sides of the body white, transversely barred with black; beak dull scarlet; legs dusky flesh-pink. The hen is similar, but she is slightly duller in colour, and a wee bit smaller than the male.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

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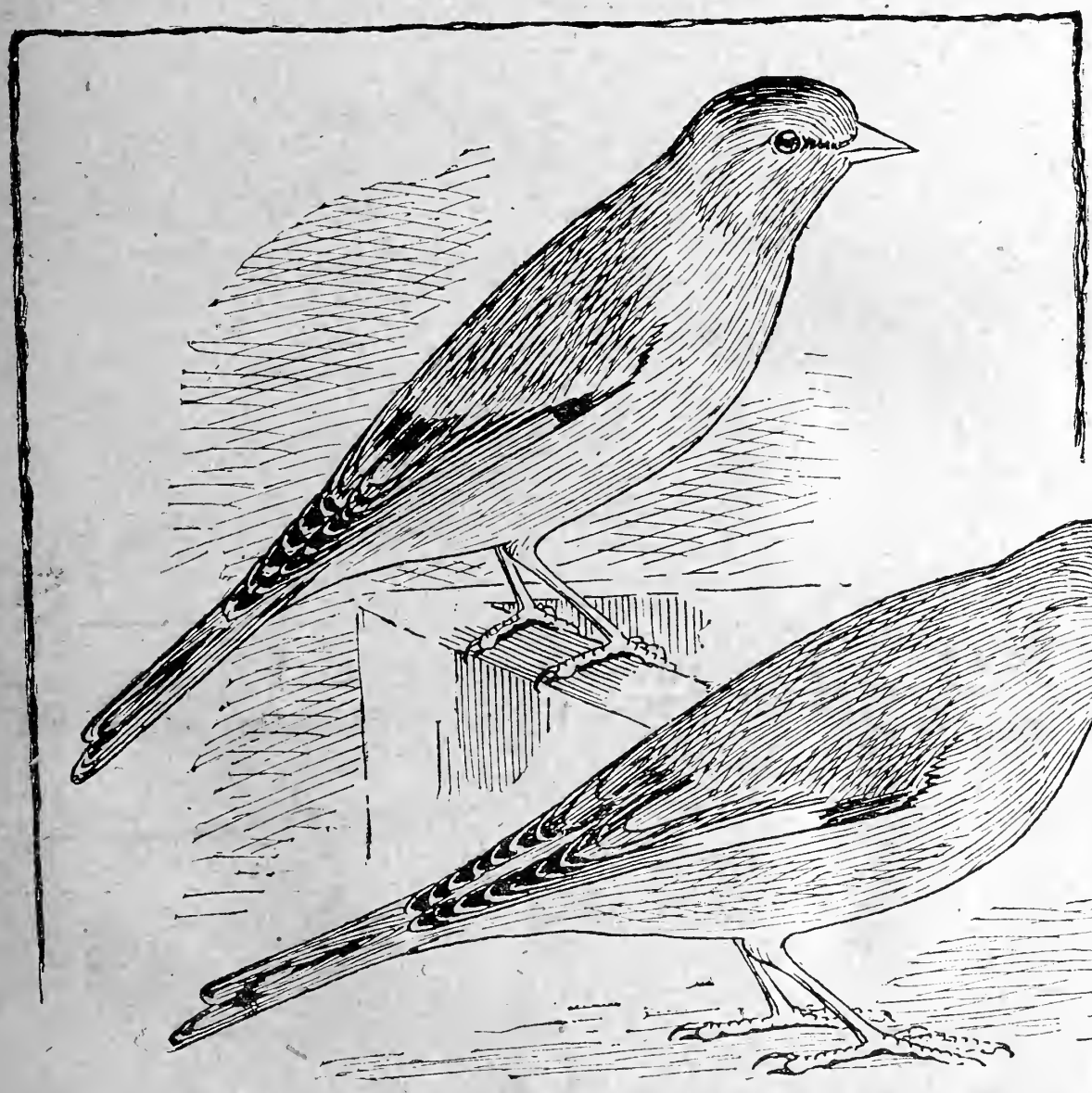

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FOR sale Norwich Canaries, cocks 5/- to 7/6; hens 2/6: Brown, 23, Havelock-st., Wellingboro'. (482)

FEW grand, massive buff and yellow cocks: Girling, Confectioner, 22, Brensum-st., Norwich. (489)

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PONTEFRACT.

Open Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, Oct. 2. 18 birds entered for 4 minutes' time singing: 1, 2, Beard; 3, Wingham. Open sing, Oct. 3, 22 birds entered; 3 minutes' time singing: 1, Beard; 2, Pugh; 3, W. Nelson. J. Beard, Assist. Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Barnsley Lark and Linnet Club, Commercial Inn, New St.; sing for Linnets, Oct. 2; 5 mins. time, just to keep all of us together. The winner did very well for the time of year: 1, Jones, 3 min. 6 sec.; 2, Bould, 28; 3, Williams, 15. There is plenty of room for members to join for time singing. Entrance, 1/-, and 2d. weekly. Copper kettles and medals, and special prizes given.—J. Hardman, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Aug. 2, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, 20 birds competed, and some grand singing was heard: 1, 2, shared, Lipman and Wigfield; 3, 4, Binns. Judges, T. Summers, C. Cooper, and T. Butterfield. Aug. 3, 19 birds sang: 1, Parker; 2, T. Chippendale; 3, shared, Lipman and Playforth. Judges, A. Lawrence, T. Summers, and C. Biss.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road, open contest for quality Linnet singing, Oct. 2, 12 birds sang: 1, Buttery; 2, 3, W. Sissons. Judges, Naylor and Topping. Oct. 3, 16 sang: 1, Buttery; 2, Sissons; 3, Wood. Judges, Naylor and Topping. Open contest for Roller Canaries, Oct. 10, first pair staged at 7.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.—(Please forward your address.—Ed.)

Quality singing, Old Bird House, Skinner's Arms, Bishopthorpe. We opened our season, Sept. 26, with fine successes. 28 birds competed, and we had friends from outside districts. 1, 2, Binns; 3, Blackburn. Oct. 2, 23 competed for 4 prizes, the singing again beautiful: 1, 4, Binns; 2, Green; 3, Jarman. Judges, C. Clayton and J. Tomlinson.—C. Clayton.

Leeds quality Linnet Singing Club contests, Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, Oct. 2. 18 Linnets contested, and some very fine singing was heard: 1, J. Chippendale; 2, C. Lorriman; 3, Lawrence. Judges, A. Lorriman and P. Madden. Very important contest, Oct. 3. A party of fanciers from Hull and York, travelling by motor, came to see their old friend, Mr. R. Dearlove, late of Hull. 26 birds entered; amongst them was Mr. Dearlove's old champion and cup winner at Hull, 1911: 1, 3, J. Chippindale; 2, 4, Dearlove. A special consolation prize was given by our new president, Mr. T. Greenwood to W. Booth as 5th prize. Judges, Madden, Lorriman, and Soloman. Mr. Dearlove is still open to singing any Linnet in Hull on quality song.—F. Turner, Sec.

Club Reports.

SOUTH MOOR (Social Club).

Meeting, Sept. 26th, in Club Room, Mr. Taylor, chair, and a big turn up of members. Decided that sec. and chairman see about timber for our show, Nov. 6th and 7th. Letter was read from G. Teasdale, who is serving his country in France, and the members decided to send a parcel of cigarettes and other luxuries.—Geo. Lane, Sec.

CODNOR PK. AND EASTWOOD.

Meeting, Oct. 2, Three Tuns Inn, Eastwood. Mr. L. Parson, chair, with a splendid attendance. The business in hand was arrangements for annual open show. A very nice lot of specials were promised, and although it has been rather a poor breeding season with some of our members, everything promises for a splendid show. Four new members were made and we are expecting a good meeting at our next, Oct. 16, at 7, at Three Tuns, Eastwood.—Smith and Lees, Secs.

W. STANLEY (Empire) F.F., &c.

Meeting, Oct. 3, R. Peart, chair, and a good turn up of members. We got through a lot of business for the annual show. Stewards for cage birds elected: W. Gowland, G. Lane, M. Hall, H. Roxbrough. Decided to accept Mr. Knott's offer of Christmas cake for the show; we were also offered by Mr. W. Brown a Belgian hare for a guessing competition of the live weight, and Mr. J. Masterman kindly gave a rabbit for the runner up. Schedules will be ready by Oct. 9. Members please call or send for one. Entries close for pigeons, Nov. 6, other varieties, Nov. 14.—R. Hutchinson, Sec.

GLASGOW AND WEST COUNTIES

Meeting 3 Oct., headquarters, 122, Ingram Street, Mr. P. Pettigrew presided over an excellent attendance. Many items in connection with annual show were gone through, and everything augurs well for a successful exhibition. New members elected: J. Barrie (Kirkintilloch), H. Fox, D. Cohen, and H. Henderson (Glasgow). The latter we are pleased to see taking up the feathers again. Business being over, the Chairman called up Mr. Adam to read his paper, which was an exhaustive treatise on Breeding, Moulting, and Colour Feeding, and was thoroughly appreciated by the members, who indulged in a friendly discussion on many of the points raised. Next meeting 6 Nov., 122, Ingram Street, at 7.—J. H. Adam, Hon. Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S.

Meeting, Maria Stewart Hall, Crosshill, Sept. 29, Mr. Heggie chair, and one of the largest-attended meetings for some time past. New member admitted: Mr. J. Black, 12, Anderson-st., K.P. The club having received the patronage of the Y.C.C. for annual show, 9 open classes for Yorkshires were classified. The patronage of the S.P.C. was also applied for, but we were unsuccessful. Without it, however, we decided to run 8 open classes. (Fanciers please note.) Mr. Byron promised to give gold medal for best bird in hall. Mr. Heggie gold medal for best young bird, and Mr. Jeffrey gold medal for 2nd best young bird. Mr. R. B. Cairns a handsome special for most points. The above specials for confirmed events only. An appeal from the chair for birds for the gift class met with a liberal response. Mr. R. B. Cairns promised to give a washing exhibition at next meeting, and it is hoped that the young members of the club will take advantage of this and turn out strong. Vote of thanks to chair brought the meeting to a close. —A. K. Hunter, Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.S.

Special meeting, Sep. 21. Decided to hold annual show in Dalmonach Hall, Bonhill, Nov. 20. Judges: Canaries, except Yorks., Mr. McLay, Kirkintilloch; Yorks. and Brit., Mr. C. Campbell, Glasgow.—J. Hannah, Sec.

LEIGH C.B.S.

Very successful table show for natural colour Canaries, Sept. 29. It was very gratifying to see that a fair number turned up, representing three varieties. Mr. J. Hamer judged and gave every satisfaction. 1, Walkden (Bord.); 2, Charles (Yorks.); 3, Spily (Yorks.); vhc, Collier; hc, c, Ordish (Nor.).—R. Charleson, Sec.

BEAMISH C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 2, Bird Inn, High Hold, Mr. S. Elliott, chair, with a fair turn up of members. Stewards elected for show: W. Gowland, J. Stanger, R. Coates, and A. Young, with Mr. S. Elliot show manager. Decided that one young be nominated for special for best young bird bred by a member, current year. Next meeting, Oct. 16, a week before show, and we would like to see a good turn up of members, as our show is the first in the district.—J. H. Elliot, Sec.

CHOPWELL C.B.S.

Meeting, Sept. 25, Mr. M. Simpson presiding before a moderate attendance. Decided to hold members' show Nov. 20, and to ask Mr. W. Curry and Mr. W. Tomlinson, our late Secs., to judge. Eighteen classes provided: Norwich 3, Yorks. 2, Bord. 3, Mules 1, Brit. 7, and For. 2.; fee 1s. per cage; prizes 6s., 4s., 2s., full prize money on six entries. Hoping we will be able to hold a good show and so give our judges plenty of work. Next meting will be a week earlier, Oct. 16. Will all members please try and attend.—W. H. Chester, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (East End)

Meeting, Sept. 29, Halls' Cafe, Heaton-road, Mr. Parker, chair, Sec. announced that he had booked the Assembly Rooms, Byker Bridge End, for annual show, Nov. 26 and 27, the same hall as last year. Resolved to add a natural colour class each for Norwich and Yorks., thus bringing our classification up in 72 classes. Now if members will only do their bit and collect at least one special I have no doubt we shall have as successful a show as last year. I shall be pleased to have a return of same at next meeting, Oct. 27. Schedules will be ready in two or three weeks.—J. W. Coutts.

HALIFAX O.S.

Meeting and washing exhibition, a splendid turn up of members present. Mr. F. Burdekin showed the novices how he washed his birds, and Mr. S. Rolfe gave the champions lessons. While the birds were drying the classification for the annual open show, Nov. 19 and 20, was confirmed as follows: Open, 6 Yorks., 2 Green Yorks., 6 Nor., 6 Brit., 2 Self. Open Novice (£5 5/- limit): 6 Yorks., 1 Green Yorks., 4 Nor. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, with 1/6 entry. Resolved to give half of the gate, including ticket money, to the relief of the "Local Comforts Fund for Men on Active Service." Men in uniform to be admitted free.—H. Clegg, Sec.

SCOTTISH CRESTED C.C.

Meeting in Glasgow, Sept. 25, Mr. John Noble (Kilmarnock) presiding. Correspondence and apologies for absence were read from Messrs. Adamson (Kilmarnock), McNaughton (Larbert), and Whitton (Broughty Ferry). Applications for patronage, etc., were considered, and the following granted: Glasgow, Cowdenbeath. A short discussion took place on the advisability of holding a club show this season, and it was ultimately decided to instruct sec. to make arrangements (if at all possible), for holding a show at some suitable date and venue. Members elected: Messrs. R. S. Spence (Edinburgh), T. Martin (Uphall), Forsyth, Service, and Duns (Berwickshire), T. McVicar (Holytown). Vote of thanks to chair terminated meeting. I appeal to Crest fanciers for their support of club at this time, and shall be pleased to receive subs. of unpaid members.—J. Young, Hon. Sec.

RICHMOND (Surrey) C.B.S.

Meeting, St. John's Hall, Sept. 27, Mr. W. Phipps chair, and a good attendance. It was arranged to hold an evening show on Nov. 8, at 6.30, with classes as last annual show, with the addition of three classes for Borders, and six classes for members who have never won two firsts at any club show. Sec. was instructed to cancel or amalgamate any classes failing six entries; fee 6d. first cage and 4d. per cage after; entries close Nov. 3. Catalogue 3d. which includes entry to show. Stewards elected: Messrs. Harris, Snow, J. Phipps, W. Phipps, and Parmiter. Sec. was instructed to write to several gentlemen with regard to specials, and he would be pleased to hear from members who can get a special or two for the show. No matter how small, any special would be acceptable. Next meeting Oct. 25, when we are to have a "Question night." Members please keep their eye on CAGE BIRDS Notice column for notice of meeting, as no postcards will be sent.—Geo. Birch, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting in Manchester, Oct. 2. We had a very fair turn-up of members, great pleasure being shown in getting our President amongst us. Patronage has been given to Manchester and N.C.O.S. and London C.B.A. for Lancashires and Lizards. Decided to give patronage to Cardiff under certain conditions. The members had all been balloted in regard to a scheme for all members of L. and L.F.A. gaining prizes at patronage shows to be paid full prize money from a fund collected from our members for that purpose, and it was decided not to proceed with same, as under present conditions it was not considered feasible. Sec. was instructed to write each member not present proposing a scheme, which will be given a trial at Manchester show, and if successful will be repeated at other shows. I am sorry that Messrs. Ollerenshaw, sen., and G. Naylor, both Lizard fanciers, have decided for the present to sever their membership. It is to be hoped it will not be long before we see them again. Mr. Sam Howard was elected a member. This should give a bit of a lift amongst the novice Lizard members. Members not having any enamel can have same sent on by applying to me for same. Large tins 10d., small tins 5d. each. It was discussed that we have two or three shows in connection with shows in the district, and secretary was advised to write the secs. of the shows concerned. Plenty of room for new members. Subs., 5s. yearly.—J. Rukin, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH MOOR C.B.S.

Meeting, Sept. 25, Mr. W. Cresswell, chair. Mr. R. Whitfield was elected a member. Stewards and doorkeepers were chosen for annual show Oct. 30. It was decided to have another meeting on Oct. 16. —G. F. Bates, Sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Lockhart's, Briggate, Oct. 2, Mr. Walton chair, and a good attendance. A splendid schedule was drawn up for our annual show, and as we have engaged the best room in Leeds for the purpose and judges of the standing of Messrs. G. Wareing, J. Lyons, and J. Tomlinson, we are looking forward to a record entry. Decided unanimously that we accept no alien enemy's entries on any pretext whatever. This, I think, is a decision that nobody can disagree with. Members kindly let me have specials as early as possible.—H. Best, Sec.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING C.B.S.

Special meeting, Queen's Head, to finally select the judge for our annual show at the above inn, Nov. 27. Mr. Hy. Scely, Choppington Colliery, was elected. There was a poor attendance of members present for such an important meeting, but I hope that they will turn up better at our next meeting to settle the classes. Any member not being squared up by Oct. 9 is not eligible to show, so, members, rally up at next meeting, usual date, and get the show satisfactorily arranged to suit all.—R. H. Dixon, Sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Headquarters, Seven Stars, John's-lane, Wolverhampton. Mr. Willows, chair, and a fair attendance. New member elected, Mr. Keeley, Smethwick. Letters were read from Mr. Fisher and Mr. Lester, both being unable to officiate as judges, through pressure of business; after discussion Mr. Willows and Mr. Jacquemin were unanimously voted to judge at our next show, Nov. 4 and 5. All classes will stand as last year. Meetings will be arranged to take place each fortnight until further notice, commencing at 7.30.—J. W. Thomson, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting was held Sept. 27, Church Institute, Paddington Street; Mr. Curtis, chair, and five members present. Correspondence was dealt with, and Mr. S. Richards was elected a member. A judging competition in Norwich Plainheads was held, 35 birds being staged in two classes: yellow 16, and buff 19. Members were evidently anxious to get the opinion of that well-known Norwich fancier, Mr. J. Hodder, who acted as final judge. After the awards had been given Mr. J. Hodder fully explained his reasons for so placing the birds, and from the few questions asked, his final decisions were no doubt satisfactory to the various owners. A very hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded Mr. Hodder for his kindness in attending. A silver-mounted pipe for member making most entries was presented to Mr. W. Knight. At next meeting, Oct. 11, there will be a cage-making demonstration by our esteemed chairman, Mr. A. W. Curtis.—F. Thynne, Asst. Hon. Sec.

FOREIGN BIRD EXHIBITORS' LEAGUE.

The executive of the League met on Sept. 20, and decided to hold this year's club show at the Horticultural Hall, on Dec. 10, 11, and 13. About 33 classes, including selling, have been provided, and, unless unforseen circumstances prevent, the judges will be as follows:—Parrots, Mr. Chas. Cooper; Seed-eaters, Mr. R. J. Watts; Insectivorous and Fruit-eaters, Mr. S. W. Townsend. A good list of specials in addition to the prize-money of 30/- per class have been provided, and at this show four Club cups, to be won outright at the end of the season for most points in each section will be in competition. Points for the Fruit and Nectar Feeding Cup will only count at such shows where a class is provided for birds of the kind. Cheltenham, Sheffield O.S., and Reading shows have also been granted these cups, which are for competition as follows:—Most points in Parrots throughout the season, ditto for Seedeaters, ditto for Insectivorous and Fruit-eating birds, and ditto for Fruit and Nectar Feeding birds (which comprise only Sugar and Sunbirds, Humming Birds, Flowerpeckers, and Spider Hunters). The Club's diploma for the first appearance on the show bench of a bird is also offered at all the fixtures mentioned, and at the Horticultural Hall Mr. Rosslyn Mannering, has generously offered a guinea special for the rarest Foreign Hybrid, to be awarded irrespective of the bird's merit as a competitor in its class.—A. Silver, Hon. Sec.

The Revival of the Evenly-Marked Yorkshire.

By OSCAR E. BROOKS.

(Concluded from page 67)

IT is not customary to pair two perfectly marked birds together, for the reason that this process generally tends to overdo the markings, and more often than otherwise the progeny are for the most part heavily variegated. A cock having tolerably good eye markings should be mated with a hen possessing good tail and wing markings, or vice versa. In the ordinary way, however, it will be found much the better plan to rely on the male bird for the improvement of markings. This being a somewhat disputed point, I offer no argument, but merely support my opinion with knowledge derived from actual experience.

Now a word of warning. From the very beginning weed out from the stock all birds having splashes of green markings on top of the head. "Why?" I hear someone ask. For this reason, ticks on the head are of a most inherited nature. They run through generations, and still persist in returning, and once they become properly established in a strain they are most difficult to breed out.

Some folks have an idea that birds bred for even-marks should not be colour-fed, but with this I disagree. To my mind nothing looks finer than a six-pointed yellow Yorkshire cock that has been judiciously fed for colour, so that the body feathers have assumed that beautiful orange hue so aptly described as a "ball of fire," and, moreover, I do not think that the intensity of the markings themselves is injured by colour-feeding, provided it is properly carried out with the aid of the right materials. That is quite another subject, however, so I do not propose to deal with it here.

Before I conclude my article, which has been written with the express desire to offer a plea for the restitution of this beautiful variety, I would like to sum up briefly the several points in its favour, and I think the reader will then agree that they by far outclass any that may be advanced to the contrary.

To begin with, although I admit every man has his own ideas, and rightly so, yet I venture to say that there are very few who do not consider the typical even-marked Yorkshire one of, if not the handsomest of Canaries. Secondly, we have the great amount of interest and fascination afforded by the difficulties one has to meet in breeding, and what is more, as they are hard to breed, and consequently, good ones few and far between, they are rendered all the more valuable, and the honour of breeding them the greater.

Last, but not least, while every nest cannot be expected to contain a perfect technically marked specimen, yet if the strain is a good one, and the art of pairing thoroughly mastered, they will all be well marked, and, what is of infinitely more consequence, will be capable of handing down their good qualities to the offspring of which they themselves may be destined to become the parents.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Oct. 8-9.—**Preston O.S.**—(G. Buck, 5, Nevett St.)
Oct. 12-13.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.) C.A.H., J.R.
Oct. 14.—**Hanley C.B.S.**—(C. Beckett, 32, Hamilton-rd., Birkenhead, Hanley.) J.R.
Oct. 15-16.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(H. Warburton, 73, Ellesmere Rd., Lower Walton, Warrington.) H.W.B., G.L., J.D.L.
Oct. 16.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. Green, 205, Stoney Stanton Rd.) J.T. W.H.R.
Oct. 21.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(C. F. Holliday, 58, George St.) J.R.
Oct. 22-23.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.) W.M., W.A.C., W.V., J.D., C.H.
Oct. 23.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.) J.R.
Oct. 26-28.—**London and P.O.S.**—(H. L. Huggins, 130, Myddleton Rd., Bowes Park, London.)
Oct. 27-28.—**Carlisle (Border City) O.S.**—(J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.)
Oct. 29-30.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlboro Av., Manley Park, Manchester). L.D., J.R., R.B., J.D., H.J.C.
Oct. 30.—**York C.B.S.**—(V. G. F. Zimmerman, 7, Portland Street.) J.C.B.
Nov. 3-4.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terr.)
Nov. 5-6.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., J.R., J.C.B., H.W.B., J.B.
Nov. 6.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(J. W. Thornton, 43, Rydal St., W. Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M., W.N.
Nov. 6-8.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street.) J.T., H.J.C.
Nov. 9-10.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(G. W. Jones, 156, Holdenhurst Rd.) H.N.
Nov. 12-13.—**Blaydon-on Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Hayver, 1, Theresa St.) T.D., J.M., H.W.B.
Nov. 13.—**Barnsley C.B.S.**—(E. Toulson, 102, Cope St.)
Nov. 13.—**Chester C.B.S.**—(L. Cavanagh, "Berwyn," Vicar's Cross, Chester.) H.W.B.
Nov. 13.—**Ardwick & Manchester C.B.S.**—(J. Spencer, 193, Palmerston Street, Beswick, Manchester.) J.W.M., C.H.
Nov. 17.—**Reading C.B.S.**—(C. C. Smith, 73, Audley St.) H.N.
Nov. 19-20.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.) W.M., H.W.B.
Nov. 19-20.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(Wm. Tallantyre, South View.) W.M.M., T.D., J.M.
Nov. 25.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.)
Nov. 27.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.**—(F. A. Green, 54, Caludon Rd.) H.W.B.
Dec. 1-2.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 211, Park Rd., Aston, Birmingham.) J.R., J.H.R.
Dec. 1-2.—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place, Southampton.) H.N.
Dec. 8-9.—**Watford C.B.S.**—(W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Rd.) F.E., H.N., A.S., H.J.W.
Dec. 11.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—(W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle). F.L., J.S., J.N., J.M.

Scotland.

Nov. 12-13.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital Street.) W.G., J. M'L., W. M'M., C.M., A.W., M.C.
Nov. 20.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S.**—(A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place.)

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Jan. 1.—**Wishaw, Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)

Wales.

Oct. 20.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(H. H. Mortimer, 4, Granville St.) J.H.R.
Nov 17.—**Llandudno** (Welsh N. Counties F. and F.A.).—(G. E. Cragg, "Rocklands," Rhos, Colwyn Bay.)
Nov. 17-18.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.H.R.

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Jan. 11.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. H. Davies, 24, College Hill.)

Ireland.

Nov. 24-25.—**Dublin Y.C.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(W. C. Sholedice, 38, Haddington Rd.) W.M.
Nov. 26-27.—**Belfast, Ulster O.A.**—(T. M. Smyth, 9, University St., Belfast.)
Dec. 3-4.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(W. Montgomery, 62, Church Street).

The Shows.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 2, Lockhart's, Briggate. Mr. W. A. Wilson, chair. Messrs. G. Yelland, H. Simms, E. Middleton, kindly volunteered to act as stewards at the November show, and Messrs. C. Fryer, J. W. Sanderson, and W. A. Wilson, as door-keepers. The rest of the evening was taken up with a very interesting table show, judged by Mr. J. Chambers, who gave entire satisfaction.

Yell. Yorks. (5): 1, Yelland; 2, 3, Norton; 4, Senior; vhc, Sanderson. Buff (14): 1, Firth; 2, Simms; 3, Walker; 4, Sanderson; vhc, hc, Yelland; c, Norton. Yell., Nor. (7): 1, Livingstone; 2, vhc, Johnson; 3, Fryer; 4, Lamb; hc, c, Yelland. Buff (12): 1, 4, Fryer; 2, Livingstone; 3, vhc, hc, Lamb; c, Yelland. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Yelland. Linnet, Etc. (8): 1, Hunt; 2, 4, hc, Owen; 3, vhc, c, Middleton. Goldf. or Bullf. (3): 1, Middleton; 2, Pyrah; 3, Owen. A.O. Brit. Hardbill (8): 1, hc, Hunt; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Middleton; c, Owen. Most points, 3 highest birds: Yorks., Yelland, 10; Norton, 8. Nor, Fryer, 16; Livingstone, 13. Brit., Hunt, 16; Middleton, 16. —E. Norton, Hon. Sec.

LAISTERDYKE, BOWLING AND TONG COMBINATION.

2nd competition show, Oct. 2, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill; 87 birds staged; Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged and gave satisfaction. Class 1: Casey, 1; Gledhill, 2; Atkinson, 7; Firth, 2 and 4. Class 2: Gledhill, 1; Casey, 2; Duckworth, 3; Casey, 1. Class 3: Atkinson and Firth, 1; Swaine, 2; Robinson, 3; Hodgson, 4. Class 4: Casey, 1; Swaine, 2; Gledhill, 3; Atkinson and Firth, 4. Class 5: Casey, 1; Hudson, 2; Atkinson and Firth, 3; Padgett, 4. Class 6: Gledhill 1; Padgett, 2; Atkinson and Firth, 3; Duckworth, 4. Cla s 7: Duckworth, 1; Robinson, 2. Class 8: Gledhill, 1; Duckworth, 2; Hudson, 3, 4. NOVICES.—Class 10: H. Parker, 1; Hodgson, 2. Class 11: H. Parker, 1; Hodgson, 2; Wood and Mirfield, 3; Reed and Son, 4. Class 12: Reed and Son, 1, 3, vhc; Wood and Mirfield, 2; Holt Bros., 4. Class 13: Roper, 1; Holt Bros., 2; Wood and Mirfield, 3; H. Parker, 4. Class 14: Reed and Son, 1, 3.; Holt Bros., 2; H. Parker, 4. Class 15: Wood and Mirfield, 1, 2, hc; Roper, 3; Holt Bros. 4. Class 16: Crabtree, 1, 4; Wood and Mirfield, 2, 3. Class 17: Crabtree, 1; Roper, 2. Class 18: H. Parker, 1; Crabtree, 2, 4; Wood and Mirfield, 3. Points to date for medals: Casey 40, Pownal 8, Hudson 24, Symes 5, Gledhill 27, Hodgson (sen.) 5, Padgett 19, Russell 14, T. Parker 8, Atkinson and Firth 20, Roper 24, Reed and Son 31, H. Hodgson 13, H. Parker 25, Wood and Mirfield 26, G. Hodgson 3, Swaine 11, Crabtree 9, Duckworth 16, Holt Bros. Points for cup: Casey 49, Reed and Son 31, Gledhill 27, Wood and Mirfield 26, H. Parker 25, Roper 24, Hudson 24, Atkinson and Firth 20, Padgett 19. Points for starred birds: Reed and Son 29, Hudson 26, Gledhill 26, Wood and Mirfield 26, H. Parker 25, Atkinson and Firth 21, Holt Bros. 16, H. Hodgson 13 Novice Green Marked points: Wood and Mirfield 20, F. Roper 10, Crabtree 5, Holt Bros. 4.—J. E. Hudson, Sec.

SKELMANTHORPE.

The Skelmanthorpe C.B.A. held its eleventh annual exhibition of Canaries on Oct. 2, in the Workingmen's Clubroom. The room is an ideal one having plenty of light, and being free from draughts, and could accommodate a big entry. 27 classes were provided, but unfortunately 11 had to be cancelled, and entries in the remaining 16 classes totalled only 175, but equality was quite up to the standard of previous shows. The strongest classes were the unflighted classes, 46 birds being entered in the three champion classes, and 52 in the three novice. A valuable cup was given for the best unflighted bird in each section. The winner in the champions was L. Dyson's cl. yellow, one of the most promising youngsters we have seen; it has plenty of length and stands correct. The novice winner was A. Taylor's cl. buff, a bird of correct type and quality, and shown in best of condition. The President, Mr. J. Helliwell, is a real fancier, and the society is very fortunate to have such an able sec. as W. Everett, who, although only young, as a fancier, is quite able to control the working of a show. He was ably assisted by P. Hirst, and the show stewards, Milton, Peel, and Percy Taylor. The society possesses about the best lot of working members ever seen, mostly all of them took part in unpacking, repacking, and sending away of the exhibits. The prize money was paid out to all winners who attended. The gate was very poor. The judge, Mr. R. Halliday, Shipley, gave general satisfaction.

CHAMP., CL. OR INVIS. TKD. YELL YORKS. (7): 1, Dr. Craig, cl., rare length, rich level col., wings and tail carr. perfect, stands well up on good legs, lovely qual., shown in best cond.; 2, Hirst, plenty of length, good head, wings, and tail, well placed, sound col.; 3, 4, Bennett, beautiful qual., rich col., nice type and qual., rather less; 4, very stylish, grand shape, neat wing and tail, will improve; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Sharpe. BUFF (5): 1, P. Hirst, grand length, well filled neck, best of wing carr., rich level col., beautiful feather, pos. correct, fine cond., wins; 2, Dr. Craig, rare length and style, lovely qual., neat wing carr., pipe tail; 3, Bennett, feather like wax, very stylish, only beaten in length; 4, Sharpe; vhc, A. Hirst. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Hall, eye tkd., grand length, very slim and stylish, nicely feathered, hot col., wings and tail perfect, beautiful cond.; 2, Dr. Craig, neck tkd., wonderful length, nice shape and style, rather strong; 3, Dyson, grand size, neat wings and tail, lovely shape, will improve; 4, Bennett; vhc, Helliwell. BUFF (6): 1, Dykes, wing tkd., plenty of length, grand shaped head, wings, and tail well placed, stands on best of legs, sound col., shown well; 2, Hodgson, rare length and type, level col., stands well up, good 2nd; 3, Everett, neck tkd., very stylish, rare wing carr., rather slack; 4, A. Radley; vhc, Bennett; hc, Beaumont. YELL. YORKS. HEN (12): 1, Allen Radley, cl., plenty of length, grand head, wings, and tail, correct, rich, sound col., beautiful qual. A1 pos., gem; 2, 3, P. Hirst, tkd. mkd., good shape and style, very stylish; 3, tkd. head, nice head, wing, and tail, lovely qual., beaten in length; 4, Dr. Craig, wonderful length, grand shape, rather stout; vhc, Dibb; hc, Dykes; c, Sharpe. BUFF (15): 1, Dr. Craig, rare length, teeming with qual., rich col., grand head, full neck, wing, and tail well carr., best of legs, wins; 2, P. Hirst, wing tkd., grand shape and style, rare wing carr., will improve; 3, Priestley, plenty of length, neat wings, rather loose in feather; 4, Hutchinson, wing tkd., very stylish, nice qual., stands up well; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Sharpe; c, Dykes. UNFLIG. YELL. YORKS. (11): 1, sp, Dyson, cl., wonderful length, grand head, level col., wings and tail well placed, full of nerve, A1 pos., fine cond., gem, wins cup; 2, Bennett, grand shape and style, hot col., A1 qual., loses in length; 3, Hartley, very slim and stylish, rich col., lovely feather; 4, Binns, var., rare type, neat wing carr., pipe tail; vhc, Hartley; hc, Walker; c, Dibb. BUFF (16): 1, Jebson, cl., good length, nice round head, wings and tail perfect, feather like wax, stands correct on good legs, rich col., A1 cond.; 2, Hartley, cl., plenty of length, rare shape and style, will improve; 3, Everett, mkd. head and wings, beautiful qual., neat wings and tail, shade less; 4, Walker, grand type, wings and tail well carr., sound col., stands well; vhc, Binns; hc, Allen Radley; c, Bennett. YORKS. HEN (19): 1, Walker, yell. mkd., plenty of length, rich col., grand shaped head on good shoulders, wings well carr., very tightly feathered, stands correct, well staged; 2, P. Hirst, wing tkd., yell., rare shape and style, beautiful qual., rather pale; 3, Hutchinson, yell., neck tkd., slim and stylish, lovely feather, A1 pos.; 4, Dr. Craig, cl. buff, feathered like glass, correct shape and style, shade less; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Hartley; c, Allen Radley. SELL. (5): 1, Beanmont; 2, Hutchinson; 3, Wadsworth; 4, Hirst; vhc, Fisher. HENS (5): 1, Everett; 2, Allen Radley; 3, Arthur Radley; 4, Lodge; vhc, J. Radley. NOVICE, CL. OR TKD. BUFF YORKS. (6): 1, Cliff, cl., rare length, grand head, well filled neck, wings and tail perfect, rich, sound col., full of nerve, in best cond.; 2, S. Morley, cl., very long and stylish, neat wings and tail, will improve; 3, H. Lodge, thigh tkd., grand shape, rather strong wings and tail, well carr.; 4, W. Lodge, cl., rare length and style; vhc, Fisher; hc, Morley and Hill. EVEN, ETC., HEN (6): 1, Symes, buff mkd. head and neck, grand length, feathered like glass, rich col., nice sound head, wings and tail well carr., fine cond., wins; 2, Carnerose, yell. mkd., very slim and stylish, hot col., grand wings and tail; 3, 4, P. Taylor, var. buff, grand shape and qual., beaten in length only; 4, buff, rare type; vhc, Raynor; hc, Fisher. CL. OR TKD. BUFF HEN (5): 1, A. Taylor, cl., plenty of length, nice head, wings and tail, lovely qual., level col., A1 pos., best of cond., wins; 2, G. H. Fisher, cl., good length and shape, nice qual., rich col.; 3, Carnerose, cl., correct type, wings well carr., not quite ready; 4, J. Bower; vhc, S. Morley. UNFLIG. YELL. YORKS. (14): 1, Morley and Hill, cl., standard length, very hot col, grand head, wings and tail well placed, lovely qual., stands up well, fine cond.; 2, Symes, cl., rare length and style, nice qual., rather short of bloom; 3, Senior, cinn., wing tkd., grand type, rich col., neat wings and tail, will do better; 4, G. E. Bower, tkd. neck, very slim and stylish, lovely qual, stands well; vhc, J. Bower; hc, Farnish; c, Hamlyn. BUFF (16): 1, sp, A. Taylor, cl., standard length, feathered like glass, sound col., nice round head, full neck, wings and tail well carr., A1 pos., gem, cup winner; 2, Morley and Hill, cl., nice shape and style, rich col., rather less; 3, Astley, eye tkd., grand qual., nicely moulded, full of nerve; 4, J. Bower, plenty of length, good head, wings and tail, will improve; vhc, Cliff; hc, Sykes; c, Broadley. UNFLIG. HEN (22): 1, G. H. Fisher, yell. mkd., grand length, lovely feather, nice shaped head, wings and tail well braced, stands correct, staged well; 2, W. Lodge, buff tkd., nice length, rare shape and style, close up; 3, G. E. Bower, buff, rare type, very stylish, not tight, will improve; 4, Senior, cl. yell., grand shape neat wing carr., A1 pos., shade less; vhc, Symes; hc, Broadley; c, Sykes.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

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W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

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G. HOBBS, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

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JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, Cinn. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hacknall Hathwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford, Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.

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IN AID OF

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Ornithological Society Wounded Soldiers' Fund. 39th Annual Open Show, Saturday, Oct. 16th, at the Sydenham Palace, Ford Street. No cancelling, no amalgamation of classes. Classification: 1, Norwich cl. yell.; 2, buff; (Birds with dark underflue or tick not showing should be exhibited in above classes.) 3, ticked or uneven yell.; 4, ditto buff; 5, cl., ticked or uneven yell. or buff hen; 6, unflighted, cl., tkd. or uneven yell. or buff hen; 7, ditto buff; 8, unflighted, cl., tkd. or uneven yell. or buff hen; 9, cl., tkd., or uneven yell. or buff nat. col.; 10, cl., tkd. or uneven cock, price not to exceed 30/-; 11, yell. or buff ck., unflighted, 30/-; 12, yell. or buff hen, any age, 30/-; 13, Crest, 14, C.B.; 15, Crest or C.B., 1915; 16, Cinn., Self or Foul; 17, Yorks. cl., tkd., or uneven yell. or buff cock; 18, ditto hen; 19, ditto cock, 1915; 20, A.O.V. Can.; 21, light Canary Hybrid; 22, dark; 23, Hybrid between two British or Canary-Bullfinch; 24, Goldf. or Bullf. (Brit.); 25, Greenfinch or Linnet; 26, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite; 27, A.O.S. seed-eater not larger than and including the Hawfinch; 28, Insectivorous not larger than and including the Lark; 29, A.O. Brit. or migratory (Hawks, Owls, and Ravens excluded); 30, Foreign, A.V., single or pair, smaller than and including the Cardinal; 31, A.O.V.; 32, A.V. pairs, 21/-; 33, single, 12/6. Judges: J. Trengove, Esq., Canaries; W. H. Raven, Esq., British and Foreign. Entries close Tuesday, Oct. 12th. Please enter from advert. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance fee 1/6 per cage to—A. Green, Sec., 205, Stoney Stanton Rd., Coventry.

ABERTILLERY

Cage Bird Society. The Great One-day Welsh Show, on Wednesday, October 20th, 1915. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. 41 Classes for Cage Birds. We have secured the Gymnasium Hall again, which is one of the finest halls in Wales. Schedules now ready from—H. H. MORTIMER, Hon. Sec., 4, Granville Street, Abertillery.

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE Good Intent Ornithological and Fancy Stock Society's Annual Show, Oct. 27. Judge, C. A. House, Esq. Schedules ready. Entries close October 20.—Messrs. Woodman and Barrett, Secretaries, 18, William-st., Northampton.

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ALFRETON

2nd Annual Open Show, at the Red Lion Hotel, Alfreton, on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29th and 30th. Judge, J. C. Barnes, Esq. 36 open classes; prize money 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. All prize money guaranteed in full. Entries close Tuesday, Oct. 26th. Schedules now ready from—G. Beardall, Secretary, Main Rd., Shirland, Nr. Alfreton.

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HARTLEPOOLS

11th Annual Show, Nov. 6th, St. George's Hall; 4 prizes; 1/- entry fee; 47 open classes; specials and extra specials. Entries close Oct. 30th. Judges, Messrs. Battye, Mundell and Nicholson. Schedules. J. W. Thornton, 43, Rydal Street, West Hartlepool.

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CHELTENHAM

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY,

NOVEMBER 3 & 4.

Judges: Messrs. J. Robson and J. H. Payne. Fanciers don't forget the old fixture. 15 open classes for Crests, 11 Norwich, 8 Yorkshire, 9 Borders, 7 British, 3 Hybrids, 6 Foreign. All profits to go to the Red Cross Society. Now, fanciers, please give us a Bumper. Entries close Oct. 27. Show Manager—W. Poursett, 5, Whitecross Square Cheltenham.

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All matter *intended for publication must be written or typed on* **one side** *of paper only, and must reach us not later than the first post on Tuesday if insertion in the next issue is desired.*

Twitterings.

We are holding our annual show on Nov. 20, writes Mr. A. J. Notley, sec., Hetton-le-Hole C.B., etc., S.

The Cunnock C.B.S. has been obliged to alter its show date from 27 Nov. to 11 Dec., writes Mr. Alex. Wyper, Market Place, Auchinleck. Will the Scotch fancy men of Ayr and Kilmarnock take note that we have opened our show to these districts for Scots fancy? The membership fee is 2s. 6d., and information will be gladly given by the sec.

Mr. John McLay, Kirkintilloch, has kindly consented to judge the Plainhead Crest and C.B. sections, and Mr. G. Brown, Leith, Borders, British, and Foreign at the annual show of the Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A., writes Mr. W. Clarkson, Sec., on Dec. 11. Intending members please come forward to our next meeting Oct. 30 in Temporary Hall, Graham's Road, at 7.30.

Schedules of Liverpool Show have been posted to all previous exhibitors. Anybody who has not received one please apply at once, write Messrs. Metcalfe and Green, Hon. Secs., 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.

As I am about to call a meeting of the Welsh C.B.C., writes Mr. A. E. Brown, Hon. Sec., 66, Clare Street, Merthyr Tydfil, I shall be glad to receive members' subscriptions and applications for new members; sub., 3s. per annum. Will all societies wishing to obtain our patronage please make application to me not later than Thursday, Oct. 14.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

Plymouth Wants Entries.

As will be seen from the show advertisement on page 139, the entries for Plymouth Show are not what they should be. Possibly exhibitors are dilatory in sending in, for only 100 entries were sent in 50 classes when we heard from the hon sec., Mr. Pope. Entries will be accepted up till first post on Sunday, and exhibitors should support this the first important show in the south.

A Neat Cuttlefish Holder.

Mr. F. Coxon, Burnopfield, kindly sends us a piece of cuttlefish bone pierced with a piece of wire which projects about an inch on each side, and accompanies the same with the following note:—"Being a reader of Cage Birds for many years, and knowing the trouble to keep the bone from falling out, I send you a piece of cuttlefish with the wire in. I put it inside the cage above perch, and catch the wire into cage front at each side, it is an absolute fixture; I have had some pieces in for months."

The Bird-Keepers' Roll of Honour.

Leeds C.B.S.

Sir,—We have yet another member who has joined H.M.'s Forces, J. W. Bushby having joined the Garrison Artillery.

E. Norton, Hon. Sec.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.

Sir,—The following members of the above society are serving with the Colours:—Messrs. E. Oldham, J. N. Oldham, A. Crouch, W. Springall, W. H. Freeman.

A. Wood, Sec.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.

Sir,—The following are members of our club who are serving with the Colours:—J. Locke, Northumberland Fusiliers (killed in action); J. Anderson, Northumberland Fusiliers (in training); D. Reavley, R.A.M.C.; T. Mansel, regiment not known. The following are other fanciers who are serving with the Colours from Ashington, but were not members of our club when war broke out:—G. Watson, Northumberland Fusiliers; F. Barron, Tyneside Scottish; Ed. Floyd, R.A.M.C.; J. Holmes, Northumberland Fusiliers; A. Carr, Tyneside Scottish. Our members congratulate you on the idea of a Bird Fanciers' Roll of Honour, as it will always keep before us the names of fanciers who have responded to their country's call.

C. F. Yapson, Sec.

Queen's Park (Kensington) C.B.S.

Sir,—It is with great pleasure I acquaint you of the following members of our Society who have answered the country's call, and shall be glad to see these added to your great Roll of Honour:—Messrs. S. C. Bonniwell, W. N. Smith, F. Deacon, H. R. Lowe, and C. C. Hills. It is hoped all will have a safe and speedy return, and to those of our members who are working long hours on munition work and unable to attend our meetings and shows, we extend our wishes for an early return, and promise them a hearty reception.

H. J. Ratcliffe, Assist. Sec.

Mr. "George" (J. G.) Ramsden, the only son of Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the well-known Crystal Palace show manager, is a Gunner in the Royal Field Artillery.

Mr. Osborn Wellings, the son of Mr. Alf. Wellings, the well-known cage-bird judge, is serving with the colours. He joined the 18th Lancashire Fusiliers on Jan. 18.

We have, in addition to the above, received the following names of fanciers who have enlisted:—

Private G. G. Grant, Inverness, 1st Lovat's Scouts, Mediterranean Force.

Private Peter Grant, Inverness, 4th Cameron Highlanders, British Expeditionary Force.

"In August, Go He Must."

"Inquirer" writes to the "Devon and Exeter Gazette":—"On Sept. 12, at 3 p.m., a Cuckoo was heard distinctly four times at Dawlish in the road turning off from the Exeter Road towards Elmgrove. I shall be interested to know if this is quite unusual. There was no doubt of the fact."

A Tit-Bit for Nottingham Fanciers.

At the next meeting of the Nottingham and Notts O.S., Oct. 12, at the Mechanics' Institute, writes Mr. J. G. Royce, hon. sec., we shall have an open night to which all fanciers are cordially invited. We are having a visit from Mr. H. J. Chick, who will give us a talk upon "Herbert J. Chick, on himself, and some others." This should be a very interesting subject, and we hope to have a full meeting.

Linnet in a Swimming Race.

The Chaplain of one of His Majesty's ships, presumably on active service, for the name of the ship is withheld, says in a letter to "Country Life": "We had some water sports this afternoon and one event is, I think, almost unique. The men lined up in the water for one race, and just before the start the white hat of one of the seamen was handed to him and on it sat a Linnet, perfectly free and not fastened to the hat in any way. The owner put on the hat and swam the race in it, coming in third. The bird seemed perfectly unconcerned and pecked at his fingers in a friendly way at the finish of the race."

Bad for the Hoopoe.

A Hoopoe has killed itself by flying against a moving train between Thirsk Junction and Sessay, near Islebeck. It is in nice plumage, and has a very fine crest. The bird is now being set up by a local taxidermist.

Clapham's Prospects Good.

If the entries come in as well as the application for schedules have done, writes Mr. T. J. Hope, Hon. Sec., Clapham C.B.A., we should have a good show. Unfortunately we have been unable to obtain so many promises of specials as usual, but, of course, this is owing to so many of our fancier friends being otherwise engaged.

Don't Forget Newcastle Show.

I beg to make an appeal to fanciers to support our open show on Oct. 23, in the Co-operative Hall, Benwell, writes Mr. J. W. Reed, hon. sec., Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S. We are only having a one-day show this year, not two days as in past years. We have been unable to get our usual hall owing to it being used as a military hospital, and none of the other large halls being available we decided to try and keep the interest in the Fancy going by taking the Co-operative Hall, Benwell. The Elswick Road cars pass the door, so that visitors to the town can easily get to the show. The hall is near the Elswick Road terminus. I have sent schedules out to hundreds of fanciers, and will gladly forward one to any who may have been overlooked, if they will kindly apply as in our advertisement. Entries close Oct. 18.

We hear that the collection of foreign birds at the London Zoological Gardens has been enrichod by the addition of no less than eleven examples of the rare Wilson's Bird of Paradise. The bird is a native of the two Papuan islands, Waigiou and Batanta, and is remarkable for the almost entire absence of feathers on tho crown, the bare places being a beautiful blue in colour. The two elongated tail feathers cross each other, and then curve outwards in a circle. The birds were brought to this country by the well-known collector, Mr. E. A. Pratt.

The Artful Sparrow.

The "Referee" tells a story of a Sparrow that perched on a table laid for tea in Ranelagh Gardens, and concludes as follows: "Now, one dish contained buns, and one of these delicacies was near the edge of the dish. For this the little bird made. He put his breast against it, pushed it on to the table, and so, with a series of vigorous shoves, on to the ground, where his friends and relations proceeded to help themselves, he coming down and joining in the feast, which he had so kindly and ingeniously furnished. If I were a bird I should certainly take up my residence at Ranelagh."

Birds and the Crops.

"Smallholder," writing to the "Agricultural Gazette," says that he is quite sure that birds rob him of from £15 to £30 worth of produce every year, and the editor, in an article bearing on the subject, remarks that, "taking the whole of the United Kingdom, it would be perfectly safe to put the amount (of damage to crops by birds) at between £15,000,000 and £20,000,000 per annum. It is quite certain that some concerted action by the farmers is needed, not only for their own protection, but for the national good."

The Chiffchaff's Farewell Song.

This week the Chiffchaff—after being silent for many weeks—has resumed its song. But it is not the powerful outburst we hear in April and May; it seems only a weak imitation of the song we love to hear in spring, and it is hard to recognise it as a Chiffchaff at all. It is a sign that autumn is upon us, that soon the delicate little songster will be wending its way to Africa to spend the winter there; and the silent woods will be the poorer for its absence. With what pleasure we shall welcome it back next spring—a sure and certain sign that the winter is over and the upward flow of the sap has begun. Just now there is a touch of melancholy in the plaintive attempt at a song bird-lovers know so well.—"Belfast Northern Whig."

The Chough on an Irish Isle.

Describing in "Country Life" a visit to the island of Rathlin in the autumn of 1913, Miss Maud D. Haviland writes: "The Raven, Peregrine, and Chough still breed in Rathlin, and almost any evening small parties of the latter species could be seen playing together along the face of the cliffs. Reared upon these storm-swept crags, what the Chough does not know about wind currents and "air pockets" is not worth knowing. It is a fine thing to see a score of these birds chuck themselves—no other word describes their action—over a sheer precipice four hundred feet high, fall headlong down towards the sea, then, checking their giddy parachute in mid-air, soar up to the brink again to repeat the performance. The grace and freedom of their flight is not excelled by that of any other bird. Long may this beautiful and much persecuted species find a stronghold in the 'Fortress of Ireland.'"

The Affairs of the Crested C.C.

At the invitation of Mr. Thos. Heath, a few members of the Crested C.C., met on Sept. 29, at 2, York Street, St. James's, London, to consider the present condition of its affairs, and to decide upon the taking of such steps as might be found desirable. There were present Mr. J. Robson, chair, and Messrs. Broad, Clarke, Crabb, Heath, Shepherd, Warrington, and Watcham. Mr. Heath reported that he had received no answer to any of several letters sent to the Hon. Sec. In his last letter he had invited the hon. sec. to attend the meeting, and had requested him to bring or send the books of the club. He had received no reply, and the books had not been sent. The books had not been audited since December 1913. After letters from several prominent provincial members had been read, it was proposed that a deputation wait on the hon. sec., but it was ultimately agreed that Mr. Clarke be asked to interview the hon. sec., and this Mr. Clarke promised to do forthwith. It was decided to call an extraordinary meeting of the club for Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 2, York Street. Mr. Heath kindly promised to undertake pro tem. the duties of hon. secretary, and his offer was enthusiastically received. A vote of thanks to the chair and to Mr. Heath for the trouble he had taken closed the meeting.

Migratory Greenfinches.

The arrival in April of migrant Greenfinches in large numbers has more than once been referred to in this column. During recent weeks we have been observing the return migration, and vast numbers of birds have gathered together for departure in willow beds and other places. In one spot many Tree Sparrows were with the Greenfinches, and the piping of Bullfinches was heard near at hand. On another occasion the willow beds rang with the twittering cries of Redpolls. In fact, many quiet places with suitable cover are alive with varied feathered creatures these early autumn days.—J. J. C. in the "Manchester Evening News."

Parrot Returns via the Chimney.

An extraordinary story is told by "W. W. H." in "The Scotsman." A Parrot belonging to the writer escaped from its cage, soared high in the air until ho became a tiny speck, and ultimately spent the night on the mast of a ship in a harbour a mile away. The writer says that three days afterwards "On entering the dining-room, we found the Parrot cold and stiff, soot-covered, and bedraggled. He had fallen down the chimney, and had only had sufficient strength left to drag himself through the fender on to the soft, woolly rug, where he had died. The house is situated in a thickly populated part of the town, and the bird had never been outside before, so surely this revealed a great homing instinct."

The Value of Advertising.

I was pleased to see the picture of my Marsh Tit on the front page of Cage Birds this week; it was the only time I exhibited the bird, as I sold him soon after. My sister had one of these birds in an outside aviary in our garden for 2½ years, where it lived quite happily with a mixed collection of British and Foreign birds. It may interest you to know that although your paper only came out yesterday I have already sold the 17 birds I advertised, many at 9 yesterday morning, and have had to return postal orders for birds already sold.—J. A. E. Smyth, Catford.

"From my sixpenny advert. in CAGE BIRDS I have had about 40 replies. I could not write to all of them, so should be very pleased if you would kindly thank them through your paper. I always get good results to adverts. in CAGE BIRDS."—J. A. ROBINSON (Rushden).

"It says something for your paper—CAGE BIRDS—that I had letters from all over the place in reply to my advt., and it cost me money for stamps to send several P.O.'s back. I think people might send stamped envelopes when they are answering advts. I wish you every success with your paper."—F. BROOKS (Bath).

"Owing to receiving so many replies to my advt. in CAGE BIRDS of September 11th, I could not write and thank all. I had letters from all over England, Scotland and Wales, and I hope you will oblige by thanking all enquirers." H. FOWLER (York.)

"Please find room in your highly-esteemed paper, CAGE BIRDS, to express my thanks to the many inquirers re my recent adverts. I received 42 replies, and found the task of answering them quite beyond the time at my disposal. Circumstances have compelled me to relinquish the interesting hobby, but my earnest hope is that it is only for a brief period."—A. G. LEWIS (Kettering).

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Accrington (Lancs.).—Crown Hotel, Oct. 22-23. Judge, J. Trengove. Norwich only. 6 open classes, 3 amat. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, if 8 entries. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 18 to D. Harwood, 39, Craven Street.

Oxford C.B.S.—Cowley Road Schoolroom, Oct. 21. Judge, J. Robson. 34 classes: Nor 10, Yorks 6, Dutch Frills 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 8 (1 amat.), For. 2, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 14 to C. F. Holliday, 58, George Street.

Coventry O.S. (Warwickshire).—Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, Oct. 16. Judges, J. Trengove, W. H. Raven. 33 classes: Nor. 12, Crests 3, Cinn. 1, Yorks 4, Mules 3, Brit. 6, For. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 12 to A. Green, 205, Stoney Stanton Road.

Alfreton (Derby).—Red Lion Hotel, Oct. 29-30. Judge, J. C. Barnes. 29 classes: Nor. 11 (3 nov.), Yorks 12 (3 nov.), Crest 2, Sell. 4. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 26 to G. Beardall, Main Road, Shirland, nr. Alfreton.

Clapham (Surrey).—Strathblaine Hall, Clapham Junction, Oct. 14. Judges, P. Rorke, W. H. Vale, H. J. Fulljames. 57 classes. Nor. 8 (4 nov.), Yorks 16 (8 nov.), Bord 9 (4 nov.), Crest 1, Sell. 2, Mules 3, Brit. 11, For. 7. Prizes on sliding scale. Fee 2/- first entry, 1/- after. Ent. close Oct. 8, last post, to T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.

Liverpool O.S.—St. Martin's Hall, Scotland Road, Oct. 22-23. Judges, W. Mundell, W. A. Cowgill, W. Vardy, J. Dixon. 64 classes: Yorks 22 (4 green, 6 nov. or amat.), Nor. 16 (4 green, 6 nov. or amat.), Bord. 9 (4 green), Sell. 4, Mules 3, Brit. 8, For. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/- 2/-. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 16 or first post Oct. 17 to Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

Newcastle C.B.S. (Northumb.).—Co-operative Hall, Benwell, Oct. 23. Judges, T. C. Crawhall, T. B. Tomlinson, T. Robson, C. Waters. 45 classes: Nor. 7, Crest 4, Yorks 7, Scotch Fancy 2, Bord. 9, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2 Mules 3, Brit. 8, For. 2. Prizes 10/- 5/- 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 18 to J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Road, Benwell Grove, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WHAT OF THE 1915 SHOW SEASON?

AT the beginning of another show season, the second during the war, we have communicated with some of those whose opinions should be of interest to bird-keepers, and we have pleasure in publishing some of the answers already received. Others have yet to come to hand, and we shall again revert to the subject. It will be noted with pleasure that the opinions generally are on the bright side, and there can at least be no doubt that the outlook is immensely more favourable than was the case a year since. The vitality of our hobby under the stress of the past twelve months has been nothing short of astonishing, especially considering the great percentage of bird-lovers who have, in responding so bravely to the call of their country, had to relinquish bird-keeping for a time, and we may look to the future with justifiable confidence.

A Good Time Coming.

The trade in birds appears to have been adversely affected through the difficulties of importation. There is, however, a bright side even to this. The importation of foreign Canaries is now restricted to the comparatively small number which come from friendly countries, and the value of English-bred Canaries must rise considerably as a consequence. This will be all to the advantage of those who have stuck to their guns, so to speak, and no difficulty whatever should be experienced in disposing of surplus stock at remunerative prices.

Meetings and Shows Galore.

That the various societies throughout the country are still very much alive will be apparent from a glance at our "Club Notices" columns. The announcements of meetings to come were never more frequent, and the majority of these announcements last week and this refer to arrangements for forthcoming shows. A charity show is announced to be held at Glasgow to fill the New Year void caused by the absence of the Scottish National from the season's fixtures, and London also will have its great show at the Horticultural Hall. It is aptly pointed out by one of our esteemed correspondents, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, that societies which held shows under the adverse circumstances of last season had no reason to regret their spirited action, and we join in his belief that when a review of the forthcoming season comes to be written it will be found that the 1915 shows have done even better.

Views from Liverpool.

THE show season has opened this week in most parts of the country; whether it will be with a flourish of song or otherwise, CAGE BIRDS will tell us next week. Twelve months ago shows were cancelled by the score, the Cage Bird Fancy not being the only section to be pessimists. Those societies that stuck to their guns reaped a rich harvest for their pluck. In many instances societies were robbed of the only halls in their respective towns fit for a show, hence they had to cancel. On looking through many papers connected with other hobbies, I find the Cage Bird Fancy is far ahead in holding open shows this year, and this speaks volumes for the grit of the working man. I am of opinion that the shows this year will be far in advance of last year, and when each secretary has got his house in proper order he will have a good balance to show his auditors.

A Gentle Hint.

Those societies that have a balance in hand are practically in duty bound to run a show; the motto "Business as Usual" is now "Business better than ever." There is plenty of money about, and we have all had a fair share of it. If all societies will look at their classification from a business point of view, and only put on classes that have filled in the past, they won't go far wrong. Unfortunately some varieties seem never to pay, and are only put on because some of the exhibitors are decent sorts. Now is the time to ask these gents to guarantee their sections, and a little coaxing will do it, just a little Teddy Grey touch.

Support the Shows.

The most important part of the show is the prize-money, and in my experience I have found that quite 80 per cent. of exhibitors never think how much money they are going to pick up. As long as they can get in the cards, that suits them. Very few make money out of showing; in fact, very few take up a hobby thinking it is going to pay, so I think societies can with confidence bring their prize-money down a bit. Fanciers like to get rid of their surplus at a decent figure, and if the shows are not supported, the birds will not be wanted. No doubt one excuse will be the transit of birds to and from shows. The train service, that is the passenger service, has altered very little from the old times. My society (Liverpool O.S.) has had to handle in the past birds from Ireland and the Isle of Man at the docks, and exhibits from all corners of England, Scotland, and Wales. We had no trouble last year, and we are assured by the Associated Railways in Liverpool that live stock will be received and dispatched as before. This applies all over the country; it is only the goods traffic that is congested, so exhibitors need not be afraid to send their best specimens. Another excuse may be—why run a show while all the young fellows are at the Front and will take no interest? Against this, just think over the friends you have who are exhibitors, and you will find the majority are past the recruiting stage. They are not all on munition work, and if they were, time would be found at night to pack the birds off; they love a flutter now and again, and good birds are never kept at home.

Enter Early.

The only worry, and it is a worry, to the Secretary is the printing of catalogues. Compositors cannot be got, our printer tells us, and we must give him the copy two days earlier this year, or we get no catalogues until Sunday. Now this can be obviated by exhibitors themselves, if they will send their entries early. They know how many they are going to enter, and it is easy to get a P.O. on Saturday and post right away. This will give the societies a chance to get the copy away by Monday morning. Late entries are a nuisance at the best of times; they ought to be returned this year. A point wherein the societies can help the exhibitor is by commencing to pack up early, and have all railway birds away before 6 p.m. Local birds, which are always a great attraction, should be left until last. In conclusion, societies need have no fear of running an open show, because exhibitors will be falling over one another to enter birds. There seems nothing much on, except "a bit of trouble over the water."

J. W. METCALFE.

What Plymouth's Secretary Thinks.

I am afraid it is somewhat a difficult matter to gauge the prospects of the coming show season. The wholesale abandonment of shows of last year is bound to make itself felt, and I am strongly of the opinion that all societies who are holding shows this year are helping to keep the Fancy together, and that, even should this year's shows result in a slight loss, nothing but ultimate good can accrue, and nothing but holding the shows will save the hobby from going further back. We are now getting in our entries for Plymouth, and, allowing for the well-known procrastination of bird fanciers, there are evidences of a fair show, but I am afraid we shan't reach some of our previous years' figures, neither do we expect to. I can say this, however: Whatever the financial result may be, the Fancy in Plymouth and District is already showing more go and enthusiasm. Many fanciers who keep varieties which need colour feeding have dropped this necessary adjunct to success on the show bench, thinking that shows would be scarce, and the game not worth the candle. Perhaps non-fed classes would meet the case?

There is one disturbing fact in the South of England, that is, the apathy of the S.N.P.C. and the C.C.C. If a specialist club is worth anything it should be up and doing now and give a lead to the exhibitors, but with the exception of the S.B.F.C., who are certainly alive, and, to a limited extent, the S.Y.C.C., we hear nothing about these clubs.

A Suggestion for the Common Good.

As a member of the Committee of the late lamented Cage Bird Union, I am somewhat loth to suggest any governing body for the Cage Bird Fancy, but I feel strongly that if the secretaries of the different societies, including the specialist clubs, could be banded together somehow, the Fancy would greatly benefit as a whole. Vexed questions could be debated in the same month at different societies' meetings, and a summary of the views of all of them might be sent by the secretary of—shall we say, "League of Cage Bird Secretaries" to CAGE BIRDS for publication once a month. Again, it might help in a better distribution of varieties of birds. For instance, Plymouth has Plainheads, as everyone knows, but what about Lizards, Lancashires, and other varieties? It is similar with other bird centres. It might also help in giving accurate knowledge of best trains to send on birds to shows, each society doing its best for any society holding its annual show. Should this idea find favour with members of the Fancy, I shall be pleased later on to further elaborate the matter.

THOS. POPE.

A Note from Bradford.

Personally I think any society with a good schedule will get good support. I come to this conclusion from the number of applications I have had already for birds that can win at open shows. I may also add that Saturday's post brought me several applications for schedules of our open shows though advert. of same only appeared in the Friday's issue of CAGE BIRDS.

I should like to point out to fanciers at large that it will be to their credit to support any society holding an open show for the simple reason that societies which in the past have relied greatly on the generous support of local gentry can scarcely expect the same liberality till times become more settled.

W. HELLIWELL.

Traders Busy.

We are fairly busy at the present time, although the National Crisis has thrown many difficulties in our way. Our two shipments of Tasteless Pepper from Spain have been delayed some weeks in arriving, but we are pleased to state we have been able to keep our customers going from the stocks we hold. We are very much hampered by the railway companies not being able to deliver and despatch seeds in consequence of preference having to be given to Government requirements, but on the whole our customers are assisting us by realising the position. Many of my bird catchers have joined the Colours, and we are not receiving many birds, particularly Goldfinches. Four of my cage makers have joined the Colours, but we are pleased to state we have been able to keep orders going from stock. The prices of materials, such as metal, wire, solder, wood, etc., have very much advanced, but we are putting all our specialities in as low as we possibly can, and I am doing my utmost to meet the wishes of many of my old and esteemed customers.

J. WALSH.

What Mr. Ramsden Thinks.

I have been so fully occupied in business that I have had very little time to devote to the Fancy, but from what I have seen and heard in my travels, I believe there is a general feeling amongst traders and subscribers not to support shows during the War. Certainly there will be no shows at the Crystal Palace during the continuance of the War. At the same time, there are plenty of fanciers who are above military age, and it is up to these men, and the wives of men in service, to carry on the Fancy until we have peace, and return to normal conditions again.

Societies that can see their way clear to hold shows ought to be supported by every fancier able to make an entry, no matter whether prize-money is fixed, graduated, or on the sliding scale. It surprises me to see correspondence over a few coppers of prize-money. Surely if the Fancy is worth carrying on in these times, the grumblers should stop grumbling, and do their bit cheerfully.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

Foreign Trade Somewhat Hampered.

We find the importation of Foreign birds a difficult matter just at present, and the sale rather restricted. Of course, many of our best fanciers are with the Colours, and have therefore laid aside their hobby for the present, and as some good exhibitors are also fighting for their country, the sale of rare birds is not very flourishing just now. We believe that many of the cheaper birds could be sold, but for the difficulty of getting them to this country, this making even the well-known kinds, those which are cheap in normal times, very expensive for the present.

Take for example Senegal Finches, these in ordinary times we could get from the West Coast of Africa and have them shipped to an agent in Bordeaux or St. Nazaire, who would see to their cleaning, food and water, give them a rest, and then send them overland to Dieppe, and across the Channel to England, the whole of the journey taking about six days. Now the overland route is stopped, and the only way to procure this class of bird is to send someone personally for them, and in this case the journey by sea would take eleven days each way; besides this there would be a stop of about eight or ten days in French West Africa, and probably a long wait for a boat to England. A man may have to wait from two to three weeks for a homeward-bound steamer, and this of course adds to the expense. Freight dues are high, travelling expensive, and even the bird in itself has advanced in price, so that for Senegal birds, which in normal times could be sold from 2s. to 5s. a pair, we should have to ask from 5s. to 20s., and even then the journey would not pay us as well as when the birds were cheaper. The one reason for this is that it is very little use bringing over the more expensive birds which were the class of stock to make a trip pay. Cheaper kinds of birds suit the small country dealers best, as they are pretty inexpensive and easy to keep, but within the last twelve months many of the small dealers have given up business because of the added cost of the birds which should be the cheaper kinds.

Goldfish, also, we find very difficult to import. These mostly came from the South of Italy, and in ordinary times they are sent overland through Switzerland, where we have an agent at Chiasso to change the water and then forward the fish direct to London. Now that the overland route is stopped, they have to be brought most of the way by sea, and whereas a year ago we could sell small goldfish at 4s. to 6s. per 100, we have now to charge from 20s. to 25s. for the same quality. Eighteen months ago our output of goldfish amounted to about 14,000 per week, now, even if we could get sufficient, we could not sell more than five or six hundred.

Another very saleable article in pre-War-time was mealworms. The trade in these was a German industry. These people bred them by the ton and entirely cornered the market for them. There are not enough bred in England and Holland to supply more than a very small portion of the English market, and here is a fine opening for an industrious Englishman to commence. He should, however, be prepared to go thoroughly into the matter and make up his mind to work for a while without making much profit.

DE VON & Co.

HOW MANY EGGS IN A SKYLARK'S NEST?

By JOHN CRAIG (Beith).

THIS is not a conundrum, but I see there is still some doubt as to the number of eggs laid by the Skylark in each clutch, for a lady says: "I have been making some inquiries of the young man who brought me the little Skylarks last year, and others who work in the farm fields, and I find that five eggs is the usual number for a Skylark, sometimes six, but often only three or four young out of them," so I will endeavour to throw some light on the subject.

As a matter of fact, some farmers do not know the difference between Skylarks' eggs and those of the Meadow Pipit. The Meadow Pipit lays fewer threes, more fours, more fives, and more sixes to the clutch than the Skylark. I will prove beyond a doubt that with the Skylark three and four are the usual clutches, and not five.

Mr. Robert Kennedy, Beith, who is a present-day bird watcher, has seen in the last twelve years eighty-one Skylarks' nests, forty-four with three eggs, thirty-three with four eggs, and four with five eggs.

My own experience is practically the same. This extends over fifty-five years, and I am still in the field. I could produce more proof if it was needed, but I think the above should convince the most sceptical that three and four are the most common clutches; in fact, the evidence is overwhelming.

I am aware that clutches of six are sometimes reported, but one of the sixes referred to was said to be two clutches. I have seen a Blackbird's nest with ten eggs, but it was proved that two females had laid in the same nest, and I have also seen a Corncrake's nest with nineteen eggs, but it was noticed that two eggs were laid in the same day, so there can be no doubt that two females had laid in the same nest.

With further reference to the clutches of the Skylark, a certain writer believes that most of the threes are imperfect clutches—at any rate, he said so; but I am inclined to think he was trying to get out of the difficulty, as he had committed himself on the point before, and the evidence was so strong that he got uncomfortably cornered. He will find it an impossible task to prove that most of the threes are imperfect clutches. No wonder that some books are unreliable for reference.

It is fifty-one or fifty-two years since I found the first Skylark's nest with five eggs.

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I will give an instance to show I took a keen interest in the subject even in those days. When I was a boy I used to work beside some men who were in the habit of going out for a smoke. When the men returned after one of these occasions they told me they had found a Lark's nest with five young ones, and I said I would soon find it. I then went out and looked about to see where the men had been resting, and I came across a place where the grass was pressed down. I lay down on the same spot, and in a few minutes a Skylark appeared with food in its bill, and I soon found the nest. When I returned and told the men I had found the nest they would not believe me till I told them where it was.

That is more than fifty years ago, and since then I have seen several Skylarks' nests with five. I have seen two Skylarks' nests on the roadside, one in a young plantation, and two under a whin-bush, and this year I found a nest with three eggs, entirely surrounded by gorse or whins, and one with three young ones on an almost perpendicular hillside. When a Skylark is soaring and singing I can tell whether the bird is ascending or descending without looking at it by the different style of the song, and I have often timed this species when beginning to soar and sing till alighting. I timed one which sang for forty-two minutes. I have also heard several singing for thirty minutes, and many from only five to fifteen minutes.

Some writers maintain that the Skylark does not perch upon a hedge. I have often seen it perched upon a hedge, but it prefers to perch upon clipped or cut hedges, often upon a whin-bush, and sometimes upon young trees, but it seldom perches upon a tree of any great height. I saw one perched upon a tree about fifteen feet high, and one upon a tree about twenty feet high, and I have seen several perched upon the ridging of a house when their young ones have been in a cage hung on the side of a wall for the old birds to rear.

There has been much discussion also about the number of eggs laid to the clutch by the Yellow Bunting. In the last twelve years Mr. Kennedy has seen sixty Yellowhammers' nests, twenty-seven with three eggs, thirty-two with four eggs, and one with five eggs; and my own experience is practically the same.

The first Yellow Buntings' nest I found with five eggs was in 1897, one in 1900, and another in 1903; and Mr. Kennedy found one in 1906, three years between each of the clutches. Since then I have not seen or heard of a Yellowhammer's nest with five.

It was stated that birds laid more eggs to the clutch thirty years ago than they do now, but that theory, like many others, will not hold water. I can go back more than fifty years, and the Skylark and Yellow Bunting laid the same number of eggs to the clutch then as now. In the last twelve years Mr. Kennedy has seen 13,554 eggs altogether. Of course, these include the eggs of many different species.

Correspondence.

Why Not Hybrids at South Kensington?

Sir,—I noticed that there are a number of stuffed Canaries, some old winners, at the South Kensington Museum. There are, of course, also interesting cases of Albinos, but I did not see any Hybrids. Would it not be a valuable addition to the collection if the owners of good specimen Hybrids, who are so unlucky as to lose them, were to forward the bodies to the museum? I have not inquired, but I imagine they would be gladly accepted.

A. H. Scott.

Who is Right?

Sir,—A correspondent to "The Times," writing on the ravages of birds, says: "It is a pity, especially in war time, to see this great destruction of human food which a comparatively infinitesimal sum of money and a little organisation by the Board of Agriculture would prevent. I do not think the County Councils can do what is needful without the support of the Board of Agriculture. It is true that County Councils can withdraw protection from some kinds of birds, but the relief which that step affords has been proved to be practically nil."

I fancy that the principal argument of the supporters of bird protection has been that without the protection of the Wild Birds Acts and their extension by local councils, birds would soon become extinct through the greed of bird-catchers. Surely there seems to be some contradiction here?

Lorgnette.

A Message from the Dardanelles

Sir,—Owing to the numerous letters which my wife is receiving at my home address for birds, etc., I hope you will let me say that I cannot oblige at present, as I am doing my bit in the Dardanelles. I disposed of my live stock last August, except a few for stock, but if I get through this war I hope to start business again and give satisfaction and quality to my customers as I have done in the past. Up to the present I have had a rough time, but keep on smiling and looking forward to having a happy time amongst my feathered friends. I have often thought of the pleasures one derives from his pets whilst I was hid in my dug-out, listening to the Linnets singing amidst the booming of the artillery and the shrapnel. I have found Linnets, Larks, Magpies, and also one snake about a yard long, all killed by stray bullets and shrapnel. Bird life is quite plentiful on the Peninsula, and I am sorry that I cannot have a stroll when we are out of the trenches, so as to have a look into the trees and hedgerows, but we are not allowed to leave our rest camps on account of shell fire and stray bullets from the firing line. Several chaps in my battalion have managed to secure Blackbirds from the nest, and are rearing them on milk and eggs, and wholemeal biscuits. I saw a French artillery gunner with a bird resembling the Indian Mynah following him about quite tame and docile, but, owing to his lack of English, I could not get to know how he became possessed of it. Flies during the day and insects at night cause us a lot of worry. Swallows are very plentiful, and there are flocks of Carrion Crows and odd Vultures coming over our lines regularly, also Barbary Doves. I hope to send you a full description of the bird life here later on, as we advance further up, when we shall be able to have a ramble round and take notes. I should very much like to know of any other Cage Birds readers who are at present out here. I expect I shall be leaving hospital and going back soon to have another go at the Turks. This makes my third time of being wounded; two bullets in the shoulder, and one in the fingers, and at present I am just getting over an attack of dysentery. If you have any old copies of Cage Birds I shall be very pleased to distribute them. I wish you and Cage Birds every success.

Pte. J. H. Cawson,
Royal Marines,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

[A parcel of Cage Birds has been forwarded to Pte. Cawson, with our best wishes for his safe return.—Ed.]

Ringed Linnet Caught.

Sir,—I have caught a Linnet at Pilling, near Garstang, Lancs, with a ring on its leg, outside Witherby, High Holborn, London, inside Z720. Will you report same and oblige,

Edward Robinson.

Moulting British Birds on Wild Seeds.

Sir,—I also have read with considerable interest the splendid articles by Mr. Chas. Prior that have appeared in your valuable paper, Cage Birds, during the last few months, and I note Mr. Chick's letter referring thereto. As a fancier of some twenty years' standing, a few words from me on the above subject may be of some interest to young fanciers.

Reading Mr. Chick's letter, one would naturally come to the conclusion that Mr. Prior had advocated moulting British birds entirely on wild seeds, but unless I missed an article, he has never made this statement; in fact, I can hardly realise that a fancier of his experience would do so. What I understand Mr. Prior's articles to convey is that the addition of these wild foods to the diet of British birds is beneficial to them at all times, and especially during the moult. This, of course, is an undoubted fact.

That you can moult some birds a good colour on ordinary mixed seed I do not doubt, yet this does not prove that had these birds been given a plentiful supply of wild seeds their colour would not have been enhanced. I do not doubt Mr. Chick's statement that a bird moulted entirely on wild seed, and then thrown back on ordinary seed, would develop the red lump, and probably the hump as well; indeed, the fancier who had an ordinary stock of British birds, and the time and patience to collect enough wild seeds sufficient to moult his stock on them solely, would deserve better returns for his labour.

I have moulted some of the best Linnets, Redpolls, Bullies, and Greenies that have appeared on the show bench, and I can assure fanciers that my birds have had during the moult as much wild food as I could give them, and I have with few exceptions found no trouble in keeping them in vigorous health. As I write I have by me a flight in the middle of which is a large bundle of seeding dock, and the Linnets and Redpolls are busily engaged in extracting the seeds, to their evident pleasure, and, I may add, are coming out a grand colour. A pan containing the ordinary seed mixture is supplied, and to this they also do justice.

Let us take, for instance, the Bullfinch and Greenfinch. It is seldom you find a cage moulted specimen as bright and pure in colour as you do a F.M. one. How do you account for this? After careful consideration, the only conclusion I can come to is that it is caused by the lack of the seeds they would be able to obtain in a wild state, and in a great measure to the lack of open air. Some fanciers may take exception to the latter remark re open air, but after experimenting with birds moulted in their own cages in the open air day and night (of course protected from rain), I have found that my birds thus moulted were much better in colour than those indoors. The only objection to this method is that the birds get rather unsteady, and require a few weeks indoors before you can exhibit them.

Regarding Mr. Chick's statement that many catchers moult Linnets and Goldies as well as any one on hard seed in their hop cages, I cannot entirely agree with him. That many a champion has been found moulted in a catcher's hop cage I will readily admit, but Mr. Chick does not tell us how this is. Anyone who has had any experience with catchers generally has a look at the catchers' call birds, for the simple reason that most, if not all, of them, when handling the birds in taking them out of their carrying case, feel a bird that is larger than the ordinary ones, and in nine cases out of ten they give him a cage to himself, and if he is what they term a "pretty" bird they keep him, and, being larger and more vigorous, he comes on to call quicker, and is taken out along with the other call birds and given a little tit bit now and again. Hence the reason that so many good ones are picked up in hop cages.

That some of these birds, owing to size, or some other point, may beat some better cared for specimens, I am not going to argue, but I do say that if a fancier gets hold of one of these birds and moults it the following year he can improve it beyond all recognition. Is this not so, Mr. Chick? Another thing Mr. Chick does not tell us is that, in addition to their ordinary seed, many fanciers colour feed their British birds (Linnets, Redpolls, etc.), yet I very much doubt if they can even by this method turn a Linnet or 'Poll out a better colour than with wild seeds.

Regarding the Hawfinch, I have never found any trouble caused through giving them green peas. True, I only gave them two or three pods each per day as a treat, along with any other wild food I had by me, in addition to their ordinary seeds, and for several years I successfully exhibited them.

The greatest drawback to a town dweller is to find the time in which to go out to the country and collect the wild seeds. I happen to be one of the fortunate ones that live in the country, and can gather the wild seeds, berries, etc., almost at my door, and at threshing time it has often struck me that if fanciers were to get into touch with a farmer in their district he would be pleased to give them a sack full of wild seeds, sufficient to last them twelve months. Get rid of it he must, or it will increase a hundredfold, and the usual method a careful farmer employs is to burn it.

To be a successful exhibitor you must get colour into your birds, either by artificial feeding or natural feeding. If the former method is used, my experience has been that the birds do not survive as long or look any better than when fed for colour with wild seeds. With colour food in many instances you have trouble to get the birds to eat it, many having to be forced into it, whereas all this difficulty is avoided with wild seeds.

Linnets, as Mr. Chick says, are liable to get red swelling, but I have found they are not so liable to develop this if they are allowed plenty of flight. It is only reasonable to infer that a bird taken from the open, cooped up in a little cage, and put on hard seed (probably being caught at a time when wild food is difficult to get), overfeeds himself, and in such a case inflammation quickly sets in and proves fatal. A few drops of buckthorn in the water twice a week I find very beneficial in these cases if taken in time.

S. J. Nicholas.

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Late Nest of Swallows.

Sir,—On a visit to the schoolmaster at Frowell, Notts., on Oct. 1, I was surprised to see Swallows feeding young in the nest over the bedroom window. I thought you might find this interesting for Cage Birds, as I think this is very late.

J. H. Murray, Ilkeston.

An Open Show in Glasgow.

In Lieu of the Scottish National.

Sir,—An open Cage Bird Show will be held in Glasgow on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 next. The show is to be run solely for the Red Cross Society's Funds, and it is hoped that such a deserving object will be a great success. This step has been taken owing to the Scottish National having to postpone their show this year, because of a suitable hall not being available. Fuller particulars in Cage Birds later.

Robt. Heggie.

On Taming Canaries.

Sir,—In reply to F. Dean's letter in this week's Cage Birds, I should like to say that, so far as I know, there is no secret in taming Canaries if you begin to feed them before they have their eyes open, or very soon after. I have tamed a good many, and I find the pleasure they give quite repays one for the trouble. Mine are perfectly tame, sharing the breakfast table, and even going into the garden with me. If I would let them they would simply live on my shoulder. They will sit on my work when I am busy sewing, and amuse themselves with the cotton. One I reared I had many years, which shows hand-rearing does not curtail their lives.

A. F.

The Exhibition Yellow Bunting.

Sir,—In reply to "Sheffield," if he is a member of either of the Sheffield societies I would come over any meeting night and have a debate with him on any exhibition British bird or birds he likes to mention, and I will leave it to the members to give a decision whether I showed animosity to Mrs. Dalton's article without cause. Sheffield can invite all the novices in and around Sheffield to come, and we will see what Sheffield and all the merest novices know about moulting British birds for exhibition on Nature's food. I should be delighted for Sheffield to give a special invitation to all the lady fanciers in Sheffield to come to the meeting, and I will do my best to be polite and to treat them as ladies.

H. J. Chick.

The Chough in the Isle of Man.

Sir,—Mr. Cox, in his letter to Cage Birds, speaks of the vanishing Chough in England, Wales, and Ireland, and says that the last specimen will soon be exterminated by the bird lovers. Now, I know little about birds in those countries, but I do know something about the Isle of Man and its bird life. Fifty years ago the Chough was almost as plentiful around our rocky sea coast and on our mountains as the Jackdaw is to-day, and as little thought about. The Raven, too, was everywhere to be met with, as was also the Carrion Crow.

At the time of which I write the greater portion of the mountains were common lands, i.e., the public were allowed free pasture. Smallholders or crofters were plentiful, and every person who could afford kept sheep. Live stock did not get the same care and attention as they do to-day. Sheep scab, foot rot, grubs, and other diseases were almost allowed to take their own course—it was a case of the survival of the fittest. The consequences were that everywhere you went on the mountains you would see dead sheep, and they were left to rot where they fell, becoming one seething mass of maggots. These maggots found their way to a piece of ground suitable for them to hibernate and pass the winter. On the mountains one would see patches of grass of a greener shade, denoting that something had died near about the place during the summer months. Now, sir, these little green patches on the mountains were the Choughs' winter food supply.

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The more plentiful, the better for the Chough. He is not a carrion bird, but without carrion he cannot exist.

Live stock keeping in the Isle of Man has undergone a wonderful change in my own time. About forty years ago the Manx Government bought the common lands from the Commissioners of Woods and Forests, and let them to large sheep farmers. After this came the appointment of inspectors to look after all live stock, and each year the laws of the island have become more stringent with regard to reporting and suppressing disease in animals. As far as possible, every animal that dies has to be buried, a serious blow to the Chough. Forty years ago the bird was known as the Keg, and I don't believe that it or its eggs were interfered with by any person. From this date they began to fall off in numbers, and 18 to 20 years ago were almost as scarce as they are to-day.

The Raven, too, has become rare; you may walk all day and hear the croak of one Raven only. As for the Carrion Crow, he has disappeared altogether. Now, sir, in my opinion the bird lovers have nothing to do with the disappearance of the Chough, but the altered conditions of things on the island have been the sole cause. I might state that the summer food of the Chough is ants' eggs, on which he also feeds his young.

Then, again, take the Goldfinch in the Isle of Man. Up to about 15 or 16 years ago the Isle of Man was a paradise for the Goldfinch. No person troubled to cut thistles, docks, or any other weed. In May and June in almost every orchard you would see the Goldfinch housekeeping. In August and September it was a beautiful sight to see them in a field of thistles, flitting from thistle to thistle with their yellow wing-bars glinting in the sun. All that has changed. You might now walk all day long without seeing a Goldfinch. The insular Legislature passed the "Noxious Weeds Act," which compels all land-holders to cut down all noxious weeds before the 1st day of August of each year. These few facts are, to my mind, conclusive evidence that the disappearance of the Chough is due to the altered condition of things, and not, as Mr. Cox would have us believe, the "Bird Lovers."

John Gale, Ramsey.

Hamilton's Open Show Deserves Success.

Sir,—The fanciers of Hamilton and district from their show last year handed over to the provost (Provost Moffat) the sum of thirty-four pounds in aid of the War Relief Funds. The same fanciers have decided to have another open show on Saturday, Dec. 11, when the whole proceeds will go to the funds of the "Red Cross" and "Local Relief." Take a note of the date, brother fanciers, and make a resolution that as far as you are concerned, the effort will not lack for support. Help the brave lads fighting our battle at the Front, and add to the comforts of their dear ones left at home.

Walter S. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

Herbert J. Chick on Himself —and Some Others.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. Weston, I might tell him I am not given up to telling untruths; what I stated was quite true, as far as I am concerned. I did not ask for the information, one of the members called on me and told me what was said, and I expect his word is as good as Mr. Weston's. I did not ask how much Mr. Weston got for judging Nottingham show, nor did I want to know.

Mr. Weston says "his inclination is to tell Mr. Chick to mind his own business, but I well know that he is by temperament quite unable to do any such thing." The time is quite vivid in my mind when Mr. Weston could not tell the truth, nor could he mind his own business. Perhaps since he has learned to do both. I well remember the Leicester Ideal show managed by Mr. Weston, and he managed it so well that it was the last. I fail to see how a man could judge a show of British Birds, or anything else, for that matter, if he dislikes judging. Is it because he is conscious that he has not got the ability to judge, and comes in for severe criticism, and is handled rather roughly by exhibitors who attend the show that he has judged?

Herbert J. Chick.

[We have allowed Mr. Chick a deal more latitude of expression, seeing that his remarks concern a member of our staff, than would otherwise have been the case, and with Mr. Weston's reply, given below, personalities must cease.—Editor.]

Dear Sir,—Mr. Chick made an entirely unprovoked attack upon me, and is now obviously very angry because I dared to resent his remarks. He can easily learn whether the insinuations made by himself are based upon truth. He lives in Nottingham, and has only to call upon the secretary of the show in question, Mr. Wilkinson (or possibly it was Mr. Royce). I believe, in fact, that he actually has seen one or other of these gentlemen. Hence, probably, his reason for dropping the above items like hot potatoes, and attacking me on other personal grounds. I do not care one straw for Mr. Chick's opinion of myself or my ability as a judge. I can at any rate say this: That as long as I remain interested in the cage-bird hobby I shall not put myself forward as a heaven-sent genius, neither shall I descend to pulling to pieces other fanciers and slinging mud at other judges. I have always found exhibitors (with perhaps one or two melancholy exceptions) true sportsmen in every sense of the word. And that is all I have to say to Mr. Chick.

G. E. Weston.

On the Ethics of Colour-feeding.

Sir,—With the advent of another show season may I be allowed to make a few remarks on the question of colour-feeding? I am told that in certain Canary classes colour-feeding is a sine-qua-non if one wants to "be in the money." As I am not very much interested in Canaries, I don't much mind. The Canary is purely an artificial production, so let the Canary fanciers pile up Pelion on Ossa, and produce any colour they like. But I do feel concerned about our Foreign birds, of which I am the very happy possessor of quite a few. I shall never forget the first time I saw, with the eye of a bird-lover, the common Red-collared Lorikeet, and to a less extent the ever popular and charming Pekin Nightingale or Robin. I felt the Creator had indeed thought out something wonderful. But when in after years I went to a show and saw Lorikeets and Pekin Nightingales quite unlike mine, I could not help asking myself "Is it right?"

I quite agree that both birds would appear to some, if not to many, enhanced, but to my mind that is not the question. To me it seems that we should endeavour to show wild birds as they are, and as their Creator intended them to be, and not as we would have them to be. I can see no broad difference between colour-feeding and touching up with some dye. One is applied internally, and the other externally, for we read of "iron to fix the colour." This is an expression obviously borrowed from dyeing. Apart from everything else, I doubt if it is good for the bird. It must affect the liver and kidneys, if nothing else, and, I fear, to their detriment. Colour-feeding is at best a trick, a dodge, and very artificial at that. I plead for a bird on the show bench as fit and as perfect as human care and skill can make it. But in the name of common sense let us have a bird that is natural, and not touched up by art, remembering the motto at the Haymarket Theatre —"Summa ars est celare artem" (The highest art is to conceal art). Therefore, don't let us change our wild birds, either Foreign or English, into painted avian Jezebels.

Simplicissimus.

Intelligence in Birds.

Sir,—The enclosed newspaper cutting, headed "Feathered Surgeons," may interest some of your readers, especially when we are having such an instructive discussion, through the correspondence columns, on "Intelligence in Birds."

"Snipe and Woodcock have often been taken with a mass of feathers on one of the legs. This mass, when examined, has always been found to cover a broken bone. The feathers have been carefully and neatly twisted round the part where the limb was fractured in such a way as to prove that they had been put on intentionally as a bandage or splint; and the repairs have been made quite as skillfully as if performed by a qualified surgeon. A well-known naturalist actually watched a woodcock, through his glasses, drag a broken leg to the margin of a stream. There the bird took some clay, and, after working it into a paste with its beak, smeared it round the leg in layer after layer, adding a number of downy feathers which it plucked from its own back and breast. When the operation was finished the bird stood still for more than an hour, no doubt to give the plaster time to set. Wounds on other parts of the body have also been found plastered in the same way."—"Shields Gazette."

C. Waters.

Sir,—As bearing on the question of intelligence in birds, the following story communicated to the "Spectator" by B. Balfour-Melville may be interesting. The writer says: "There was a time when our suburban garden was much infested by cats—to the great disgust of the birds. When we heard the well-known cry of expostulation from the Blackbirds, we and the dogs used to run to the rescue and chase away the intruders. So often this happened that at last the dogs would, without our intervention, answer the appeal, and rush with tumult from the house to find the enemy when they heard the particular note of alarm. One day my sister was walking in the garden when she heard a Blackbird telling her that danger was near. She followed the call till the bird showed her a cat sound asleep on the roof of an outhouse. When this momentarily harmless foe was dislodged the call continued, and the bird led my sister for some distance to a plantation, where another cat was found sound asleep, also among the bushes. This cat being disposed of, the bird was quite content. We were immensely flattered to find that our small friends realised and appealed to our power and willingness to help them. They were absolutely wild birds, not pensioners."

One Interested.

Sir,—Mr. Teschemaker is continually making assertions without adding proof or evidence in support. I didn't say that humans never died of grief; in fact, I don't know whether they do or not. What I did say was that if humans were to die of grief they would be written down as of low intelligence or non compos mentis. And now Mr. T. assures us that a human cannot die of grief. Will he give us his authority for the statement, and tell us how the dictum was arrived at?

I looked forward to reading his letter this week, thinking it might contain some substantiation of his wild quotations from Lubbock and Fabre, but the ground he has taken up must be untenable, as he vouchsafes no further reference. A long letter of generalities may look well on paper, and may please the superficial reader, but it doesn't blind the observant follower of a controversy.

Miss Pithie's letter proves birds to be possessed of just that amount of intelligence which everyone admits them to have. Her Parrakeet's performance is really only an every-day occurrence with Parrots. Many of them manifest too much intelligence to die of grief. How does a bird find its nest? Because it knows just where it is. A wild bird knows its way about its own little sphere of activity just as well, or even better. Their actions are not haphazard, but Mr. T. wishes to prove that birds can think and reason, and that they know the difference between right and wrong. That we are not going to believe —at least not without better evidence than he adduces.

T. Johnson.

On Keeping and Exhibiting British Birds.

By G. MORTLOCK (Stoke Newington).

(Continued from page 115).

A lecture given before the members of the London and Provincial O.S., on September 16th, 1915.

WHEN I have any birds likely to be useful for show I cage them off in a good-sized cage, one on which I can hang a bath, and here I might say that you will never get a bird in the essential show condition unless it bathes. Some birds do not take very readily to the bath, and in that case I keep their water on without changing for three or four days, and then hang on a bath of nice, fresh water, and it is ten to one they turn in, and after that you will have no trouble. Some birds will not go into the bath, but stand on the side and dip their head in. If you get one like this you must use the spray, for bath they must have.

Flights Best for Moulting.

Now in moulting birds. I have moulted them in the dark, and in the open, in small cages, and in large flights, and of the lot I favour the large flight. If you do not overcrowd them, they come out harder and come into bloom quicker than the bird that is moulted in the dark, as he finishes softer in plumage and has to be hardened off afterwards.

There is another important thing in getting your birds into condition. When you fanciers who live in London get a day in the country when there are plenty of wild seeds about, don't forget to bring as much of it as you can home and thresh it out. If I am out seed gathering I take a sack, and if the seed wants harvesting I lay it in the sun and then thresh it out. You would be surprised how much your birds will repay you for this little extra trouble, but don't overdo the wild seed diet, or when your stock runs out you will find that you will have a job to get your birds back on the stock mixture. Then again, don't be afraid of a bit of green-stuff in season, in the winter sweet apple is very much appreciated by all kinds of British.

I mentioned a short time ago about moulting birds. No doubt some of you have had a bird get stuck in the moult. The reason of this is, I believe, either draught or weakness of the bird's system. I have found it a good practice to give them a dose of Epsom salts, put them away wrapped up in a dark, warm cupboard in the kitchen, or a box in some warm corner; add a bit of saffron to the water, and give them a good spray until you see they are dropping feathers. I have found one of the small cages best for this, as the bird has then no difficulty in finding his seed and water. Before your birds go into moult, see that their nails and beaks are trimmed.

Should they be Colour-fed?

Some fanciers agree with a bit of colour food for British; I don't. I believe it is better to moult British Birds in the open with a good supply of various wild seed and the all essential bath. I remember talking with a gentleman at one of the Crystal Palace shows with reference to colour food for British, and his opinion was that if colour-fed birds were allowed to compete and win, stained birds should also compete and win, the only difference being that one had the colour inside and the other out, and I might here say that this gentleman was the owner of a first prize bird.

Another important point to study is the colour of the show cages. Those of you who are beginners should go to some of the shows and see how some of the winning birds are shown. Take notice of perches, their size, and distance apart. If your bird has been used to a certain jump, see that your show cage is the same, or train your birds to the jump of the show cage, for the bird will show himself much better when he has confidence in his jump. Then again, some birds may require washing for shows, but if they have fairly large cages where they can use their wings and bathe, in my opinion washing is unnecessary. Do not over-show your best birds, because the knocking about on the railway journeys takes a lot out of them.

Different judges prefer different styles of birds. Years ago we used to think the best kind of Goldfinch for showing was the long sharp type, but to-day most judges go for the thicker and larger bird, so much so that in some cases one would think they should be wrong classed. I have in my catching days taken a good few out of the nets, but have never taken any so large as I have seen win; possibly I was not lucky enough to find the spot where the large ones were feeding.

I would like to say that I think the fancier who selects and moults out his birds and shows them successfully is deserving of greater credit than the fancier with the long purse who buys them already fit for show, without the trouble and risk of moulting, but at the same time the latter class of fancier is very useful, for there are plenty of working men who may be lucky enough to get a first-class specimen, and to whom a pound or two through the sale may be very acceptable.

I do not know if any of you have ever tried hand-rearing British. In my early country days I have hand-reared most of our hardbills very successfully, and a good few softbills, but the great difficulty with the softbills was finding them proper food. To-day, with the number of food specialists who pack food for softbills, there is no trouble to keep them for years in the best of health. Hand-reared birds I find take kinder to cage life than young which are hatched out under Canaries. I have had British thus reared just as wild as fresh-caught birds, and in many cases just as hard to steady.

In my opening remarks I said it was more to the novice I wished to speak, and I must say that he has a much greater advantage when starting than I had. To-day we have a paper whereby the beginner can gain knowledge, so that in a very short time he may compete with and whack some of the oldest, but years ago men had to work it out for themselves, and anyone who did know a thing or two kept it to himself. The true fancier is the one who tries to enlighten his fellows.

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WITH FEATHERED FRIENDS IN ARGYLESHIRE.

By DAN McARTHUR (Edinburgh).

Contd. from p. 103

NEARLY hidden by furze bushes, and difficult to get a look at—their movements were so rapid—were the Stonechats. The Blue Tit, familiar to all, is seen regularly flitting about the fir trees. He is a cheeky "bustling wee body," and everyone has a soft side for him, I think. The Wren—"the little brown bird" of our youth, and "the Robin's wife" of many an old tale—is also often in evidence. His little upright tail spots him at once. His song is delightful, and, considering he is one of our tiniest native birds, very loud indeed. The colour of the Greenfinch harmonises so well with the foliage that one missed him often. Less cheerful than the Chaffinch, he is clumsier built, and looks like a Mule often. Tramping from the summit of Kerrera to the ruins of Gylen Castle, an Owl was disturbed out of his sleep, and dashed past us, blinking in the sun, from under an old moss-covered peep-hole in the ancient walls.

Hedge Sparrows and Common Linnets Scarce.

The Corn Bunting was seen several times, also his prettier relative, the Yellowhammer. This is a bird that is not always appreciated as he should be, for he is one of our handsomest hardbills. His habits are almost as hurried as his song, and he takes some steadying for show purposes, but a good one is well worth keeping. The Linnet didn't seem to be too plentiful, though, with hay cutting going on nearly everywhere, there was no lack of stubble to attract him. The Hedge Sparrow—the Robin's first cousin—was common enough. He is really a Warbler surely?

Of Song Thrushes there was no lack, and though silent just now their beauty makes the Mavis always welcome. Their sombre friend the Blackbird was also everywhere, and his indignant alarm note was heard regularly as we approached, as with an angry flap of his tail he hurriedly made his exit. The Wagtails were seen now and then among the streams inland. These sprite-like birds show the value of their protective colouring when flitting about the banks. It is delightful to watch their dainty manner of picking their way among the chuckie-stones, and to see how quickly they come and go after their food.

Like the poor, the Robin is always with us, and no bird is more welcome. His song is one of the few that gladden winter-time. There seems to be an unwritten law everywhere—a mixture of affection, sentiment and superstition—for his special protection, and I believe he knows it. I spotted one nest simply made in a corner of a wire-netting fence on the road over the hills to Connell Ferry from Glencruiten. It is perhaps a selfish motive that makes our smallest birds the least afraid of man.

When the mist lifted off the mountains at Glencoe, a Skylark was heard trilling high up in the loneliness. Though he soars high to sing, his rest is always on the ground. The weather never seems to affect him (or the Robin) much, and for nearly ten months of the year he gives us of his best in song. In May and June one hears him at his best I think. A splendid cage bird, he brightens many a home in the crowded tenements of our great cities. The Missel Thrush is not too common. One I came across, perched on the top of an ancient hill-fort of our forefathers—monarch of all he surveyed—was a real beauty and well worthy of the name "the storm cock."

Leaving the main road lined with stately larch (all lichen-streaked), silver birch, copper beech, with fir and pine trees in between, a green path leads you through long dark plantations (with tops so close the sun barely shines) to a wooded hill. The soft note of the "Cushie Doo," as we Scots call it, or Wood Pigeon, is heard. A herd of Highland cattle, with shaggy hides and great curved horns, gaze at you with big, sad eyes. Countless rabbits scurry away at the sound of your footsteps on the dry bracken and the crumply heather, their little white tails betraying them. It is amusing to see some of the little ones tumble all over the place in their hurry to escape, while others sit upright in curiosity and munch contentedly.

A Strange Combination of Pets.

On the banks of a tumbling little burn an occasional glimpse of the Dipper (or Water Crow) is had. To watch him dart down and dive from some moss-covered stone and listen to his pleasant song, with the Swallows (which are still warbling a little) shooting, skimming and curving overhead wiles a quiet hour away.

The old crofter I met near Loch Feochan had an unusual trio of birds. A Green Plover, a Robin, and a Jackdaw! They had all been injured when he caught them, but like "the broken soldier" in Goldsmith's beautiful poem, "Sweet Auburn," they "remained to stay" and their captivity was a pleasant one. They got a bath in rain-water, and a shovelful of rubbish out of the leaf heap in the garden (full of "wee creepin' beasties") daily to pick over. I might say that the rain here is not the sooty kind one gets in commerce-laden towns.

The birds I did not see were the Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Siskin, Redpoll, Whitethroat, and Ring Ouzel. One must go further North to see the first three, and though the others breed in the shire (to the best of my knowledge) I never came across any.

On my road to the Pass of Glencoe from Ballachulish Pier, I came across several of our representative Game birds, including the Red Grouse (a purely British species by the way), the Capercaillie, in handsome garb (nearly extinct less than half a century ago, but now well distributed), and the common Pheasant. This tramp of eighteen miles was a "gey dreich" one. It rained all the time, and, though it was soft mild rain, a winding path between the huge towering hills was inches deep with rich, red Highland mud of a gluey consistency. The water was running too fiercely to venture to ford the river in order to get into the Inn, and as a good lady near by refused to sell me anything to eat, though her table was covered with newly-baked scones (may her next lot burn!), I had to tramp back to the village again. Even then I had to fill up a form before I could be served.

Seeing a little girl with a big milk pitcher nearly as big as herself, trying to open a gate and hug some "brown wriggling thing" at the same time, I went over to help her, and found it was a wild rabbit. She had taken it out of a snare, and was going to keep it instead of her "Teddy." Kind-hearted little girl, I fear your Bunny would end up in the stew-pot—in these hard times.

On several of the fresh water lochs there were Moorhens, Coots, Wild Duck and plaintive Plovers to be seen, and an occasional water-rat, who quickly took cover in the reeds and peered cautiously at you, his little nose nervously trembling. The ditches on many of the roads near the towns are being energetically scoured for Sphagnum Moss for use in our military hospitals, by Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, and others who wish to do something for our wounded heroes. One meets few people on these tramps this year. The war has called many away, and the motor-bike has weakened the ranks of the tramper I fear. One ignores the law of trespass altogether in Scotland, of course, and soon becomes efficient in surmounting barbed wire fences, mossy dykes, rippling brooks and sea-swept crags.

August is, of course, a fairly silent month with the birds. That never-failing songster the Robin is still heard, however, and his clear treble greets you everywhere. His migrations later seem to be only local. The Lark and the Wren are also August songsters.

One's nerves get a sudden shock now and then when nearing a cottage door, as three or four dogs are sure to rush out and greet you with staccato barks. They are sure to be collies (of no pedigree save utility) or West Highland Terriers (shaggy, white and bandy-legged), and if your looks pass muster they will eagerly leap all round you with joyous noise. There were miles of grand wild food on the common ground here in the thickest profusion. A regular forest of giant Scotch and milk thistles, tall rats-tails, various hardheads, and seedling grasses of all kinds. I gathered enough to do me till next summer, and my few hardbills are working overtime to get through it. A handful of such foods provides not only natural food for caged birds, and reduces the expenses, but also exercise which is important, as the road to the seed tin is too easy sometimes.

The path has many beauties besides these "utilitarians," and with bluebells, poppies, towering foxgloves flanking you on either side, the glorious scent off the hawthorn hedges, the vivid crimson of the ash and rowan berries, clusters of wild raspberries (just at their best) and clumps of hazel nuts (not yet ready alas!), the drone of myriads of tiny insects, and the hum of the bee, with gorgeously clad butterflies flitting round you and the trill of the Lark high in the sky, one carries away a beautiful memory to brighten dull winter days!

Exhibiting the Yorkshire Canary.

Lecture given before the members of the Great Horton Good Intent O.S., by Mr. G. Snead, on September 11th.

I AM put down on the syllabus for a lecture on "Exhibiting the Yorkshire Canary," but as colour has something to do with showing, I think I will start with colour feeding, and then it will follow on from my lecture of April 10, published in CAGE BIRDS of April 24 and May 8. I left off then where we had got the young birds on hard seed. When the young birds are from eight to ten weeks old I add just a little colour to the egg-food to get them used to it for about a fortnight. Then I get it stronger and stronger till I have it at full strength, and then stop using the egg-food for mixing the colour.

A Colour Food Recipe.

I make a loaf from six eggs, 4oz. of sugar, 4oz. of mutton fat (rendered down), 1oz. of baking powder, and 1½lbs. flour. Mix eggs, sugar and fat together, then the flour and baking powder, then mix all together and bake in a slow oven. This I grind up as wanted. To make the colour food I take a teaspoonful of colour, tablespoonful of the powdered loaf, tablespoonful of white bread-crumbs, teaspoonful of sugar, tablespoonful of water, mix all together, and let it stand awhile; then I put it through the mill. I give them a teaspoonful of this in the egg glass each day.

The young birds eat this readily without having to take the seed off. I think this food does the birds good, will help them through the moult, and build them up. The moult is a very serious time, it really is a fever, and if you see any of them going at all wrong stop the colour food and give a milk sop. Next day, egg food; next day, just the yolk of egg; and by then they are generally all right, and you can gradually add colour till you get them on to the full strength again. If the old ones do not eat the colour food, take the seed away, and they will eat it; if not the first day they will the next, and then you can put the seed back, and you will rarely have any more trouble.

Do not disturb the birds more than is absolutely necessary during the moult, for many a good bird has been upset and even killed through being disturbed when in the moult. Never move a bird from one side of the room to the other at this time, especially old birds.

To Induce the Moult.

If you have a bird that is not dropping into the moult at the proper time, put it into a cage with one that has dropped, or even in a cage in which one has been moulted, for I personally believe it is infectious. If that does not set it off, get threepennyworth of saffron, scald it, and when cold bottle the infusion, then it will be ready for use when required. Just make the drinking-water a pale yellow with this each day till the moult starts, and then occasionally for a few days longer. Do not run the birds out while they are right in the moult, but wait till the tail is at full length and properly set.

Begin to stop the colour-food a little when you see it has only the head to do, but even when the head seems to be finished you should give colour food occasionally for a week or two longer to make sure. At the time you begin to stop the colour food give a teaspoonful of linseed once a week, this helps to put a gloss on them. To harden off, put a tablespoonful of sulphate of iron in a bucket of water, and fill the drinking glasses up with this. It is one of the finest things known for hardening, not only Canaries, but any kind of bird, and it also helps to set the colour.

When you have got them through the moult the training begins. Do this by degrees, hang the show cage on for a few days, then run them into the show cage and put them straight down on the work-table. Do your work, and then put them back in their stock cages. Next day run them out again, do a bit of your work, then pick them up, put them back on the table again, and gradually handle them more and more till they are quite steady.

To keep them in show condition I give them the egg food the same as when feeding for breeding. The making of this was described in my last lecture. When you send birds to show, see that the show cages are perfectly clean, plenty of seed in cage-bottom, and in the seed trough; the perches clean, and right side up, tickets tied on right end of cage, water-tin in case, and be sure to see that your birds get to the show in good time. I like mine to be there the night before, so that they can be unpacked and get used to the room, and have time in the morning to dip their heads in the water-tin and be dry again before the judge comes to look at them.

When I get them home from the show I leave them in the case all night, take them into the bird-room on the following morning, and add a drop of whisky to the drinking-water—a teaspoonful to a cup of water.

Various questions were asked, amongst them being the following:—Do you give the bath while going through the moult?—I do not give the old birds a bath till they are through, but I give it to the young birds when they are about three-parts through.

Do you believe in milk-sop?—Yes; I think there is nothing finer, especially in the moulting time. A milk sop is good at any time, even when the birds are quite well; it gives them a good clean out, and keeps them in good condition. Milk sop for sick birds I have already dealt with.

Do you mix anything with the colour feed other than as you buy it?—I mix 5lbs. tasteless with ½-lb. hot Natal.

Do you cover cage up during the moult?—No; if the sun gets on them I run a curtain along the front of the cages about a yard from them, and well above them, so that the birds do not get the full force of the sun.

Is colour feed better new or a year old?—I do not think there is any difference, providing you have kept it in an air-tight tin.

After this, the talk became general, and various experiences were expressed by members present, even to Canaries as homers. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Snead for his most able lecture.

A. FIRTH, Sec.

A Few Words on Red Mites.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

(*Continued from page* 103.)

AFTER a time the number of mites gradually decreased, and on Aug. 15, after watching for some time and not seeing one on the move, the tube was laid aside, and not examined again until August 18, when it was opened and the strip of paper withdrawn. Three mites were then discovered running about in the tube as full of energy as ever, and the tube was again closed, without even the strip of paper for further observation.

On August 25, the latest observation, these three mites were gaily running races round the tube. The colour of the mites has not varied since hatching, not less than 15 days ago, and is of a whitish-grey. In size they are rather smaller now than when hatched. "And no wonder!" did the reader exclaim Verily, it is a problem how and upon what they have lived thus far, and still appear to be "going strong," like Johnny Walker.

The experiment with the second tube was intended to throw some light on the value of quassia baths. A small teaspoonful of finely chopped quassia chips was well macerated in about a fluid ounce of water, thus making a solution considerably stronger than any quassia bath would be used in actual practice. The tube was filled with this solution, and after standing for a time the solution was poured out and the tube laid aside to dry without any rinsing or wiping. Thus, when quite dry a microscopical trace of quassia would exist all over the inside of the tube. Five mites of various sizes were introduced, and sealed up on August 13, no strip of paper or anything of any description being enclosed with them.

On the morning of August 14 a number of ova were found to have been deposited. On August 15 the first young were hatched. The period of incubation in this case seems to have been a trifle shorter, and as the weather was becoming rather warmer and more settled it adds some colour to the theory that in hot weather it may be reduced to as little as 24 hours. The adult mites have been left undisturbed, and ova, which hatched out in due course, continued to be deposited for several days, and there are now quite a little crowd of immensely active mites, whose peregrinations are extremely energetic at night, by which they show a fidelity to their nocturnal habits even in these uncongenial surroundings. At the time of writing, August 25, the activity of both old and young is quite unabated, but, as in the other case, the young have slightly decreased in size, and the adults have lost much of their former full blooded and plump appearance.

(To be continued.)

GREAT AUTUMN SHOW FOR LONDON.

The London Cage Bird Association, the National British Bird and Mule Club, and the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League stick to their Guns.

LONDON is not to be without a great Cage-bird Show this season, for, notwithstanding the conditions prevailing, and despite the fact that a deficit upon last year's show had to be discharged by the three societies concerned, the joint annual show of the London C.B.A., the British Bird and Mule Club, and the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League will be held as usual at the Horticultural Hall, Westminster, and we are sure that all bird-keepers will have seen with great satisfaction the advertisement to that effect which appeared in our last issue.

We need not go into details at present, especially as many of these are given in the letters which we have pleasure in publishing below, but we would in all sincerity point out that it is the individual duty of every owner of an exhibition bird, whether it be a Canary, Hybrid, British Bird, or Foreign bird, to acknowledge the public spirit of the three societies by supporting the venture with every possible entry. All information appertaining to the show will be published in our columns as received, and exhibitors should be on the look out for this from week to week.

SIR,—In spite of the fact that we have been and are passing through serious times, I think it is the duty of fanciers who are not prevented by circumstances from taking active part in warfare, to maintain as far as is possible the status of their hobby; not only because such a recreation helps to relieve the strain, which is more or less incumbent upon all of us, but because livestock of any kind requires something in the shape of a good show to maintain its intrinsic value. Because of this a number of London fanciers have given up considerable time, accompanied naturally by expense, in order that at least one good open exhibition should be held in London during 1915.

That such an exhibition cannot reasonably be expected to produce a monetary profit is more or less a foregone conclusion. On the other hand, if the interest in our hobby is allowed to abate it is quite possible that those who keep or have bred birds will not find them of much value, and those who may depend directly or indirectly upon the hobby commercially, i.e., providers of live stock may suffer more than they have already done. Therefore an arrangement has been made by which the usual International Exhibition of Cage Birds will take place at the Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, Westminster (see advt.) on Dec. 10th, 11th, and 13th, 1915.

This exhibition will be conducted upon entirely new lines, viz., the Canary section will be managed solely by the London Cage Bird Association; the British and Hybrid sections by the National British Bird and Mule Club; and the Foreign section by the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League. The respective hon. secretaries will each have his section solely under his personal control. Each section will have its own staff of judges, stewards, and helpers, and the hon. sec. will conduct all matters connected therewith. All other matters will be under the control of a show manager. This position has been allotted to me, and I hope, all being well, to bring about such arrangements that no shortcomings are likely to occur, and I feel sure that the body of helpers who are giving their services to make this show a success will so act that there will be no reasonable cause for complaint. If exhibitors and advertisers support the venture as far as lies in their power, I think I can state that they will in no way regret it, because arrangements have been made that in event of illness or any other matter preventing an official from carrying out his duties, someone has been provided to fill the breach. All prizes and sale money will be paid out within fourteen days, and exhibitors who may sell birds, if visiting the show, will be able to claim the purchase money between stated hours.

Whilst expressing my indebtedness to all those who have assisted and are assisting me in the management of this fixture, I crave the attention and interest of all readers of CAGE BIRDS, and I ask them to send the results of their handiwork to this exhibition and to persuade everyone they can to come and see them.

ALLEN SILVER, F.Z.S.

SIR,—With your kind permission may I point out to everyone interested in Foreign birds that their help is required to make a success of the exhibition which is to take place on Dec. 10, 11, and 13. Enthusiasts have made it possible to provide an extensive classification for Foreign birds, and the League which is taking the section entirely under its wing will endeavour to do everything possible to meet the requirements of intending exhibitors. May I ask all Foreign bird keepers, who may not be prevented by other circumstances, to respond by doing one or all of several things, viz.: Show as many birds as they can. Induce fellow bird-keepers to do the same. Visit the show. Special prizes will be welcomed, and will help largely to encourage interest. If these be sent now they can be included in the schedule. This year Lovebirds will have a class to themselves, and Conures, Small-billed Parrakeets, and Cockatiels will compete together, this change having been made possible through the kind help of Messrs. Maxwell and Frost. The extensive classification provided gives keepers of all kinds of Foreign birds a chance to win, and the respective merits of the birds competing should this season be accurately judged from an exhibition point of view, because the judges chosen (see Club Report) have had long and successful careers as exhibitors of the respective groups of birds themselves. Two good shows have been held under the League's organisation, and even in these times let us hope that we may get together even a better show.

ALLEN SILVER, F.Z.S.

SIR,—As will be seen from your advertisement columns, the Great Cage Bird Show at the Horticultural Hall will be held on Dec. 10, 11, and 13, and on behalf of the London Cage Bird Association I ask your permission to appeal specially to Canary exhibitors to support their own section as they should, considering the risk the joint societies are undertaking in again venturing on a great open show. Last year a great deficit had to be covered, so it is up to them to take their own share in ensuring that that deficit is negatived this year.

It is a particularly anxious time for me personally, as this will be my first open show since my election as sec. of the London C.B.A., the society which is controlling the Canary section, but with the willing help of my esteemed friend and co-worker, Mr. P. Johnston, and other officials of the society, who are much better known to the exhibiting world, every assistance will be given Mr. Allen Silver in his capacity of show manager to assure the success of the venture.

The old maxim "Many can help one," surely applies here, and as there will again be no Palace show this year, Canary exhibitors should grasp the opportunity and help to make the exhibition the greatest bird show ever seen, and at the same time take their share of the generous fruits which will be offered. The patronage of all the Canary specialist societies has been obtained, classification will be liberal, there will be no amalgamation of classes, and no class with more than nine entries will be cancelled.

I also appeal to fanciers all over the country to make the utmost endeavour to pay the show a personal visit. Any old official in the show world will tell you to what an extent a good "gate" contributes towards success, and certainly no more delightful hall could be desired for such an exhibition, or as a place in which old friends and former opponents may foregather, and at the same time form new acquaintances. In conclusion I may state that the gentlemen forming the sub-committee of the joint societies are not the men to brook any delay in bringing the financial affairs of the exhibition to a speedy close, so there is no opening for scruples on that scale.

ARTHUR J. WATCHAM, Hon. Sec., L.C.B.A.

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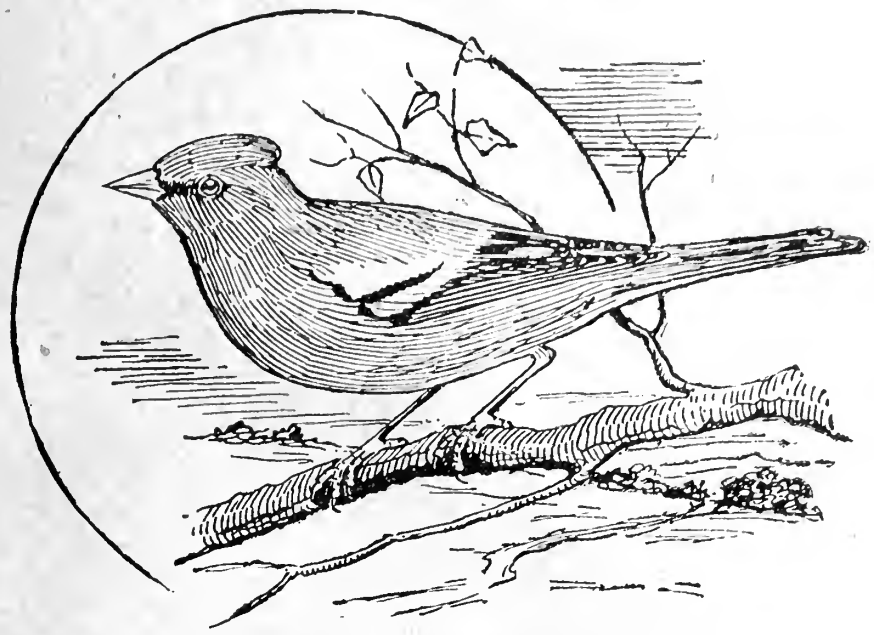

THE CHAFFINCH.

The specimen from which our drawing was made won 1st Prize at the Scottish National Show for Messrs. Nicholson and Son, Stockton-on-Tees.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashington C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Miners' Hall, Ashington, 6. To reconsider classification for annual show; notice of motion given; subs.—C. F. Tapson.

Alfreton C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Red Lion Hotel, 6. Important show business.—G. Beardall.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 7.30. Classification, judges, etc., for annual show.—E. Johnson.

Bradford City O.S.—Oct. 9, Flying Dutchman, 6.30. Final arrangements for open show.—W. Helliwell.

Bishop Auckland.—Oct. 17, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7. Special meeting; show business.—Wm. Crowther.—(Please forward your address.—Ed.)

Blaydon C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Draw specials for annual show and other important business.—G. Havver.

Barry F. and F.S.—Oct. 9, Headquarters, committee 7, general 8. Final arrangements for members' show.—H. P. Thomas.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Oct. 9, Shoulder of Mutton, 7. Open show business.—F. P. Terry.

Burnley C.B.S.—Oct. 10, 75, Lindsay Street, Burnley, 7. Lecture by a popular judge and fancier. A members' show is fixed for Nov. 6. Fanciers wishing to join should apply to James Moorhouse, 102, Nairne Street, Burnley.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Oct. 12, Joiners' Arms, 8. Show business.—J. Kilshaw.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Oct. 11, Church Institute, 60, Paddington St., Marylebone, W., 8. Cage-making demonstration, by Mr. A. W. Curtis. Visitors heartily welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, private entrance, 8. Show business; members are asked to attend to settle all business.—W. D. Fryctt.

Coventry Godiva L.B.S.—Oct. 11, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Open show business; very important.—F. A. Green.

Crested Canary Club.—An extraordinary meeting, in accordance with Rule 8, will be held at the Red Lion, 2, York St., Piccadilly, on Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 7.30 sharp. All members should kindly attend. Business very important.—T. Heath.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Important business.—Smith and Lees.

Crewe O.S.—Oct. 12, Burton Hotel, 8. General business.—N. L. Croft.

Darlington C.B.S.—Oct. (date not given.—Ed.), George Hotel, 7.15. Contributions; classification for unflighted show. Business re schedules.—F. Stothard.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Black Bull, 7. Final arrangement for inter-club and members' shows.—G. Hunt.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—Oct. 12, 19, Rolland St., 7. Final show business. Note change of date.—R. T. Campbell.

East Ham C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Town Hall, 8. Washing competition.—F. Onslow.

Farnworth C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Church House, Church Road, 7.30. Show business.—W. Dawson.

Gt. Horton O.S.—Oct. 9, Station Hotel, 7. Special meeting to arrange for old show.—A. W. Hartley.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Oct. 9, Grange Congregational School, All Saints' Road, Dirkhill. Members' show; birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. S. Wilcock, Eccleshill.—A. Firth.

Halifax O.S.—Oct. 9, Plummet Line Hotel, 3. Members' show; birds staged at 3. Judge, Mr. E. Clegg, Dewsbury. All cocks.—H. Clegg.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Oct. 13, St. George's, 8. Show business.—J. W. Thornton.

Leigh C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Railway Hotel, 7.15. Washing competition, entry fee, 3d. First bird at 7.30 prompt, to be judged at 9.30, by T. Collier. Friends invited.—R. Charleson.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Oct. 16, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7. Show business; schedules and entry forms to hand.—T. J. McGregor.

London and Counties' A.C.B.—Oct. 16, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse St., E.C., 7.45. Washing exhibition and competition for members; two prizes given by W. Gilbert. Please bring some birds.—W. Gilbert.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Oct. 14, Oldham Hall, 8. Lecture by Mr. F. Handley on "Preparing Birds for Exhibition." Local fanciers, especially novices, cordially invited.—T. R. Jones.

Midland Roller C.C.—Oct. 14, Seven Stars, John's Lane, Wolverhampton, 7.30. Important business: schedule; allocating of specials.—J. N. Thomson.

Middlesbro' and Tees-Side C.B.S.—Adjourned meeting for Oct. 16 rescinded, as rooms for Fed. show at Princess Alice Hotel are suitable and accepted.—T. C. Deans.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—Oct. 12, Mechanics' Institute, 8.30. Talk by Mr. H. Chick. Subject: Herbert J. Chick on himself and some others.—J. G. Royee.

Oldham C.B.S.—Oct. 12, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Members and friends invited; business of show; important.—G. Mills.

Provincial Roller C.C.—A special meeting, Oct. 9, Headquarters, 6. Special business.—W. Johnson.—(Kindly forward your address.—Ed.)

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Trinity School, Repsford Street, Woolwich, 8. Audit report; show business; lecture on "Yorkshires," by Mr. Martin. Subs. needed to carry on. Fanciers invited.—G. H. Maclellan.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Oct. 9, Old Boar's Head Hotel, 6. Special meeting, show and other business.—A. Percival.

Shipley O.S.—Oct. 8, Central Schools, 7. Open show arrangements for Oct. 9.—Long and Craven.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Wharf Hotel. First winter show, birds staged 7. Judge, Mr. W. Spencer, Hebden Bridge.—G. Mitchell.

Springburn, Possil Park, C.B.C.—Oct. 13, Reid Hall, 8.—J. Waugh.

South London Col. and F.A.—Oct. 14, Headquarters, 7.45. Show and general meeting.—G. Burton.

S.E. London F. and F.A.—Oct. 9, N. Camberwell Constitutional Club, 432, Old Kent Road. Show, all sections, 2 till 9. Admission 3. Cage birds judge, Mr. G. Gardner.—R. Jackson.

Swansea C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Headquarters, 7.30. Discussion on open show.—D. P. Rees.

Tong C.B.S.—Oct. 12, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.30. Open show business.—W. Walker.

Vale of Leven.—Oct. 19, Village School, Alexandria, 8. Show business.—J. Hannah.

Walkley C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Westmorland Street Mission Hall, 8. Table show: novices only: nomination of officers. Fanciers invited.—C. Tomlinson.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Horse and Groom, 6. First old show of the season. Judge, Mr. L. C. Casey, Bowling. Please give us a good entry.—W. Chapman.

Wallsend Mid Tyne Assn.—Oct. 13, Station Hotel, 7. Important show business and awarding prize-money. Schedules ready.—G. Greenwell.

West Stanley Victoria F.F. and C.B.S.—Oct. 10, Club Room, 6.30. Election of stewards for annual show, Dec. 4, 5, and Mr. Sanderson's appeal re showing non-members' stock last show.—R. Hutchinson.

Walton, Everton C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Headquarters, 8.30. Final arrangements for show.—W. C. Robinson.

Wigan Roller Club.—Oct. 9, Legs of Man Hotel, 6.30. Club and show business.—P. Greenall.

York C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Headquarters, 8. To appoint stewards and make arrangements for open show.—V. G. S. Zimmermann.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

NOT YET SINGING (W. Morris).—It is rather early yet for birds to resume singing after the moult. Some birds have, of course, got over the moult and are singing again now, but these are rather in the way of being a little exceptional than otherwise. Between these and the latest beginners, about the end of January, there is a very wide margin, which gives your bird plenty of time to think the matter over. He will resume more quickly if you keep him caged alone in a moderate-sized cage. Place him in a bright cosy position, where the temperature is fairly equable, but see that it is quite free from cold direct draughts, and do not allow it to hang near or over burning lights in the evenings. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give separately twice a week half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and maw. For the next fortnight give also every second day a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a morsel of some green salad daily. For two days add to the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and after this give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

A TRIO (A. C. W., Dalston).—(1) When short of accommodation it is quite feasible to keep a group composed of British cocks and Canary hens together in a flight. Neither cocks nor hens will take any harm from the association, and in cases where one is going to try for Mules with the birds the following season, it is rather an advantage, as it accustoms the birds to each other and makes the road to successful mating easier. (2) The cocks will sing more or less when kept under these conditions, but you will not get the best in song out of them. For the latter purpose you must cage them up singly; that is, the cocks. The hens will in any case be all the better for having the run of a large flight through the winter. (3) Yes, mixed cocks in flights will sing more or less, but the same remarks apply here as to No. 2.

C. M.—Replied to by post.

IS IT GAPES? (W. H.).—I should greatly doubt the bird being affected with this scourge of the poultry yard unless there were really some badly affected poultry close at hand, and even in that case a caged bird should not become affected without some careless management. Do not get probing its throat any more. It is far more likely that it is troubled with some bronchial trouble. Treat the bird for this in the way that has been already advised by post, and if there is not a great improvement in about a month, please write again, repeat particulars, and do not forget to say whether there are really any gape-stricken poultry about the vicinity. Meantime, as an additional precaution, boil all water before use, keep food and water vessels scrupulously clean, and do not give any green food gathered from ground to which suspected poultry have access.

SHELLING SEED (U.S.A.).—It is due to digestive trouble. If you could keep these birds in a comfortable temperature for a time it would help them considerably to pull round, but do not overheat them. Give a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Give separately every second day a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, teazle, niger, and maw, and a morsel of banana. Stick a cube of hard common salt in the wires for a time for them to peck at when they like. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week. After this give instead six drops each of tincture of gentian and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. If not well in a month, write again, and I will advise you further.

BLOOD PERCENTAGE (J.A.W.).—(1) It is quite possible for a bird with 62½ per cent. of cinnamon blood to be quite heavily variegated with cinnamon colour, or even with less than that percentage. Still, in the particular case in which you say I gave 62½ as the percentage of cinnamon blood in my last reply, I think you must have stated the case rather differently this time, as it appears that youngster would have 75 per cent. instead of 62½. Thus, the young from a hen with 50 per cent. of cinnamon blood mated with a 100 per cent. cock would have 75 per cent. cinnamon blood. The young from this mating, and birds with 100 per cent. green blood, would have 62½ per cent. green and 37½ per cent. cinnamon. From the heavy marked cinnamon cock and the clear hen with 100 per cent. green blood you would probably get variegated cinnamons and greens, more or less heavily marked, and in this case all the cinnamon marked birds would be hens. In the other case, the hen with 75 per cent. green blood, mated with a cock with 100 per cent. cinnamon blood, would produce young with 37½ per cent. green and 62½ per cent. cinnamon blood. (2) I know of no book dealing fully with blood percentages, except in a general way. The subject is dealt with in Part. XI. of "Our Canaries," by the late Mr. J. North, who is probably the greatest authority we have had on this particular matter, and you could not do better than try to get that number.

INSECTS, AND NOT SINGING (G. L.).—The cause of the bird's condition is undoubtedly the insects, with which it must be badly infested. The first step towards treatment must be to exterminate these pests. Allow it to bathe freely, and add a few drops of quassia essence to the bath three times a week for a week or two. In addition to the staple diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it every second day for two or three weeks, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats. Four times a week give a spray of some green salad, or sweet fruit when the former is not available. In the drinking water add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea and ten drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and every third day in the next week.

POWDERY PLUMAGE (A.S.P.).—It seems much more likely that the bird's condition is due to its being run down by the moult than that it is the effect of red mites. At the same time, you would be well advised to keep a sharp eye on the cage to prevent any increase in the pest. Touch the ends of the perches and any spot that seems a likely harbour for them with the fluid already advised twice each week, until some weeks after all trace of the pest has disappeared. For the rest, keep the bird in a fairly warm place, that is, quite free from direct cold draughts, and treat as advised in my reply sent you by post.

NOT MOULTING (H. R.)—First of all give the hen a vapour bath, as you may have seen described in these columns on many occasions. Then remove the bird to a rather warmer room, not necessarily overheating it. Keep a light cover over the cage. Add to the drinking water every second day 20 drops of whisky, five of syrup of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece, and on the alternate days give a piece of bread and milk the size of a large hazel nut dusted with flowers of sulphur and then sprinkled with soft sugar. Continue this treatment for a fortnight, and then if the bird has not commenced to drop feathers, remove it back to the colder room, and stop giving the sulphur, and be careful to see that the bird is not exposed to direct draughts. This latter move should set the moult going in good earnest, and when it has made a good start you may take the bird back to the milder room to finish. In case it has commenced to shed its feathers freely by the end of the fortnight after the first move, allow it to remain until it has shed all its feathers and is tightened up again in plumage.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

A ROOM AS AN AVIARY (A. M. Cook).—Your room could be used very nicely for birds. You had better fasten up the fireplace to prevent accidents, and it would be necessary to ventilate the room in some way; you could partly open the window, of course covering the opening with wire, and if the wind and rain found its way in, you would then ventilate by the doorway. For this purpose you would need a wire door to use on such occasions in place of the usual one. This wire door could be hung by hinges on the door post so as to work in an opposite direction to the proper door, so when one was open the other could be shut. There is no reason why you should not make use of the small window in your sitting-room, although I am afraid you would find it rather draughty at time. (2) If the ash tree and shrubs are in tubs or large flower pots, they could easily be moved about, or even taken outside when the room was being cleaned. (3) As regards birds, I would suggest the following: Six hen Canaries, two hen Goldfinches, one hen Bullfinch and one hen Greenfinch, three cock Canaries, two cock Goldfinches, one cock Greenfinch, and one cock Linnet. With this collection you would breed some Canaries, and possibly one or two of the British hens would nest, and there would be just a sporting chance of Hybrids. (4) With all Canary hens and British cock birds you would be almost certain to breed a fair number of Mules, but I think you would find the mixed collection more interesting. (5) You can let them fly all together during the winter; they will not nest too early in the spring, unless you force them with stimulating food. (6) As regards food, when you have decided upon the birds you will keep, send me the list, and I will advise you further.

A BLACK MULE (E. Panther).—You omitted to send your address, which is contrary to our rules; kindly send it on a postcard. In my time I have seen about three specimens of Mules that have moulted out black, or nearly so, and all these have been Goldfinch-Canary crosses, so that yours is not an isolated case, although somewhat rare. As for the value of it, I do not think you would obtain more than for an ordinary specimen, unless someone particularly wanted it for a collection of rare-feathered Hybrids.

FINCHES AND SOFTBILLS IN AVIARY (T.J.J.).—The following method of feeding would answer your purpose. Stock mixture: Canary three parts, teazle two parts, summer rape one part. Make another mixture of niger, maw, and gold of pleasure, and give a spoonful per bird three days a week, and on other days a spoonful of wild seed mixture. Offer a little hemp daily just for the benefit of the Goldies, and a good handful of sound sunflowers. Do not give them both at the same time, but let them have one in the morning and the other later on in the day. (2) As regards the Nightingale, if he will persist in roosting outside, you should place some good thick evergreens for him; these can be in tubs or pots, and placed in any particular spot he favours. If you are afraid of the cats, I think your safest plan would be to shut him in with the others. It will not make any difference to his singing. Choosing any particular spots to roost in is simply a habit with birds, and even when at liberty they will quickly take to another if disturbed. Nightingales do not confine their singing to the hours of darkness, many of them sing equally as well in the daytime, but unless one is well acquainted with their music it is not noticed among the chorus of bird voices.

QUAIL AND LANDRAILS (Thomas).—I am not quite sure if the above is your name, and we are quite unable to decipher your address; perhaps you will kindly give us another opportunity by sending it to us on a postcard. I am sorry I am unable to assist you in distinguishing the sexes of your Quails in their nest feathers. I would not trouble to separate them during the winter unless they fight, which the cocks will probably do at the turn of the year. A fairly good insectile food would do for them as a staple diet, together with canary, millet, and hemp, but not too much of the latter, as it is rather fattening. (2) I see no reason why the Quails and Rails should not agree together, although both of them are particularly pugnacious among themselves. Do not let the introduction be too sudden, let them be in a position to see each other for a day or two first. The nest of the Landrail is rather difficult to find, because it is generally placed in the tall meadow grass, and farmers do not care about this being trodden down; but you may obtain a clutch next summer by advertising. I have never heard of them being hatched in the manner you suggest, but I see no reason why a Bantam hen should not manage it. They would require egg-food and live ants' eggs or insects of some kind, anyway for the first few days, and later ordinary soft food and various seeds.

BLACKBIRD WITH BROKEN BEAK (Tame]).—You need not worry over your Blackbird having broken his beak; such accidents frequently occur with birds. The beak and nails of birds, like the claw and hoofs of animals, are constantly growing to replace the portions worn away by daily use. If the bird can feed, you had better not touch it.

LINNET WITH INJURY (Wm. Gibbon).—I am pleased to hear your bird is recovering, and I thank you for your letter; it is so seldom one hears the results of the treatment recommended. The position of the feet is quite what I would expect, as this invariably follows an ordinary fracture. He will no doubt improve on this somewhat as the limb strengthens.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BUDGERIGARS IN OUTSIDE CAGE (Bird Lover).—While there is certainly a risk in so small a cage, success is to be attained under such conditions. If the cage gets a fair amount of what sun is going, and is in a position where it is sheltered from driving wind and rain, you would have a good prospect of success. But, both for summer and winter use you must arrange some kind of roof extension which will keep the interior dry. If the floor of the cage gets every now and again saturated with rain, it will remain more or less in a state of dampness, and the birds cannot then thrive. Why not fix along the whole front a wood and glass shutter, hinged at the top and fitted with holders to keep it raised with sufficient fall to throw off rain and keep it from driving inside? It could be kept closed during the worst days of winter, and partially so during summer nights, when it would prevent cats scaring the birds at night. Of course, you would close it at dusk each day during the winter. If you do not understand clearly what I mean, send me a stamped addressed envelope, per the Editor, and I will send you a rough diagram. Hope you'll have luck.

YOUNG BUDGERIGARS WEAK (C. H. C.).—It is impossible to give you a useful answer (guessing is not profitable) apart from the post-mortem examination, and I suggest your sending the next body to our Mr. Yates, as per rules. As regards your main question, it is not possible to lay down any general rule, as environment, condition of parent birds, and the forwardness or otherwise of the young, are all governing factors. Fix up other husks at each end of the aviary, say not more than 2ft. from the ground, and stick some twiggy branches into the ground, so arranging them that the young which are unable to fly can easily climb thereto. Supply canary, white millet and white oats, greenfood, grit and cuttlebone. You had better continue the soaked bread till the second lot of young are feeding for themselves. Prepare it so: Lightly spread one side of the bread with cod liver oil emulsion, very lightly sprinkle with castor sugar (to make it tasty), and then pour over it as much boiling water as the bread will absorb. When cool supply to the birds. For the next two months put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates. Keep up a continuous supply of cuttlebone and grit. Of course, food vessels must be placed so that the young which are unable to fly can easily get at them, or a mixed dish should be so placed for them. Then, if the old birds cease feeding they will probably soon help themselves; they are old enough to do so. Apart from the above treatment, leave them to take their own course. I should leave them to bring off the second brood if they will, as if these should also prove weaklings it will settle the point and prove that your pair are no good for stock purposes.

GOULDIAN FINCHES, &c. (Rusticus).—I think our Nutshell "Gouldian Finches," 2½d. post free from our manager, would help you. The experience of aviculturists varies considerably with these birds. Some keep them out-of-doors all the year round with impunity; others have a difficulty in getting them to live at all. Locality and character of the subsoil largely govern the results I opine. It is not so much the temperature as damp raw cold periods that work mischief. I consider that either in a northern or southern damp locality the aviary should be so constructed that the birds are under control (as per my last reply); the shelter shed be sufficiently roomy to house them if necessary for a week or more at a time, and the birds driven in every night between October and April inclusive, and also kept in during periods of driving snow or rain. On genial days they can be let into the flights, say, between 10.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Of course, it is a convenience to have a radiator of some kind in the shelter, but one of the most successful keepers of the Gouldian Finch does not on the average have his radiator going more than half-a-dozen times during the winter period. While they are successful wintered out on dry sandy soils, it is a great advantage to be able to shut them up during damp periods. This species are not easy to establish and there are usually many losses before you succeed in getting a breeding stock. Other contents noted. Note by Editor: A very full list of societies which cater for Canaries and British birds is published in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1915, which our manager would send you post free for seven stamps.

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H. E. Steel.—Death from same cause as the first. **The intestines in this case were the principal seat** of the lesions. You must not expect the contagion to die out just yet, as you have only recently adopted preventive measures.

Mrs. L. B. Y.—The whole contents of the pharmacopœia would not have cured your Goldfinch, nor any other bird similarly affected. A new pair of lungs was what it really required. Purulent pleurisy, with destruction of more than half the lung substance, was causing the symptoms of illness. It is really wonderful the bird lived so long.

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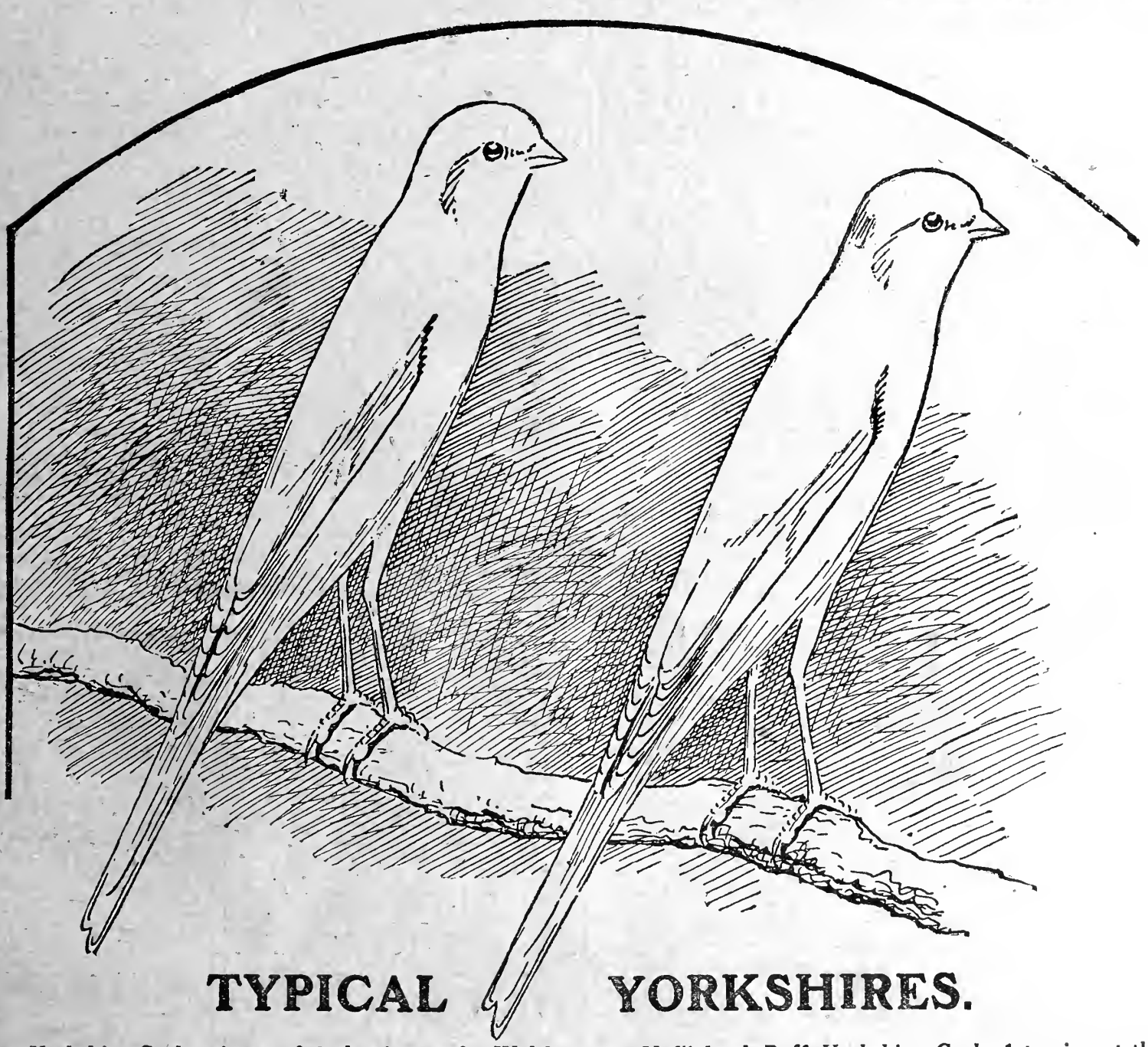

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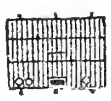

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Oct. 8, 1915.

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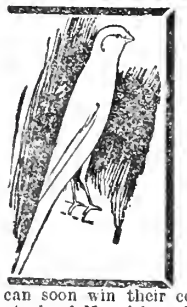

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SPENNYMOOR.

Linnet show, Oct. 23, at Hughes, Butcher's Arms, Merrington Lane, Spennymoor. Three prizes will be given. Entries 3d. Birds meet at 1.30.—Fairless, Sec. (Advt.)

CASTLEFORD.

Open sing Oct. 2, George and Dragon; 20 birds sang. 1, 2, 3, W. Nelson. Oct. 9, 31 birds entered for three good prizes given by Mrs. Parker. 1, Williams; 2, Watkiss; 3, Pugh. Oct. 10, 17 birds sang. 1, Longfield; 2, Watkiss; 3, Williams. Will those interested please note open sings every week until end of season.—W. Dobson, Sec.

WIGAN.

Wigan Linnet Club, Bay Horse Hotel, Whelley, Wigan. There will be a Linnet singing contest (time and quality) at above hotel, Oct. 23, when the proprietor, Mr. Sam Fishwick, will give £1 to be sung for. Entrance 1s. each bird. First birds staged at 2 p.m. Entries taken to last bird.—A. Leyland, Sec. (Advt.)

PONTEFRACT.

Open Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, Oct. 9; 17 birds entered for 4 minutes' time singing, 5 seconds to count a break, and some good singing was done. 1, 2, Beard, 140, 93; 3, Jones, 73. Open sing Oct. 10: 12 entered for 3 prizes and 3 minutes' time singing. 1, 3, Beard; 2, Wingham. There will be a general meeting Oct. 17, for election of officers and for the forthcoming season. Members and intending members kindly attend.—J. Beard, Assist. Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality singing for Linnets, Old Bird House, Skinners' Arms, Bramhope; 19 birds competed for three good prizes. 1, Blackburn; 2, J. Green; 3, Jarman. Judges, C. Clayton, J. Sellars.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Quality Linnet singing, Glassmaker's Arms, Oct. 9. 19 birds: 1, Lacey; 2, Walls; 3, Butler. Oct. 10: 1, Howarth; 2, 3, shared Banfield and Hurst; 4, Lacey. Oct. 17, open Canary sing.—E. Stansfield, Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Oct. 9; 14 birds sang for 3 prizes. 1, 3, Sissons; 2, Hayes. Judges, Wood and Naylor. Oct. 10, 17 birds sang for 3 prizes. 1, Buttery; 2, Sissons; 3, Wood. Judges, Crane and Naylor. Canary contest Oct. 10; 16 birds sang for 3 prizes. 1, S. Johnson; 2, Condliffe; 3, shared by Stead and Chippindale. Judges, Crane, Naylor, and Grant. —Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane. 20 birds sang for four prizes, and some grand singing was heard: 1, 3, Binns; 2, A. Allen, from Kippax; 4, Nevins. Judges: S. Butterfield, H. Playforth; and C. Cooper. We had a special contest between T. Chippendale and A. Binns. T. Chippendale won; judge, H. Wigfield Oct. 10, 20 of the best birds in Leeds sang for four prizes: 1, Binns; 2, Edwards; 3, 4, shared Parker and Warren. Judges, C. Cooper, T. Summers, and W. Lipman.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

BISHOP AUCKLAND C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 9, in Y.M.C.A., a good number present, J. Button chair. Decided to hold second annual show on Jan. 1, Mr. Growther, Seymour St., Bishop Auckland, to act as show sec. It is to be hoped that no other local societies will clash against the above date.—W. C.

CITY & COUNTY OF PERTH C.B.S

Meeting Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, Oct. 4, Mr. D. Brown, President, in the chair. Secretary was instructed to write Mr. A. Garrioch for prize cards for the club show. All specials to be in by next meeting and then drawn. Meeting closed with vote of thanks to the chair.—J. L. Smith, Sec.

PONTYPOOL C.B.S.

Meeting headquarters, Oct. 9, Mr. W. Amphlet chair. Decided definitely to hold a members' show on last Saturday in Nov., the 27th. Mr. J. R. Houghton, of Gloucester, was appointed judge. New members enrolled: Mr. H. Johnson, Mr. O Simons, Mr. J. Smith, and Mr. W. Lewis, the last named joining after the meeting closed.—H. H. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

BOOTLE C.B.S.

Meeting Oct. 5, Mr. T. Critchley chair, and a good attendance. A competition was held for the hottest colour-fed bird. Mr. T. Plunkett judged, and gave satisfaction. Yell.: 1, Hayton, 2, Elgie; 3, Knight; vhc, Wilson; hc, Worrall. Buff: 1, Wilson; 2, Knight; 3, Hayton; vhc, Elgie; hc, Brown; c, Worrall. Next meeting, washing exhibition by well-known fancier.—A. E. Hayton, Sec.

WEST STANLEY C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 2, Mr. G. F. Bates, chair, and a moderate turn up of members. Decided to adopt schedule, as drawn up, and to postpone our annual show till New Year's Day, as we cannot get a suitable Saturday before then. Now if there are any new members wishing to join we will we glad to welcome them, as this is an old C.B.S. and in a good centre. Next meeting, Nov. 6. Annual sub., 4s., and 1s. entrance.—W. Cresswell, Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Meeting, Palmer Hall, Oct. 6, before the largest number of members present this year. Sec. stated that the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League had granted their patronage for forthcoming show, and it was decided to also have two Border classes. Before meeting started Mr. Brooker kindly gave a washing exhibition, which was much appreciated, especially by new members. Three new members were elected: Mrs. Elms, Messrs. Hunt and Runchman.—O. C. Smith, Sec.

FIFE CAGE BIRD LEAGUE.

Meeting held in Dunfermline, Oct. 2, Mr. Campbell, chair. Agreed to grant Cowdenbeath the patronage of Fife C.B.L. Secs. of each society in the League were instructed to hand in all names of members who had paid to League sec. on or before Sat., Oct. 9. Agreed to leave business of League show over till next meeting, in Gothenburg Hall, Dunbeath, Oct. 30, at 6. Mr. Campbell read a paper on the Border Fancy. A vote of thanks to Mr. Campbell ended the meeting.—J. Sneddon, Sec.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Meeting, Oct. 4, Parish Hall, Church Road; about 20 members present, five of whom took part in a washing competition. Two cash prizes were awarded. Mr. Ovenden won 1st and Mr. Taylor 2nd. Mr. Bartlett judged, and afterwards gave a practical demonstration of bird washing, accompanying the same with an explanation of each part of the process. This was much appreciated, especially by new members, some of whom had never seen a bird washed before. Before the close of the meeting every member present promised a special for the annual show, Nov. 6, but we want more.—A. W. Farmer, Hon. Assist. Sec.

PORT GLASGOW AND GOUROCK.

Meeting, Oct. 6, Shepherd's Hall, Cathcart Street. Mr. Dan Molloy presided over an excellent attendance. New member admitted, which brings the total number of new members enrolled up to date to twenty. Decided to hold annual club show, Jan. 5, in Boilermakers' Hall, Cathcart Street, Greenock. Mr. Geo. Smart was appointed to judge Canaries, and Mr. P. Pettigrew British. Decided to have another cup, to be won by the best young Canary bred by a member. From reports to hand everything points to a splendid show. Admission tickets will be forward by next meeting, Nov. 5, when it is hoped there will be a large attendance. Stewards will be fixed and other show business. Annual subs. now due.—J. McG. Doolev, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting Oct. 8, Mr. Jones chair. The table shows are proving a good attraction, the second resulting as follows:—Yorks.—Yell.: 1, 3, Jones; 2, vhc, Gregory; 4, he, c, Pickering. Buff: 1, 2, c, Pickering; 3, 4, Jones; vhc, he, Gregory. Nor.—1, 2, 3, vhc, Hemmings; 4, he, c, J. and L. Woolhouse. Nov. Yorks.—Yell.: 1, 3, 4, Fretwell; 2, vhc, Bagshaw; he, Goodison; c, Sanderson. Buff: 1, 2, hc, Bagshaw; 3, c, Fretwell; 4, vhc, Williams. Nor.: 1, c, Sisson; 2, 3, Gears; 4, Curley; vhc, Goodison; hc, Gill. Judges, Messrs. Tow and Bingham. Questions cropped up with regard to the amalgamated show. It is hoped that members will support the event. Nominations for officials for 1916 were received. Next meeting washing exhibition. Members please bring birds.—E. Sisson, Assist. Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 7, headquarters, the Duke of York. Mr. J. Gibbons presided over a splendid attendance, an attendance which makes one think that the open show is coming along, at which we hope all fanciers in the Midlands will give their hearty support. All members and fanciers will join in wishing a speedy recovery to our worthy chairman, Mr. F. J. Weaver, as the loss of his experience in show matters will be sadly felt. We have decided to again advertise in CAGE BIRDS. The secretary had the schedules of the coming open show. These will be posted on to every fancier in the Midlands, and should anyone be forgotten he may get one by communicating with the sec. Two new members were elected, and should any other fancier in the district be desirous of becoming a member we should be pleased to give him all information. A grand lot of specials were given for the show, and members not at the meeting may add to the list by noting the sec. Next meeting, Oct. 21, when we hope all members will be present.—J. Gibbons.

ARDWICK AND MANCHESTER.

General meeting, Oct. 5, St. Thomas's Schools, Mr. A. E. Thorpe presided over a fair attendance, to see Mr. Sam Cook give a washing demonstration. He washed two birds, giving a little instruction as he went along, and using for his purpose a soft shaving brush and Pears' soap. He contended that birds improved with a wash, but heavily feathered birds required washing a few days before the show, as it very much altered the shape of a bird, and this would allow time to get the shape back again. Birds should be washed quickly, commencing at the tail and under body, and finishing off at the head. Keep the soap away from the eyes as much as possible; use plenty of water in the rinsing, and see you get all the soap out of the feathers. When wiping the birds he used silk handkerchiefs, and when the birds are dry he puts them in a breeding cage to allow them room for exercise and to preen themselves. If they would not bathe the next day he sprayed them. A vote of thanks was given Mr. Cook for his kindness in coming to Ardwick and giving us such an instructive and interesting time. The amateur washing competition will be postponed to Nov. 2, next meeting; confirmation of special prizes. If any members have got any will they let me know at once.—J. Spencer, Hon. Sec.

NORTH-WEST GLASGOW C.B.C

Meeting Amalgamated Musicians' Hall, 44, Napier shall Street, 28 Sept, Mr. Gibb presiding over a good attendance. The winners of the points spl over all the monthly shows are as follow: Champ sec.: A. Crawford, 48 points; W. Loan, 42 Novice J. Houstin, 13 points; G. Manson, 10. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the business of the annual show, Nov. 20, in Masonic Hall, Great Western Road. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought a harmonious meeting to a close.—P. Houstin, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Meeting, Mr. Ablett's Cafe Room, Sept. 24. Owing to the chairman being away, Mr. Greatrex was elected chairman. Letter read from Mr. Morton. Two new members proposed, one being the late sec., A. E. Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd was appointed sec. pro tem., to get things in order for our annual show. Discussion for the evening: our annual draw, and classes for the show. We are open to receive new members on Oct. 15, and this will entitle them to show at our Club for half sub. Sec would like old members to forward their subs., as our show is very near.—A. E. Lloyd.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S

General meeting, Oct. 7, Mr. W. Espie, chair, Mr R. Glendinning, Annfield Plain, elected a member. Final arrangements made for open show, Oct. 23, in Co-operative Hall, Benwell. Will members please advertise the show as much as possible and try and make it a success; remember it is the duty of every member to do what he can for the benefit not only of the society, but for the interest of the Fancy as a whole, in these troublesome times. Will all members who can possibly do so, be at the Co-operative Hall on the Friday night to give us assistance.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

ALTRINCHAM (Open) C.F.A.

Meeting, Oct. 6, Station Cafe, Mr. T. Harrison, chair. Taking into account that some members are engaged in war work, there was a good number present to hear Mr. J. R. Schofield's (Failsworth) lecture on "In-breeding," which was extremely interesting, and was much appreciated. He dealt very fully with the Yorks., Norwich, and Lancashire varieties, and it was very evident by the able manner in which he dealt with it, that he has given a great amount of patient study to this subject. His remarks produced a good discussion, at the close he was accorded the best thanks of the meeting. Next meet, Oct. 20; washing demonstration and competition.—C. Bailey, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 5, Mr. W. G. Fellows, chair. Recommendations of committee were considered, and it was unanimously decided to be impossible to hold an open show under existing conditions. Resolved to hold a members' show on Dec. 1, Mr. Norman judge. 37 classes arranged, and members present promised a goodly list of specials, which with the six challenge cups, should ensure a good entry. Mr. G. Gamble gave his lecture on the Yorkshire Canary. He told how that 22 years ago his wife suggested his getting a pair of Canaries, and after looking at pictures of the various varieties they decided that the Yorkshire was the best of the bunch, an opinion which he still holds. He had brought a collection of coloured plates to point his remarks, and went well into his subject in a manner that interested and instructed all present. He laid stress on the fact that the Yorkie was a bird of position, and position counted for more than the points laid down in the scale, taking as it does the eye of the judge at once. Birds should be trained to show cages and to being looked at and cages handled, but should not be too tame or will not show themselves to advantage. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer closed the meeting.—G. J. Slade.

BARROW C.B.A.

Meeting, Gardner's Restaurant, Oct. 6, Mr. R. Shackley presiding. There was a good turn out of members, and a very interesting meeting was gone through. It was full of wonderful ideas for the making of the back-end show a success, and with members such as we have at Barrow, the society will soon be on a very strong foundation. One of the main features of the meeting was the presentation of cups and medals, which was most ably managed by Mr. R. Willison, our oldest member, and one of the keenest it is possible to find. It was quite an inspiration to all who heard him encouraging the members who had been successful in winning the cups and medals He is a keen lover of his national bird, the Scotch Fancy, with which he has won many honours. He has been in the Fancy for over 50 years, and is as keen to-day as ever. In handing to Mr. Hodgson the challenge cup and gold medal, our worthy old member encouraged him to go on even through disappointments and hard luck, and in a few words Mr. Hodgson replied. In handing to Mr. R. Shackley the Border cup and gold medal, he made reference to the very hard luck he had had for the last three years, being the runner-up on each occasion; he was glad to see he had persevered, and had at last been successful. Our sec. is to give a short address entitled "Why am I a bird-lover?" at the next meeting, Oct. 23, so try and turn up in good number.—D. McFarlane, Hon. Sec.

WIMBLEDON.

Meeting, at headquarters, 6, The Broadway, Mr. W. G. Heath, chair. The attendance was not so good as usual. Sec. read a letter from Mr. G. B. Bailey (a member of the committee), who is now with the Forces in France, saying he did not expect to be able to attend the meetings again for some time, but wished all the members a successful show season. A lengthy letter was also read from the Sec. of Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S., asking whether Wimbledon would be prepared to join a League of Cage Bird Societies in Sussex, Surrey, Kent, Hants, and London South of the Thames. It was thought that the scheme ought to be considered by a fuller meeting, and the discussion on the letter was therefore deferred till next month. A judging competition for Yorks. and British followed. There were two classes, a silver spoon being provided for best in each. Mr. H. Norman acted as final judge, his awards were: Yorks. (18): 1, Ramsey, rattling good yell., should do well on the show bench in the coming season; 2, 3, Heath; vhc, Whiting; hc, c, Mrs. Farley. Brit. (10): 1, Simmonds; 2, Birch; 3, vhc, hc, c, Hobden. Eleven members took part in the judging competition, the points gained being:—Birch, 6; Farley and Ramsey, 4 each; Whiting, 3; Mrs. Hobden, 1; the remaining competitors did not score. The principal business of the evening should have been the drafting of the schedule for the annual show, but as the attendance was so small, it was left to the committee to arrange, subject to the approval of the Nov. meeting. A vote of thanks to the judge brought an interesting meeting to a close.—G. Griffiths. Hon. Sec.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—Oct. 20, Station Cafe, 8 prompt. Washing demonstration and competition, Mr. W. Robinson.—C. Bailey.

Abersychan C.B.S.—Oct. 23, Queen's Hotel, 6.30. —W. T. Couch.

Ardwick, Manchester C.B.A.—Oct. 19, St. Thomas Old Schoolroom, entrance Chapel Street, 8. Open show business. Amateur washing competition postponed to Nov. 2. J. Spencer.

Aberdeen Amalgamated C.B.S.—Oct. 22, Trades Hall, Belmont Street, 8. Replies from judges, printing of catalogue, and other important show business. New members cordially invited.—R. J. Robertson.

Bramley O.S.—Oct. 16, Carnival Rooms, 2.15. Entries for show and other important business.—F. Page.

Bacup Roller C.C.—Oct. 19, Swan Hotel, Bacup, 7.30. Special meeting of all members; arranging for show, etc.—Geo. Johnson.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Oct. 19, Ablett's Cafe Room, Market Street. Election of chairman and final arrangements for show. New members can be enrolled at this meeting for half subs. Draw tickets are out and going very strong.—A. E. Lloyd.

Burnley C.B.S.—Oct. 16, 75, Lindsay Street, 7. Table show for hottest fed bird; 2 classes, 1 cock, 2 hen.—J. Moorhouse.

Bradford East O.S.—Oct. 19, Park Chapel Schoolroom, 8. Taking entries for members' show and supper. Members' show Wed., Oct. 20; judge, Mr. P. Mason (Windhill). Birds staged 7.15.—J. Spencer.

Burnhope C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Black Horse Inn, Jaw Blades. Table show. Mr. and Mrs. Gamie will give three cash specials for most points. Classification: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Border 2, A.O.V. Brit. 3, Mule or Hyb. Birds staged 5.30; judge, Mr. W. Elliot.—J. W. Robson, Sec.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Oct. 23, Foresters Arms, 7. Final arrangements for show; members must book entries at this meeting.—J. Stirling.

Beamish C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Bird Inn, 6.30. Final meeting and annual show business. Please bring a good entry. Subs. due.—J. H. Elliot.

Craghead Social Club F.F. and C.B.S.—Oct. 17, Club Room, 7. Fix show date; other important business.—M. Archer.

Charlotteville F. and U.S.—Oct. 27, St. Luke's Institute, Addison Road,. Show birds staged by 6. Society gives special for best in show, 6 classes. Mr. Shepard judge.—C. H. Pope.

Chopwell C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Workmen's Club Hall, 6.30. Members' show business, etc.—W. H. Christer.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Oct. 21, Maskell's Cafe, 8. To complete arrangements for our great charity show; members are earnestly requested to attend.—E. Thomas.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Dun Cow Hotel, 8. Printing and final arrangements for annual show. —R. Ward.

Clydebank C.B.C.—Oct. 21, 81, Kilbowie Road, 7.45. Arrangements for annual show.—Wm. Kane.

Denton C.B.S.—Oct. 19, Silver Springs, 8. Show business.—A. Wright.

Elgin C.B.A.—Oct. 18, Gordon's Temperance Hotel, 8. Members' table show; Norwich Plainhead cock, Linnet and Twite. Entry 6d. per bird.—A. W. Douglas.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Oct. 19, Cairns Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Important business for annual show. Classification forms to hand. Table show of Canaries and Mules: 4 Norwich, 1 Crest, 3 Border, 2 Scotch Fancy, 1 A.O.V. Can., 1 Hyb. or Mule. Entry fee 2d. per bird.—J. Charlton.

East Ardsley C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Black Swan. Third members' show, staged at 3; judge, Mr. P. Jowett. —A. Walton.

East Ham F.S.—Oct. 21. Open meeting. Distribution of prize money and specials won at young stock show. Visitors heartily welcome. Members having unsold tickets of young stock show please return same.—W. A. Harwood.

Gt. Horton O.S.—Oct. 16, Station Hotel, 3. Members' show; judge, Mr. D. Sutcliffe, of Wibsey.—A. W. Hartley.

Garston B.B.A.—Oct. 20, Rechabite Hall, Seddon Road, 8. Show business. Members please report sale of show tickets and number of points they have gained towards season's specials.—R. T. Lonsdale.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Colliery Hotel, 6.30. Have we to alter Rule 4? and other important business. Please attend and settle this rule.—G. Vipond.

Huddersfield O.S.—Oct. 18, headquarters, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. W. A. Cowgill on "Preparing for Exhibition." All are welcome.—A. Lawford.

Ilkeston C.B.A.—Oct. 16, Commercial Hotel, Awsworth Road, 7. Show business.—G. Siddown.

London and Provincial O.S.—Oct. 21, Raglan Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., 8. Judging competition. Members please bring some birds. Mr. T. Heath final judge. Fanciers and friends welcome.—H. L. Huggins.

Leicester C.B.S.—Oct. 20, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, 8. Nor. yell. cock (unflighted), open and novice A.V. Can. cock (selling class).—J. Hardbattle.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Oct. 19, White Swan, 8. Schedules ready.—A. Freestone.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Greyhound Hotel, 8. Arrangements for local show Oct. 30.—D. H. Davies.

Manchester and N. Counties O.S.—Oct. 18, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Schedules, etc., for Oct. show, and general business.—F. Wilkinson.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Oct. 21, Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green, 8. Annual show business, and other very important business, which concerns every member.—Ll. F. Bowing.

Middleton C.B.S.—Oct. 18, Old Boar's Head, 8. Special meeting to consider advisability of haying show first Saturday in Dec. If members don't turn up, will cancel, so please attend.—J. Hulton.

Manningham C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Mowbray Arms, 6. Members' show; judge, Mr. E. Grange; also a special meeting to make final arrangements for open show.—F. Darwent.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Oct. 19, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, 8. Final business for Nov. show. New members invited.—A. Colley.

Open Norwich Plainhead Club (Bradford City Show).—Oct. 16, 5.30. New members to make, and special business re Preston show.—S. Wilcock.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Oct. 21, Granby Hotel, 7.30. Open show business.—W. Jagger.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Granby Hotel. Members' show; birds staged at 3; judge, Mr. J. A. Taylor.—W. Jagger.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Mail Coach, Westgate, Rotherham, 7. Preparing for the shows.—W. Wilshaw.

South Moor C.B.S.—Oct. 16, South Moor Hotel, 5. Specials, special business for Border fanciers, and other important business.—G. F. Bates.

South Shields.—Oct. 16, Cyprus, 7. To consider guaranteed classes.—R. L. Smith.

Swansea C.B.A.—Oct. 16, headquarters, 7.30. Arrangements for open show; make a special effort to attend. Prompt.—D. P. Rees.

St. James-the-Less, Bethnal Green.—Oct. 18, Men's Club, St. James Road, 8.30. Advertising of annual show, specials for annual, and other business. Lecture and exhibition on "Cage Birds," by Mr. F. H. Marhoff. Balance-sheet for young stock show; ticket-money outstanding. Visitors invited.—Thos. G. Bransford.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Oct. 18, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Special meeting to arrange for members' show.—J. Pitchford

Tong C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill. Members' show; birds staged 3. Judge, Mr. H. Sutcliffe, Windhill.—W. Walker.

Walkden Roller Society.—Oct. 19, Stock's Hotel, 7.30. Show business.—E. Hibbert.

West Stanley Garden Houses Club.—Oct. 17, 7. Report from the printers.—J. Armitage.

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Twitterings.

Mr. "George" Ramsden referred to in our last week's Roll of Honour is the younger of Mr. J. W. Ramsden's two sons, not the only son, as stated.

I have had up to the present over eighty applications for schedules from our two adverts, writes Mr. H. L. Huggins, Hon. Sec. London and P.O.S., and if entries only come in as I expect, we ought to have a record show.

The inter-club Challenge Cup shows of the Doncaster C.B.S. and the Hemsworth C.B.S. are arranged for Oct. 30 at Doncaster, judge Mr. W. A. Cowgill, and at Hemsworth Nov. 27, judge Mr. W. Brotherton.

The Metropolitan C.B.A. has some good news for its members, writes Mr. H. F. Bowring, hon. sec., and it is to be hoped that they will all attend the next meeting, Oct. 21, at 8 sharp. The club has been hard hit by the war, but is not dead yet. The annual show will take place for certain on Nov. 27.

Will Mr. S. Abel, the writer of a letter, "Birds in Bedrooms," which appeared in our issue of Sept. 25, please let us have his address? We have a letter for him.

The Sheffield O.S. have arranged to have all birds exhibited at their All-England show Nov. 5 and 6, to be packed and despatched by the Sunday night mail trains, unless it be otherwise wished.

I have again been appointed sec. for the Redhill C.B.S., writes Mr. A. W. Bacon, 14, Charman Rd., Redhill, and ask members to give me their best support. Meeting nights, first Wed. each month, Watkin's Hotel.

Mr. G. Havver, hon. sec., writes that at the show of the Blaydon C.B.S., Nov. 12-13, there will be over 50 classes. Schedules will be ready shortly, and will be forwarded on application to Mr. Havver at 1, Theresa St., Blaydon-on-Tyne.

Mr. Edgar S. Broadbent having joined His Majesty's Forces, writes Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, members of the North Liverpool C.B.S. should please send all communications to the chairman, Mr. H. Holden, 10, St. Mary's Lane, Walton.

October 27-28 are the correct dates for the annual autumn show of the London and Provincial O.S., writes Mr. H. L. Huggins, hon. sec. I have had over thirty applications for schedules from our first advert. in last week's issue of Cage Birds.

Our open show will take place on the advertised date, Nov. 20, writes Mr. A. Robertson, sec. Cowdenbeath C.B.S. The proceeds will go to the benefit of Fife's Own, 1/7 Black Watch, who are serving in France, and we hope to have a large entry, as it is for a good cause.

At a meeting of the Edinburgh Ornithological Open Association, writes Mr. R. Lile, sec., it was unanimously agreed that, as there will be no Scottish National in Edinburgh this year, the annual show of the Edinburgh Open Society be held in Buccleuch Parish Hall on Saturday, Jan. 1. We hope this will meet with the approval and support of the Scotch Fancy breeders.

I am removing from Cathcart to Fir Tree House, Currock Rd., Carlisle, and I am reluctantly compelled to reduce my stock of British, and cancel my judging engagements for this season, writes Mr. R. V. Raine. All correspondence to be addressed to my new address after Oct. 30.

Will secretaries of societies and others who are interested in the Green Canary Association please note that our sec., Mr. E. S. Broadbent, has joined His Majesty's Forces, writes Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, chairman. All business relative to the Association should be addressed to Mr. T. R. Jones (assist. sec.), 25, Emerald St., Dingle, Liverpool.

It was an agreeable surprise, write Messrs. Whitney and Son, to find the Greenfinch Mule on the front page of Cage Birds. The picture is a credit to Mr. Norman. Credit is also due to the breeder, Mr. Finnis, of Edinburgh, also to Mr. Brinskill who persuaded us to buy it. We sold the bird shortly after the Welsh National to that well-known fancier, Mr. E. G. Lamb, and hope it will do him some good. We think it was the 2nd best yellow on the show bench last season. When it was not 1st it always was 3rd, a buff splitting Mr. Parlett's eraek and ours. Why not societies do as Sale does, and give classes for yellows and buffs separately?

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.

Will members please note the following additions to the Yorkshire Union Handbook, writes Mr. S. Midgley, hon. sec. "N" denotes novice. Bradford East: G. Large, The Aviaries, 75, Dalton Road. Barrow-in-Furness. N., H. Wilman, 87, Round St., West Bowling, Bradford. Huddersfield: N., C. Bray, Bradford Road, Huddersfield. Laisterdyke: T. Elsegood, 72, Mount Street, Eccleshill, Bradford; Ditto, N., A. Firth, 10, Kitchener Mount, Harehills Lane, Leeds. Spen Valley: N., B. A. Clarke, Church St., Heckmondwike, W. H. Hamlyn, and W. R. Smith, members of Bradford West and Shipley respectively, should have been marked N. in Handbook. Mr. H. J. Chittenden's address is 53, Carlisle Street, Manningham.

OBITUARY.

WELL-KNOWN BIRD-LOVER'S SAD LOSS.

The many friends of that well-known Metropolitan bird-lover, Mr. G. E. Weston, will be grieved to learn of the great sorrow that has befallen him and his wife. Their only daughter, a dear little child of just over four summers, had the misfortune to meet with a terrible accident on Oct. 6th, from the shock of which she survived only a few hours. To add to the distress of the parents, neither were at home at the time of the sad happening. The funeral of the loved little one was marked by a beautiful display of flowers sent by sympathetic friends. Our readers will join us, the proprietor and staff of Cage Birds, in deeply commiserating with Mr. and Mrs. Weston in their heart-breaking bereavement.

I am sorry to inform you of the death of Mrs. J. McLean, beloved wife of Mr. J. McLean, better known amongst the fanciers of this district as "Old John," writes Mr. J. Nicholson, Bathgate. Mrs. McLean, who passed away this morning, Oct. 11, had always been a great help to her husband in other ways than in the fulfillment of her domestic duties. She had the full care of a great stock of valuable specimens, and the result of this season's breeding was crowned with phenomenal success. Mrs. McLean had reared this season nine Goldfinch Mules, four Linnet Mules, four Siskin Mules, three Greenie Mules, four cock Greenie-Bullies, and three Canaries. The sympathy of the members goes out to Mr. McLean and family in their sad bereavement.

Would You Like Half-a-Crown?

WE are going to be generous. It isn't much in these times, but your experiences may help other bird-keepers. We offer four half-crowns, one each for experiences with Canaries, Mules, British Birds, and Foreign Birds. Send us a short account, not to exceed 400 words, of anything interesting. It may be a little story of some happening, some useful and timely advice, some practical instructions as to the keeping of birds, whether in regard to housing or feeding, or anything which may occur to you as likely to be of advantage to your fellow-readers of Cage Birds. The only stipulation is that your effort be accompanied by the coupon which will be found on this page, and two other coupons cut from copies of the same date. The spare copies will be useful for friends who may not yet be readers of Cage Birds. Envelopes should be endorsed "Competition," should be addressed "The Editor, Cage Birds, 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.," and should reach us not later than Tuesday morning, Oct. 19. The Editor's decision as to the best contributions will be final.

The Starlings in the country around Souchez are now imitating exactly the sound of the bullets which are whistling all around them.

Owing to all our large halls being in military occupation, writes Mr. S. Denny Hunt, hon. sec. Kings Lynn F. and F.S., we have decided to hold our annual members' show in three separate sections. The cage bird section will have its show on Nov. 17, at our committee and monthly show-room.

In "British Birds" for October, Mr. H. W. Robinson records the recovery near Lancaster in September of this year of a House Martcn, which he had marked at midsummer 1912. The bird was retaken within a few hundred yards of the place of its original marking, and was re-marked and liberated.

In the September issue of "Bird Notes," the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, Mr. Shore-Baily records details of his successful breeding of the Red-collared Whydah, and gives some photographs of the nest and eggs. The Marquis of Tavistock continues his story of "My Little Owls." Miss E. F. Chawner contributes an account of the nesting of Jardine's Pigmy Owl. Other articles are: "Visits to Members' Aviaries," by Mr. Wesley T. Page; "Birds of the Jhelum District," by Mr. H. Whistler; and "The Bittern and Spoonbill," by Mr. F. Dawson-Smith.

Don't Forget Oxford.

We will accept entries up to Monday, Oct. 18, writes Mr. C. F. Holliday, hon. sec. Oxford C.B.S., 58, George Street, Oxford.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

Send To-day to Liverpool.

Will exhibitors kindly send their entries at once to Liverpool show (see advt.)? This will be helping the printers and our staff, write Messrs. Metcalfe and Green, hon. secs.

Really!

In the course of a paragraph headed "The Future of the Finch Family," a writer in the "Manchester Dispatch" says: "The increase in Linnets from the humble Redpoll to the yellow-barred Goldfinch, has frequently been commented upon."

Charity Show at Deal.

The whole of the profits for the show of the Deal and Walmer F.A., Nov. 3-4 (see Review of Schedule) will go to the purchase of comforts for the wounded in the local military hospitals. Mr. W. H. Thompson, hon. sec., writes that there are several hundred wounded soldiers in the town.

Societies and the War.

Following our policy of asking traders for their views on the effect of the war upon the Bird Fancy, we have requested a number of secretaries of Cage Bird Societies to favour us with certain particulars concerning their own organisations, and how they have fared during the last twelve momentous months. A large number have kindly responded, and we are glad to note how very optimistic in tone their communications are. These letters from secretaries contain much that is of the greatest interest to bird-keepers, and make good and heartening reading. In fact, the bright spirit in which fanciers are looking to the future is evident in almost every one of the letters. We purpose publishing a selection next week, therefore all bird-lovers should make sure of obtaining a copy of the next issue of Cage Birds.

A NEW KIND OF "FIRST-AID."

Novelty for Lovers of Dumb Animals.

Quite an interesting novelty has made its appearance, being a "first-aid" ointment devised especially for the cuts, sprains and skin diseases of our dumb friends. It is really Zam-Buk with all its well-known healing properties in a different or stronger form adapted for horses, dogs, sheep, cattle and pets. Veterinary Zam-Buk, as it is called, is reddish in colour, and is sold in red packets as distinguished from the green packets of the ordinary Zam-Buk. It is a little cheaper than the household preparation, not being affected by the new war tax on patent medicines. It is a healing, soothing, and antiseptic preparation which has evoked unstinted praise from farmers, stock-keepers, fanciers, and lovers of pets. General Botha's famous charger was cured by this of some obstinate sores which veterinary surgeons had treated for some time in vain. Zam-Buk provides for the first time an ideal and handy "vet."

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The Yorkshire Canary.

ITS SHOW POINTS, AND HOW TO BREED FOR THEM.

In this lecture, given before the members of the Southampton C.B.S., Mr. G. Gamble gives the result of more than twenty years' experience with "The Bird of Length and Position." All the points necessary in a show bird of the highest class are described, and valuable hints are given as to the selection of pairs for breeding exhibition specimens.

MORE than twenty years ago my wife one day suggested that I ought to take up some hobby. This came to me quite as a surprise, and after talking the matter over to some length it was agreed that I could not do better than have a nice pair of Canaries—something to look at you know. Now although I had had many birds as a boy, I had very little idea of the proper treatment of them, or of their relative values, so I thought the best thing to do would be to get a book that would enlighten me.

An Embarrassment of Riches.

I saw advertised a book on Canary Breeding for Amateurs, so I sent for that book, and was surprised to find that there were no less than ten different varieties of Canaries. Here was a stumbling block! Which sort should I get? Luckily the plates depicting the various breeds were here, and after looking them over a number of times the wife and I came to the conclusion that the Yorkshire was by far the best of the lot. That is why I first went in for Yorkshires, and the opinion I formed then is still held by me. There is, to my mind, in the whole of Canarydom no bird to equal in appearance a good Yorkshire.

What are the essential qualities of a typical Yorkshire? Firstly, it is a bird of position, and the standard tells us the attitude must be erect, with fearless carriage, head, neck, back and tail in a straight line, and for a perfect specimen in these particulars 20 points are given.

The head should be small and round, skull narrow, neck moderately long and straight, shoulders narrow, rounded and well filled, back long, straight and well filled, wings long and evenly carried. Breast round and smooth—the body long and gradually tapering to a neat waist, legs long without being stilty, thighs well clothed with short silky feathers; tail short, straight and closely folded. For all these qualities a total of 35 points are given.

Next comes size: Length 6¾in., with corresponding symmetrical proportions, and for this 10 points are allotted. 4th: Feather short, close, tight, compact body feather, and close carriage of wings and tail. Points given, 20. 5th: Condition: Health and cleanliness and sound feather, 10 points. Lastly Colour: Pure body colour, beak and feet clear. Points, 5. Making a total of 100 points.

Study the Scale of Points.

These particulars are the generally recognised scale of points supposed to be used in judging. I say "supposed" because I think I should not be far wrong if I said that the standard is more or less ignored by judges. I firmly believe that in the majority of cases the best bird wins, not on points, but on general appearance as viewed in competition with others. For all that, the breeder must, if he desires to make a success of his hobby, take most careful consideration of every point.

Dealing with position first, I believe it inherits from the Belgian the quality of uprightness, and that is the reason breeders have recourse to the Belgian to try to improve their own strain of bird in respect of position. Personally, I think that, unless a man starts very young, he had better keep to Yorkshires alone, and not try experiments, because it takes three or four years at the least to breed out the undesirable points which are bound to be introduced by the admixture of foreign blood.

The thin necks and the tiny heads are not desired, and even with an established strain these blemishes will sometimes show themselves. Not only that, but rough feathering at the breast is most likely to occur, and as there are now so many breeders of the Yorkshire there is plenty of opportunity of obtaining birds with splendid position should one want a change of blood or an assistant to improve one's birds in this particular. One should take great care to pair only those good in position. There are many birds bred that fail in this quality, so much so as to make them useless for either breeding or exhibition purposes.

The Importance of Position.

I dealt with position first because I venture to think, although not placed first on the standard, it is the point that strikes the onlooker the moment he glances at a row of birds on exhibition, and first impressions stick longest.

With regard to the shape of a Yorkshire the head naturally comes into line first, and although it is designated "small" in the standard, it is not intended to be anything like so small as that on a Belgian or Scots Fancy. It should be small in comparison with a Norwich, still, although the head must not be large, it should at least be large enough to strike one as being proportionate to the size of the body, and a fairly decent-sized head, if of good shape, looks much more striking than one that is the least bit unduly small. The head measurement of one of the finest looking "Ideal" Yorkshires, drawn to standard length, measures exactly one inch from point of beak to back of head, whereas I have seen another ideal in which the head measures ⅞ of an inch, and looks like a pea, ridiculously small.

For some years I kept this small head business so much in my mind that I almost made a fool of it, until I began to see my birds' heads were too small, and then I had to look for a big-headed bird or two to make up for my stupidness. Even now, should I breed a bird with a good bold head, so long as it is well rounded off, and the bird otherwise good, I should stick to it for breeding purposes, and expect to do some good with it.

The neck now demands a little attention; many otherwise good birds take a back seat because of the neck being a trifle thin. We do not want a bull neck, but one nicely filled in, so that there appears just the slightest curve from the back of the head to the shoulders. Many of our finest Yorkshires appear a little thin when stretched to their utmost, and this fault is not so much thought of by our Northern fanciers as those down South. Still it is a point that requires consideration in pairing, otherwise one may be liable to breed thin necks and thereby introduce a feature not at all desirable.

Keep in the Middle of the Road.

"The shoulder should be narrow." So says the standard. Here again our Northern friends digress, for they are fond of a bit of shoulder, as it gives a nice wedge shape to the bird. But one must be very careful, otherwise wide instead of narrow shoulders become the order of the day, and if too wide they make the bird look out of proportion and unwieldy. So beware of too much shoulder, keep in the middle track.

"The back must be long, straight and well filled." This speaks for itself. We do not want birds showing a furrow down the middle of the back, though this is sometimes shown, especially in wide-shouldered birds, and is a blemish. The wings must be long and nicely tapering to a point, meeting at the tips, but not overlapping one another, "scissors winged," as it is called. Some of our very best birds at times cross their wings—but it is the ones that habitually do so that are useless for showing, and inadvisable to keep for breeding. The wings of a nicely drawn, that is, a long-bodied bird, should reach down to opposite the perch when the bird stands in an upright position.

The breast ought to be beautifully rounded off, and smooth, showing no sign of a break in the chest, or frill at the neck; this again sometimes appears in our very best birds, but with care it can to a very great extent be bred out. The body should be long, and taper to a neat waist. This is a very noticeable feature of a good bird, and especially so if the bird has the bit of shoulder we spoke of before, and which gives it that wedge shape which so delights the eye of many Yorkshire fanciers.

(To be continued.)

HOW TO PRODUCE A STUD OF WINNING NORWICH.

A lecture given by Mr. W. A. Wilson, before the members of the Leeds C.B.S.

IN giving a lecture on breeding and rearing I am travelling over well-worn ground, and the great difficulty is to give something new and interesting at the same time, so I have decided to say a few words on how to produce a stud of winning Norwich Plainheads, as I consider this popular variety is the best for the novice to take up, for they are hardy, good breeders, and feeders.

My advice is, buy the very best your pocket will allow, for it is far better to have two or three really good stock pairs than twenty pairs of nondescripts. Do not on any account get stock from several different breeders to commence with, but purchase two cocks and four hens—yellow cock and two buff hens, and a buff cock and two yellow hens although, of course, you can, if you choose, start even on a more modest scale than that. My reason for advocating one cock and two hens is not as a saving, but to allow you to obtain a much better specimen than you would be able to do if you used one cock to each hen. Go to a fancier who breeds his own winners, and if he is a genuine fancier, and you are prepared to give from £2 to £3 per pair, he will sell you stock that will breed something worth looking at.

Pedigree, Plus Selection.

Many of the big winners on the show bench to-day have sprung from such pairs as I am now quoting, and on rare occasions from inferior pairs, the parents of which have been really good, and the points which are so much required have been fixed by systematic in-breeding. I am firmly convinced that pedigree breeding, with selection at the same time, is the surest way to breed exhibition specimens.

To illustrate my meaning, I should say you have a fifty per cent. better chance of breeding a winner if you pair two show birds together than if you pair together two stock birds. I know I am on debatable ground now, being aware that good birds have been bred and good studs produced by various methods, but my programme every year is best cock to best hen, and so on, of course, providing I am not getting them too near. I do not hesitate to pair father to daughter, or mother to son, but progeny from these pairs should be kept apart for two generations. By constant inbreeding you can fix bad points, I might say easier than good ones, so you should discard all with bad faults, along with any weakly birds. After the weeding-out process leave yourself only the very best, and by so doing you will be avoiding many pitfalls.

Much ink has been spilt by noted fanciers on how to improve the winning Norwich of to-day. Many columns have been filled in CAGE BIRDS, and the novice should have profited by a study of the different views, many of which have come from leading judges. Personally, I think the winning Norwich have improved by leaps and bounds during the eight years I have been in the Fancy, notably the yellows, which have been considerably in advance of the buffs, a sure sign that breeders are getting wise to the fact that no good purpose can be achieved by excessive double buffing. Neither do I think it is necessary to introduce the Crest-bred for size, or the Cinnamon for colour. If your stock is losing size, introduce into your room the biggest and most typical yellow cock you can procure, letting cost be a secondary consideration. Colour can be kept up by retaining the heavily variegated.

When to Make a Start.

I should advise the beginner to purchase stock in December. Place the hens in a roomy flight till wanted for breeding, and keep the cocks singly in stock cages, giving them special attention as to diet. I use as staple food best white Spanish canary seed, giving about three times a week a mixture of equal parts hemp, maw, gold of pleasure, inga, and summer rape. At the beginning of February I start with egg food, giving this twice a week till March. Then they require it more often, say, every other day.

If your birds have been kept clean, and fed as advised, by the middle of March the cocks will be singing lustily, and the hens will be flapping their wings, a sure sign they are coming into breeding condition. Now is the time when much care should be exercised. Do not be tempted to pair earlier than March 21, and not till a week later if the weather be cold and wet. Many hens are lost every year by fanciers pairing up too early, being unable to survive the cold nights in their weakened condition just previous to laying.

Prior to pairing up, everything in the bird-room should be subjected to a thorough cleansing, cages scrubbed out, racks and all utensils overhauled, floor scrubbed, and all made tidy. It will not then be necessary to disturb the birds when they are nesting. Let me impress it upon you that cleanliness is the most important factor in bird breeding, and to combine this with proper attention, good feeding, and regularity, is the only way to success.

When pairs have been together eight or nine days you must keep an eye on the hens, and if any look thick and are constantly going in and out of the nestpan, seeming to be suffering extreme prostration, take them out and hold them over a jug of hot water, afterwards oiling the vent with olive oil. This procedure will give instant relief.

(To be continued.)

A Few Words on Red Mites.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

(Continued from page 144.)

THE notable point about it, assuming that a few drops of quassia in a bird's bath are inimical to the pest, is that these mites have bred, and the young mites hatched and lived, or perhaps existed would be a more lived, or perhaps existed would be a more appropriate term, so long in, as it were, an atmosphere permeated with quassia all around and under-foot.

Finally, I will give just one item from my experiments of years ago which will give some idea of the vitality of these creatures. If any reader feels disposed to bestow a biscuit—well, I shall not mind at all, if it is a blank big one. It may find some useful end in these times of universal contributions for the comfort of our poor exiled compatriots in an enemy land. But the facilities for verifying the experiments are so abundant that it inspires confidence in presenting it.

Here is the cold fact. In October twelve mites were placed in a small tin box with a glass top, as nearly air-tight as such a receptacle could be, without the slightest trace of anything in the way of food, shelter, or "mitey" comforts, and kept in a room of normal temperature, without fires. Although there was much cold, damp, and frosty weather, the mites continued quite well and active until the end of the following January. The last two survivors died respectively on February 12 and 13, after 18 weeks and 2 days' confinement in their uncongenial and uncompromising surroundings. These are facts to make one ponder before discoursing too dogmatically about exterminating the pest in a jiffy with a pinch of snuff.

Since this article was written the two principal experiments recorded have been completed, and the sequel may be of interest. No. 1 tube, containing only young mites, and no quassia taint.—To continue the record of this tube after August 25, when three mites were still running about quite lively; on August 27 and 29 only one mite was to be found alive; and on August 30 this one was not to be seen.

On August 31 several careful examinations and tapping of tube failed to discover one alive. Similar conditions prevailing on Sept. 1, I concluded the last survivor had died between the examinations on August 29 and 30, twenty-one days after the first young were hatched. During the latter part of the experiment weather was more dry and settled, but still cool for the season, and quite chilly at night.

No. 2 tube, containing both adult and young mites, and tainted with strong quassia solution.—On August 27 four of the adults were found dead—two full grown and two half grown. The remaining half grown adult was fairly active, and all the young appeared to be living, and were quite active. On August 29 the last adult was found dead, and several dead bodies of young were seen At this time a spell of wet, chilly weather prevailed. All surviving young appeared quite active. On August 31 the number of dead bodies of young had very perceptibly increased, and only two mites were seen alive. On September 1 only one was to be found alive, and that rather sluggish.

On September 2 careful examination and tapping of tube failed to discover one alive. Again on September 3 several careful examinations and agitation and tapping of tube failed to discover one alive, and it was therefore assumed that the last survivor died between the examinations on September 1 and 2, seventeen days after the first young were hatched, and the experiment closed. This experiment being run concurrently with the above, the weather conditions were identical.

It is a noteworthy fact that these young, though they did not increase in size, but rather the reverse, survived, and were most active, more than a fortnight after hatching, without the slightest visible means of subsistence, shelter, or comfort other than the quassia-tainted but clean glass inner surface of the tube in which they were confined.

THE ETHICS OF COLOUR-FEEDING

By ALLEN SILVER, F.Z.S.

THE letter by "Simplicissimus," which appeared in Cage Birds of Oct. 9, was of considerable interest, and I purpose here to discuss certain items relating thereto.

On page 71 of Newton's "Dictionary of Birds" (1896 issue), under the heading of "Canary-Bird," the following paragraph appears which at the present time a Canary expert would consider to be not without its sense of humour:—"Of late the ingenuity of 'the fancy,' which might seem to have exhausted itself in the production of top-knots, feathered feet, and so forth, has brought about a still further change from the original type. It has been found that by a particular treatment, in which the mixing of large quanties of cayenne pepper with the food plays an important part, the ordinary 'canary yellow' may be intensified so as to verge upon a more or less brilliant flame colour. Birds which have successfully undergone this forcing process, and are hence called 'hot Canaries,' command a very high price, for a large proportion die under the discipline, though it is said that they soon become exceedingly fond of the exciting condiment."

Experiments with Pale Pepper.

This may have been partially true in the days when only pungent pepper was used, and upon that point I cannot give any statistics. I do, however, know that when I was a boy, and had a large number of young Canaries, I used to purloin pepper from the pantry, and although I used it sufficiently strong to make the egg-food "chokingly" hot, the birds were in no way harmed by it, while, owing to the fact that it was just pale cruet pepper, it hardly affected their colour at all.

The sweet, tasteless pepper used by fanciers at the present day is merely the ground tomato-like fruit of a species of capsicum, and is quite free from any irritant whatsoever. The colouring matter contained in this fruit, as we know, has a distinct influence on the plumage of the subject that partakes of it. Beyond this, one can say nothing, for no proper experimental work on equally constituted batches of birds, fed and unfed, has ever been carried out. It is, however, pretty evident that their bodily health or prolificacy is not in any way damaged.

I am quite with "Simplicissimus" in his desire for natural beauty, and I find to bring this about colour-food is in certain cases quite essential. On the other hand, when one has to judge European Siskins and Greenfinches, overfed, it is not so pleasing a task as the selection of rich-coloured unfed birds.

A common Siskin is not altogether an edifying object when it resembles a Hooded Siskin in tone of colour. Neither is a Greenfinch improved when it exhibits bronzy cinnamon plumage. With many species of normally fed British birds, if they are forward in condition, and have been selected for richness of colouring, it is quite possible at the present day to score over "fed" birds.

Where Colour Feeding is Overdone.

A bird cannot win simply because it is colour-fed, and it should be remembered that if rich colour is an object it is quite necessary for a bird to possess good colour naturally, otherwise the artificial feeding will not have the desired effect. In the selection of birds in a mixed class (i.e., fed and unfed), I believe it is usually the custom among expert judges to sum up their respective merits quite outside the question of them having been fed; a sort of "looking through" the glamour, so to speak. The point, however, which principally attracted my notice in the letter of "Simplissimus" was that with regard to Pekin Robins or Hill Tits. When these birds are moulted in a cage or aviary they never (at least I have not yet seen one) attain the brilliancy of colouring that one gets in a really fine old wild male.

Very few people compare the colour of their brilliantly coloured caged birds with that of adult specimens, alive or dead, which may have been caught or shot in their full pristine beauty, and although, when moulted, such caged specimens may appear to their owners very beautiful, they are often quite "washed out" as compared with the wild bird.

To illustrate this point, I may mention that the Pekin Robin is a great favourite with me, and that I am seldom without one or more. When batches arrive I usually look out for good-coloured males. Last year I noticed an exceptionally fine bird among a lot. This bird I purchased, and caged up, and a few days after a bird-keeper happened to be in my room and I called his atttention to it. He at once remarked: "Yes; but that bird has been colour-fed!" I think he was inclined to doubt my word, when I told him that it had only been in London a short time, and had never been moulted in captivity. He said, "But mine are not like that." To which I replied, "Quite so; but if they are naturally good-coloured males you can make them so."

I moulted that bird on colour-food, and by the time his natural tones were up, his new plumage was a facsimile of his original dress. Had I not fed him he would have resembled my friend's birds which were not naturally coloured, but had departed from their original brilliancy.

Proper and Improper Uses.

I find that Virginian Cardinals, Pekin Robins, Hooded Siskins, Orange-toned Hangnests, and certain red, brown, and yellow birds can be kept up to natural concert pitch by the judicious use of tasteless pepper. I should be very sorry to inflict discomfort on any bird, and, to put on one side sentiment, I could not afford to risk the lives of costly birds. It may therefore be accepted that the use of colour-food would not be recommended by me if I thought it harmful. If, however, it is used to that extent in which a yellow bird is made orange, or the subject becomes absolutely unrecognizable as a proper representative of its species, then I see no object in employing it.

In respect of its being "unnatural," I cannot see that as a food it is more so than, for instance, a mealworm, a form of live food which is not found in ditches, or bananas which are eaten readily by birds that probably have never met with them before.

The oldest Brambling I ever met with was fed for at least three months out of nine on colour-food, and I have a Virginian Cardinal that has partaken of it every day for at least a year, and I believe he is the only one alive out of the batch which came over. Others I have seen moulted in outdoor aviaries were simply a pale washy flower-pot red in colour, and no more like the real thing than moulted Rosy Starlings are like adult wild birds. I think the only really good-coloured moulted bird of this species which I have seen for years is in Dr. L. Lovell Keay's aviary, and that bird is an exception to the rule.

Sweet Pepper in Bread Sauce.

Pepper, however, will not restore the lost beauty of the Linnet, Redpoll, Crossbill, Sepoy Finch, or Rosy Pastor, but has proved effective in the case of a Cock of the Rock. The pink flushes and certain forms of red in birds are of very unstable origin, and it would be a day of joy for all of us if some "subtle philtre" arose in our midst, the use of which would restore the natural beauties of the birds just mentioned. These tasteless peppers, besides possessing nourishment and colouring matter, are also rich in flavour, and if the brand is prepared and imported under cleanly conditions one may use it in bread sauce where flavour is desired without biting pugency. Birds eat naturally, and are quite capable of digesting mustard and charlock, cultivated or wild, and also many other things which we might think to be a source of danger.

Whilst feeling indebted to "Simplicissimus" for bringing up this discussion (and I'm sure he'll believe me when I tell him that I am not fishing for a cheap drink at the expense of vendors of patent colour-feeds), I hope he will forgive me if I say that his plea for a bird as fit and perfect as human care and skill can make it is fully granted, and that I only look upon birds as "painted Jezebels" when they are overdone.

Correspondence.

An Appeal from Abertillery.

Sir,—Will exhibitors kindly note that up to time of writing I have only received a few entries. Anyone who has not a schedule can enter from the advert. in this week's Cage Birds. I will accept entries up till first post on Monday, and I appeal to all fanciers to help us to make this show a success. We paid all prize-money out in four days last year, and we shall do so again this year. Mr. J. H. Roe is judge, and exhibitors can forward their best exhibits, as the stewards are all experienced fanciers.

H. H. Mortimer, Hon. Sec.

Is the Southern Norwich P.C. to Live or Die?

Sir,—I was wondering if the secretary, or some member of the committee, of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club, would let the members of the club know, through Cage Birds, if it still exists. Nothing has been heard of the club as to whether it is dead or alive, since it went to rest about a year ago—that is, as far as I can hear. When the club was formed it was to encourage fanciers to breed and exhibit the Norwich Plainhead Canary, and myself and others think this is the time for the club to wake up and help keep the Fancy together. Now, fellow members, what do you all think about it? Is it to be a live club or a dead one?

A Member.

The Autumn Show of the London and Provincial O.S.

Sir,—Will you allow me to give your readers the following particulars of the London and Provincial O.S. 29th annual autumn show, which, as will be seen from your advertisement columns, is being held at Lambeth Public Baths, Kennington Road, S.E., Oct. 27 and 28. The hall is very conveniently situated, being only three minutes walk from Westminster Bridge Road Tube Station, ten minutes' walk from Waterloo Station (L. and S.W.R.), and there is a splendid service of 'buses and trams from all parts of London passing the doors. Competition is open to all. Prize-money will be paid over to all winners who attend the show on the second day, all others within ten days. Special arrangements have been made with the various railway companies for the speedy delivery of all exhibits, and their quick dispatch for the return journey. The Southern Yorkshire C.C. have granted their patronage in both champion and novice classes, also the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League. All exhibits will be carefully watered and fed, Messrs. James Carter and Co. are supplying the seeds and foods. In spite of the troubled times we are passing through, I feel sure that fanciers throughout the country will support us with their entries, as we are offering them over eighty special prizes. Our judges are all well known and respected gentlemen in the Cage Bird Fancy.

H. L. Huggins, Hon. Sec.

Vibration and Hatching Results.

Evidence from the Firing Line.

Sir,—Having been a reader of Cage Birds for many years, and a breeder of Canaries, I have often seen it said that vibration was one of the causes for dead chicks in the shell, but after being out here for the last six months and seeing birds hatch youngsters within twenty yards from batteries throwing projectiles of from 18 pounds to 48 pounds, it seems that the vibration theory is not right. Under one of our guns a fowl hatched 11 chicks out of 14, three being dead in the shell, and another case happened where the hen was about 10 yards from the gun. Of course no one knew they were there till the empty shells showed their appearance. I hope this note from a South Shields reader, No. 1849, Br. J. W. Anderson, 14th New H.B., R.G.A., B.E.F., will enlighten those who are still keeping up the hobby.

J. W. A.

Gift Class for the Red Cross Society at the Border City (Carlisle) O.S. Show.

Sir,—At our show on Oct. 27-28, we are providing a Gift Class, no entry fee or prize-money, the birds to be sold (cage not included) for the benefit of the local Red Cross Society. Any other profit derived from the show will be added. Can I appeal to the Fancy to support this class? We cannot all be at the Front, but every little help to the needy and wounded is always appreciated. Exhibitors often put in the case an empty cage to fill up. Don't send it empty this time, please. Most of us have generally a spare bird which we would not miss, but the proceeds from its sale will do good to and be welcomed by some of our gallant men.

John C. Bell, Hon. Sec.

Will Exhibitors Stand the Sliding Scale?

Clapham's Disastrous Experience.

Sir,—The entries for Clapham show have turned out disastrously. Norwich champion, 4 classes, 17 entries; Yorks., 8, 33; Border, 5, 0; Norwich, novice, 4, 17; Yorks, 8, 36; Borders, 4, 7; Crest or C.B., 1, 3; Selling, 2, 5; Hybrid, 3, 18; British, 10, 36; Foreign, 7, 16; total entries, 188. The Hybrid section is the only one up to the average. Last season we had over 420 entries, with practically the same classification, from 75 exhibitors, against 188 from 46 this season. These figures seem to point out that either there are not sufficient fanciers remaining in London to make a show a success, or they won't stand the "sliding scale" payment. Or there is some other reason I have not found out yet.

T. J. Hose, Hon. Sec.

Herbert J. Chick on Himself and Some Others.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Chick, I thank him for his offer to come to Sheffield, and when times are more settled, and we can attend meetings regularly, I may remind him of his offer. This is certainly better than having arguments through the Press, as all parties seem to end up by slanging one another, instead of sticking to the points in question, and this affords no benefit to any of the parties concerned. I for one am pleased to see that Mrs. Dalton's article has borne fruit, as notice Mr. Nicholas' letter re moulting British Birds, and his pertinent questions, if answered by Mr. Chick, may be of advantage to both novice and champion. Although I have no personal feeling in this matter, I still think that Mr. Chick expressed his views on Mrs. Dalton a little stronger than would have met the case.

Sheffield.

Sir,—I quite agree with "Sheffield," and so do others I have spoken to, that Mr. Chick's letter concerning Mrs. Dalton was much too sharp, and not really called for at all. From what he has since written, I think what he wanted was the chance to boost himself up sky high, which he is so fond of doing. I am sure Mrs. Dalton has always done her best to help on the Yellowhammer, and the keeping of other British Birds, but it is attacks like those of Mr. Chick which send good people out of the Fancy. What has Mr. Chick done to help us at Nottingham? I can't remember anyone who has done more to upset fanciers by the way he has always had of crowing about himself and running down others in a loud-voiced and unpleasant way, both at meetings and shows. Many local fanciers will bear me out in this. Sympathy with others seems to be unknown to his nature. Live and let live, and help one another, should be the aims of all who go in for our hobby; we want kindliness and fellow feeling, not nothing but criticism and abuse, Mr. Chick. I might ask him what his wonderful birds were doing last season. How many got nothing at all, how many got "codding cards," and how many prizes? I don't think they did anything to crow about. Was it the rotten judges again? Or was Mr. Chick just helping the shows by entering with his usual "generosity"?

Hyson Green.

Sir,—I have not put myself out of the way to see Mr. Royce. Mr. Royce called on me last Sunday evening to see if I would go to their meeting. Practically nothing was said about the letters that had been appearing in Cage Birds. I had written my reply to Mr. Weston before Mr. Royce called. If I answer the latter part of Mr. Weston's letter the Editor would not publish it, because it would be rather strong.

Herbert J. Chick.

[This matter is now closed. We think our readers who perused Mr. Chick's last letter will agree that he has nothing to complain about re the publication of "strong" matter. Further, we allowed Mr. Chick to open the attack, and we have given him the opportunity of having the last word.—Editor.]

"Tortured Prisoners."

Sir,—I have been interested and at times amused with the correspondence which has arisen over Mr. Cox and the wickedness (?) of bird keeping. Onlookers frequently notice errors which are not so apparent to those in the thick of a heated discussion, there have probably been several already in connection with this present argument which one might ignore but, a bird lover myself, I feel I cannot pass over Mr. Cox's latest "faux pas" accusing "Bird Lovers" of being the cause of the extermination of the Bustard, Great Auk, and shortly the Chough, and so on.

I fancy the Great Auk in particular must have been a very unpleasant cage bird and, besides this, when, and if, it was a common cage bird I fancy Mr. Cox himself was not there to inform the aviculturists of their wickedness! (hence the reason of its extinction we must presume).

Mr. Cox has evidently got a little beyond his depth, and is now confusing the bird-keeper with the egg collector and the taxidermist maniac, the former is a bird lover, the two latter are (to the mind of all true bird lovers) exactly the opposite kind of naturalist.

I quite agree with Mr. Cox on several of his points, and have myself before now bought a bird I did not want, solely because I saw it in a tiny, dirty cage, and looking very miserable, and I wished to give it a happier existence. But such cases are exceptions which will be found in every trade and hobby, and are, therefore, no reason for the making of such sweeping assertions as we have lately been treated to.

I do not know where Mr. Cox lives, but if he cares (of course he won't) to come and see my birds, he will find that I, as one of those

"ruffianly" bird lovers, instead of "exterminating" the various species I obtain, am increasing them so fast that I have to continually exchange or give away bred birds to keep my cages and aviaries from becoming overcrowded. What does he think of this, or does he disbelieve it? I may say I have not a Canary on the place, in case he thinks I bred only the common and none of the rarer species. I am not an exception either, but just one of the real "Bird Lovers," (not Bird Ruffians!) A. C. D. CAMPBELL.

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Member of The Avicultural Society.

SIR, Mr. Cox complains that his opponents are invariably anonymous; but in the same issue of CAGE BIRDS I see four signed letters. I hope he will notice that fact. Now, Mr. Editor, every honest man must admit that the freshly caught bird does not welcome captivity; whether this captivity is justifiable or not, is a question for each man's conscience, but do let his decision be the outcome of practical experience. Mr. Cox is up against thousands of practical fanciers who are really not the heartless wretches he paints them, but genuine bird lovers. He makes a big mistake in comparing a caged bird to a man in a packing case. Birds have little intelligence or memory, and what they have is of an order quite incomparable with man's highly developed and sensitive nervous system. He would be nearer the mark if he compared the caged bird to the inmate of an asylum, but even that would vastly flatter the bird. Mr. Cox must know well that the genuine fancier does not blind his birds, neither does he keep them in those miserable little back cages. He is justified in condemning these practices where they exist, but it is quite unfair to include all bird keepers in the same category; then, again, to blame us for the rarity of the Chough, the Bustard, and the Great Auk, is manifestly absurd—they are not cage birds at all—how many of them has Mr. Cox seen in a cage?

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, would it not be possible for you, through the various societies, to abolish the beastly little back cage—let no bird be kept in less than one cubic foot or so, except for travelling and show purposes.

If Mr. Cox knows of any blinding process going on, why does he not investigate and prosecute? He would have our whole support in so doing.

Mr. Cox is perfectly welcome to my name and address—I am totally unconnected with the trade—but for publication purposes I prefer to remain, INTERESTED.

(Unless Mr. Cox chooses to reply, this correspondence must now cease.—Editor CAGE BIRDS.)

Southampton and the Railway Service.

SIR,—Pleased as I was to read Mr. Metcalfe's cheerful letter, I hope he will forgive me if in justice to the Southampton C.B.S. I venture to criticise one of his statements. He says "We are assured by the Associated Railways of Liverpool that live stock will be received and dispatched as before. This applies all over the country," etc. This is not true of Southampton. The Defence of the Realm Act may not allow me to go into details, but I may say that the railway officials will give no guarantee, and knowing what we do, we do not feel justified in asking people to risk their birds. The hall question touches us as well. The possibility of financial loss, which is the only thing that some people seem to think causes the cancelling of open shows, we would be open to risk, if other things were O.K. I am induced to write this as some parts of the country seem not to realise the position of others, and think because they are not greatly affected by the war, other places must be the same, and so keep urging them to be sportsmen.

G. J. SLADE,
Asst. Sec. Southampton C.B.S.

Has the L.C.B.A. Been "Collaring" Dates?

Watford's Secretary Likens them to the Kaiser!

SIR,—I regret to announce that the Watford and Dist. C.B.S. has decided to abandon this year's open show solely on account of the L.C.B.A. having practically annexed our dates, which were made in the early part of the year, and duly notified in CAGE BIRDS fixture list. For many weeks we were the only show advertised in the South; then, just when we had got all arrangements completed, along comes "Kaiser L.C.B.A." and collars our dates. If this is not the best way of killing the Fancy, then I would like to know a better. However, we have decided to hold a members' show on the same dates, so that the few entries that would have gone to the Horticultural Hall will be kept at Watford. I don't suppose that the H.H. Show will collapse because of this, but in these times every entry helps, and in the past we have liberally patronised it.

J. GOODALL, Sec. pro tem.

Ringed Linnet Identified.

SIR,—The Linnet reported in CAGE BIRDS of Oct. 9 was ringed by one of my correspondents at St. Annes-on-Sea, Lancashire, as a nestling on June 2nd, 1915.

I must explain that many of the readers of my magazine are ringing all kinds of birds in this country. Every ring has a different number, and all details of date, place, and so on are carefully kept, so that whenever one of these birds turns up, and the occurrence is reported, we hope to learn a fact regarding the history of the bird. In time we hope by this means to obtain more exact knowledge of the movements and migrations of birds, whether they return to nest at the place of their birth, and so on.

Should you hear of any more birds with rings, I should be extremely obliged if you would let me have full particulars, as you have kindly done in this case.

H. F. WITHERBY.

The Ethics of Colour-feeding.

A Generous Offer from One Who Objects

SIR,—I wish to support what your correspondent has already written. Colour-feeding is not natural, it must be harmful to the birds, which in many cases have to be forced to eat it. If colour-fed birds are allowed to win, stained birds should be allowed to win. What good is an exhibition of colour-fed British Birds to our young natural history students? What excuse can anyone have in colour-feeding the Siskin? Yet many a time perfect specimens have to stand down on account of these fashionable dyed exhibits.

I will give eight gentlemen's hand-sewn English leather purses to the eight best birds, Siskins only, at the Liverpool show, Oct. 22, class 58, colour-fed specimens barred. I will have the purses made at once and forwarded to the show secretaries before the show, as an anonymous gift from one of your old and regular readers.

LANCASTER.

Hen British Birds in Cock Classes.

Are the Ladies Allowed an Unfair Advantage?

SIR,—We have had a rare good controversy at Plymouth show over a hen Greenfinch which was shown amongst the cocks, and was given second prize, although there was a special class for hen Britishers provided. Many held that this hen should have been thrown out of competition as being in the wrong class, and said that in their view it was unfair to give some hens the chance of competing in two classes, whereas other hens and all the cocks had only one class open to them. I must say that I myself think there is a good deal in this point of view. Others, however, thought that if a schedule did not specially state that the classes were for cock birds only, anyone could put a hen in them, and deserved a run for their money because of their pluck in doing so, as, of course, it has to be a real good hen to stand any chance amongst cocks. Others said it could be done in Canary classes, so why not in British? One fancier I spoke with said that even at the Crystal Palace show it had always been possible to enter hens in any of the classes for Britishers, and that of recent years the words "cock or hen" had been added to each class, notwithstanding that special hen classes were also provided. If this is so, then the action of the judge at Plymouth seems to have been quite correct. Still, it is funny that all fanciers do not know the ruling on this point. Does it apply to all shows? CORNISHMAN.

[We have looked up the schedule of the last Crystal Palace show, and find that the words "cock or hen" do not appear therein, as mentioned by our correspondent, though we have an idea that hens are allowed in all the British classes.—EDITOR.]

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Abertillery C.B.S. (Mon.).—Gymnasium Hall. Judge, J. H. Roe. 41 classes: Nor. 11 (3 nov.), Yorks 11 (3 nov.), Bord. 4 (1 nov.), A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 7, For. 1, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 if 9 entries; 8 or less, sliding scale. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close first post Oct 18 to—H. H. Mortimer, 4, Granville Street.

Chester C.B.S.—Temperance Hall, George Street, Nov. 13. Judge, H. W. Battye. 47 classes: Nor. 14 (4 gr., 4 nov.), Yorks 14 (4 gr., 4 nov.), Bord 9 (3 nov.), A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 6, Gift 1. Prizes according to entries. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 6 or first post Nov. 7 to—L. Cavanagh, "Berwyn," Vicar's Cross, Chester.

Deal, Walmer F.A. (Kent).—Nelson Hall, Nelson Street, Nov. 3-4. Judge, F. G. Gibbs. 16 classes: Nor. 5, Yorks 5, Mule, Gift, Sell., Brit., For., A.O.V. Can., 1 each. Open to 20 miles' radius. Prizes on sliding scale. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 29 to W. H. Thompson, 159, Beach Street, Deal.

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SUCCESS AT PLYMOUTH.

A FINE SHOW, FINELY MANAGED.

A well-arranged and comprehensive classification was put forth by the old-established Western Counties Ornithological Society for its fifty-sixth show, held in the Corn Exchange, Plymouth, Oct. 12 and 13. To meet the circumstances prevailing at the moment, no stated prize money was announced, but a generous sliding scale, which in all classes gave back the whole of the entry fees, and in the majority of cases more than the entry fees, was adopted. The sliding scale arrangement has been tried on many occasions and has often been found wanting, but the men of the West are evidently good sports. They accepted the novel conditions in the right spirit, and gave the society right loyal support. True, we did not see some of the mammoth classes of thirty and over which we have seen in the past, but a good average entry was received.

Yorkshires were not so numerous as usual, but the quality was there, amongst the pick being the exhibits of Messrs. Ellis, Boundy, Woodley, Craven, Olver, Fulford, Bousfield, and Osborne, all of which were very typical and of lovely feather and style. The bird of the section was Mr. Craven's tkd. yell cock, which was a gem indeed, and one that could give some of the Northern cracks a good run for the money.

The Hot-Bed of the Norwich Fancy.

Norwich naturally were the feature of the show. They always are, and where can you find better Norwich than those of the Three Towns? The strains are old-established, and as one by one the old hands drop out, young ones take their place, and thus does the supremacy of Plymouth, as a centre of Norwich breeding, keep its continuity unimpaired. We have known Plymouth and the W.C.O.S. for thirty-five years. It was strong in Norwich when we first knew it, and it is as strong to-day. Owing to an unfortunate incident, Messrs. Gill and Pethick's noted stud was unrepresented, and a serious attack of illness about a week before the show depleted Mr. Spillman's equally famous stock. These two circumstances made a difference in the entry, but did not affect the quality, which was, as ever, at top notch. Yellows were a splendid lot, and the bird that beats Mr. Spillman's will be a good one indeed. The same gentleman won the Norwich cup with a yellow hen, which all declared to be the best ever seen. Before the general specials were judged for she went a bit soft, and this lost her the Astor cup for the best bird in the show bred and shown by a member. Mr. Collings also had a grand team out and secured a goodly share of the spoil with some birds of rare type and quality. Messrs. Houghton and Tristem staged some gems, and the latter gentleman's non-flighted yellow took our eye immensely. With luck it should be a stormer next year.

Premier Special to a Crested Hen.

Crests were splendid, each of the classes containing birds of great merit, whilst the numbers were good, especially in the youngsters, no less than fourteen facing the judge. Mr. Coath's hen, which won the special for best bird in the show, and also Hyde's special, is indeed a beauty. She is full of quality. Miss Onslow's brace of youngsters will certainly be heard of again. Mr. Bale led the way in Crest and C.-B. cocks with two giants, both of which were wonderfully feathered. Messrs. Evins Bros. held a strong hand in 1915 C.-B.'s and yellows. They won, and won well, but their team as a whole was hardly fit. It will do better yet.

Cinnamons were not great numerically, but they were of good quality. The best of the bunch was undoubtedly Mr. Medlin's buff, which is of good type and size, very true in colour, and of grand feather. It is only a few years since that the first Borders made their appearance in the West, but they have evidently caught on, and on this occasion made a very nice display, birds of nice graceful appearance and good feather being well in evidence. We particularly admired Mr. Last's team, and congratulate him on winning the special for the best with a most charming buff hen. What a contrast they presented to the old-fashioned English Canarics that used a generation ago to be so strong a feature of the shows in this district.

Should Hens Win in Cock Classes?

Mules were a nice collection, but it is possible that in a week or two some of the awards may be reversed, as condition told its tale. Britishers were above the average for Plymouth, both in numbers and quality. Goldfinches and Bullfinches were not strong, but the Linnets were good, whilst the Twites, Siskins, and Redpolls were exceptionally so. In the Greenfinches Mr. House placed a hen second, which caused some comment amongst those interested, as they contended hens should not compete against cocks when a hen class was provided for hen seed eaters, but Mr. House said, according to schedule the hen was able to compete, because the class was for Greenfinches, and no sex was mentioned. The winner in the insectivorous class was one of the best Thrushes we have seen for a long time, and it was staged in perfect condition. Notable exhibits were those of Mrs. Dalton and Messrs. Rees, Deeble, Holborrow, Corner, Ford, Collins, and Stephens and Gaved.

Plymouth management is traditional, and in saying it was as good as ever, we are only uttering a truism. Mr. Pope has long experience to help him in his secretarial duties, and his energy, no less than his urbanity, has much to do with the success which is scored by the good old Western Counties year after year. He had a good assistant in Mr. Luscombe, whilst Mr. Dyer, a past assistant secretary, Mr. Cheney, a past secretary, and Mr. Miteh, all gave him great help in the clerical work. The stewards, headed by Mr. French (chairman) and Mr. Snell (vice-chairman) carried out their duties in most excellent style. Others who deserve the thanks of exhibitors in this respect are Messrs. H. Craven, J. E. Rowe, C. Large, A. B. Brown, J. Wills, F. A. D. Wills, J. Woodley, S. Gill (a past chairman), J. Hambley, E. S. Trigg, and W. Spillman, other members of the committee being Messrs. Garland, Pridham, Deakin, Small, Moffitt, and Pugh—a goodly team for Skipper French to drive.

Mr. C. A. House's Classes.

YORKS., YELL., CLR. or TKD. (12): 1, Ellis, very long tapering bird, fine head and neck, rare wings and tail, beautifully feathered, sound level col., in nice form; 2, Boundy, hardly so fine in head, grand shoulders, wings, and tail, rare back, stands well up on his legs, full of style and nerve; 3, Ellis, clinking good bird, plenty of length, rare legs, wings, and tail, splendid feather; 4, Dobbs, much warmer in col., grandly feathered right through, full of nerve and style, hardly so slim in waist; vhc, Harding; hc, Bale; c, Clift. BUFF (13): 1, Boundy, beautiful feather and col., grand carriage of wings and tail, stands well up on legs, just a bit strong; 2, hc, Woodley, magnificent shape, plenty of leg and knows how to use it, rare wings and tail, not so lit; 3, Hubbard, very sweet grizzled neck, lovely head, wings, and tail, not quite so long, rare feather and col.; 4, Olver, very smart top end, lovely back and wings, good legs, hardly so finely tapered; vhc, Cravin; c, Oates. YELL., MKD., ETC. (7): 1, Craven, long raking bird, grand shape and style, beautifully feathered right through, rare head and shoulders; 2, Olver, grand headed, neck tkd., rare back and flights, good legs, hardly so firm in waist; 3, W. S. Ryder, beautiful wing mkd., grand feather and style, good feather; 4, W. Woodley, heavily mkd., capital feather and style, nice col., good wings and tail; hc, Batten; c, Small. BUFF (5): 1, Fulford, eye and wing mkd., beautiful feather and col., grand head, back, wings, and tail, full of nerve and style, very neat; 2, Craven, heavily mkd., grand shape and style, stands well up; 3, Boundy, good, racy, nervy, wing mkd.; 4, Mellows. NON-FLIGHT YELL. (9): 1, Ellis, grand type, length, and style, tapers well, rare legs, capital finish right through; 2, Fulford, grand length and shape, capital feather, very nervy and stylish, hardly so tight in front; 3, Clift, rattling good heavily mkd., rare shape and style, nicely feathered, needed a tubbing; 4, Bale, nice stylish, well feathered, wing mkd.; vhc, Reynolds; hc, Craven; c, Batten. BUFF (6): 1, Bousfield, takes S.Y.C.C. spl., very neat and sweet, grand col. and feather, lovely wing and tail carr., in good trim; 2, Osborne, capital length and shape, splendid legs, wings, and tail, not quite so steady; 3, Wakeley, capital col. and qual., grand wings and tail, good legs; 4, Bale, grand feather and col., nice head and back; vhc, W. S. Ryder; hc, Craven. HENS, YELL. (12): 1, Osborne, variegcinn., grand shape and style, wings and tail well braced, capital pair of legs, real good stamp; 2, Olver, cl., hardly so slim, grand wings and tail, good shoulders and back, stands well up; 3, Bale, grand bodied, cl., hardly so neat in head, and paler in col., lovely feather and style; 4, Tredant, head, eye, and wing mkd., grand feather and style, needs just a bit more length; vhc, Craven; hc, Wakeley; c, Clift. BUFF (7): 1, Dobbs, check mkd., a beauty, lovely feather, grand head, wings, and tail, very smart and stylish, nicely finished; 2, Wakeley, rather longer in body, plenty of leg, paler in col., and not quite so far through moult; 3, vhc, spl. best hen S.Y.C.C., Clift, very neat in shape and feather, nice style, hardly so much length; 4, Fulford; hc, Hambley; c, W. S. Ryder. BORD. YELL., CLR. OR TKD. (10): 1, Madagan, very sweet and neat, feathered like a Java, grand head, splendid wing and tail carr.; 2, hc, G. H. Pratt, rare shape and style, plenty of go, hardly so silky in feather; 3, Jenkins, beautifully feathered, rare carr.; 4, c, A. J. Pratt, bonnie bird for shape and feather; vhc, Hodges and Woods. BUFF (10): 1, 4, G. H. Pratt, very neat and compact, lovely head, wings, and tail, full of style and qual.; 4, spl. best 4tb, grand type and feather, not so steady; 2, Madagan, hardly so slim as 1st, but all there in feather and style, grand wings and tail; 3, Elston, very shapely and stylish, nice head, wings, and tail; vhc, Philpot; hc, A. J. Pratt; c, Burton Bros. HEN, CLR. OR TKD., YELL. (7): 1, 2, G. H. Pratt, wonderful feathering and style, sweet head, grand wing and tail carr., a little gem, 2, hardly so slim, but the same lovely feather, wings and tail; 3, Jenkins, grand type and style, nice feather; 4, A. J. Pratt; vbc, Madagan; hc, Burton Bros.; c, Hodges and Woods. BUFF (7): 1, G. H. Pratt, beauty, very neat bead, grand wings and tail, rare feather, full of style; 2, A. J. Pratt, rather better carriage and type, but hardly so fine in feather, a toss up which won; 3, Madagan, grand body and style, lovely qual.; 4, Burton Bros., needs time; vbc, Philpott; hc, Bobbett; c, Claydon. VARIEG. (7): 1, Elston, eye and wing mkd. buff, very typical and stylish, neat head, wings, and tail, good and will improve still; 2, Ford, variegyell., very neat and smart right through, grand qual. and style; 3, Hodges and Woods, eye and wing mkd. buff grand shape and feather; 4, Jenkins; vhc, Burton Bros.; hc, G. H. Pratt; c, Claydon. GREEN OR CINN. (7): 1, Hodges and Woods, one of the sweetest buff cinns. we have seen for some time, grand col., feather, and style; 2, 4, Bacon, buff green, lovely col., grandly feathered right through, full of style; 4th, very typical yell. green; 3, B. Pope, nice yell. cinn., shapely and stylish; vhc, Bobbett; hc, Elston; c, Pearce. NOV. YELL. (8): 1, Last, wing mkd., a trifle too bulky in body but superb feather, neat bead, well braced wings and tail; 2, Wall, smart racy cl., rare shape and carr., lovely wings and tail, hardly so silky; 3, vhc, Hutchinson, very sweet cl., grand shape and style; 4, Chown, shapely stylish cl.; hc, Morshead; c, Hewett. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Last, very neat head, wings, and tail, grand feather, full of style, in grand form; 4th, grand shape and feather, splendid shoulders, well braced wings and tail, not so steady; 2, Hewett, very typical and stylish, nice qual., not quite ready; 3, vhc, Hutchinson, grandly feathered, rare wings and tail; hc, B. Pope; c, Chown. HEN (8): 1, spl. best Bord., Last, magnificent buff, very neat head and shoulders, grandly carried wings and tail, full of qual.; 2, c, Hutchinson, very smart and stylish, rare shape, lovely wings and tail, not quite so silky in feather; 3, hc, Humphries, neat, stylish, well made feather; 3, hc, Humphries, neat, stylish, well made feather, yell., hardly ready; 4, Chown, nice shape and feather, also needs time, grand style; vhc, Thomas. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, Minty, very smart stylish yell. coppy, good length and subs., nice spread; 2nd, stout, well made, heavily feathered buff Lancashire Plainhead; 3, Mrs. Unwin. MULES, LIGHT, CAN. (8): 1, Hambley, very nicely balanced six-point buff, grand shape and feather, nice size, well shown; 2, 3, c, Collins, charming cl. buff, wonderfully feathered, full of qual.; 3rd, rich col. yell. 4-pt., grand shape and feather, tail not quite down; 4, Middleton, lightly mkd. Lin.-Can., rare shape and feather; vhc, Green, hc, Symons Bros.; absent, No. 5, Middleton. DARK (9): 1, Stephens and Gaved, Greenie-Can. yell., wonderful col. and feather, in the pink of condition; 2, Wills, Redpoll-Can., lovely col., marks and feather; 3, 4, vhc, Collins, large, shapely, good feathered, rich col. buff Greenie-Can.; 4th, very nicely mkd. Siskin-Can.; hc, Emerson and Winstone; c, Cockburn; absent, No. 6, Middleton. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, Collins, magnificent team, Goldie-Redpoll, Goldie-Greenie, and Goldie-Bullie, all full of col. and qual., grandly mkd., and shown in rare form; 4, Ford, Greenie-Bullie, not ready. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (9): 1, c, Stephens and Gaved, fine, large, deep cut, blaze, grand bars and buttons, the most

feather; 2, Holborrow, richer in chestnut, but not so deep in blaze, and hardly so fit; 3, Large, grandly shaped Bullie, grand back and bars; 4, Poole, brighter in col., and larger, but not so cobby; vhc, Bambley; hc, Martin. LINNET (11): 1, 4, Rees, bold shapely bird, grandly mkd., nice col. and feather; 4th, very neatly mkd., capital col., not so large, nor so steady; 2, Beeble, very rich col., beautifully mkd.; 3, Holborrow, fine big bird, good col., bit light in throat; vhc, Lugg; hc, Davis and Gregory; c, Large. GREENF. (7): 1, Holborrow, slashing jonque, rare size, shape and feather, lovely wings and tail; 2, Corner, beautiful hen, rare shape, col. and feather, some thought should not have been in this class; 3, Rowe and Richards, grand shaped mealy, nice col. and feather; 4, vhc, Large; hc, Lugg. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, Ford, very handsome Lesser Redpoll, beautiful col., feather, and marking, in the pink; 2, 3, vhc, Mrs. Dalton, very rich col. Twite, grandly mkd., rare feather and style; 3rd, most lovely Siskin, beautiful lacing and col., neat cap and bib, in grand form; 4, hc, Green, good shapely Mealy Redpoll, grandly mkd., nice feather; c, Hollliday. A.O.S. SEEDEATERS (10): 1, Holborrow, not one of the largest, but one of the best coloured and feathered Chaffinches one could wish to see, well mkd.; 2, 4, Collins, very fine Hawfinch, grand col., bib, and bars, and large, rich coloured, well mkd. Bramble, not quite ready or would have won; 3, Poole, large, shapely Hawfinch, hardly so bright in col. as 2nd; vhc, Rowe and Richards; hc, c, Large. INSECTIV. (6): 1, Rowe and Richards, charming Thrush, wonderfully mooned, rare feather and col.; 2, 3, vhc, Stephens and Gaved, large rich coloured Chough, grand legs, has lost the tip of his beak; 3rd, rich coloured, well feathered Waxwing, grand bars; 4, Burrows, nicely mkd. Redstart. HEN SEEDEATER (10): 1, 2, Bancroft, Corn Bunting and Siskin, two most lovely birds, grandly mkd., rare col. and feather; 3, 4, Lugg, very handsome Bramble and Hawfinch, lovely feather, beautifully mkd; vhc, Collins; hc, Pearce; c, Rowe and Richards. SELL., 20s. (6): 1, Andrews; 2, Symons Bros.; 3, Brown; 4, Pope; vhc, Mullitt; hc, Smale. 15s. (13): 1, Beck; 2, Boundy; 3, Parsons; 4, Smith; vhc, Bousfield; hc, Symons Bros.; 7, Brown. 10s. (7): 1, Symons Bros.; 2, Rowe; 3, Pope; 4, Andrews; vhc, Wilton; hc, Smith; c, French. FOR., LARGE (1): 1, Bawden, large, rich coloured, well feathered Red and Blue Macaw. SMALL (1): 1, Wilton, grandly mkd., rich coloured Napoleon Weaver.

Mr. J. Robson's Classes.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Spillman, good cobby build, grand head, rare back and chest, lovely col., not too hot, beautiful feather; 2, Collings, equal to 1st in every respect except width of chest, and carries more col.; 3, Stubbs Bros., very fine shape, not quite so bold in head ur shape, grand feather; 4, Redwood, similar size and shape, nice feather, down a bit in col.; vhc, Andrews; hc, Jolliffe; c, Howard. BUFF (15): 1, Houghton, a gem, smart, thick-set, grand wings and tail, good bold head, hardly fined down yet; 2, Stubbs Bros., same build, but hardly so stout, and not quite so hot, grand head, no brow; 3, Tristem, very nice shape and size, bit paler in col. and not so far through moult; 4, hc, Noyce, good size and shape, good qual. and col.; vhc, Spillman; c, Andrews. YELL. TKD., ETC. (10): 1, Spillman, very fine saddle tkd., short and cobby, bold chest and head, feathered like wax; 2, Redwood, wing tkd., beautiful shape, but not so stout in build, fine qual. and col.; 3, Smith, head tkd., lovely col., grand feather, does not get across the perch so well; 4, Tristem, lightly mkd., teeming with qual., not quite so much subs.; vhc, Brown; hc, Pope; c, Howard. BUFF (17): 1, Collings, grizzle capped, a blaze of col., beautifully moulded, coat like satin; 2, c, Spillman, neck tkd., equally good type, similar size, failsu a trifle in col, close run; 3, Howard, neck tkd., shade richer col., fine massive shape, bit open on front, takes Sandiford's special; 4, Wills, lightly tkd., larger, fine shape and subs., not quite ready; vhc, Houghton; hc, Tristem. NON-FLIGHT YELL (11): 1, Tristem, cl., grand size, shape, subs. and qual., beautiful silky feather, a grand youngster; 2, 4, Collings, close on his heels, hardly so much subs., otherwise quite as good; 4th lightly tkd., gem for qual. and col., but a trifle horned on head; 3, Spillman, tkd. neck, equally good type and qual.; vhc, Redwood; hc, Rowley; c, Stubbs Bros. BUFF (18): 1, Symons Bros., cl., rare size and subs. right through, lovely shape and feather, rich col., well shown; 2, Noyce, lightly tkd, quite equal in shape, size, col. and feather, but unsteady; 3, Redwood, cl., right shape, close, compact feather; 4, vhc, Collings, cl., just as good, similar size and shape, not quite finished in head, full of qual.; hc, Cole; c, Andrews. NON-FLIGHT HEN (16): 1, and Norwich cup, Spillman, saddle mkd. yell., lovely shape, fine bold head and chest, very rich col., beautiful qual., a gem; 2, 3, Collings, cl. buff, sweetly moulded, not quite so massive, very typical, brimful of qual.; 3rd cl. yell., just as shapely, but on smaller lines, lovely col. and feather; 4, Houghton, equally good cl. buff, smart and thick, lovely feather, not ready on checks; vhc, Thomas; hc, Williams; c, Jolliffe; wrong class, No. 10, Cole. HEN, YELL. (9): 1, Tristem, cl., wonderful size combined with grand type and feather, rich col., lovely carr., very smart; 2, Wills, cl., similar shape, but not so stout, lovely feather, hardly so much sheen; 3, Spillman, wing tkd., splendid shape, sweet head, good chest, rare carr., not fined down yet; 4, Noyce, wing tkd., grand col. and feather; vhc, hc, Andrews; c, Howard. BUFF (14): 1, Collings, cl., bright rich col., medium size, lovely shape, beautiful feather, grand head, wings, and tail, full of qual.; 2, Houghton, cl., just as shapely but a trifle larger, hardly so active, rare col. and feather; 3, Stubbs Bros., eye tkd., grand body and shape, lovely col. and qual., a beauty; 4, Spillman, close and compact in feather, loses a bit in head; vhc, Page; hc, Garland; c, Davies. NON-FED (7): 1, Collings, cl. buff, fine size and shape, lovely silky compact feather; 2, Pope, lightly mkd., not quite so fit, gem for qual. and type; 3, 4, hc, c, Smale, cl. buff, rare stamp; 4th, cl. buff, neat and shapely; vhc, Stephens and Garved. CRESTS, CK. (8): 1, Bale, heavily varieg., large massive bird, well radiated, densely feathered crest, not quite ready, but a stormer; 2, W. S. Ryder, heavy. varieg., very large, well-drooped crest, hardly so dense, grand body and feather; 3, Evins Bros., heavy varieg., well-radiated crest, centre all in pipe; 4, Symons Bros., almost cl. body, just tkd. in neck, hardly so massive in body, well-radiated crest; vhc, Parsons; hc Hutchings; c, Rowe. HEN (7): 1, Coath, spl. best bird in show and Hyde's spl., wing mkd., wonderful hen for size of body, density and leafiness of crest, rare qual. right through; 2, Evins Bros., heavy varieg., grand radiating crest, centre a bit in pipe, rare body and feather; 3, Bale, grey, massive dense headpiece, lovely droop, hardly so much spread; 4, J. Ryder, green; vhc, Miss Onslow; hc, W. S. Ryder; c, Richards. C.B. CK. (7): 1, Bale, very massive skull, great front, tremendous turn back, stout, well feathered body, a gem; 2, Symons Bros., heavy varieg., densely feathered skull, but not quite so massive; 3, W. S. Ryder, foul green, grand feather and shape; 4, Miss Onslow, green; vhc, Hutchings; hc, Williams; c, Richards. C.B. HEN (3): 1, W. S. Ryder, heavy varieg., grand size of body, heaps of feather, broad, massive, well domed and browed skull, a gem; 2, Bale, heavy varieg., massive body, plenty of feather; 3, Rev. G. W. Joyce. CREST, 1915 (14): 1, 3, Miss Onslow, wing mkd., very large body, great size of crest, very dense and well radiated, nicely finished all through; 3rd, heavy varieg., large bold body, larger crest than 1st or 2nd, but does not lie so compactly; 2, 4, Evins Bros., heavy varieg., equally massive in body and crest, hardly so forward in moult; 4th, varieg., massive body, plenty of feather, crest of good size and shape; vhc, Bale; hc, Rev. G. W. Joyce; c, W. S. Ryder, w.c.; No. 4, Parsons. C.B., 1915 (8): 1, 2, Evins Bros., green, looks like a hen, rare shaped skull, carrying a wealth of long, broad, dense feather, well browed, a gem; 2nd, green, close up, hardly so massive in front, grand rise, plenty of feather, two beauties; 3, hc, Bale, heavy varieg., finely made body, plenty of feather; 4, c, Rev. G. W. Joyce, varieg., well feathered, but feather hardly so wide; vhc, W. S. Ryder. YELL. CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, 2, Evins Bros., varieg. C.B., grand size and shape, head equal to many buffs, very dense feather, well browed; 2nd, varieg. D.C., hardly so massive in body, shapely, well radiated crest, bit open in centre at present; 3, Rev. G. W. Joyce, varieg. D.C.; 4, W. S. Ryder, varieg. D.C.; w.c., No. 5, J. Ryder. CINN. YELL. (4): 1, Medlin, large, massive bird, grand shape, wealth of col., lovely feather, shape and style; 2, Pope, grand size and shape, nice qual.; 3, 4, Smale. BUFF (6): 1, Medlin, very massive, good shaped bird, close neat feather, a blaze of col., in grand form; 2, Pope, rare size and shape, capital style, just beaten a little in col.; 3, Brown, larger, excellent shape, hardly so sound on thighs; 4, Collins; vhc, Craven; hc, Smale.

Members' Classes.

This section at Plymouth is generally equal to many open shows both in numbers and quality, and although the entries were hardly so numerous as usual there was no falling off in the quality, as is shown by the fact that the Astor Cup, and the reserve for it, were both found in the members' classes. Mr. Hutchings took the former with a grand varieg. Crest, and Mr. Woodley the latter with a marked buff Yorkshire hen that is a real gem. The judges took the same classes as in the open, and the principal winners were as follows: Messrs. Nicholls, Craven, Olver, Woodley, Mellows, Snell, Luscombe, Stacey (Yorks.) (Mr. Woodley won the Yorks. Cup with the hen before-mentioned), Collings, Spillman, Howard, Pope, Redwood, Brown, Deakin, Ough, Mitch, Sleep, Moffitt (Nor.), Coath, Bale, Rowe, Richards, Hutchings, J. Ryder (Crests), Collins, Brown (Cinn.), Hutchings, Collings,, Snell Craven (Pairs and Fours), Hambley, Collins, Wills (Mules), Hambley, Wills, Large, Lugg, Smale, Rowe (British), Wills, Hutchings (Foreign).

LANCASHIRE'S OPENING SHOW.

THE CREAM OF NORTH COUNTRY NORWICH AT PRESTON.

Preston O.S. held its annual show on October 8 and 9 in the Maudland Institute, and we have pleasure in announcing that the first venture in Lancashire was an undoubted success. The room is an admirable one, lofty and spacious, with plenty of top light. There would have been no difficulty in staging from 1,500 to 2,000 birds. The classification was mainly devoted to Norwich, and about 300 birds faced the judge, Mr. A. Wellings.

This was the initial venture of the N.P.C. and the O.N.P.C., and the cream of the Norwich from Lancashire and Yorkshire were on view. Entries were good, but the absence of the half-day excursion rates undoubtedly had some deterrent effect from a gate money view point. We noticed friends from a long distance, however. Mr. Joe Thomas from Halifax, looking as pleased as a maid in a hatshop; Mr. Brown all the way from Bridlington, a ten hours' journey; Mr. Evans from Doncaster, and a gentleman from Carlisle, whose name we missed. We also noticed many old and new friends in Messrs. Sam Cook, A. Hirst, W. Crawshaw, W. Spencer, E. Sutton, W. Whitehead, W. N. Turner, T. Barton, J. Critchley, J. W. Johnson, J. Hisketh, L. Granger, J. Lingard, and many whose faces were familiar, but who are either too modest or too shy to make themselves known.

Mr. Crawshaw had a great day out—quite a picnic, in fact; he won no fewer than five 1sts—nearly a record we should think at a N.P.C. show. Other exhibitors staged good teams. The judging was pretty consistent, the awards seemed to be well received, but some of the birds which were not fined down will probably be higher up later on. The unflighted classes were not as strong as usual, yellows particularly, but some good birds were in the buffs, and there will probably be some shuffling in this lot later. Hens were great.

Novices didn't turn up in the usual numbers for this district; still, there were a few good classes. The society is the first which has had the courage to put on an unflighted hen class for novices, and they turned up with a nice class of 18. Unflighted hen classes are but of recent origin, but they have come to stay, and societies would perhaps do well to separate the colours; it would pay. Some comments were made about sawdust in the bottom of one exhibitor's cages, and we were asked to mention this by the officials. Perhaps this little hint will have the desired effect.

The officials all worked hard to make the show a success. Mr. Tom Dent, at the head of affairs, always appears to lend stability to anything he touches, and it is a sufficient guarantee of the show's success when we say his face wore even a broader smile than usual. Mr. H. F. Marsh was the show manager, and we think the society couldn't do better. Mr. G. Buck was an efficient secretary, and was ably assisted by the Brothers Leeming, to whose organising abilities much of the success was due. Other helpers were: J. Nickson, F. Issott, W. Bramley, W. H. Cottam, and D. Metcalf. All the distance birds were in the hands of the railway by 5 o'clock, and if any were late in arriving home, no blame can be attached to the society.

NOR., CL. YELL. CK. (12): 1, vhc, Crawshaw, the Houghton cock leading, beauty, lovely head and neck, nice short wings and tail, exquisite feather and type, lovely sheen, easy win; 2, Fielding, larger, massive head, good thick neck, nice type, hotter in col., beaten qual.; 3, Kaberry, neat head, col. and feather, trifle slimmer in body; 4, Cook, lovely head, nice col., grand silky feather, secondaries kept him down; hc, Thorpe; c, D. Metcalf. BUFF (15): 1, Crawshaw, monster, great head, neck and shape, grand wings and tail, looks like last year's winning unflighted: 2, Fielding, massive, grand feather and sheen, trifle browy; 3, Sutton, slightly paler, rare feather, good in head, shape, etc., nice deep chest; 4, Thomas, neat in head and neck, nice type and qual.; vhc, Hirst; hc, Norman; c, Marsh. VAR. YELL. (8): 1, Crawshaw, the famous varieg., looking better than ever, very hot in col., grand feather and type; 2, Cook, larger, great head and shape, beaten finish; 3, Turner, heavily var., good head, nut quite the same qual.; 4, Marsh; vhc, Hirst; hc, Hargreaves; c, Nickson. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Crawshaw, the two famous variegateds, chest mkd. leading, great head, col. and feather; 2, Thomas, massive bird, great head and shape, beautiful silky feather, just beaten finish and style; 4, Hirst, grand shape and head points, unfortunately pale in col.; vhc, Marsh; hc, Cook; c, Kaberry. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 4, Smith, mother and daughter, daughter leading for first time, 4th one of the best hens living, must be getting on; 2, Fielding, neat head and qual. of feather, beaten shape; 3, Hirst, cl., rare col., nice carr., won't face the music; vhc, Bleasc and Son; hc, Norman; c, Cottam. BUFF (17): strong class: 1, Blease and Son, big hen, grizzle cap, rare head, neck and type, grand cond.; 2, Thomas, very sweet cl., bonny type, lovely head, deep chest, short body, wings and tail, we preferred; 3, Cook, cl., massive hen, well-known face, nice col., bit rough to-day; 4, Turner, another cl., rare size and col., nice type; vhc, Sutton; hc, Kaberry; c, Thorpe. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, 4, Stubbs Bros., wing mkd. leads, beautiful head, neck and col., 4th grizzle neck, hot col., nice qual., neat head, beaten wings; 2, Kaberry, cl., head and neck all right, beaten col. and finish; 3, McAndrew, wing and eye mark, large size, good col.; vhc, Lingard; hc, Crawshaw; c, Yates. BUFF (19): 1, Marsh, grizzle cap, big bouncing bird, nice qual., could do with more col., wins Stanley cup for best members' bird; 2, c, Hirst, cl., nice deep chest, rare head and neck, nice qual.; 3, Lingard, grizzle cap, trifle nervous; 4, Blease and Son, heav. mkd., grand body, rare feather, not quite the head; vhc, Fielding; hc, Cook. UNFLIG. HENS (19): 1, 2, Crawshaw, buff leading, beauty for type and qual. feather, short body and deep chest, head doesn't widen out, else a good one, 2nd eye tick yell., nice qual. and type, little to choose; 3, Cook, cl. buff, larger, better in head, deep, broad chest, better col., one of the right stamp; 4, Turner, yell., paler in col., best head in class, nice short deep body; vhc, Huggins; hc, Wilson; c, Yates. NAT. COL. (8): 1, Blease and Son, big cl. buff, great size, could do with more breadth; 2, Raynes, var., again a big one, similar type; 3, Norman, var., good head, shape and qual.; 4, Fildes, grizzle cap, not quite so massive, but neat; vhc, Ball; hc, Cottam, We liked No. 2 (Yates) immensely. NOV. YELL. CK (9): 1, Brown, massive cl., grand head and neck, fine qual., could hold his own in the "upper circles"; 2, Cook, cl., nice qual. and col., trifle slim; 3, Bennett, good head and neck, might have gone up; 4, Shorrock; vhc, Tose; hc, Buck; c, Lambert. BUFF (23): 1, Tose, heavy mark, rare type, body and cond.; 2, Wharton, bigger var., better in head and neck, beaten cond.; 3, Stuttard, var., nice qual., trifle too slim in body; 4, Spencer, rare size, neat head and qual., gets feather down on one side; vhc, Priestley; hc, Brown; c, Strafford. YEL. HEN (9): 1, Davis, big headed hen, nice body and type, trifle weak in neck; 2, Evans, not quite so big, but might have won, heavy mark; 3, hc, Wharton, head and wing mark, rare deep body, nice qual.; 4, Spencer, beautiful cinnamon mark, and a really nice exhibit, quite a change; vhc, Brown; c, Strafford. BUFF (9): 1, Evans, wing and tail mark, neat head, nice silky feather, rare deep chest, wins well; 2, Spencer, nice qual. of feather, rather too lively; 3, Oldham, nice shaped cl., very symmetrical, well across perch; 4, vhc, Rushton, cl., bigger in body, neat head and neck; hc, Rhodes; c, Johnson. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, Brown, sweet exhibit, rare silky feather, nice shape; 2, Tose, wee bit smaller, nice short tail; 3, Brown, nice head and neck, rare type, trifle smaller; 4, Smalley, var. yell., good type and qual. of feather; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Wharton; c, Lambert. BUFF (17): 1, vhc, Chilton, big cl., rare body and qual.; 2, Ordish, big var., nice qual. feather, trifle thick at root of tail; 3, Rushton, var., big-headed bird, nice feather and short body; 4, c, Evans, cl., rare size and head, deep chest, good col.; hc, Bennett. UNFLIG. HEN (18): 1, Stuttard, yell. grizzle cap, nice short body, bit wild; 2, Brown, buff, grizzle cap, rare size and qual.; 3, Rushton, yell., grizzle cap, sweet exhibit; 4, Priestley, green cap mark, lovely type, very good in head and neck, Norwich properties, all one could desire, some thought best in class; vhc, Fildes; hc, Johnson; c, Jeffries. SELF OR FOUL YELL. (8): 1, Walker, massive big headed cock, grand col., true Nor. type; 2, Ball, better col. if anything, nicer ticking, but slimmer in body; 3, Thornton, foul tail, rare head and col.; 4, Pugh, foul throat, nice col. and type; vhc, Handley; hc, c, Lomax. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Handley, self, grand col., type and feather; 3rd foul tail, nice shape and size, beaten col.; 2, vhc, Walker, foul tail, rare deep body and col.; 4, Barker, best shape in class, might have gone up, foul tail; hc, Pugh; c, Thornton. SELF OR FOUL YELL. HEN (7): 1, Ball, rare head and col., rather light under breast; 2, hc, Pugh, trifle smaller, but neat in body; 3, Walker, self, rare shape and type, we preferred; 4, Handley, foul, good col. and qual., beaten shape; vhc, Handley; c Thornton. BUFF (14): 1, Mitchell, nice Nor. properties, rare deep chest; 2, McAndrew, bigger, better head and neck, looked better to-day; 3, Ball, foul, nice body shape; 4, Thornton, self, rare shape and col.; vhc, Wallwork; hc, Raynes; c, Barker. BRIT. (AMALG.): 1, Marsh, nice Goldie, good broad face and square blaze, good tanning; 2, Evans, Bullie, nice col. all through, not one of the biggest; 3, 4, Spearritt, Goldie, not the face of the former, nice col.; 4th Redpoll, grand nutty col., well mkd.; vhc, Alexander; hc, Lambert; c, Wilkins. SELL. (9): 1, Brown; 2, Johnson; 3, hc, Whitehead; 4, Lambert; vhc, Johnson; c, Marsh.

IDLE.

Notwithstanding great efforts to obtain a full entry Idle had to cancel more than half the classes scheduled for its show in the Co-operative Hall on Oct. 6. One class only had one entry, and several only two. Greens, both Yorkshires and Borders, had to go, and all the Norwich, both Softhill Britishers, and several others, including two open Yorkshires. Right in the heart of the Yorkshire breeding district only five out of twelve classes filled to pay prize money, and two had to be cancelled. The fates seemed to fight against the show, for after a month of most beautiful weather the morning opened dull and heavy, with a Scotch mist, and this prevailed, interfering with judging and the attendance, which was moderate. As a result of the show the guarantors (Messrs. Chippendale and House) will drop several pounds each. Poor encouragement for helping the Fancy in the present time of stress.

Yorkshires were a good quality lot and took some sorting. Messrs. Burdekin Bros. and L. Dykes shared the leading positions in the open classes with birds of rare type, and in this respect we must say Mr. Mundell's awards were most consistent. The big ones certainly did not have all the plums by any means. We were pleased to see a Midland enthusiast running well in amongst the Yorkshiremen, Mr. Hymas, of Mansfield, who staged a very nice buff. Mr. Hymas was at the show and claimed at catalogue price Mr. Busfield's lovely little buff hen which won in the biggest class of the show. Novice Yorks. were as a lot even better than the champions. Mr. Baxter's yellow pleased us greatly; it is indeed most tpyical and of rare quality. Mr. Toulson, who touched the top in two classes had his winning buff claimed at £5 10s., and it is a bird that should do its new owner, Mr. Joe Thomas, a lot of good. This, and Mr. Baxter's second in the same class, were very fine specimens of what a Yorkshire should be. Mr. Busfield staged several birds of high merit, and is a desirable acquisition to the ranks of local breeders. Borders were a very nice collection, but Mr. G. Bennet took nearly all the spoils with a spanking lot of birds. Mr. Shackley led in yellows with a lovely feathered exhibit. Dr. Wilson's splendid team of Hybrids and Britishers easily won for him the cup for most points in the show. His Greenfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid and his Crossbill were the cynosure of all eyes. With such exhibitors as Dr. Wilson, Messrs. Oldham, Fairhurst, Wright and Marello showing it need not be said that the quality of the British section was of the highest, and several others also staged some gems. The show right through was a quality one. It only wanted more exhibits to be a first ranker. Staged at a nice height, in a large, well-lighted hall, the birds showed to advantage, and all the details of management were well looked after by the Committee, amongst whom Messrs. F. Studd, J. Chippindale, T. Elsegood, L. Pearson, L. C. Lloyd, C. Renton, A. Price, T. Wood, B. Baxter J. S. Whittaker, W. H. Thomas and J. Pitts, all attended well to the exhibits. Mr. House had the arrangements well in hand, and Mr. Mundell got through his work in good style.

YORKS., YELL. (9): 1, Burdekin Bros., long, slim, whippety bird, grand legs, plenty, of nerve, neat head and shoulders, capital wings and tail, good col.; 2, 3, Dykes, both a bit finer in qual. of feather, but hardly so fit about the head, 2 has grand wings and tail, but 3 is not tightened up yet, both very stylish and nervy, and possessing plenty of length; 4, Lingard; vhc, Chippindale; hc, Wilcock; c, Hymas. BUFF (15): 1, Dykes, very fine head, neck and shoulders, splendid wings and tail, nice silky feather, very nervy and stylish; 2, Hymas, more col., very neat head, capital wings, tail not quite down, will improve; 3, Hartley, fine head and neck, good shoulders, wings and tail, great length, plenty of swagger; 4, Laycock; vhc, Burdekin Bros.; hc, Woodward; c, Price. HENS, YELL. (13): 1, Dykes, sweet, wing tkd., wonderful length and fineness of body, grand head and shoulders, nice level back, rare wings and tail, full of style; 2, Stables, tkd. head, hardly so long, nice qual. and col., hardly so long, very nervy and stylish, will improve yet; 3, Wood, very fine long drawn bird, stands well up on leg, beautiful wings and tail, lovely feather, rare style and nerve; 4, Farrar; vhc, Price; hc, Burdekin Bros.; c, Laycock. BUFF (16): 1, Burdekin Bros., very sweet headed cl., lovely neck, shoulders and back, well braced wings and tail, beautiful silky feather, rich col., stands well; 2, Laycock, long stylish tkd. wing, hardly so rich in col., capital wings and tail, rare legs, and plenty of nerve; 3, 4, Stables, very smart full of qual., rare nerve and style, graud head and shoulders, neatly carried wings and tail; 4, another little beauty, hardly so long, lovely feather, bit flat in col.; vhc, Dykes; hc, Chippindale; c, Shaw. NOV., YELL. (15): 1, Baxter, a gem, very fine head, neck and shoulders, rare wings and tail, stands well on leg, tapers well; 2, Marsh, rich even col., lovely feather, grand wings and tail, slim and racy, grand legs, shows like a soldier; 3, Symes, hardly so long, but very finely drawn, beautiful feather, wings, and tail, full of nerve and style; 4, Veitch, splendid qual., good head and shoulders; vhc, Sparks; hc, Firth; c, Sharp and Hibbitt. BUFF (11): 1, Toulson, very fine head, lovely neck and shoulders, grand wings and tail, beautiful col. and qual., full of nerve and style, nicely finished; 2, Baxter, grand silky feather, rare wings and tail, capital legs, stands well up, nice col., hardly so fit on head; 3, Firth, capital length and style, lovely carriage of wings and tail, feathered like a Java, stands well, bit paler col.; 4, Cantrill, capital length and shape; vhc, Towler and Hargreaves; hc, Thomas; c, Studd. TKD. YELL. (11): 1, Fretwell, very long finely drawn neck, tkd., rare wings and tail, stands well up on a good pair of legs, lovely even col., grand silky feather; 2, Austin, eye, wing and neck mkd., full of qual. and style, sweet head, rare neck and shoulders, grandly balanced wings and tail, we liked well; 3, Williams, heavily mkd., carries more col., very fine and close in feather, grand wings and tail, full of nerve and style; 4, Botham, wing tkd., grand head and shoulders, rare feather, hardly so long; vhc, Smith; hc, Busfield; c, Scott. BUFF (12): 1, Studd, head, neck and wing mkd., beautiful silky feather, grand length, rare pair of legs, splendid wings and tail, stands like a soldier; 2, Fretwell, neck tkd., grand length and style, well braced wings and tail, grand legs, plenty of nerve, shows well; 3, Scott, wing tkd., capital length, stands on good legs, very showy and nervy, not so compact in feather; 4, Busfield, mkd. head, neck and wings grand length and style, well tapered; vhc, Firth; hc, Jowitt; c, Austin. HENS, YELL. (14): 1, Toulson, lovely head, neck and shoulders, grandly braced wings and tail, fine silky feather, stands well and up, plenty of nerve; 2, Firth, head and neck mkd., rare length, very finely drawn and tapered, splendid legs; 3, Veitch, sweet cl., very fine in feather, lovely head, neck and shoulders, grand feather, rare style and nerve; 4, Busfield, heavily mkd., fine head, shoulders, wings and tail,

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full of nerve and style; vhc, Haggis; hc, Self; c, Northrop. BUFF (26): 1, c, Busfield, real model, one of the neatest and cleanest hens possible, feathered like a Java, lovely head, shoulders, wings and tail, quickly claimed; 2, Oliver, rather longer, fine head and neck, rare pair of legs, capital tail, full of nerve and style, hardly so fit; 3, Brotherton, more on the lines of the winner, but hardly so slim, wonderful feather, plenty of nerve and style; 4, Greaves, eye and wing mkd. cinn., grand feather, very shapely and stylish; vhc, Mrs. Lloyd; hc, Anstin. BORDERS, YELL. (11): 1, Shackley, bonnie little ck., full of qual., rare head, lovely wings and tail, nice level col., very fine silky feather; 2, 3, Bennet, neck tkd., rather slimmer, sweet head, well balanced wings and tail, hardly so fit; 3, spunking clr., rare head, shoulders, wings and tail, ful of qual., plenty of style, in grand form; 4, Madagan, very bright col., full of nerve; vhc, Mukley; hc, Garbutt; c, Ycliand. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Bennett, bold and stylish, wonderful feather, grand head, shoulders, wings and tail, very fine feather; 2, not quite so stout in build, equally fine in feather, lovely head, back, wings and tail, hardly so steady on perch; 3, Moore and Son, sweet little fellow, grand qual. of feather, neat wings and tail, just a bit soiled; 4, Elston, very smart, lovely feather and style, hardly so fit; vhc, Tranter; hc, Higgin; c, Garhutt. HEN (14): 1, 2, vhc, Bennet, magnificent buff, feathered like wax, sweet head, grandly balanced wings and tail, a gem; 2, almost a counterpart of the winner, hardly so level on back perhaps, two charming hens, close together; 3, hc, Bates, eye and wing mkd yell., grand style, very shapely, well balanced wings and neat tail; 4, Espie, sweet little buff, full of qual., grand style and shape; c, Shackley. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE, YELL. (11): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Dr. Wilson, 1st Chaffinch-Greenie, big bold bird, wonderful feather and col., tight as a Java, a handsome exhibit; 3, Can.-Bullie, very rich col., capital shape and size, good head, hardly so well finished; 2, Oldham, five-pointed yell., very nice col., lovely silky feather, plenty of size, fine showy bird; 4, Shaw, large shapely yell. cinn. Can., ful of col. and qual; c, Dibb. BUFF (9): 1, 4, vhc, c, Dr. Wilson, 1st magnificent Bullie-Linnet, rare size and shape, grand col. and feather; 4, big bouncing Goldf.-Bullie, grandly mkd., full of col., very neatly feathered; 2, Inman, variegated Goldf.-Can., plenty of size, grandly feathered, good size and shape, nice face; 3, vhc, Andrews, smashing Greenf.-Can., wonderfully compact in feather, sound even col., one of the largest we have seen. LINNET OR TWITE (16): 1, Wright, large bold chested Linnet grandly mkd., nice col., beautifully feathered, very smart and strong; 2, 3, Oldham, very deep rich col. Twite, grand silky feather, beautifully mkd., very steady, well shown; 3, rich nutty brown Linnet, grand silky feather, not so large as winner, but rare col.; 4, Fairhurst, smart racy little Twite, lovely col. and marking; vhc, Dr. Wilson; hc, Muse; c, Falding. REDPOLL OR SISKIN (14): 1, Marcello, big bold Siskin, grand glossy cap, beautifully mkd., capital col., very compact silky feather; 2, Fading, very fine large mealy Redpoll, grandly mkd., very showy and stylish; 3, vhc, Wright, rich col. Lesser Redpoll, very fine silky feather, grand style; 4, Dr. Wilson, another large shapely Mealy Redpoll, grand marking and feather; hc, Andrews; c, Inman. A.O. HARDBILL (19): 1, 3, Dr. Wilson, magnificent Crossbill, rare size, capital head, lovely col. and feather; 3, large bouncing rich coloured Bramble, grandly mkd., lovely feather; 2, c, Fairhurst, large, well mkd. Hawfinch, capital bib and bars, lovely col. and feather, nice shape; 4, Smurthwaite, rich col., well spangled Bramble, plenty of size, shows well; vhc, Macpherson; hc, Bailis and Rohson. SELL., 21/- (15): 1, Jowitt; 2, Lingard; 3, Veitch; 4, Mattinson; vhc, Farrar; hc, Lunn; c, Fielding. 12/6 (10): 1, Price; 2, vhc, Farrar; 3, Marsh; 4, Shaw; hc, Chippindale; c, Glushy. 10/6 (9): 1, Chippindale; 2, Mattinson; 3, Dixon; 4, Lunn; vhc, Marsh; hc, Farrar; c, Glusby.

RED CROSS SHOW IN SCOTLAND.

LOCHGELLY MAKES A FINE DISPLAY OF GRAND BIRDS.

Annual show Oct. 9, in Drill Hall, an ideal hall for such a grand display. We were pleased to see such a grand turnout of visitors. Some well-known fanciers from Glasgow in the West to Aberdeen in the North were present, and one and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The entries taken over all were slightly down from previous show, but under the circumstances were very gratifying. The show was held under the Red Cross, and we sincerely hope a large surplus will be available for this grand cause. A large number of the exhibits were heavily in the moult, and the winners to-day will most likely take a peg down when the others are fully moulted, more especially in the Scotch Fancy section. This section was fairly well filled, and contained some grand birds, the runner-up for the best bird in the show being a nice exhibit shown by Mr. Stewart. Borders were exceptionally well filled and contained some very nice and typical birds in forward condition. Yorkshires are fairly strong in Fife, and were well up to the standard of former years both in number and quality. Crests, etc., were fairly well up and contained some grand birds, but not yet showing their best owing to the moult. Norwich were exceptionally strong and contained some typical birds, and in fine bloom. The wing carriage is improving, but yet there is room for more improvement. Nothing looks so had as a good bird with wings crossed at the ends. Mules and British were fairly well filled and contained a few well-known champions and others qualifying for same. This section appeared the most popular in the show. The officials one and all worked with a will to achieve success. The following are the office bearers: Mr. M. Smith, Vice-Chair; Mr. McLeod, Sec.; Mr. R. Muir, Assist. Sec., and Treas., Mr. W. Grewar; Committee, Messrs. Muir, Smith, Grewar, Kirk, McLeod, McQueen, Strachan, Adamson, Henderson, Raith, Melville, Stewart, Thomson, McGregor, Smellie and Sneddon. The secretaryship is in capable hands, and the Society is fortunate in having one who has fallen into his work so well. Judges were: Messrs. Stenhouse, Lambie, McLennan, Whitton, Barron, Dewar and Watson, who gave entire satisfaction, and grumbling was conspicuous by its absence. Mr. Dewar took even numbers and Mr. Watson odd in British and Mule section.

SCOTCH FANCY, CL. OR FOUL YELL., CK. (7): 1, Gray, cl., grand size, well set up shoulders, decided drive; 2, Stewart, not so thick through, but grand style and action, easy worker; 3, Cowan, nice size, rare length of side, takes position well, not so rich in col.; 4, spl., Cook; 5, Laing. HEN (8): 1, Fotheringham, well up in size, rare reach, grand top end, still deep in moult; 2, Stewart, stylish action, nice reach, will greatly improve and turn the tables later when completed moult; 3, Simpson, nice size, rare thickness through, fine style, spoiled through soiled tail; 4, spl., Arthur; 5, Cowan; 6, Gray. BUFF (6): 1, 4, spl., Stewart; 1st grand size, nice shoulders, takes pos. well, wins easily; 2, Fotheringham, nice length, rather slim built, but fine action; 3, Simpson, nice size, well set up body, fine drive; 5, McGregor; 6, Arthur. HEN (4): 1, Simpson, rare size, prominent head and sholders, full of nerves, wins; 2, Cowan, little to choose for style, fails in thickness; 3, Cook, nice size and breadth of shoulders, a little stiff in action; 4, spl., Sinclair. PIEBALD OR GREEN (3): 1, Simpson, very taking foul green, rare size, nice width across, stylish action; 2, McGregor, foul, nice length of side, good style and action, takes pos. well, will improve; 3, Stewart, Piebald, nice size and style, wants working up. HEN (3): 1, Cook, nice size, well set up body, decided action, grand head and shoulders, easy style; 2, Stewart, Piebald, thicker through, nice length of rib and easy action; 3, Cowan, Piebald, nice style and action. BUFF (5): Stewart, Piebald, nice size, wants a little filling in at neck, otherwise a good one; 2, Allan, nice size, carries head well, rather soiled in tail, which takes away appearance; 3, Grey, Piebald, nice length, good drive, tailed soiled; 4, spl., Simpson, might have gone up one; 5, Laing. HEN (6): 1, Simpson, nice sized green, grand style, nice width across, a little loose in feather; 2, Laing, Piebald, nice length, carries head and tail well, gets into action readily; 3, Stewart, nice size, fine thickness through, rather slow in action, but a nice style when set agoing; 4, spl., Cowan; 5, Cook; 6, Gray. SELL. (6): 1, Cook; 2, and 6, McGregor; 3, Allan; 4, spl., Gibson; 5, Weir. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (19): 1, Voy, nice size, rich col., very, stylish, carries wings well; 2, Bennet, very typical, grand back and tail in rare order; 3, Don, nice type, rare bold head, well piped tail; 4, spl., Sprott; 5, Nicolson; 6, Sloan. HEN (21): 1, Bennet, perfect model, needs no comment; 2, Craig, presses hard, fails only through not being so forward; 3, Nicolson, nice size, feather like wax, fails in head if anything; 4, spl., Patterson; 5, 6, Anderson. BUFF (21): 1, Coventry, grand size, rare cond., very typical all over, a credit to a novice; 2, Robertson, nice size, feather like wax, nice back and front; 3, 5, Purves, not much between them, nice size, rich in col.; 4, spl, Gentleman; 5, Rintoul. HEN (21): 1, Rintoul, perfect model, rare style, feathers close fitting, well piped tail; 2, Bennet, presses hard, little to choose; 3, Coventry, nice size, rich in col., silkly feather, inclined to be frilled in front at times; 4, spl., Aitchison; 5, Patterson; 6, Peters. VAR. YELL. (14): 1, Patterson, very taking, eyes, neck and one wing mkd., rich and close fitting feather, rare wing carr.; 2, Nicolson, cinn. mkd. eyes and wings, nice jaunty carr., well filled in back and neck, good head; 3, Bennet, some thought might have gone up, very stylish throughout, one eye and one wing mkd.; 4, spl., Sibbald; 5, Lyall; 6, Aitchison. HEN (9): 1, Aitchison, rare type and qual., cheeks and one wing mkd., very rich col., jaunty style, well piped tail; 2, Nicolson, neck and wings mkd., well filled in body, nice fitting wings and tail; 3, Coventry, nice size, well tapered body, cinn. var., rather open and flat in tail; 4, spl., Dick; 5, Thomson; 6, Baxter. BUFF (11): 1, Rintoul, nice size, well tapered body, rare bold head, nice tail and wing carr., eyes and wings mkd.; 2, Bennet, nice type and qual., foul wings, well filled in neck and back, presses hard; 3, Spence, eyes and wings mkd., fails in qual. only, bold head and well piped tail; 4, spl., Lumsden; 5, Duncan; 6, McRae. HEN (13): 1, Bennet, mkd. both eyes, grand size, well shaped throughout, very silky feather; 2, Rintoul, mkd. eyes and very nice size, well drawn body, stylish wing carr.; 3, Cummings, eyes and neck mkd., fails slightly in col., otherwise a good one; 4, spl., Nicolson; 5, Heslop; 6, Spence. EVEN MKD. (18): 1, Nicolson, we took to be a var., nice size, well up in col., stylish carr.; 2, Crabbe and Finlayson, wings and eyes mkd., nice type, rich col., bold head and front; 3, Rintoul, same markings, fails slightly in head, otherwise a good one; 4, spl., Robertson; 5, Welsh; 6, Weir. GREEN (11): 1, Whitelaw, nice size, rich in feather, well mkd. throughout; 2, Lambie, nice size and markings, rather inclined to be too light under; 3, Lumsden, nice size, better col. through, could have gone up one; 4, spl., Bennet; 5, Thomson; 6, Sturrock. HEN (7): 1, Lumsden, perfect gem in col. and markings, wins well; 2, Forrest, nice size, rich col., distinct markings; 3, Cameron, rich col., good style, fails a little in boldness of head; 4, spl., Lambie; 5, Bennet; 6, Dodds. CINN. CK. (10): 1, 6, Bennet, nice size, rich ground col., well mkd.; 2, Houston, very shapely throughout, rich and well mkd., fails in carr. at times; 3, Forrest, nice type and qual., rare filled in head and neck, better carr.; 4, spl., Whitelaw; 5, Lyall. HEN (10): 1, Marshall, nice size, rich col., distinct markings; 2, Duncan, nice length, rare head and neck, nicely mkd., not so bold in front; 3, Heslop, nice size, well shaped back, rare bold head; 4, spl., Houston; 5, Lambie; 6, Buglass, we thought could have gone up. SELL., CK. 7/6 (8): 1, 3, Bennett; 2, Anderson; 4, spl., Baxter; 5, Crabb and Finlayson; 6, aatterson. HEN (6): 1, 2, Bennet; 3, Patterson; 4, spl., Anderson; 5, McRae; 6, Baxter. YORK., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 2, Heggie, beauties, exceptionally rich in col. and close in feather; 3, no name, nice length, very erect carr., pale in col. and faulty wing carr.; 4, spl., no name; 5, Clayton; 6, Pinnock. HEN (8): 1, 3, Heggie, 1st grand size, rare length of side, close feather and rich col.; 3, wing mkd., nice style, close wings and tail, very erect carr.; 2, 6, Park, 2nd nice length of side, rather pale in col., otherwise good; 4, spl., Thomson; 5, Gray. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Heggie, rare models, need no comment, a credit; 3, Thomson, nice size, rather open on chest and flat in tail; 4, spl., McInnes; 5, Park; 6, Clayton. HEN (9): 1, 2, 3, Heggie, 1st grand size, great length, slightly grizzled cheek, in rare fettle; 2, rare length, rather deep in moult, will improve; 3, nice length, not so shapely, rather racy; 4, spl., 6, Clayton; 5, Pinnock. VAR. (6): 1, Park, yell., grand length, very erect carr., soiled in plumage; 2, Kinnear, buff var., nice length of side, rich col., spoilt through soiled tail; 3, 4, spl., Heggie; 5, Clayton; 6, Wilkinson. HEN (5): 1, 5, Heggie, very sweet yell. var., grand head and neck, wins; 2, Clayton, buff var., nice type and shape throughout, fails slightly in col.; 3, Low, sweet and taking yell. cinn. var., will improve when finished; 4, spl., Shell. YELL. CK., 1915 (11): 1, 3, Heggie, 1st buff, grand type and qual., nice erect carr., shows well; 3, rich buff, rare qual. of feather, fails in size; 2, Bruce and Gunnings, nice size and qual. of feather, presses hard; 4, spl., McInnes; 5, McQueen; 6, Thomson. BUFF (14): 1, Heggie, rare type, nice style, rich col., close fitting wings and tail; 2, Kinnear, nice size, slightly grizzled head, not much to choose; 3, Gray, rich buff, nice qual. throughout, fails slightly in size; 4, spl., Steel; 5, Low; 6, Ross. HEN (15): 1, Bruce and Gunnings, whistling nicely; 2, 3, Heggie, 2nd very sweet yell., wants filling in a bit; 3, nice length, close in feather; 4, spl., Erskine; 5, McQueen; 6, Low. SELL. (3): 1, 2, McQueen; 3, Erskine. HEN (3): 1, 2, McQueen; 3, Heggie. DK. CREST CK. (6): 1, Taylor, grand sized buff var.., dark crest, well centred, with nice wide feather; 2, 3, McGavin, 2nd buff var., rare shape, well radiated crest, slightly broken one side; 3, not so thick in body; 4, spl., McGregor; 5, Howie. HEN (9): 1, Taylor, foul green, nice bold head, well centred crest, good width of feather; 2, 3, McLaren, var., nice shapely body, well radiated crest, slightly open one side; 3, Green, rare and shapely crest, loose in feather; 4, spl., Brown; 5, McGregor; 6, McIntosh. CL. OR GRIZZLE (3): 1, Low, var., very shapely grizzled crest, well centred and carried; 2, Peel, cl. body, shapely grizzled crest, nicely formed and well feathered body; 3, Binnie, same colour, etc., not so bold in head and a little short in feather. C.-B. CK. (6): 1, 3, McLaren, buff var., grand body, bold head, grand entrance and well lashed; 3, var., not so bold in head and entrance, nor so long in feather; 2, McIntosh, cl., dark head, nicely browed, rather flat in entrance; 4, spl., Brow, could have gone up one; 5, Melville; 6, Bruce and Gunning. HEN (7): 1, Lindsay, var., grand bold head, of rare width, nicely browed; 2, McIntosh, var., very shapely body, slightly narrow in entrance, but well lashed; 3, 5, Summers, 3rd var., nice body and well feathered, fails in width of skull and width of feather; 4, spl., Howie; 6, McGregor. UNFLIGHTED CREST CK. (5): 1, McLaren, var. D.C. of nice formation and well centred, will improve; 2, McIntosh, buff, grizzle crest, nice formation, great width of feather and nicely radiated; 3, Wood, var D.C., not so large in shape; 4, spl., Low; 5, McGregor. HEN (3): 1, Melville, buff D.C., nicely radiated, but slightly open yet at back; 2, Hutton and Wood, green, good crest and nice width feather, rather loose in body feather; 3, Bishop, might improve. C.B. (4): 1, Taylor, very sweet foul green, nice size, rare bold head, nice entrance and well browed; 2, 3, Melville, 2nd same col., rather narrow entrance, but nicely browed; 3, not so large in body, but bolder entrance and well covered; 4, spl., McGregor. HEN (5): 1, Melville, foul green, good size, rare width of skull and nice length of feather; 2, McLean, buff var., nice wide skull and well feathered, of nice width; 3, McGregor; 4, spl., Summers; 5, Bishop. SELL., 20/- (6): 1, Lindsay; 2, Low; 3, McGregor; 4, spl., McGregor; 5, Sharp. C.B., 15/- (6): 1, Simpson; 2, Low; 3, Taylor; 4, spl., McGregor; 5, Peel, 6, Sharp. NOR.: CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Martin, grand thick set body, rare qual. of feather, nice wing carr.; 2, Marshall, not so thick, but grand bold head and neck, rich and silky in feather; 3, Lister, slightly grizzled head, well rounded body, rare set neck, very shapely throughout; 4, spl., Grewar; 5 Thomson; 6, Moffat. HEN (5): 1, Harris, grand size, rare bold chest, well rounded back, short wings and tail; 2, Martin, much of the same stamp, rare rich feather, slightly flat in head; 3, Foot, we thought might have gone up one, rare type and qual., very rich col., nice bold head and front; 4, spl., Grewar; 5, Marshall. BUFF (13): 1, McCue, nice thick set up body, rare bold head and neck, well rounded; 2, Harris, nice type, rare qual. of feather, close fitting wings and tail; 3, Marshall, nice type, rare deep chest, still moulting, will greatly improve; 4, spl., Nelson; 5, Landsburgh; 6, McLeod. HEN (9): 1, Strachan, grand size, well rounded back, nice front, well frosted throughout; 2, Grewar, well up in size, close fitting wings, rare stylish carr., bold head; 3, Martin, little to choose, fails only in tightness of feather; 4, spl, McLeod; 5, Lister; 6, Smith. YELL. VAR. (4): 1, 4, spl., Grewar, perfect type, rich and close fitting feather, rare bold head and shapely; 2, Smellie, nice size, well drawn body, grand wing carr., short in tail; 3, Millar, rather thin in body, but close fitting in feather, of nice qual. HEN (6): 1, Smith, grand type, rare depth of chest, rich silky feather and close fitting; 2, Grewar, runs winner close, not finished moult; 3, Muir, nice size, well filled in back and neck, good head, carries wings well; 4, spl., Weir and Hutton; 5, Stewart; 6, Mathieson. BUFF (11): 1, no name, nice size, bold chest and head, with silky feather, inclined to be restive; 2, Dick, close up in size, rare subs., nice short tail and flight; 3, Martin, nice thick set body, rare qual. throughout, fails slightly in size; 4, spl., Mitchell; 5, Murray; 6, Ross and Duncan. UNFLIG. YELL. (17): 1, 4, spl., Mitchell, cl., grizzled neck, rare type of body, nice head and neck, faulty wing carr. at times; 2, Adamson, var., exceptionally rich col., silky and close in feather, some thought should have won; 3, Forrest, very sweet cl., all there for col. and qual.; 5, Harris; 6, Dalgety. HEN (21): 1, Martin, very sweet yell., rare type throughout; 2, Nelson, rare type, nice bold head and front, rich and silky in feather, will tighten up; 3, Lister, nice size and qual.; 4, spl., Marshall; 5, Lawson; 6, Mitchell. BUFF (23): 1, Murray, var., nice shapely body, great subs., nice tail, rather faulty wing carr.; 2, Lawson, rich col. buff, not so thick set, but better wing carr.; 3, Nelson, could have gone up one, thicker set, slightly browed at times; 4, spl., Gardiner; 5, Hislop; 6, Dalgety. HEN (29): 1, 2, Mitchell, perfect pair, need no comment; 3, McLeod, nice short set body, rare qual. of feather, good wing carr.; 4, spl., Strachan; 5, Nelson; 6, Lawson. NON-FED (11): 1, McLeod, very sweet yell., rich in feather, well set up body, slightly browy at times; 2, Smith, sweet buff var., rare type and qual.; 3, Langan, very taking yell., rich silky feather, rather flat and open in tail; 4, spl., Martin, might have gone up one; 5, 6, Grewar. HEN (10): 1, 2, Grewar, very typical buff var., and cl. yell., with foul wing, in rare order; 3, Hutton and Wood, grand sized buff, rich in col., rather loose in feather, will tighten when finished moult; 4, spl., Gray; 5, no name; 6, Gardiner. GREEN (7): 1, 2, Grewar, 1st grand size, richly mkd., slightly broken in col. under hill; 2, not so large, well coloured and mkd., good wing carr.; 3, Skinner, nice size, not so distinct in markings, but rare type throughout; 4, spl., Sneddon; 5, Stewart; 6, Moffat. HEN (6): 1, Langan, very sweet buff green, nice size and well mkd., bold head; 2, Muir, rare thick set body, slightly richer in col., but not so distinct markings; 3, Ross, fails in size, but well up in col. and mkgs.; 4, Grewar; 5, Sneddon; 6, Smith. CINN. (2): 1, 2, Wilson, 1st buff, nice size, fairly rich col. and well mkd.; 2, smaller in size and not so rich in col. HEN (1): 1, Wilson, grand sized buff, good col. and nicely mkd. SELL., 20/- (4): 1, Gibson; 2, Ross and Duncan; 3, Herd; 4, spl., Murray. HEN (4): 1, Thomson; 2, Forrest; 3, Dalgety; 4, Herd. CINN. CAN. (4): 1, Nicol, very sweet broken green, in nice order; 2, 3, 4, McGregor, buff var. and yell var., both in nice rich col. and cond. GIFT CLASS, NOT MARKED IN SLIP: DK. GOLDF. MULE (9): 1, Nicol, grand size, well fed, steady and well put down; 2, Wood, fails in size, but good col., coarser in feather; 3, Roy, nice size, rather pale in col., steady and well put down; 4, spl., McQuiston; 5, Adam; 6, William. LINNET (8): 1, McQuiston, nice size, not yet up in bloom, very steady and well staged; 2, Adamson, grand size, rare type, but unsteady and a little coarse in feather, wants toning down; 3, McLean, rich col., but unsteady; 4, Kennoway; 5, Johnston; 6, Roy. GREENF. (8): 1, Roy, grand size and well fed, steady and well put down; 2, Adamson, larger size, rare tone of col., a little unsteady, will greatly improve; 3, Duncan, sweet exhibit, little pale in col., steady and well put down; 4, spl., Nicol; 5, McQuiston; 6, Grewar. A.O.V. (11): 1, Roy, well known Siskin, grand size, steady and coming in grand bloom; 2, Spittal, Twite, nice size, good col. and well mkd., well put down; 3, McLean, Siskin, nicely fed, rich col., on the thin side; 4, spl, McQuiston; 5, Muir; 6, Bisset. CLEAR, ETC. (7): 1, Heggie, well known cl. Greenie Mule, looking better than ever, in rare bloom and well put down; 2, Tole, very sweet Redpoll-Bullf., nice size, slightly pale in col., taking exhibit; 3, Campbell, Linnet-Bullf., nice size, steady and well put down, a little pale in col.; 4, spl., Mellon; 5, 6, Williams, jnr. VAR. (6): 1, Heggie, var. Greenie, nice size buff, rich col., faultless condition; 2, McQuiston, grand length, rich col., steady and well shown, will improve and fill up; 3, Duncan, on the small side, but in grand order and well put down; 4, Fyfe; 5, McGillivray. HEN (9): 1, McQuiston, var. yellow Goldie, nice size, rich col., in grand fettle; 2, Naismith, buff, nice size, a little pale in col., steady and well put down; 3, Melvin, very taking Redpoll-Greenf., in grand order, showing the cross nicely; 4, spl., McGillivray; 5, Nicol; 6, Williams. SELL. (5): 1, Campbell; 2, Barrie; 3, Muir; 4, sp., Adam; 5, Storrar. BULLF. (5): 1, Sykes, grand size, rich hack and chest, grand wing bars and steady; 2, Dale, not so thick set, but grand col., steady and well staged; 3, McQuiston, not so thick set, fails if anything slightly in col. only; 4, spl., no name; 5, Greig. HEN (2): 1, McQuiston, grand size, dense cap, rare wing bars, in grand order; 2, Sykes, nice size, not so rich in col., but in fine bloom. GREENF., NON-FED (7): 1, Camphell, grand size, rich grassy green, steady, showing plenty of yell. in wings and tail; 2, Calder, nice size, slightly paler in col., nice wings and tail, little flat in head; 3, Marnock, nice size, a little dark in col., steady and well put down; 4, spl., Sykes; 5, McGillivray; 6, Gentleman. BRAMBLE OF CHAFF. (13): 1, 2, marvellous pair for size, col., markings, etc., steady and well shown; 3, Grewar, Chaffie, not a large one, but nice col. and steady; 4, spl., Adam; 5, McGillivray; 6, Galloway. LINNET (18): 1, Grihben, grand size, rich coloured back, well mkd. front, steady and well staged; 2, Greig, nice size, fails slightly in col., steady and in good trim; 3, Johnston, nice size, rich back and front, but rather open chest; 4, spl., Strachan; 5, Wason; 6, Combe. SISKIN (14): 1, Courachon, grand size, rich coloured breast, dense cap, well defined bib; 2, McGavin, rich coloured breast, rare dense cap, nice wing bars, faint bib; 3, Sykes, nice size, rare wing bars and cap, faint bib, very steady; 4, spl., Storrar; 5, Dalgethy; 6, Sharp. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (6): 1, Nicolson, Twite, grand size, rich chest and well mkd., steady and well put down; 2, Russell, Mealy, grand size, rich tone of col., nicely cut bib, in grand fettle; 3, Sykes, Twite, grand size, not up in col. yet, well mkd. and nicely staged; 4, spl., McQuiston; 5, Calder; 6, Anderson. LESSER REDPOLL: Strong class, could have made 2 lots of winners (20): 1, Connachan, grand size, richly tanned chest, good head and nicely cut bib; 2, McQuiston, presses hard, only fails in breast col.; 3, 6, Lamhie, 3rd nice size, not so distinct lacing, but well put down; 4, spl., Wason; 5, Campbell. LARGE SOFTBILL (3): 1, Sykes, well known Chongh, looking better than ever, a picture; 2, Storrar, Waxwing, nice size, a little pale in col., and not up in waxings, very steady; 3, Stoddart. Ring Ouzel, nice size, well cut crescent, steady and well shown. YELLOWHAMMER (6): 1, 5, 6, Raith, 1st well known winner, rich col. and markings, and well staged; 2, Muir, nice size, rich in col., not so distinctly marked; 3, Strachan, nice size, rich yellow, but rather cloudy markings; 4, McColm. A.O. HARDBILL (4): 1, Sykes, Hawfinch, grand size, well mkd., nice cut bib, steady and well put down; 2, Ritchie, good Hawfinch, nice size, not so rich in col., but well shown; 3, McColm, Hawfinch, not yet up in bloom, should improve. HEN (14): 1, Duncan, very sweet and nicely mkd. Song Thrush, steady and well staged; 2, McQuiston, Bramble, grand size, rich coloured front and grandly spangled back and head; 3, McColm, Corn Bunting, nice size and markings, very steady; 4, spl., Anderson; 5, Sykes; 6, no name. SELL. (7): 1, Ritchie; 2, Lister; 3, Anderson; 4, spl., 6, Adamson; 5, Strachan. SMALL FOR. (11): 1, 2, 5, 6, Arnott, 1st well known Sugar-Bird, a picture, in faultless order, the same remarks can refer to 2, a Tanager; 3, Lawrie, well known Whydah, in faultless order and carries his full tail; 4, spl., Adam, Rufous-backed Weaver.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

PERSISTENT DIARRHŒA (Crest).—Stop the bread and milk, and give instead twice a week a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts crushed arrowroot biscuit, broken groats, and hemp seed. On two other days add to the drinking water, instead of the opium mixture, half a teaspoonful of the ordinary chalk mixture sold by all chemists. When giving this, well shake the drinker several time a day to mix up the chalk, which quickly settles at the bottom. On other days do not fill the drinker quite full, so that it will not be so convenient for the bird to reach the water towards the end of the day, and on most of these days, when you are not giving the chalk mixture, you may add twelve drops of dilute sulphuric acid to the water to make it less attractive to the bird's palate. You may give a half-ripe plantain stalk, or a few seed heads of shepherd's purse twice a week, but do not give succulent green foods. The trouble will pass off at the end of the moult.

DEFICIENT TAILS (Border Fancy).—The probability is that the missing feathers have had the quills broken off short close to, or even within, the skin, and in that case no amount of plucking of the remaining feathers will be of any material use to bring forth those that are missing. In fact, plucking those feathers is both useless and inexcusable in any case. Catch the bird and turn over the covert feathers, and carefully examine the real tail—analogous to the "parsen's uose" in poultry, and see if you can see any trace of the quills of the missing feathers. If so, carefully extract them one at a time, taking out four one day, and the remaining three a few days later. The full tail will then be reproduced immediately. If you cannot see any trace of the missing feathers, they are probably broken off within the skin and will not be reproduced until next moulting season, when the quills are thrown off in the natural course. You may try anointing the skin where the quills should be sparingly once a week for six weeks with vaseline. If this does not have the desired effect, there is nothing more to be done but wait patiently until the next moult.

ABOUT ROLLERS (E. G. Miles).—(1) It is not true that Rollers only retain their song two years. The length of time they do so is very much a matter of management and general treatment. There is no reason at all why a Roller should not retain its singing powers just as long as any other variety of Canary kept under the same conditions.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Romsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Individuals vary, as is only to be expected, but I have had them, and have known many others, too, which sang finely well on into the teens of years. On the other hand, you will find many that deteriorate in song after the third or fourth season, though they may still remain excellent songsters of an inferior quality of song. (2) The many different names given to Rollers do not represent different varieties. In some cases they indicate strains or types of song, and in many more they are merely meaningless trade terms. If you get a bird free from harsh and distinctly faulty notes, it does not matter a jot what name it is called. (3) Sorry, but it is impossible to give names in this column. There is more than enough strife in this old world already, and we should be adding to it. (4) For ordinary singing Rollers, a staple of a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape is best, and for the rest the usual tit-bits frequently mentioned in these replies. For full detailed particulars get a copy of the Nutshell booklet, No. 10, on "The Roller." (5) To get the best quality of song you must cage birds separately. An outdoor aviary is not suited to high-class singers

Mrs. D. W.—Replied to by post.

SEEDS AND MITES (Samples).—(1) No. 1 is what is generally known as Cole. It is quite mild, and at a pinch may partly take the place of rape oven for good-class Canaries. The chief objection to its sole substitution is that it is apt to cause undue looseness in the bowels. No. 2 is a mixture of bird rapes, the bulk of which seems to be summer rape of fair quality. Neither of these samples is really bad, though they leave much to be desired. Mixed together in equal proportions, they would make a very tolerable substitute for really good summer rape in these times. (2) No, I cannot tell you the lowest temperature at which red mites can exist, as I have made no experiments in that direction, but they most certainly can exist at 30 deg. above zero. Read the conclusion of the notes now appearing on this subject.

YOUNG WASTING (Mel.).—Your feeding, coupled with the "no water" system, which is little short of cruelty, is doubtless the cause of your losses. Treat as follows for the future, after caging the youngsters alone: Give an unlimited supply of good sound canary seed, and place on top of it a pinch of summer rape each morning. Give separately each morning a heaped teaspoonful of egg food, or any substitute you may be using, to each group of four birds. In the afternoon throw out any remnants of soft food, cleanse the vessel, and give the same quantity as in the morning of a mixture of equal parts cracked hemp, maw, and either broken groats or crushed arrowroot biscuit, and add just a sprinkling of niger to the bulk. After a time begin to gradually reduce the quantity of soft food, and occasionally replace it with a similar quantity of scalded rape. By the time the birds are seven weeks old you should have brought down the soft food to a supply every second day, and continue this until the moult. Do not give succulent greenstuff until they are well on the canary seed, but a few half-ripe plantain stalks may be given. Give fresh pure water from the time the young are caged alone each day, and see that the drinkers are kept sweet and clean, and you need fear no danger from this source. You should have no trouble in keeping them under these conditions.

NOT MOULTING (M.E.N.S.).—See reply to "H.R." in last issue, and treat your bird the same for a month or so, i.e., start from the beginning and give it the full course of treatment. If this does not have the desired effect, let Nature take her own course, and do not worry. The bird is not bound to die next spring if it does not moult now, though it may moult then, and be thereby thrown late before it can be used for breeding, which is the only detriment that would be certain to happen.

CAGING ROLLERS SEPARATELY (H. Amon).—(1) It will be to the advantage of the birds to allow them to occupy the large flight together until they are through the moult, and are beginning to show signs of coming into song. Then you should certainly cage the cocks separately. If separated as soon as the moult is finished, the effect will be to induce them to commence singing sooner than they otherwise would. It is not necessary to darken the cages of birds that are not being colour-fed, such as Rollers, except in such exceptional cases as when the birds get stuck in moult, or are moulting badly. The object in such cases is to ensure freedom from draughts, and keep the birds warm and cosy. (2) If you get two self green birds, a buff-green and a yellow-green, to mate together, you will have no difficulty in breeding practically all green youngsters. A self green and a heavily variegated will also give you a large percentage of self greens, but rather more broken greens and heavily variegated young. (3) Within reasonable limits oatmeal is a very wholesome and harmless tit-bit, but any over-indulgence is apt to set up intestinal troubles, as well as making the birds inordinately fat.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

FINCH WITH DIRTY FEET (F. H. Pink).—There is a considerable difference in birds with regard to keeping their feet clean; some clean them daily, others never appear to trouble. The latter birds require watching, and I have found a frequent use of the bath very beneficial. I would also advise you to use sawdust for covering the floor of the cage. Get pine sawdust if you can, cut rather coarse, and mix a little gritty sand with it. This prevents it being knocked out of the cage by the bird if he is a bit unsteady.

BREEDING MULES FROM BRITISH HENS (W. G. S.).—Mules have been bred from Canary cocks and British hens, and the young have not shown any material difference from those bred in the usual manner, and I fear you will be disappointed if you anticipate getting clears. It will be very interesting to breed them the way you suggest, but your chances of success are not so rosy as they would be if you used Canary hens. If you have your choice of cock birds for the purpose, I would advise you to use a Cinnamon or one with plenty of Cinnamon blood, as there would then be a possibility of getting a mule or two of that colour, which would make them much more valuable. As regards your selection of birds, I would suggest that you have a Bullfinch hen in place of the Greenfinch or Linnet, as young bred from this cross would be quite choice Hybrids.

FINCH NOT MOULTING (G. P. O.).—I am sorry you do not mention how you are treating your birds, this information would have assisted me in advising you; anyway, I can only presume that your feeding is not what it should be, so the first thing you had better do is to give him an aperient of salts; dissolve as much as will cover a sixpence in two tablespoonsful of his drinking water, for one day, and then miss a day and repeat. Feed as follows: Canary three parts, teazle two parts, rape and linseed one part each, also give a little cracked hemp three times a week. If you can procure a packet of genuine wild seed mixture, he could have a spoonful on the days you are not giving the hemp. Hang his cage in a comfortable temperature, and cover it over with a thin cloth, this will probably cause him to drop a few feathers very shortly. I would advise you to send for our booklet on the Linnet, also "How to Moult British Birds," post free, 2½d. each, from our publisher, or 2d. from your local newsagent.

FINCHES FOR AN AVIARY (Ortsuc).—Your aviary would accommodate about twenty birds, if you did not intend to breed with them, but I fancy you would have more pleasure from a smaller number. If you had pairs of the following, they would make quite an interesting collection: Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Siskin, Linnet, Redpoll, Twite, Yellow Bunting, and Cirl Bunting. From these you would get a good deal of birdy music, and several of them are quite gay in plumage. Your stock seed mixture would consist of canary 4 parts, teazle 2 parts, rape 1 part. It would also be as well to have an extra pot of canary seed in a corner of the aviary for the benefit of the Buntings, as these eat scarcely anything else. In addition to the stock mixture, you should supply a little hemp daily, also sunflower, and a spoonful per bird of good wild seed mixture, or, failing this, make the following: equal parts of niger, maw, gold of pleasure, thistle, and dandelion. You would, of course, give any wild seeds you could collect when in season.

HENS NOT NESTING (Bullfinch).—As a rule Bullfinch hens nest and lay pretty freely, but of course exceptions occur, and you appear to have been unfortunate. The fact of your having the larger hen so late in the season might account for her bad behaviour. I should therefore feel inclined to give her another chance, and to procure one fresh one; your doing so might save another disappointing season; it is time wasted when one goes through all the year with nothing done, although this frequently happens with Hybrid breeders; the cult is a fascinating lottery, with no end of blanks. (2) I am afraid you cannot rely upon getting Foreign Finches this season. An advertisement in our "Wanted" column might help you.

SKYLARK SCREAMING (Sligo):—I am afraid I cannot assist you; try keeping his cage in a darkened corner, or partly shade it with a thin cloth. Perhaps he is an unusually excitable bird.

TROUBLE IN THE AVIARY (Troubled).—I am sorry to hear of your losses. I should be inclined to attribute your trouble to the presence of the Bantams. I am always rather chary about advising aviaries to be erected anywhere near poultry. Slight illnesses which have no effect upon them might be quite sufficient to clear off a collection of birds. I would advise you to thoroughly fumigate the building. Place in the centre a few hot coals in an old pail and put on them a good handful of lump sulphur, cover up the open parts of the flight with cloth or stout paper, so as to retain the fumes inside. Leave it like this for a day or two; remove all the perches and burn them, and replace the floor, if an earth one, with quite fresh material. After this I think you could safely re-stock. As regards your losses, I have found that eye trouble in birds is easily spread; the habit of rubbing the face on the perch is no doubt the reason. Among my own birds I isolate such cases at once, no matter how slight the ailment.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERIST

should consult Moulton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

TREATMENT OF BULLFINCHES (L. D.).—Until I received your letter I was under the impression that our Nutshell booklet on the Bullfinch was an almost ideal publication on that bird. Your complaint is that it gives too much detail respecting the food. I will try to put the matter a little more simply. The food can be divided into two parts, one hard dry seed that can be procured at the seedsman, the other wild seeds and green food, which one can collect. To keep a bird in health he should have a combination of the two; the wild food fairly liberally during the summer and autumn months. Many of the seeds collected in this manner are soft and easily digested. This method of feeding should never be entirely discontinued, even during the winter, when there is none to collect, the birds should be offered fruit and occasionally soaked seeds. As regards the exact quantities of each, I fear I cannot assist you, as so much depends upon how individual birds thrive in confinement, some keep fat and healthy on food that is scarcely more than packing, while others need a fair amount of fat forming seeds. If your bird is doing well on your present treatment by all means continue it. I presume you are giving him the stock mixture advised. Kindly read once more the chapter on "Food when adult," the first part dealing with seeds is for general treatment, then follows a description of green foods, wild seeds and berries, which are really additions to his stock of seeds; you cannot do wrong if you give these when in season. For instance, just now privet berries berries are at their best; offer a spray daily. They can be gathered in bunches and kept for some time by placing the stalks in damp sand, or out in the garden, in a situation protected from birds. I cannot follow you as regards the bath, for a bird to bathe is as necessary to health as it is for a human being. Let them have it daily, excepting on very wet damp days; give it early in the morning, so that both bird and cage are quite dry at roosting time.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BUDGERIGARS (D.I.P.).—(1) Damp is bad for all birds, but unless this is very excessive heat should not be necessary. If the greenhouse is heated and a small grating be inserted in the back wall, that should suffice. The main thing is, if the atmosphere of the aviary is not too damp the Budgerigars will be better without artificial heat than with it, though slightly warmed air from the greenhouse through a grating would be beneficial. (2) The custom generally is to only take the husks down annually for cleansing and to have hanging in the aviary at least twice as many husks as there are pairs of birds; then, if a hen fancies a fresh husk there is one at her disposal. It also largely prevents quarrelling over special husks. (3) It is always risky having an odd adult bird in the aviary. It all depends on the size of your aviary which you do. If you have plenty of room procure another hen; if not, remove the bachelor cock. I should put a couple of barrels in as a nest receptacle.

BLUE BUDGERIGARS (Interested).—These have always been very scarce and I very much doubt your being able to procure any. An advert. inviting offers is your only opportunity under present conditions. If this fails, advertise in the Continental Fancy press for them when the war is over, or instruct some Continental dealer to try and obtain a pair for you. They are not as robust as the green and yellow varieties, and the general experience appears to be that they must be bred in a subdued light, and not be subjected to strong sunlight at all. They have always been very costly, and I expect in these war times, if you get any replies, will be even more so.

BRAZILIAN GREEN PARROT AILING (H. D. J.).—Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Give boiled maize daily while the trouble lasts, and allow, while the maize is hot, five drops of tasteless castor oil to soak into it. Give this till the bowels have been properly cleansed. When this has occurred put ten drops, daily, of cod-liver oil emulsion on the maize similarly. The bowels should be kept moving freely, but no undue looseness must be allowed at any time; this can be secured by giving a dose of castor oil whenever necessary. Give a little honey and borax daily till it swallows freely again, either from the end of a stick, or spread lightly on a piece of bread, biscuit, or plain cake. Only a clean stick should be put into the box of mixture. Confine its dietary to seed mixture, boiled maize, and such extras as ripe fruit, nuts, pieces of stale bread, biscuit, or plain cake. Get a packet of Parrot grit and give it a pinch daily. A thickish piece of a branch will supply healthy mandible exercise. Do not under any circumstances give any more tea; if it hankers after it colour a little warm sweetened water with chemical food, and this will meet its need without having any harmful effects. Treat so for a couple of weeks, and then report progress, but if there should be further adverse symptoms, write again at once.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BUDGERIGAR LAME (Mrs. Cole).—It is impossible to give a definite cause. The swelling may be a mere sprain, dislocation, or an abscess in the process of formation, or there may be a splinter of some kind run into the foot, or even a piece of cotton got tightly wound round the foot. With the information at my command I can only say foment the swelling with hot water, using the water as hot as you can bear your hand in without real discomfort; dry with soft cloth, and paint with tincture of iodine so long as the skin is unbroken. If it should develop into an abscess, as soon as this appears fully ripe, lance it with a sharp needle and exude the pus by gentle pressure. Cleanse with hot water and anoint with antiseptic ointment. Whenever the voidings appear at all stiff, give two drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the beak. The bowels should move freely without undue looseness. I should put a little chemical food in the drinking water for a time, and if you can induce the birds to eat it, lightly spread either a piece of bread, biscuit or plain cake (either will do) with cod liver oil emulsion. Supply this daily. Shall be pleased to hear how the bird progresses. If unfavourable symptoms should develop, write again at once.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

H. G. Tanner.—The bird is an immature hen Stonechat.

J. Leach.—Aspinall's or any other good enamel may be used. Such enamels are quite harmless to the birds, always providing they are allowed to set hard before the birds are introduced. You will find useful hints on the subject in the article entitled "My Outdoor Bird-Room," in our issue of Sept. 25.

G. T.—There would be no danger in using the mahogany stain mentioned. Please see also answer to J. Leach.

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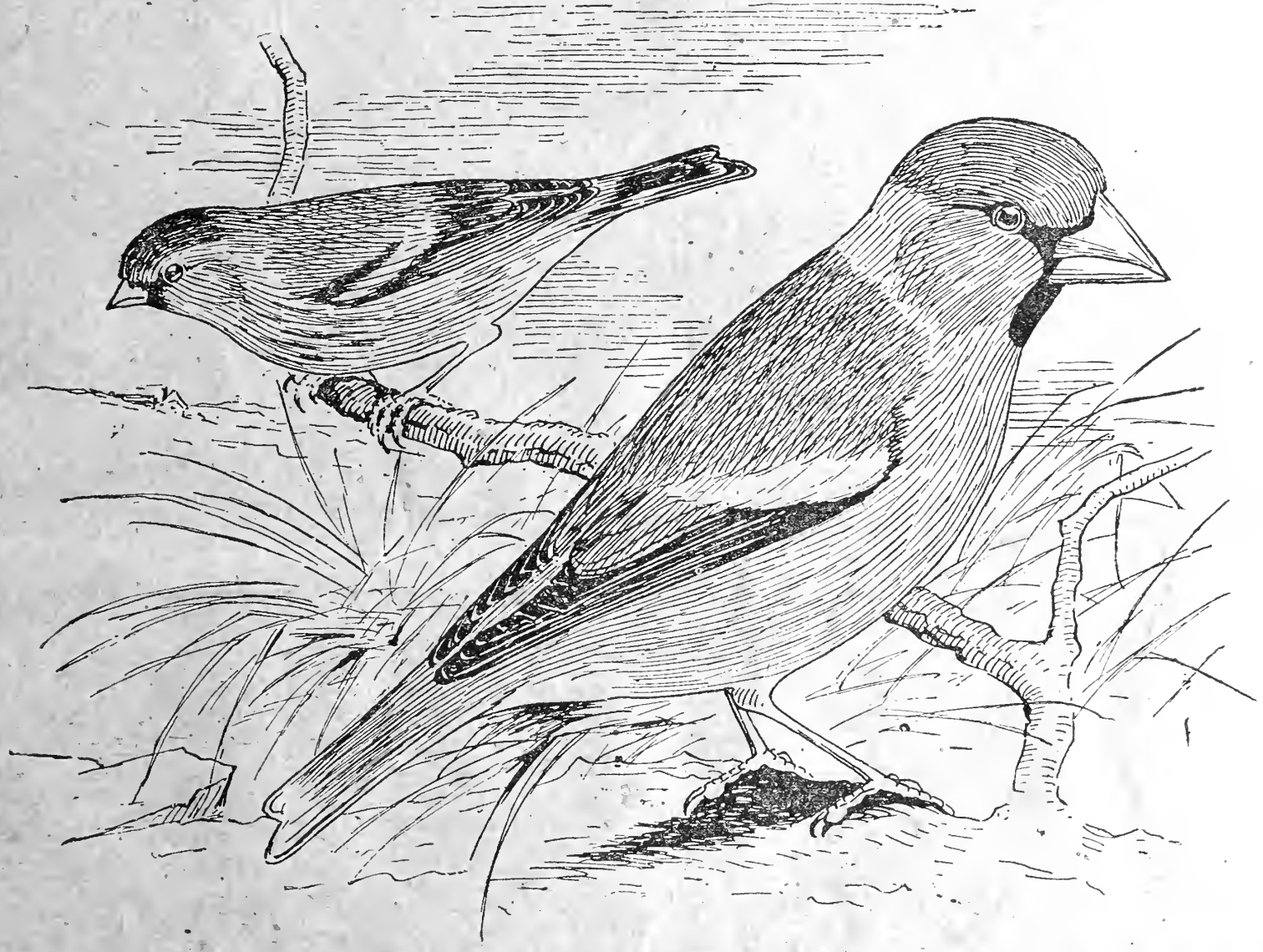

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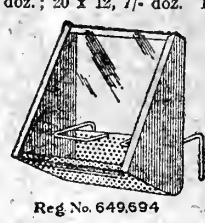

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YOUNG, clear body, dark Crested cock, one of the best, will win in good company; £5; on approval: T. Billington, 32, Coldbarn-st., Nottingham. (8)

GRAND Crests, 20/- to 40/- pairs; must sell owing to war; any worth the price singly; approval; deposit: Calam, Baxtergate, Whitby, Yorks. (10)

GOOD Crest and Crestbred cocks, also matched pairs, reasonable; bred from prize stock; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (11)

HIGH-CLASS Crests, best blood in England; 35 years breeder of the best; grand birds for sale, several can win in good company; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (453)

NOTICE.—F. W. Barnett has decided to dispose of his entire stock of Crests and Crest-breds, also about 200 breeding, moulting, show cages, packing baskets, etc., the majority will be ready to send out early in November; Address, Greenway House, Fakenham, Norfolk.

Cinnamons.

TO spare, self yellow hen, 1915, 7/6; ditto, 5/6: H. W. Hooper, 142, St. Owen-st., Hereford. (12)

BUFF Cinnamon cock, 2nd Plymouth, 25/-; yellow hen, 10/6; or 30/- pair: Pope, 98, Embankment-rd., Plymouth. (4)

A. B. BROWN, 35, Mutley Plain, Plymouth, winner of Cinnamon Cup 3 years in succession and A.O.V. cup twice, has a 3rd prize buff cock and other winners for sale; guaranteed own bred stock; stamped address envelope for reply. (3)

Belgians.

BELGIANS, several birds for sale, from my well-known winners; approval; price reasonable: Horrill, King Edward-st., Barnstaple. (6)

Greens.

NORWICH greens, yellows, and buffs, from 10/- each; approval; no single yellow hens: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes. (471)

NORWICH greens, 1915 buff hens, 6/- each; cocks, 8/6 each, two 1914 yellow hens, 5/- each; from good stock; approval, deposit: McNaughton, Weald, College-rd., Harrow Weald. (10)

Lancashires.

F. J. GREEN, winner Cage Bird Championship £3 last Palace show, and hundreds cups, medals, etc., retiring from Fancy, offers following champion bred Lancashires, very reasonable to clear: Massive ticked buff coppy cock, 50/-; grand clear yellow coppy cock, 25/-; clear buff Plainhead cock, 20/-; clear yellow Plainhead hen, 15/-; ditto buff, 15/-; yellow coppy hen, 15/-; ditto buff, 10/-; satisfaction guaranteed; four new Lancashire show cages, and case, 10/6; eleven good moulting cages, fitted complete, 20/-; grand flight cage, 7ft., loose wire fronts, cheap; 4, Gordon-terrace, London-rd., South Lowestoft. (11)

London Fancy.

TWO good pairs; reasonable price to clear; odd hens, 2/6, or as feeders: Filby, Ealing Common. (5)

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

J. C. BARNES, Norwich and Yorkshire specialist. Winner of numerous silver cups, medals, etc.; well-known strains. Better blood unobtainable. Grand specimens to spare; both varieties; reasonable; approval; inspection cordially invited; inquiries solicited; stamp: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

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WANTED, cock Canaries in full song: Jones, 126, Plaistow-rd., West Ham. (9)

TWO pair Norwich, 10/6 pair; exchange good Crest cock: Alex. Prentice, Newport, Wight. (11)

NORWICH, few good pairs at 10/-, also singles, state wants: Dowson, 40, Catbedral Close, Norwich. (11)

NORWICH Canaries, cocks 7/6 each, two 14/-, four 25/-; hens, 2/6, five 10/-: Bolton, 5, Elmgrove-rd., Weybridge. (5)

LARGE yellow and buff cocks, £1 each; yellow and buff hens, 10/-: Strachan, 207, St. Andrews-rd., Pollokshields. (4)

NOTICE, grand Norwich for show, many winners, prices low for quick sale: Bond, 87, Uxbridge-St., Burton-on-Trent. (493)

A GRAND lot of healthy Norwich cocks, 7/6, 8/6; hens 3/-, 4/-; own breeding: A. Steward, Oulton, Aylsham, Norfolk. (501)

HEALTHY Norwich Canaries for sale, variegated cocks and hens, good songsters: Yallop, 206, Station-rd., March, Cambs. (7)

NORWICH Plainheads, yellow cocks and buff hens, grand type, from 7/6 each; approval: Whyte, 5, Bellfield-st., Dundee. (10)

Winners AT STOCK PRICES

Cocks or Hens Colour Fed.

These birds can be seen, or particulars given; **10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Pairs correctly matched** to produce best results by me personally, **15/-** to **70/-**. Other good, honest Norwich at following prices: **Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; Hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6.** Pairs matched to produce best results, **7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6.** The value of these must really be seen to be fully appreciated. Approval. Cages, to hold one bird, **3d.**, to hold 2 birds, **4d.** For all others, see detailed Current Price List.

W. RUDD, THE BIRD SPECIALIST, NORWICH.

YOUNG Norwich, short, thick, colour-fed cock, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-; all birds healthy: Wells, South Green, East Dereham. (7)

LARGE colour yell. Norwich for show or stock; state wants; on approval: Mrs. Roberts, Stannahcy, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (12)

E. BARRON, winner of Scottish Plainhead Club gold and silver medals, has some fine Norwich for sale: 119, Montrose-st., Glasgow. (11)

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1914 BUFF variegated hen, 10/6, clear buff, 7/6, mule cock Goldfinch, 7/6; two cock mules, 7/- each; offers lot: D. Betty, Goodwick. (12)

NATURAL or colour-fed Norwich; cocks, 7/6; hens, 2/-; 10/- pair; or what offers for 25 pairs: Mark Bennett, Broughton Astley, Leicester. (11)

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich, for show or song, many winners; prices low; state wants; approval: McKeand, Scabright, Castle Douglas. (470)

NORWICH for sale, from my cup winner; hens from 5/-, cocks from 10/-; approval; deposit: W. White, 33, Lower Bullar-st., Southampton. (5)

FEW smart typical birds, cocks from 10/6, pairs from 15/-; all clean moulted and healthy; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (11

SPLENDID lot of young Norwich cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, and 15/- each; easy payments taken: Russell, 85, Whitton-rd., Hounslow, Middlesex. (7)

MRS. ECKERSLEY has a few unflighted and year-old birds of rare type and quality now ready; write early: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (7)

F. J. LACCOHEE has for sale prize-bred Norwich of good size, type and quality, from 10/6; no rubbish sent out; approval: 92, St. George-st., Norwich.

FOUR unflighted, 2 1914, big, strong buff cocks, well bred and make good stock birds, 12/6 and 15/- each; worth double: Leigh, Horsemarket-st., Warrington. (8)

SEVERAL first class Norwich Canaries for sale at various prices, some colour fed, best of type and quality: E. Collins, 36, Somerset-rd., Knowle, Bristol. (3)

JAMES STARK, absolute winner of the Norwich amateur challenge cup, typical birds for sale, special good yellow hens, approval, stamp: 110, Oak-st., Norwich. (5)

FOUR young Norwich hen Canaries, 1/9 each, 6/- lot; or exchange for Goldfinches, guaranteed cocks, and cock Red-breasted Linnet: B., The Rest House, Sidmouth. (8)

CHARLES BROWN, West End, Wolsingham, has grand lot of yellow and variegated unflighted cocks, splendid cocks and good stock birds; Iron's strain; from 7/6. (8)

MAGNIFICENT buff cock, exquisite colour and quality, acquisition to any bird-room for show or stock, 1913 bred, 45/- only: S. T. Jones, Lydgates, Lynton, Devon. (7)

CLEAN, healthy Norwich colour-fed and natural colour cocks, 5/- to 10/6; hens, 3/- to 7/6 (Thomas's strain); approval: Ruecroft, Beamish-st., West Stanley, Durham. (10)

NORWICH, not colour-fed any this year, will sell cheap; 5 yellow hens, 4/- each, lot 16/-; from birds direct from Hall and Haywood: Jennings, Newbold Inn, Leamington Spa. (5)

W. E. PAYNE, 108, Godstone-rd., Whytelcafe, Surrey, can now spare 50 Norwich 1915; also a few 1914; over moult; all colours; cocks from 5/-, hens from 1/9; approval, deposit. (3)

A FEW good Norwich and Yorkshire cocks, 5/- and 7/- each; two Yorkshire hens, 3/- each; wanted, a few large cock Goldfinches, cheap; yours first: England, Hallett's-gar., Huish, Yeovil. (7)

CLEAR yellow cock, 15/-; yellow tick hen, 15/-; unflighted buff cock, 12/6; do. yellow marked hen, 7/6; clear unflighted buff hen, gem, 6/6; 3 feeders, 2/- each: Smedley, New Village, Rainworth. (4)

SOME nice Norwich buff hens, from 5/-; yellow and buff cocks from 7/6; some related to winners at Manchester, Ardwick, Preston, etc.: Chilton, 4, Kenyon-st., Abbey Hey, Gorton, Manchester. (10)

TWO buff cocks, 8/6 each; two yellow cocks, 10/6 each; two massive variegated cocks, 12/6 each; all C.-F. and unflighted hens, from 3/6; Thomas's and Barnes's strain: Cox, 100, Bourne-st., Eastbourne.

GIVING up; high-class Norwich cocks, 2 buff, 2 yellow variegated, 1 green; hens, 7 yellow and variegated; from 9/- pair; 45/- lot; offers; no exchange; approval; deposit: R. Crump, Pine Apple, Widemarsh-st., Hereford. (7)

GIVING up, for sale, the following good birds: large variegated buff cock, good head and size, unflighted, 12/6; ditto clear buff, 12/6; nice yellow cock, 10/-, unflighted; nice green hen, 7/6; variegated buff hen, 6/-; also 4/6: Hollick, Castle-rd., Salisbury. (6)

CHANCE for novices, clearing out stock; Buff cock, £1; buff cock, marked wing, 17/6; buff hen, special, 12/6; variegated, father of these, 15/-; yellow marked hen, 10/-; approval willingly, cash with Editor; £3 6/- for lot: Bates, 84, Moseley-st., Southchurch, Essex. (9)

FOR sale, thirty prize-bred colour-fed Norwich, mostly 1915 bred, including some good stock birds; yellow and buff cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-; some good buff hens, 3/6 each; two cock Goldfinch Mules, 6/6 each; all through moult; approval; cash: Peck, Ashman's Hall-gardens, Beccles. (5)

F. DEARLOVE, 45, Northfield End, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon, has decided to sell his winning stock of Norwich; this strain has won hundreds of prizes and cup outright at Reading; pairs from 15/- to £4; comprising clear and marked yellows and buffs; latest wins, 1st and 2nd and special at Reading Pair Show; double breeders from 3/- to 5/-; flights 6/- to 10/-; show cages and cases; would sell in one lot; inspection invited; selling through illness. (3)

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E. BAKER offers high-class colour-fed Norwich; grand large 1914 yellow cock, rare size and colour, good wings and tail, £1 15/-; another, not quite so large, £1; massive 1914 buff cock, size, type and quality, rare stock bird, £1 10/-; another show bird, £1; fine 1914 yellow hen, good head, wings and type, £1 5/-; large, stout, short 1914 buff hen, 15/-; typical 1915 yellow hen, good wings, head and tail, 15/-; 1915 buff hen, good head, wings and tail, bred from my Rose Bowl winner, 12/6; several good 1915 buff cocks for stock or show, price 15/- to £1 5/-; matched pairs, £1 to £3: Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (9)

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FOUR Roller Canaries, cocks, good colour, 4/- each; Watson, Collingham, Notts. (7)

ROLLER cock, B.R.C.C. rung, 1915, full rolling song: R. McNale, 6, North George-st., Dundee.

HIGH-CLASS Glucke, Randall and Walton, 10/6, 8/6, 7/6; hens 3/6, 2/6; approval: Lloyd, 140, Gresty-rd., Crewe. (495)

SEIFERT Rollers, 2 1914, 4 1915, over moult, good feeding strain, 2/- each: Fiddler, 26, Thornton-st., Preston. (6)

NOTICE, grand lot, day and gaslight songsters, prices low; approval: McKeand, Scabright, Castle Douglas. (470)

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HIGH-CLASS Glucke cock, B4, Turner's strain, good stock bird, 18/-; hens 4/-: Knowles, 19, Princess-st., Dukinfield. (2)

ONE 1915 Roller cock, singing, Randall's strain, singing cage and bark box, 9/6: Rushworth, 228, Padiham-rd., Burnley. (10)

BRITISH Rollers, Randall's pure strain; cocks 10/-, 15/-; approval; all 1915 rung: J. Leigh, 57, Bold-st., Altrincham. (4)

GRAND lot Roller Canaries, day and gaslight songsters, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 2/-: Naylor's, 44, Arkwright-rd., Preston. (4)

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Yorkshires.

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FOUR young Yorkshire cocks, on song, 5/6 each, £1 the lot: G., 10, Albion-grove, Stoke Newington, London, N. (10)

HIGH-CLASS unflighted Yorkshires, long, slim, colour-fed cocks, 6/-; hens, 4/-; own breeding: Barfe, Pateley Bridge. (8)

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YORKSHIRES, grand unflighted marked Buff cock, 12/6, good stock bird; week's approval; own breeding; no dealers.—Williams, 862, Penistone-rd., Owlerton, Sheffield. (11)

YORKSHIRE cock, prize-winner next feather show, card sent, now colour-fed, absolute bargain, 10/-; hens, same strain, 3/- and 4/-: Lovell, 7, Albert-rd., Staple-hill, Bristol. (4)

HIGH-CLASS yellow hen, 17/6; worth 35/-; buff cock, 20/-, easily worth 40/-; model specimens, rare bargains; approval, deposit: Davies, Ferndale, Craven Arms, Shropshire. (4)

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We have now ready some choice Yorkshires, either for stock or exhibition; no frivolous prices; cinn. mks. our speciality; see Yorks. Union show reports: 103, Rooley-lane, Bradford.

WM. SMITH

Warranted Yorkshire Canaries; cocks 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6 each; warranted Norwich Canaries; cocks 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens 3/-, 4/-, 4/6, 5/6 each; see British birds: Wm. Smith, 39, Tib-st., Manchester.

WANTED, YORKSHIRES

Good, large, colour-fed, give 7/- pair; any quantity; money deposited; hankers, County and Westminster; particulars, stamp reply: Oliver, 101, Bridport-place, Hoxton.

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PROPERLY matched pairs, cocks in loud song, nearly all 1915 birds, colour-fed to perfection, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- a pair upwards; single birds proportionate; Norwich Plainheads same prices; six days' approval; cash or deposit; dealers supplied; state wants: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (500)

EXTRA GOOD

value in Yorkshire cocks at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Very smart lengthy hens at 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. Pairs matched to breed winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- per pair. All cocks on song, and 200 to select from in clears, ticked, green marked and cinnamon marked. Colour fed and natural colour. Exhibition cocks and hens at 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards that can soon win their cost. State wants. Also large stock of Norwich and Crests. Easy payments taken for show birds, and birds sent off at once, on receiving first payment. State wants, and send for particulars post free. Show birds at 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each. Cocks or Hens. Over 100 winners supplied last season. Illustrated price list post free. Travelling cage 3d. extra. Seven days' approval.—J. TAYLOR, 36, Aireville Road, Frizinghall, Bradford.

Various Canaries.

SALE, Yorkshire hen, fair length, and Roller, 10/-; splendid breeders: Apply, T. McLaren, Fintona, Co. Tyrone. (11)

AVIARY, 3ft., with 3 cocks, 5 hens, and 3 young canaries, the lot, £3: Butler, 46, Salisbury-rd., High Barnet. (495)

PAIR Canaries, outdoors all summer, cock fine singer, 7/6: Wm. Shore Bally, Boyers House, Westbury, Wilts. (6)

CREST-BRED cock, 7/-; Crest-bred hen, 3/-; Norwich yellow hen, 3/6; lot, 12/6: Proudfoot, 18, Church Road, Lowestoft. (5)

FOR sale, two Roller cocks, one 1914, 8/-, 1915 5/-; two young Norwich cocks, 5/- each: Holmes, 14, Derby-sq., Preston. (7)

TWO Yorkshire and one Roller hen Canaries, 2/- each; offers, exchange British birds: Wright, 14, Rosevale-st., Partick. (10)

FOR sale, Yorkshire and Norwich, good strain, cheap; cocks from 10/6, hens from 4/6: Speck, London House, Llanelly. (501)

SPLENDID singing cock Canary, beautiful plumage, 7/6; packed free; approval; send P.O.: Roughton, Boat Inn, Northampton. (6)

THREE good Norwich hens, 1914; exchange young cock; flights, breeding cages, cheap; Kendrick, Coachman, Monument Hill, Weybridge. (5)

VARIEGATED yellow cocks, 7/-, hens 3/-; Yorkshires, hens 3/-; Norwich hen, pure, 5/-: Alf. Owen, Canary Breeder, Ferry Bridge, Yorkshire. (5)

I HAVE "out house" reared 45 Norwich and Sciferts this year, over moult, like paint; cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/6: Atkinson, Mansfield-rd., Alfreton. (10)

BARGAINS, grand lot Norwich, Yorkshire, Borders, and Roller Canaries, cocks 3/-, cock and hen 5/-, travelling case 3d.; approval: McKeand, 15, Queen-st., Castle Douglas. (470)

IF YOU HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED

with some of the so-called songsters, so freely advertised recently, send for my price list: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

MULES—HYBRIDS.

GOLDFINCH Mules, ½ dozen cocks and four hens: E. Collins, 36, Somerset-rd., Knowle, Bristol. (3)

GOLDFINCH-CANARY Mule, in full song, splendid bird, 12/6, or nearest offer: Turnbull, Montgomery.

THREE grand cock Goldfinch Mules, now singing, 5/- each; and one hen Mule, 1/-: Wm. Weaver, Gwysaney, Mold. (7)

SIX-pointed, 7 variegated, 6 dark Goldie Canary Mules, sex unknown; offers cash lot: Rowley, Elstou, Crediton. (494)

1914 cock Goldfinch Mule, 7/6; or exchange cock Linnet Mule for catching purposes: James Barrett, Stoke Works, Bromsgrove. (7)

NOTICE, grand lot Goldfinch and Linnet Mules, for show or song; prices low; state wants; approval: McKeand, Seahright, Castle Douglas. (470)

YELLOW variegated cock Goldfinch Mules, bred from foreign Finch, colour-fed, 7/6 each; also yellow cock Canaries, genuine light-muling strain: Sanderson, Harriston, Aspatria, Cumberland. (4)

HANDSOME light variegated Goldfinch-Canary Mule, warranted cock, 10/-; few sib hens, bred light mules, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each; can spare few cocks; cheap: Rowley, Elston, Crediton. (6)

FOR sale, winning light Goldfinch Mule, winner of 20 honours and two specials for best in show; the first 30/- has him; bred 1914, in Leytonstone; approval; deposit with "Cage Birds": Griffith, Twtfil, Holyhead, N. Wales. (9)

TWENTY this year's Goldfinch-Canary Mules, dark and variegated; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 1/- each; 3 yellow hens, mothers of the above, bred from double yellows, 5/- each; several other young hens, bred from clears for muling, 3/6 each: Gilbert, Hope Cottage, Hill-st., Coventry.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

TEN English bred Budgerigars, 1/9 each: Newmarch, 344, Old-st., London. (10)

HANDSOME plain talking Parrot in large square new cage, 50/-; approval: Hayter, Naturalist, Southampton. (12)

AUSTRALIAN Parrot and cage for sale, very tame bird, comes out of cage; 16/-: Kent, 20, Bailey-st., Wattstown, Glam. (5)

STRONG healthy outdoor Budgerigars, from large flight aviary, 4/6 pair, 2 pairs 8/-: Halls, Claremont, Cornard, Sudbury, Suffolk. (2)

VERY fine white barc-eyed Parrot, in grand condition and cage, 25/-, worth double: T. Green, 22, St. Michael-st., West Bromwich. (11)

BIRDS that pay: Budgerigars, yellows 7/-, greens 6/- per pair: Aviaries, Hammond-st., Halifax. Exchange Canaries. See Yorkshires. (4)

MASKED and Longtailed Grass Finches, 1915, outdoor bred, 12/6 each; to private aviaries only: Watts, Cromford, Rowsley-aven., Hendon. (6)

BUDGERIGARS, from outdoor unsheltered open wire aviary, unrelated, 4/6 a pair; seen any time by appointment: Bulcock, "Riversdale," Clitheroe.

BUDGERIGARS, outdoors, finest possible, 5/- pair; selected breeding pairs, 6/-; yellows, 8/-; cokernut husk nests, 6d. (5/- dozen): Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne. (5)

PARROTS, beautiful talking Indian Rock, with cage, 30/-; lovely Blue-Fronted Amazon, excellent talker, tame, with cage, 45/-: Wright, Bromfield, Park-lane, Old Basford. (11)

GENUINE talking Parrots, African Grey, £5; Blue-fronted Amazon, 60/-; both thoroughly acclimatised, good plain talkers, and mimics; approval.—Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (11)

AFRICAN Grey Parrot and cage for sale, talks, whistles, comes out of cage, says anything that it hears; 4 years old; £4 10/-; deposit; approval: Kent, 20, Bailey-st., Wattstown, Glam. (5)

WANTED, genuine offer for cock blood-winged Parrot, property of the late Robt. Earl; several years in outdoor aviary, in perfect health and grand condition: H. Earl, Earsham House, Bungay. (7)

TALKING Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot, acclimatised, healthy, and hardy condition, finger tame, ideal pet, will follow you round house like a dog, large cage, 45/6: Miss Carry, 266, Dudley Port. (400)

HANDSOME Blue-Fronted Amazon Parrot, lady's perfect pet, talks, dances, whistles, sings, accept 60/-; kind home essential; approval with pleasure: Mrs. Jones, Harlech House, Aberystwyth, Wales. (11)

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SHOWS.

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Open Show **TO-DAY, October 23rd.** 9 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Co-operative Hall, Benwell, near Elswick Road Tram Terminus.

CARLISLE

Oct. 27 and 28. Have you sent your entries yet? If not you still have time. Entries taken up to first post Monday, Oct. 25. Send along at once; we will classify.—**JOHN C. BELL, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.**

LONDON AND P.O.S.

Lambeth Public Baths, Kennington Road, S.E., **Oct. 27 and 28.** Owing to this show being the only Open Show in London this season, entries will be accepted up to **Saturday next**, first post.—**H. L. HUGGINS, Sec., 130, Myddleton Road, Bowes Park, London, N.**

DON'T FORGET.

ALFRETON

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, OCT. 29 and 30.

Judge: J. C. Barnes.

Entries close Tuesday, October 26th.

Schedules from—**G. BEARDALL, Secretary, Main Road, Shirland, nr. Alfreton.**

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND

N.M.B. and F. Bird Club. Twenty-sixth Annual Club Show, Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, **October 30th.** "Come and see the Cream of the Norwich Fancy." **Entries close October 26th.—A. K. CHALMERS, 199, Meadowpark Street, Dennistoun.**

TONG

and Dist. C.B.S. Open Show,

Sat., Oct. 30.

Good classification, good specials. **22/-** per class for **1/6** entry. **Entries close Oct. 26th.** Schedules and particulars from—**W. WALKER, Sec., No. 10, Oddy Street, Tong Street, Dudley Hill, Bradford, Yorks.**

THE EDINBURGH AND EDINBURGH WESTERN

Joint Show, Buccleuch Parish Church Hall, Buccleuch Street, **Saturday, 30th October, 1915.** Admission **6d.—A. WESTON, 36, Easter Road, and N. GRANT, 40, Broughton Road, Joint Secretaries.**

YORK C.B.S.

Seventh Open Show, **Saturday, Oct. 30th. Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes, Sheffield.** Classes: 9 Norwich, 9 Yorkshires, 4 Novice, 8 British, 2 Forcign, 3 Selling. Prize-money guaranteed: 1st, 10/-; 2nd, 6/-; 3rd, 2/6, for 1/6 entrance fee. **Entries close Oct. 25th, 1915.** Write at once for a schedule to—**V. G. F. Zimmermann, 7, Portland Street, Yorks.**

Roller Fanciers, Don't Forget

THE MIDLAND ROLLER CANARY CONTEST

takes place

NOVEMBER 4th and 5th.

Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Willows Judges. Schedules now ready.—**J. W. THOMSON, 9, Gorsebrook Road, Wolverhampton, Hon. Sec.**

HARTLEPOOLS

11th Annual Show, **Nov. 6th**, St. George's Hall; 4 prizes; 1/- entry fee; 47 open classes; specials and extra specials. **Entries close Oct. 30th.** Judges, Messrs. Battye, Mundell and Nicholson. Mr. T. E. Pyman, Show Manager. 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Schedules, **J. W. Thornton, 43, Rydal Street, West Hartlepool.**

The Palace of the North.

BRECHIN

C.B.S. fifty-second Grand Annual Show will be held in the City Hall, Brechin, **Saturday, 6th Nov.** Splendid classification. Popular judges. Over 60 cash specials, cups and medals. Under the patronage of the S.N.P.C. and the B.F.C.C. All surplus money to be handed over to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Fund. Fanciers send your entries. We deserve them. Schedules now ready.—**JOHN CRABB, 120, Montrose Street, Brechin.**

CAMBUSLANG

C.B.A. Annual Show of Cage Birds in Free Gardners' Hall,

SATURDAY, NOV. 6.

S. LINDSAY, Sec., 23, Church Street, Cambuslang.

LEICESTER

Hand-in-Hand C.B.S., Open Show, **Nov. 6 and 8.** Splendid classification. Schedules.—**A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street, Leicester.** (493)

MANCHESTER & N.C.O.S.

33rd Annual Open Show, OCTOBER 29 & 30.

The Oldest and Best Managed Show in Lancashire.

Co-operative Hall, Downing St., City. Specialist Judges. Pat. of G.C.A., L. and L.F.A., Nat. B.B. and M.C. **Entries close Oct. 23rd.** Enter early to allow of catalogues getting printed. Schedules from —**F. HAYWARD, 21, Marlboro' Avenue, Manley Park, Manchester.**

WOLVERHAMPTON OPEN SHOW, OCT 30.

Class omitted (owing to a printer's error in schedules): Yorkshire Old Hen Class.

Schedules apply—Wm. Harrison, 45, Darlington Street.

CHELTENHAM

Wednesday and Thursday, November 3 and 4. Judges: **Messrs. J. Robson and J. H. Payne.** Fanciers don't forget the old fixture. 15 open classes for Crests, 11 Norwich, 8 Yorkshire, 9 Borders, 7 British, 3 Hybrids, 6 Foreign. All profits to go to the Red Cross Society. Now, fanciers, please give us a Bumper. **Entries close Oct. 27.** Show Manager—**W. Pounsett, 6, Whitecross Sq., Cheltenham.**

SHEFFIELD O. S.

NOVEMBER 5th and 6th.

The SOCIETY THAT CATERS FOR CHAMPION AND NOVICE.

Under the patronage of the following Specialist Clubs: Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., G.C.A., B.F.C.C., N.P.C., O.N.P.C., N.B.B. and M.C., F.B.E.L. **99 CLASSES: YORKSHIRES,** 25 (8 Novice); **GREENS,** 12; 4 each Yorkshires, Norwich, and Borders; **BORDER FANCY,** 8 classes; **NORWICH,** 16 classes (7 Novice); **CRESTED,** 8 classes (2 Novice); **BRITISH,** 13 classes; **HYBRIDS,** 5 classes; **FOREIGN,** 6 classes. **JUDGES:** J. Robson, Prize-money: Canaries and British, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-; Foreign only, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. **PRINCIPAL SPECIALS:** 21/- umbrella, or W. Mundell, H. W. Battye, J. C. Barnes, and J. Beswick. **PRINCIPAL SPECIALS:** 21/- umbrella, or cash, most points Yorkshires. **NOVICE YORKSHIRES,** four 10/- cash specials for most points any two classes; also special best vhc, hc, and c. **STERLING SILVER ROSE BOWL,** best unflighted Yorkshire. **NORWICH,** silver teapot most points; Novice Norwich, pair of silver salts, most points; also specials, best vhc, hc, and c. **BRITISH,** tantalus, value 50/-, most points. **FOREIGN HARD-BILLS,** 20/-, 10/-, and 5/- cash for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd most points. **FOREIGN SOFTBILLS,** 5/-, 3/6, and 2/6, for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd most points. Case of carvers most points throughout show; pair of razors value 10/6 whose birds came the **GREATEST DISTANCE. LOCAL EXHIBITORS,** 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6 for most entries staged in a 16-mile radius of Sheffield, THE DONORS, Dr. Craig and Messrs. Fletcher and Walsh not competing. Schedules and all particulars from—**E. C. JOB, Wincobank, Sheffield.**

LARKHALL C.B.A. Tenth Annual Confined Show, held in Y.M.C.A. Halls, Larkhall, on **30th Oct.** Open 10 a.m.; close 7 p.m. Admission 6d.; during judging 1/-.—**THOS. J. McGREGOR, Secretary, Sarahville Crescent.**

BEDFORD

Nov. 11th. Judge, H. Norman. All England. **Entries close Nov. 6th.—A. SIMONS, 96, Coventry Road, Bedford.**

The greatest show in the North.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE

11th Open Show,
Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12th and 13th, 1915, in St. Cuthbert's Church Hall. Classification: Norwich 11, Yorkshires 11, Crests 9, Border Fancy 18, Cinnamon 1, Lizards 1, Mules 2, Selling Classes 4, British 7, Foreign 1, Hyde's 1; and under the patronages of the N.C.C., N.Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., N.B.F.C.C., G.C.A., O.N.P.C., N.B.M. and F.B.C., N.N.P.C. Specialist judges: H. W. Battye, Huddersfield; T. Dixon, Bedlington; J. Maddison, Newcastle. **Entries close Nov. 6, 1915.** For schedules apply—**G. HAVVER, 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.**

LLANDUDNO

November 17. 8th Annual Show of the Welsh Northern Counties F. and F. Association. **Confined to North Wales.** 12 classes cage birds. 11 Specials. Prizes: 6/-, 3/-, 1/6. Fee 1/-. Judge: Mr. T. J. Ambrose. **Entries close November 6.** Schedules from **G. E. Cragg, Rocklands, Rhos, Colwyn Bay.**

GLASGOW

and Dist. C.B.A. Great Open Show, **Nov. 12 and 13,** Albert Halls, Bath Street. Grand classification. Apply for schedules to—**W. HUTCHISON, Sec., 167, Hospital Street, Glasgow.**

MUIRKIRK Annual Open Show will be held **Nov. 13th.** Border Fancy, Canary, and two British Bird classes. D. Hamilton (Hamilton) adjudicates. Border Fancy medal, also Border Fancy novice medal. **Entries close Tuesday, Nov. 9th,** from—**JAS. G. TORBETT, Sec., Smallburn, Muirkirk.**

ARDWICK

and Manchester District C.B.A. Open Show, N.P.C. patronage,

NOVEMBER 13th.

Good classification. Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Entry fee, 1/6. Judges, J. W. Metcalfe, C. Houlton. Schedules from—**J. SPENCER, 193, Palmerston Street, Beswick, Manchester.**

CHESTER

C.B. SOC.

GRAND OPEN SHOW

Under the patronage of S.B.F.C. and G.C.A., Nor. and York. Sections.

NOV. 13th.

Judges, Mr. H. W. Battye and Mr. Jos. Guy. 47 Classes. Numerous Specials, including 2 Cups to be won outright. Prize money, 10 entries, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-; 20 entries, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-, 2/-; 30 entries, 14/-, 7/-, 4/-, 3/-, 2/-. Quick direct train service to all parts. **Entries close Nov. 6.** Schedules now ready from **L. Cavanagh, "Berwyn," Vicar's Cross, Chester.**

EASTLEIGH

and District, **Nov. 17th and 18th.** Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6. Entry, 1/-. **Entries close Nov. 11th.** Schedules —**J. ALDERSLADE, 64, Desborough Road, Eastleigh.**

HETTON-LE-HOLE Btm., C.B., and Pgn. Soc. Show, **SATURDAY, Nov. 20th, 1915. Entries close Nov. 13th.** Btm. judge, R. Stainthorpe; C.B.s, A. J. Notley; Pgns., J. Tubman. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. Schedules apply—**Notley, 1, Minor St., Hetton Downs, Durham.**

READING

C.B.S. Fourteenth Annual Open Show, Palmer Hall, **Wednesday, November 17th, 1915.**
Judge, H. Norman, Esq. The most central show in the South (three railways). 25 Open classes: 5 Norwich, 5 Yorks., 2 Border, 1 A.O.V., 1 Goldfinch, 1 A.O.V. British, 1 Mule, 1 Hybrid. Selling £1, Selling 12/6, 6 Foreign under patronage of F.B.E.L. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, with 2/6 cash specials in all classes; 10s. cash special most points in Foreign classes. Entrance fee, 1/6 per cage. **Entries close Friday, Nov. 12th.** 1d. on every entry goes to Care and Comfort Committee for the Wounded. "Help us" to "Help the wounded." Schedules from—**O. C. SMITH, Hon. Sec., 73, Audley Street, Reading.**

BLAENAVON

C.B. Society Open Show.

NOVEMBER 25, 1915.

39 Classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entries, 1/6.
Judge: John Robson, London.
Schedules sent out. Anyone overlooked, apply—
GEO. BROOME, 82, King Street, Blaenavon.

ABERAMAN **Open Show DEC. 2nd**

28 Classes. Schedules ready. Classes for natural colour birds.—Apply, **Sec., W. R. Powell, 215, Cardiff Road, Aberaman.** (496)

KETTERING

Great Open Show, **Saturday, 11th Dec., 1915.** 120 classes. Poultry, Pigeon, Cage Birds. Large classification for Cage Birds. All prize-money guaranteed. Schedules—**F. S. BALL, 5, Buccleuch Street, Kettering.**

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Oct. 30, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Members please attend to receive final instruction re show.—G. Havver.

Bulwell F.A.—Oct. 28, Red Lion Hotel, 8. To accept classification of winter show.—L. Mellor.

Bristol C.B.S.—Oct. 27, headquarters, City Arms Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for annual show, etc. —J. A. Withers.

Bingley O.S.—Oct. 30, Assembly Rooms, 5. Members' show. Birds staged 2.45. Judge, E. B. Denton, Windhill.—F. Craven.

Bowling B.F.A.—Oct. 23, Napoleon Hotel. Members' show, staged at 3. Specials for clears and green and cinn. marks. Subs. due.—J. Nicholl.

Chester C.B.S.—Oct. 26, Boot Inn, 7.45. Final arrangements for open show, stewards, etc. Subs. overdue.—L. Cavanagh.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Oct. 25, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Important open show business and final arrangements for the outing to Leicester on Nov. 6.—F. A. Green.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Oct. 25, Cinreh Institute, 60, Paddington-st., Marylebone, W., 8. Judging competition in Yorkshires. Three medals and a sealed packet. Final judge, Mr. J. Robson. Interested visitors heartily welcomed.—V. Wynn.

City of Bradford O.S.—Oct. 23, 2.30. Members' show; judge, W. A. Cowgill.—W. Helliwell.

Eastleigh C.B.S.—Oct. 25, Scouts' Room, 8. Show arrangements.—J. Alderslade.

East Stanley F. and F.C.B.S.—Oct. 24, 6.30. Printing, consideration of the club's donation.—J. Armitage.

Edinburgh North-Eastern O.S.—Oct. 25, Regent Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Final arrangements for show and taking entries. All books must be clear at this meeting.—R. S. Spence.

Fife C.B.L.—Oct. 30, Denbeath; Gothenburg, 6. League show.—J. Sneddon.

Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Bannockburn Combined C.B.S.—Oct. 23, 80, Grahams Road, 7.30. Show business, etc.—R. Rennie.

Guisborough Priory C.B.S.—Oct. 30, Wear's Rooms. Members please bring as many birds as possible. We hope to have Mr. T. Hill, Thornaby, as judge.—A. W. Knaggs.

Grimsby O.S.—Oct. 28, headquarters, 160, Freeman Street, 8. Wild Seed Competition and general business. New members heartily invited.—J. T. Cotterill.

Haltwhistle C.B.S.—Oct. 23, Mechanics' Hall, 7.30. To make arrangements for annual open show.—Wm. Tallantyre.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Oct. 26, Ye Olde Brig Cafe, 8. Selection of judge and other matter.—A. Roberts.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Oct. 23, 8. Final business re local show to be held Oct. 30.—D. H. Davies.

London and P.O.S.—Members are requested to attend at Lambeth Baths on Tuesday evening, Oct. 26, to assist in unpacking and staging the exhibits for annual autumn show.—H. L. Huggins.

Maindee F.F. and C.B.S.—Fair Oak Inn each Thursday at 8. Show business.—J. Hawksley.

North-West Glasgow C.B.C.—Oct. 26, Amalgamated Musicians Hall, 44, Napiershall Street. Washing exhibition and annual show business. Schedules will be given out.—P. Houston.

Newcastle-on-Tyne East End C.B.S.—Oct. 27, Hall's Cafe, Heaton Road, 7.30. Specials, show business.—J. W. Coutts.

Newsham C.B.S.—Oct. 30, Willow Tree, 7.15. Special meeting; last meeting before show.—Wm. C. Gibb.

Northern British M. and F.C.—Oct. 30, Shield's Cafe, 8. Table show, classes, etc.; see report of meeting in this issue.—W. Curry.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Oct. 27, Club Room, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. Annual show; schedule, judge, advertising, etc.; important. —A. W. Newton.

Oldham C.B.S.—Oct. 26, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Business of importance for the show.—G. Mills.

Pudsey and Stanningley C.B.S.—Oct. 22, Fleece Hotel, Stanningley, 7.30. Entries for members' show Oct. 23.—Roy Kell.

Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S.—Oct. 27, Maria Stewart, 8. Schedules for annual show to be given out. Hand-washing exhibition by Mr. R. B. Cairns. —A. K. Hunter.

Sale C.B.S.—Oct. 23, Springfield Hotel, 2.30. Members' show; judge, Mr. P. Mason, Shipley.—T. Elsegood.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Oct. 23, Station Street Cafe, 7.30. Show business.—J. Peacock.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Oct. 23, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton. Table show; birds staged at 3. Judge, Mr. H. W. Walsh, Halifax. Entries Friday night, 7.30 to 9, or first post Sat.—S. B. Grayshon.

South Moor Social.—Oct. 24, South Moor, 6.30. Important business in connection with our show, Nov. 6 and 7.—G. Lane.

Sacriston P.P.R. and C.B.S.—Oct. 23, Mrs. H. Abbot's Tea Rooms, Front Street, 5.30. Taking subs. and other important business. Annual subs. must be paid at this meeting.—Dodd and Wilfred.

Sheffield O.S.—Oct. 21, headquarters, 8. Final arrangements All-England Show, and other important business; also arrangements members' show.—E. C. Job.

Windhill C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Blue Bell Hotel, 6.30. Arrangements for open show, and other important business.—J. Taylor.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

PONTEFRACT.

Open Linnet contest Woodman Inn, Horefair, Oct. 16; 16 birds entered for four minutes' time singing. 1, Wingham; 2, 3, Beard. Open sing Oct. 17; 18 entered for three minutes' time singing. 1, 2, Beard; 3, Pugh.—J. Beard, Assist. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest, Oct. 16, George and Dragon Hotel; about 40 members and friends came to hear 42 birds sing for three good prizes. Owing to the light being bad we only gave the birds three minutes in the window, but there was some very good singing: 1, W. Watkiss; 2, 3, W. Nelson. Oct. 17, 20 birds sang for three prizes given by Mrs. Parker: 1, 3, W. Nelson; 2, A. Longfield. Will all members and friends please note that cheques will be drawn not later than 2.50, and first pair up at 3 p.m. on Oct. 30. We hope to see some good birds from all the Linnet Clubs in Yorkshire.—W. Dobson, Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality singing for Linnets, Old Bird House, Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe, Oct. 17; 19 birds competed. 1, 2, 3 shared by Mr. A. Binns and J. Green. Judges, C. Clayton and J. Sellars.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Quality Linnet singing, Glassmakers' Arms, Oct. 16. 1, Hirst; 2, 3, Howarth; 4, Lacy. Judges, Marshall and Robinson. Oct. 17, 25 birds. 1, 2, shared Marshall and Walls; 3, 4, shared Richardson and Howarth. Judges, Biss, Laccy, Clegg. Oct. 24, open Canary sing; we should like to see all Canary fanciers make a good rally.—E. Stansfield, Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York-road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing Oct. 16, 14 birds sang. 1, Sissons; 2, Stanney; 3, Stead; 4, consolation prize, E. Wood. Judges, Hayes, Topping, and Naylor Oct. 17, 18 sang. 1, Buttery; 2, Sissons; 3, Wood; 4, consolation prize, W. Sissons. Judges, Hayes, Naylor, and Topping. Roller contest Oct. 17, 14 birds sang. 1, S. Johnson; 2, Condliffe; 3, shared by Wood and Stead; 4, consolation prize, Condliffe. Judges, Grant and Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner-lane. Oct. 16, 22 of the best faced the judges. Our worthy president, Mr. E. Rusworth, added a special prize to the winner. 1, 2, shared A. Binns and T. Chippendale; 3, Potter; 4, shared A. Binns and W. Lipman. Judges, T. Summers, C. Biss, A. Dalton. T. Chippendale's bird sang A. Binns' bird for the special prize, and Mr. A. Binns won. Judged by T. Summer. Oct. 17, 18 sang. 1, T. Chippendale; 2, H. Wigfield; 3, Wharam. Judges, Messrs. P. Maddan, S. Butterfield, W. Lipman.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Quality Linnet Singing Club, Plasterers' Arms, Skinner-lane, Oct. 9, 16 birds 1, 2, J. Chippindale; 3, F. Turner. Judges, P. Madden and A. Lorriman. Oct. 10, 22 Linnets competed. 1, 3, J. Chippindale; 2, Dearlove; 4, T. Chadwick. Judges, P. Madden, Lorriman, and Soloman. Oct. 16, 12 Linnets. 1, C. Lorriman; 2, Turner; 3, Walker. Oct. 17, 23 Linnets. 1, J. Chippindale; 2, 3, Dearlove; 4, Chadwick. Judges for both contests, Lorriman, Soloman, and C. Boyd. Mr. Dearlove brought a wild-caught White Linnet, which interested us very much. It is supposed to be the cleanest Linnet seen in Leeds, most of them being splashed marked. The landlord, Mr. Kendall, bought it.—F. Turner, Sec.

Club Reports.

CRYSTAL PALACE AND PENGE.

Meeting, held Oct. 13, at Alexandra Hotel, Penge. Owing to the absence of chairman, Mr. Foxen, Mr. Last took the chair. Schedule for annual show was discussed, and all business was got through and settled. Date of show, Nov. 10. Judge, Mr. H. Norman. Specials, 3 silver cups, etc., with 36 classes. Members were asked to try and beat last year.—W. D. Fryett.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Meeting headquarters, Seven Stars, St. John-street, Wolverhampton, with a good attendance. Mr. Willows chair. Considering the numerous specials contributed to special prize fund, the society has been able to present one of the finest schedules for Roller fanciers in the kingdom. I hope to have them by the 21st. Judges: Messrs. Tomlinson, Wellows, Jacquemin. See advert. in this week's issue.—J. W. Thomson, Hon. Sec.

BEAMISH C.B.S.

Meeting held Bird Inn, Mr. S. Elliot chair, with a good turn up of members; some we had not seen since last show. We are having 1s. subscription for best young bird 1915, also for second best, each member to nominate one bird. Also special for best bird throughout the show, and we are hoping to have a good show to try to keep the Fancy alive. Mr. S. Lindsay, of Butley, was made a member.—J. H. Elliot, Sec.

CODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 16, Three Tuns, Eastwood; Mr. L. Parsons, chair; and a splendid attendance. One of our old members, Mr. J. Smedley, who has left the district, was again made a member. A committee was formed to purchase the specials for annual open show, and these will be on view at next meeting. Schedules now ready and may be obtained from the secs., Mr. A. Smith, Lynn Croft, Eastwood, and Mr. G. Lees, Thompson Street, Langley Mill.—Smith and Lees.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.

Special meeting Oct. 16, Flying Dutchman Hotel, Mr. W. A. Wilson chair, and a good attendance. We made a few more new members. The main item on the programme was in connection with Preston show, when some amateurs showed in the open champion section, and some in the amateur section. The two highest competitors made equal points, and now start off level. Will all amateurs after now bear in mind that they have to show in open champion section, and that all their points will count for amateur specials, etc.—Sam Wilcock, Sec.

CHOPWELL C.B.S.

Meeting Workmens' Club Hall, Oct. 16, Mr. W. Marsh chair, over a good attendance. New members elected: W. Carr, T. Dixon, and R. Campbell. Decided, through our show fixture falling on the same date as Haltwhistle, to postpone it until Dec. 4. Mr. W. Tomlinson and Mr. W. Curry have kindly consented to judge. Moved that sec. write to all 1914 members who have not paid their subs., as we have had rules drawn up and printed stating that all subs. must be paid up before last meeting before show; members kindly take note of this. Agreed to put on an additional 10s. selling class, making 19 classes in all. From reports to hand everything points to a splendid show, so rally members, and intending members, to our next meeting, Nov. 13.—W. H. Christer, Sec.

SHETTLESTON, CARNTYNE C.B.S

Meeting Houston's Cafe, Oct. 16. A splendid gathering of members gave our worthy chairman, Mr. Hendrie, the encouragement he well deserves. Messrs. M. McLeod, H. Dunnan, A. Drummand, R. Watt, A. Sneddon were elected members. Owing to the great progress and large membership of this very flourishing club it was proposed to have an assistant-secretary, but as everything in connection with our annual show in Co-operative Hall, Shettleston, is pretty well in hand, it was decided to let it lie over till next meeting. Medals and specials galore are promised and given, and it will not be the fault of the committee if Saturday, Nov. 20, is not a red-letter day here. The profits of the exhibition are to be handed over to the Shettleston and Tollcross Nursing Association, one of the most deserving institutes in this district. A hearty vote of thanks to our hard-working committee and chairman closed a very enthusiastic meeting.—J. Irvine, Sec.

OLD SHILDON (Workmen's Club).

Meeting, Oct. 16. Decided to have 28 classes: 4 Nor., 4 Yorks., 4 Crests and C.B., 2 Bord., 4 Sell., 4 Brit. Seedeaters, 1 Softbill, 1 Mule or Hyb., 4 for Federation novice. Entries, 1/-; prizes, 8/- 4/-, 2/-. Schedules will be sent out as early as we can to all last year's exhibitors; any others please send for one.—John Ainsworth, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 14, Mr. Havenhand, chair. Decided to have the same classification as last year for annual show. Mr. G. Browning, Rotherham, was elected judge. We made two more new members, one of whom, Mr. Hutching, is at present at the Front, and was represented by his father. I should imagine this is rather an extraordinary occurrence.—E. Johnson, Sec.

RUNCORN B.B.A.

Meeting headquarters, Mr. Whyte chair, before a large attendance. Decided to have a members' show Dec. 18, Mr. C. Houlton to judge, and the proceeds to go to St. John's Ambulance Association, which is doing good work for wounded soldiers in the town. Two new members made—Messrs. Maddock and Wardle. 36 classes were arranged, and a very fair number of specials promised.—E. Rone, Sec.

NORTHERN BRITISH M. & F.B.C

Meeting, Oct. 2, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, Newcastle. The chairman, Mr. Petterson, presided over a good attendance. Decided to hold table shows as on previous years. Next meeting, Oct. 30, in Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, at 8. Table show for British birds, F.M., will be held in connection with same. Classes: Linnet, Greenfinch, and A.O.V. Judge to be selected at meeting. Fanciers invited; subs. are due. The following societies have been granted our patronage cups and medals: Newcastle, Blaydon, Hartlepool, Haltwhistle, and Gateshead.—W. Curry, Sec.

NORTHERN BORDER F.C.C.

Meeting Oct. 6, Pillar's Cafe, Pink Lane, Newcastle, Mr. W. Affleck chair. Members elected: Messrs. S. Nicholson, G. Heslop, J. Cruddas. An application for patronage from Gateshead was granted. Correspondence was read from Mr. F. F. Hawkins, Gateshead, stating that owing to pressure of business he was being compelled to give up the Fancy. This was reluctantly accepted, with the hope that the lapse may only prove to be of a temporary nature. Decided to have a table show next meeting, five classes each section. Mr. F. Render will judge champion, and Mr. W. Affleck novice section.—Chas. Farrer, Hon. Sec.

NEW CROSS C.B.S.

Meeting headquarters, Oct. 7, Mr. H. C. Humphries chair, supported by a good number of members. The chief business of the evening was the discussion re the annual show. The chairman read a letter he had received from the acting sec., Mr. G. Burton, notifying that he would not be able to run the annual show owing to pressure of business. After a lengthy discussion it was resolved that owing to the difficulty of securing a suitable room, and as so many of the members were away, the show fixed for Nov. 4 be abandoned, and that if possible we arrange a small members' show later in the season. A judging competition took place, the final judge being Mr. G. F. Crawford, who kindly gave a few remarks at the close. The winner of the spoon in the competition was Sergt. J. H. Joplin, who placed the first three birds accurately. Next meeting Nov. 4.—Burton Bros.

HALTWHISTLE.

Meeting, Mechanics' Hall, Oct. 2, Mr. G. H. Bowerbank presided over a large attendance. Letters were read from secs. of the following specialist clubs intimating that we had been granted patronage of same: Northern Norwich, Northern Yorks., Northern British Mule and Foreign, Northern Border Fancy and Border Fancy Club, and after a good discussion it was decided to have the following classes at our open show, Nov. 19, 20: 15 Bord. (3 Nov.), 8 Nor. (2 Nov.), 7 Yorks. (2 Nov.), 11 Brit., Mule and For., and 14 members' classes. Fee, 1/6; members, 1/-; prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Members' classes, 6d. per cage and prize-money according to entries. Members' subs. to be paid by Nov. 1st, to entitle competition for members' cup and specials. A vote of thanks to chairman brought meeting to a close. Schedules will be ready in a few days, and can be had on application to—Wm. Tallantyre, Sec., South View, Haltwhistle.

BORDER FANCY C.C.

The local committee met in Edinburgh, Oct. 16, to consider the result of postcards sent out to members, and it was found that 200 were in favour of a B.F.C. Club Show in Edinburgh, at New Year time, while 20 voted against. It was arranged to postcard every local member to meet at 142, High St., Edinburgh, Oct. 21, for the purpose of forming a working committee for shew. Agreed to secure Picardy Place Hall at once, and thereby secure a good Hall. It was in this Hall that the first Scottish National was held, when there was an entry of fully 1,200. Being on the main thoroughfare, between Edinburgh and Leith, about five minutes' walk from the Waverley Station, it is very easy to get at, and if members give this venture their whole-hearted support it will be one of the best shows of the "Wee Gems" ever brought together, and this is what it ought to be. Don't be afraid to send along a special, as we want something worthy of the Club when making up schedule. Now, brother fanciers, as this is the semi-jubilee of the Club, rally round us and make this venture a huge success.—W. B. Smart, Sec.

MIDDLETON C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 4. Owing to only a few members turning up it was not decided whether to hold our annual show this season. I have called several meetings and have only been able to raise five members twice this year. We had 15 members on the books, but the majority have given up this year, and now we have only eight. Also, most of these have not bred this season. We had about 30s. for a rose bowl to be competed for at a young bird show and could not raise any entries. We have also a 6-guinea challenge cup for competition in December, to be won three times, not necessarily in succession. Also we can raise a special for practically every class. Most of our members have resigned and sold out, and others have gone away; but a member, Mr. J. Burke, who has had a good season, will guarantee 20 entries; also Mr. A. Wagstaffe has had a good season. The members who have given up are mostly Norwich fanciers. Mr. J. Oldham has bred Goldfinch Mules by a Lancashire hen. It is useless calling meetings and notifying members if they will not turn up, and on Monday next we shall decide on show, also fix classes, etc., for which there will be little competition for the prize offered.—Jas. Hulton, Sec.

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SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Oct. 22-23.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Green, 68, Brunswick Rd.) W.M., W.A.C., W.V., J.D., C.H.

Oct. 23.—**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.) J.R.

Oct. 27-28.—**London and P.O.S.** (H. L. Huggins, 130, Myddleton Rd., Bowes Park, London.)

Oct. 27-28.—**Carlisle (Border City) O.S.**—(J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.)

Oct. 29-30.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlboro Av., Manley Park, Manchester). L.D., J.B., R.B., J.D., H.J.C.

Oct. 30.—**York C.B.S.** (V. G. F. Zimmerman, 7, Portland Street.) J.C.B.

Nov. 3-4.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terr.)

Nov. 5-6.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(G. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., J.R., J.C.B., H.W.B., J.B.

Nov. 6.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(J. W. Thornton, 43, Rydal St., W. Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M., W.N.

Nov. 6-8.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street.) J.T., H.J.C.

Nov. 12-13.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.) T.D., J.M., H.W.B.

Nov. 13.—**Chester C.B.S.**—(L. Cavanagh, "Berwyn," Vicar's Cross, Chester.) H.W.B., J.G.

Nov. 13.—**Ardwick & Manchester C.B.S.**—(J. Spencer, 193, Palmerston Street, Beswick, Manchester.) J.W.M., C.H.

Nov. 17.—**Reading C.B.S.**—(O. C. Smith, 73, Audley St.) H.N.

Nov. 19-20.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.) W.M., H.W.B.

Nov. 19-20.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(Wm. Tallantyre, South View.) W.M.M., T.D., J.M.

Nov. 25.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.)

Nov. 27.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.**—(F. A. Green, 54, Cubdon Rd.) H.W.B.

Dec. 1-2.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 211, Park Rd., Aston, Birmingham.) J.R., J.H.R.

Dec. 1-2.—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place, Southampton.) H.N.

Dec. 11.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—(W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle). F.L., J.S., J.N., J.M.

Scotland.

Nov. 12-13.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital Street.) W.G., J. M'L., W. M'M., C.M., A.W., M.C.

Nov. 20.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S.**—(A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place.)

Dec. 11.—**Hamilton.**—(W. S. Wilson, Glendyne, South Park Rd.) D.B., R.M., W.S.C., J.G.

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Jan. 1.—**Wishaw, Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)

Wales.

Oct. 20.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(H. H. Mortimer, 4, Granville St.) J.H.R.

Nov 17.—**Llandudno** (Welsh N. Counties F. and F.A.).—(G. E. Cragg, "Rocklands," Rhos, Colwyn Bay.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.H.R.

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Jan. 11.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. H. Davies, 24, College Hill.)

Ireland.

Nov. 24-25.—**Dublin Y.C.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(W. C. Sholedice, 38, Haddington Rd.) W.M.

Nov. 26-27.—**Belfast, Ulster O.A.**—(T. M. Smyth, 9, University St., Belfast.)

Dec. 3-4.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(W. Montgomery, 62, Church Street).

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Twitterings.

Mr. E. Holliday has removed from 76, Coplaw Street, Govanhill, to 51, Bolton Drive, Mount Florida, Glasgow.

The Kettering F.A. is holding its first open show on Dec. 11. The schedule is reviewed in this issue, and further particulars are given in an advertisement.

Mr. A. S. Treasure, hon. sec., Cheltenham C.B.S., writes that the 5s. special in each section includes British and hybrids; this, by an oversight, was omitted from the schedule.

In your report of Plymouth show, writes Mr. H. Craven, you make no mention of my winning the A. B. Brown cup for Cinnamons, this having come to me in the first year of its being out.

We have sent schedules out to all previous exhibitors, writes Mr. J. W. Thornton, hon. sec., Hartlepools C.B.S., 43, Rydal Street, W. Hartlepool. Any one not having received one, please apply.

Mr. J. G. Cook, chairman, Gainsboro' Priory C.B.S., writes that his members will be pleased to welcome the fanciers of the district, and from Redcar and Middlesbrough, at their table show on Oct. 30.

We learn from Mr. E. C. Job, sec. Sheffield O.S., that schedules have been sent out, any one overlooked please apply E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield. The schedule is claimed to be the most generous ever put by a society before fanciers.

Yorkshire fanciers should note Tong and Dist. C.B.S. annual show in our advert. columns. This fixture is held under Yorkshire Union Rules. Entries close on Tuesday next, and those who have not received a schedule should apply to the secretary.

We hear from Messrs. Metcalfe and Green, Hon. Secs. Liverpool O.S., that although the classification for Liverpool show was cut down this year by 20 classes, 800 entries had been received in the 60 classes provided, and that all sections are well represented.

Owing to reduced railway facilities only a members' one day will be held this year by the Brighton and Hove C.B.A. on Dec. 8, writes Mr. W. H. Gibb, hon. sec. Mr. G. Gardner will judge; silver cups given by the club will be competed for; best Mule or Hybrid bred, and best British Bird shown.

In your valuable report of the Plymouth show, writes Mr. R. Woods, Hodges and Woods should read Hughes and Woods. Mr. Hughes is a well-known North Wales judge and exhibitor, and has many friends over there will be glad to know that he is still alive and has this season captured a valuable silver cup offered by the Perth Society for the best bird in show. My friend admits that he is indebted for his knowledge and success to the valuable hints which he has had from good old Cage Birds.

The opening article in "British Birds" for October (Messrs. Witherby, High Holborn, one shilling monthly) is entitled "Wait and See" Photography, by Miss E. L. Turner, with some fine photographs by the author of birds in freedom. Mr. E. B. Dunlop writes on the incubation of wild birds, and Mr. J. H. Gurney on "Gannets Breeding on Bressay." Among the usual "Notes" are accounts of the appearance of the Western Black-eared Wheatear in Sussex, and Eastern Black-eared Wheatears in Sussex and Yorkshire.

OBITUARY.

MR. M. CRUST (Reigate).

I regret to inform you, writes Mr. A. W. Bacon, hon. sec. Redhill C.B.S., that we have lost from our midst a most kind and valuable old judge and fancier, Mr. Martin Crust. He passed away on Oct. 15, after a short illness, and was interred at Reigate Cemetery to-day, Oct. 19. I am sure that all fanciers will join with us in our deepest sympathy to the widow and family.

I am asked, writes Mr. J. Waugh, hon. sec. and treas., Springburn and Possil Park C.B.C., to record that one of our members, Mr. J. Macleod, has lost one son and has had another wounded in the Dardanelles. The sympathy of our members is offered to Mr. J. Macleod and his wife and family, with hopes for a speedy recovery of the wounded soldier.

I am sorry to say, writes Mr. J. Rukin, that Mr. Noah Stansfield, Denton, has lost his dear wife after a very short illness. Noah, as his friends delight in calling him, has lost a true helpmate both in his home life and with his birds, for she always took a very lively and active interest in looking after his feathered stock. I am sure his many friends in the Fancy will extend to our friend heartfelt sympathy to our friend and children, a young girl, and a lad serving abroad. Pray God in His great mercy help him to bear his loss.

The Affairs of the Crested C.C.

An extraordinary meeting, called by the Chairman, Mr. G. Ley, of Nottingham, in accordance with Rule 8, was held Oct. 13, at 2, York Street, Piccadilly. Mr. George Crabb was elected chairman, and said the meeting had been called, as no reply to any letters could be obtained from Mr. Tyson. Mr. Ley had written to him asking him to hand over the books and effects belonging to the Club, if he could not give the time to do the work, and several show secretaries had reported that they could not get any reply from him. After letters were read from several members regretting their inability to attend the meeting, the chairman said that it seemed that Mr. Tyson was unable to give the time to attend to the Club's affairs, and it was carried unanimously that Mr. T. Heath, 28, Kenilworth Court, Putney, should be Hon. Sec. and Treasurer in his place. The Hon. Sec. was instructed to write to Mr. Tyson to this effect, and to request him to hand over all the books and effects of the Crested Canary Club within ten days.

It may interest many readers of Cage Birds, writes Mr. J. Hawksley, hon. sec., Maindee F.F. and C.B.S., Fair Oak, Newport, Mon., to know that an open show of the society has been fixed for Dec. 4, and I shall be pleased to forward schedules on application.

It was an agreeable surprise, writes Mrs. Holliday, to find on the front page of Cage Birds my unflighted buff cock, winner at the Welsh International. It was only out three times last year, at Bournemouth, Southampton and Cardiff, and it won each time. After Cardiff I sold the bird to Mr. R. Pinnell, Warminster, and I hope he will have a successful season with it.

We have received the Year Book of the National Green-marked Y.C.C. This well-got-up manual contains the standard and scale of points for Green-marked Yorkshires, Rules of the club, By-laws, list of club shows for the season, and the specials which are in competition, with conditions governing the same, the balance-sheet for 1914-15, the list of officers, and the names and addresses of members. The hon. sec. and treasurer is Mr. J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds.

A Show for Southend.

We held a meeting on Oct. 13, write Messrs. Deer and Cundy, hon. secs. Southend C.B.S., and decided to hold a show on Nov. 24 and 25, open to the borough of Southend only.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

Still Money in the Fancy.

Since I sent the report of Preston show, writes our representative, I hear that the yellow unflighted of Messrs. Stubbs Bros., 1st winner, was claimed at catalogue price, ten guineas.

Grateful Thanks.

Mr. T. E. Weston desires us to thank the many bird-lovers who sent kindly letters of condolence to himself and wife on reading last week of their sad bereavement. This sympathy from fellow-fanciers has been deeply appreciated, and has helped much to alleviate the bitterness of the blow.

The Chough in Ireland.

The Chough is by no means as rare in Ireland, writes Mr. H. Williams, Dublin, as some of your correspondents seem to imagine, and is still to be found in large numbers along the whole Western seaboard and outlying islands wherever there are any rocky headlands.

Fifty Years a Fancier.

The presentation of cups and medals won by the members of the Barrow C.B.A., was made at the last meeting by the oldest member of the society. Mr. R. Willison, the well-known Scotch Fancy exhibitor. Mr. Willison has been in the Fancy for more than half a century.

Cancellation of the Horticultural Hall Show for 1915.

Mr. Allen Silver, representing the joint committees of the London C.B.A., National British Bird and Mule Club, and the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League, writes as follows: "I regret having to announce that, owing to Police Regulations restricting any use of light after dusk, that this show will have to be cancelled."

Cock Blackcap Builds a Nest.

Many thanks for putting the portrait of my Blackcap on the front page of Cage Birds. I was very much pleased to see it, writes Mr. O. J. Stone. It will interest you to hear that this Blackcap cock built a nice nest this year, and was often seen sitting on it. The hen Garden Warbler who shared the aviary with him appeared to take no part in the proceedings.

Proposed League of South Eastern Societies.

The latest proposal is for the formation of a League of Cage Bird Societies for Surrey, Kent, Hants, and the county of London south of the Thames. The suggestion emanates from the Hastings and St. Leonard's C.B.S., and was considered at the last meeting of the Wimbledon C.B.S., but discussion of the proposal was deferred until the next meeting, as the attendance was smaller than usual, and it was thought that the scheme ought to be considered by a fuller meeting.

London Birds Under Zeppelin Fire.

A London fancier writes:—"I thought it might interest your readers to know that we escaped by a few yards only the Zeppelin bombardment. I had the gas fittings shaken down, and one window pierced by shrapnel. The birds did not take a bit of notice until the light went out all of a sudden. I was in the bird-room preparing some soaked sunflower with the intention of crushing the seed up, and the bottle was knocked out of my hand, but never broken. I consider it a marvellous escape."

The October issue of the Avicultural Magazine, the journal of the Avicultural Society, is full of articles of the most intense interest. Dr. Lovell-Keays and Mr. Maurice Amsler contribute two delightful breeding accounts, the former of the Bearded Reedlings, which have been mentioned several times in our columns, and the latter of the Occipital Blue Pie. Accounts by the Editor, Mr. H. D. Astley, of the wonderful collection of Tanagers and other birds brought over by Mr. Goodfellow for Mr. E. J. Brook, and of the arrival in France of thirty more Humming Birds, will arouse envious thoughts in the minds of many. Mr. H. Wormald tells of the hand-rearing of Long-tailed Tits, and several other articles go to complete a fine issue. The number is embellished by a wonderful coloured drawing, by Mr. H. Goodchild, of a pair of Mr. Astley's Ruddy-headed Geese, and contains besides, the Report of the Council for 1914-15, and an index to Vol. 6.

Hamilton's "Red Cross" Open Show.

Mr. W. S. Wilson, hon. sec., writes that at the Hamilton show, Dec. 11, Mr. D. Black, Govan, will judge Scotch Fancies (8 classes); Mr. R. Martin Norwich (16); Mr. W. S. Clark, Irvine, Borders (19); and Mr. J. Goodfellow, Edinburgh, Hybrids and British (19 classes).

Not Too Old at Fifty-six.

We hear that the well-known Coventry exhibitor, Mr. Geo. Peters, chairman of the Coventry O.S., has given his services to the country at the age of fifty-six. He has enlisted in the R.A.M.C., and has left Coventry for his duties at the Herbert Edward Hospital, Woolwich. Truly a splendid example, and one which bird-lovers will be proud to quote for many a year after the war.

A Fine Show in London Next Week

We hear from Mr. Huggins, hon. sec. of the London and P.O.S., that over 400 entries had been received up to Tuesday morning, and they were coming in from all parts of the country at the rate of 50 or 60 in each post. Some entries come as far as from Inverness, and Mr. Huggins says this shows the value of advertising in Cage Birds. The show is at the Lambeth Baths, and will be open from 2 till 10 on Wednesday next, and from 10 to 7.30 on Thursday.

Postal Orders Lost in a Fire.

Mr. S. Burns, Tyne Mount Lodge, Dalkeith, who advertised privet berries in our issue of Oct. 9, sends us the charred portions of two postal-orders, accompanied by the following note: "Please ask all the fanciers who wrote for berries to drop me a card with their name and address. My writing-desk has been burnt in a fire, and all the letters and postal-orders (about 40) have been destroyed with it, hence my not sending the berries. I am forwarding you all that was left of the orders (two charred fragments), and as I am just joining the Army it is a bit of a loss to me."

THE BIRD-KEEPERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

Bedford and Beds. United C.B.S.

Sir,—The following members have enlisted: Mr. J. Beanland, chairman; Messrs. H. Crawford, H. Greenaway, Wright, Armitage, H. Towler, E. Towler, T. H. Wheeler, R. Mobbs, C. Collins, E. Thompson, Tensome, W. Gibbs.

A. Simmons, Hon. Sec.

Wimbledon C.B.S.

Sir,—We have two members who have joined H.M. Forces: J. H. Bailey (A.S.C.), now in France, and Corpl. S. W. Pain, 8th Batt. E.S.R. Mr. G. W. Baker, a Merton fancier, who resigned his membership shortly before the outbreak of war, is also with the colours.

G. Griffiths, Hon. Sec.

Greenock and Port Glasgow O.S.

Sir,—The following of our members are serving the Colours: Messrs. M. Service, late treas., Gordon Highlanders; C. Bryden, late sec., Royal Engineers; J. McDonald, A. and S. Headquarters. They are all in France, Mr. Bryden having been over a year at the Front.

J. McG. Dooley, Sec.

Clydebank C.B.C.

Sir,—The members of our club on active service are: Private Wm. Greer, Scots Greys, killed; Private A. Hay, wounded; Private Jas. McBride, A. and S.H.; Private J. Grieve.

Wm. Kane, Sec.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.

Sir,—We have one of our members serving with the colours—Pte. F. Priestley, R.A.M.C. We should be very pleased if you would add his name to your Roll of Honour.

G. Mitchell, Sec.

(Many lists held over.)

MY OUTDOOR BIRD-ROOM: Its Construction and Its Fittings

By A. E. Moule (Abertillery).

(Continued from page 115.)

PERSONALLY I advise the egg-shaped flat-sided glass drinkers, as they are so easily cleaned out. In seed hoppers I think the York pattern suits best all round, being simple to make and easy to clean out. I have made my own of hard wood, well gluing all the joints; they are also enamelled inside and polished black outside; the glass fronts are made to slide out for cleaning purposes. The groove in which the glass slides is made very simply with a wide set tenon saw.

I have a couple of white pot knobs on each cage, and these set it off and put a finish to the article. I have found it a great advantage to enamel the wire fronts the same colour as the inside of cages; it prevents them getting rusty and also gives a good appearance to the cage.

Adaptable Flight Cages.

You will also want a couple of good flights. I do not advise the use of one of a tremendous size, at least not for birds kept for exhibition purposes, as it has a tendency to make them wild, which is a great drawback. I prefer cages of about 5ft. long, 16ins. high, and 11ins. deep. These flights can be divided into smaller compartments by having the fronts in sections so as to be able to put in partitions when needed.

In my opinion an ideal bird-room should have all the breeders on one side, so that the birds cannot interfere with one another when the breeding season commences, and the flight cages should be at each end. Have everything uniform; all the hoppers underneath each other, drinkers the same.

I have three double breeders in the centre of each tier, with single ones at each end, altogether 15 breeders, and six flights the size that I mentioned. Each of the top flights at the ends of the room can be converted into three single breeders by putting in two slides; therefore I could put up 21 pairs if I wished, and still have four 5ft. flights. Each cage is numbered, so that breeding records are easily kept. For egg pans I prefer the three-inch round ones; they are so very easy to clean.

You will also require a small chest of drawers for your seed and other articles; the most convenient size of this, for the same sized room as my own, would be 3ft. high by 2ft. wide, and 1ft. deep, with four drawers. The top of the drawers should be covered with some non-absorbent material. I will give you a tip here. Go to the local house furnisher and ask him if he has a broken piece of marble, the top of a washstand, for instance: you can cut it to the size you require if you have an old saw—do not spoil a good one. Polish the drawers black, and attach white knobs for the handles.

How to Make a Sink.

The next necessary item is a sink or wash-up. This is a great boon, and if you are handy with the soldering iron you can make one yourself. I managed it all right, and I will try and describe the method.

First get two pieces of well seasoned wood; mind that it is so, or else the job will be no good; size 18ins. by 12ins., and 1in. thick. These will form the two sides. Next, two pieces 18ins. by 9 ins. to form the front and back top rail. Now you will want a piece for the bottom of the sink, and a similar piece for a shelf about two inches from the floor. Also a piece 20ins. by 12ins. for the top. Fasten this top piece to the back rail with a couple of hinges, so as to open when required, and when closed it will act as a seat. Another piece, fastened with a pair of hinges to the front rail at the bottom, will form a handy cupboard for medicines, etc.

Your sink will now be 15ins. long, 10ins. wide, and 9ins. deep. Get a piece of zinc the required size, i.e., 34ins. long and 28ins. wide, cut to perfectly square angles, and draw a line 9 inches from the outside all the way round. Then cut out the four corner angles 9 inches each way, bend the four sides up, and drop into place. Next solder the zinc at the four corners, taking plenty of time and doing the job neatly. Don't get your hair off doing it, as I did the first time, or you may make a mess of the job.

Now make a hole in the centre of the bottom of the sink for an outlet the size of a halfpenny, and solder a short piece of zinc pipe into this. When you have fixed your sink in position you must have a piece of lead pipe (second-hand will do) leading from the short pipe to the outside of your building.

Mind that you have this pipe big enough for the small pipe to drop into it, and, of course, you will have it going through the bottom of the cupboard and through the floor. Give about four coats of white enamel to the inside of the cupboard, being careful to let each coat dry before adding the next, and do this in the same manner as I described in reference to the cages to prevent running. Polish the outside woodwork black, upholster the top with a piece of red leather, and you will have a first-class sink and seat combined.

Now as regards artificial light. Where you cannot have gas or electricity you will have to use a lamp. I have adopted the use of gas, and I find it very handy, and in no way detrimental to the birds as a rule. When I have the gas alight I open the fanlight, and as I have the jet fixed between the door and the window, and in the centre of the room, I find that the fumes go directly out.

It is a matter of opinion as to what kind of bath is best. I prefer the wire fronted ones, 4ins. deep in front and 2ins. deep at the back; these are 6ins. long. Enamel them white inside, eau-de-nil outside. With about one inch depth of water in these I do not find the birds make a mess or splash. If you have a number of birds you will require at least a half dozen. I recommend the earthenware white nest pans with white swansdown linings.

There is at least one more necessary item, and that is a waste box. Get a biscuit box, make a cover out of three-ply wood, and put a border round inside. Paint the box green, polish the top black, and write the word "Waste" on the front. Fix a white knob on the top, and you have a handy article. Get some coloured plates from CAGE BIRDS and frame them; they are always worth framing. Hang them up, and they will set the room off nicely. If you put blinds to the windows to complete, you will find that red ones are the best, and handy for moulting, especially when you are using colour feed.

Some Useful Odds and Ends.

There are numerous other articles which will be found handy in the bird-room, viz., a thermometer, a Goodman's filup feeder, a calendar, stock book, pedigree book, seed scoops, brush, jugs, spray, etc.

Another item I find I have missed is a spraying cage. If you spray the birds in their show cages you make a mess. A good idea is to have a box cage about 18ins. high and 18ins. long, with the bottom made of tin or zinc, and make a little hole in the corner for the water to run out into a jug or basin. After spraying the birds you can return them to their respective cages without any mess.

To complete the requirements of a bird-room you will also want a washing cage. I may say here that I am making one at present; that is to say, I have not yet got it finished, but when complete I think I shall have to see one to come anywhere near it. The construction of it I will explain in the near future.

In conclusion, I wish CAGE BIRDS the success it richly deserves. It is the backbone of the fancy in every sense of the word. Also I wish all readers of CAGE BIRDS the best of luck in their hobby.

MY VIEWS ON CANARY BREEDING.

By F. G. Snell

(Continued from page 103).

SHOULD your birds have the qualities mentioned, you may rest assured you possess the true Norwich type, which all lovers of this beautiful variety are striving to obtain. Unless you have a very long pocket you will hardly be able to start with all your birds possessing all the ideal qualities fit for exhibition purposes. In consequence, care must be exercised in the pairing of your birds to produce the best results.

A question of importance often arises: Does like produce like? My own opinion is, it does, and will surely prove itself providing you have sufficient knowledge of how your birds are bred, and the peculiarities of their parents; if from long, short, or large parents; coarse or fine in feather properties, etc. Otherwise, I am afraid, if you should turn out a winner or two it would be more by chance than by judicious management. I believe inbreeding may be attempted and success assured, but only from such birds as are healthy, full of vigour, and possessing quality and size. One finds that, however careful he is in selecting and pairing the birds, winners are not numerous; but, by experience and by making sure your birds are so matched that one possessing a fault is mated to a partner in which this particular fault is conspicuously absent, you may breed more good ones than bad.

Yellow to Buff, Buff to Yellow.

The correct method of pairing is yellow to buff, or vice versa. From double yellows you get birds very harsh in feather, and often on the small side. Some recommend double-buffing for the purposes of getting size. Care should be taken to see that the birds are suitable, or you will get rough, coarse-feathered birds with frills, and a quantity of feathers about the legs. Nothing beats a good pair of show birds for breeding, but if you have, say, an extra large yellow cock bird, good in colour, a bit on the long side, not too good in feather, pair him to a medium size buff hen with a large head, thick neck, short wings, and tail, with feathers as tight as the proverbial boxwood, and full of quality. By thus balancing the good points with the bad, your results should mean an improvement on your original stock. The same argument applies to the buff and yellow cross—what is lacking on the one hand, must be made up for on the other.

Next, our attention is turned to the breeding season, which should not be started until you are sure your birds are in breeding condition. This can be ascertained by the cock birds being in full song and flying about the cage on hearing the frantic shouting of the hens, who constantly call and flap their wings, and will often try to thrust themselves through the drinking holes to get in touch with them. Personally I prefer one cock to one hen, all through the season, as this keeps him in vigour and makes more sure of a successful moult.

If he behaves himself, allow him to remain with the hen while the incubation and rearing of the young takes place. By so doing, the double feeding greatly assists the youngsters, and you get stronger birds. Should he disturb the hen while sitting, remove him until the young are able to leave the nest; then run him in again. The food during incubation should consist of plain canary seed until the day the young are due to hatch. Then give for three days the yolk of egg only; after this give the egg rubbed through a sieve, mixed with crushed biscuits or bread-crumbs. The bread should be at least two days old; also crushed hemp seed, and a little green food.

The Care of the Young.

When the young are about four weeks old they should be able to do for themselves. Get them on to hard seed gradually, or their digestive organs will get upset, and oftentimes set up inflammation which may prove fatal. Now run them into the flight until they are ready to start moulting. The best birds should then be selected, especially the birds you think will be fit for the show bench, and give them your best attention, caging them separately, if you have the accommodation for doing so. In order to get the desired colour into your birds they must, at this period, be put on colour food.

Use only the best colour food you can procure, giving small quantities at the start and gradually bring the quantities up to the full strength. When your birds are through, send them to one of the nearest shows, and you will soon know how successful you have been by the results. Don't be discouraged if at first you don't succeed in being in the highest ranks, but endeavour to find out where you fail, and this will assist you in making sure of success another season.

If care is taken the Canary is subject to few diseases. Those that do arise may be traced to carelessness and inattention. If duly fed, and their cages are regularly cleaned, and the birds are kept in good air, they are seldom found in bad health. Colds are the most general complaints. How often we find birds hung up close to the top of a window, with the sash down about a foot, the draughts running through the cage enough to turn a wind-mill, without any consideration as to whether the air is cold or damp. In this way many a fine bird has taken a cold which has proved incurable. When birds are in good health they are lively, and their feathers appear sleek and smooth.

I do not intend to enumerate the various complaints, but advise anyone wanting information respecting any disorders arising with their birds to peruse the columns set apart each week in CAGE BIRDS, where all doubts and difficulties are solved by specialists. As time goes on you will find that by the practical knowledge and experience you have gained you will be able to impart to others that which you required on first embarking in the Fancy; experience is perhaps the best school.

The Trouble of the Sweating Hen.

By W. G. SMITHSON (Leeds).

AT the beginning of the season which has now come to a close many of us started with hope and expectancy. In some cases hopes may have been fulfilled, while in others disappointment has been sent to try us, along with the horrible war. Not many will have done so well as hoped for. To the unlucky ones I would say as feelingly as possible, being in the same boat, that disappointment only proves our mettle, as does the experience of the trenches the soldier on the field.

The difficulty with some may have been clear eggs, dead in shell, or accidents; and, here and there, blunders for want of thought or care. But with the "old hand" these things are not the chief causes of disappointment. The great bugbears have been sweating hens, hens refusing to sit or feed, or going wrong in one way or another.

We who have been at the job a long time can generally get plenty of young hatched out. My own chief trouble has been with Canary hens sweating the young at about a week old, and when they begin to sweat then they sit on them and give up feeding; in fact, literally poison the poor little things by the emanations from their own body. It is not frequently the case that you have a hen at the same stage to which to transfer them, but if the young are from 10 to 14 days old you have a chance of saving them by feeding them yourself, and by taking the nest to bed with you! Covered with cotton wool, and feeding in the early hours, you may maintain the strength of the birds to overcome the change from natural to improvised feeding. If younger than 10 or 12 days they are seldom strong enough to get over the change, or to keep themselves warm; then put up the obituary notice.

The sweating hen is certainly a sort of "institution," as she has troubled me for years. I have, however, just saved a nest of Lizards by the advice of CAGE BIRDS' specialist, Mr. Claude St. John, his chief remedy being sulphate of soda in the drinking water as soon as one notices the hen's breast feathers looking wet and sticky, and the down on the young birds sticky likewise.

But readers may say, "Why sweating hens, at all?" Ah, why? I have given much study to this during this season, and am convinced that I have hit upon the cause. Every breeder of experience knows what the effect is, only too well.

We all know the hen swallows the excretions of the young birds for about a week, or as long as they are unable to cast it into the cage or over the edge of the nest. This upsets her internal organism, and she becomes sick, feverish, and (like us having the "flue") she sweats, in consequence of the fetid matter she has taken in.

Then I think I have also discovered that giving her too much food during the first few days after hatching may have a like tendency to make her sick and overheated. But I believe the sulphate of soda in the water, together with soaked bread, with or without milk, is a fine antidote, withdrawing the egg food till she has eaten the bread. Of course, if she refuses the bread and stops feeding all is up—if the soda does not do the needful; so in such cases the soda should be increased to two pieces the size of a pea instead of one.

I spoke of disappointments as to results; the trier for Hybrids winks his eye on this score, or keeps one eye shut. I have tried often for various Hybrids, but without great success (except in Canary Mules). All fanciers know that beautiful Hybrids are produced, for they can see them on the show bench, and we are not much in the way of true fanciers if we are wholly discouraged by our individual want of success. This season I have had Bullie hens laying nest after nest, and the cocks consummating for months and yet clear eggs resulting.

But when next season comes, the thing will be to change the cocks; and whether success ensues or not, the birds are dear to the true fancier's heart, and a joy to behold and manage. So let us "stick to our last" and hope for the success which will no doubt one day crown our efforts.

Correspondence.

Nine Young Mules—Eight Cocks.

Sir,—This season I have bred nine Mules from a cock Goldfinch and hen Canary, and eight of them are cocks. I think it very good, and I should be glad to know if it is a record.

S. Sayers.

Is the Railway Difficulty Over-rated?

Manchester & N.C.O.S. Will Collect from the Stations.

Sir,—I noticed in Cage Birds a show secretary reporting the good response in the way of applications for schedules after a displayed advert. in your paper, and this prompted me to count the applications for our schedule. I have received from our first advert. 112 applications; from this I conclude that the fanciers' motto is still "Business as Usual." The fact that I have had applications from all parts of the country makes me think that we shall not have much difficulty with the railway companies' delivery. At Manchester and N.C.O.S. show we do not intend relying on the railway vans delivering from the various stations, but, as last year, we shall have our own vans going round the stations collecting exhibits. I should like to point out to the newer school of exhibitors that our show has a reputation of thirty-two years behind it, with a set of officials who have proved themselves fully capable of giving exhibits the best of attention, and the exhibitors satisfaction. We make a point of not refusing late entries, but this year our printers want the books a day earlier, so we ask for entries to be posted as early as possible.

F. Hayward, Hon. Sec.,
Manchester N.C.O.S.

Has the L.C.B.A. Been "Collaring" Dates?

Sir,—On first reading the letter under the title of "Has the L.C.B.A. been collaring dates" in this morning's issue of Cage Birds, I was tempted to write a lengthy reply, but on second consideration I have decided that the suggestion is too ridiculous, lacking both knowledge and discretion of thought. I will just venture one answer to Mr. Goodall's query, viz., "A better way of killing the Fancy is to write such letters as his."

Arthur J. Watcham,
Hon. Sec., L.C.B.A.

Sir,—With reference to the letter which appeared in Cage Birds last week concerning the supposed "collaring" of dates by the L.C.B.A., may I point out that your correspondent in his zeal has evidently overlooked several points.

In the first instance it is as well to remember that any society has a perfect right to choose whatever dates it pleases, and that, secondly, these dates were not chosen by the L.C.B.A. at all, but by a joint committee representing three societies.

The promoters of the scheme to hold one good exhibition in London this year were more or less compelled to take these dates to suit their desired arrangements, and had the matter of clashing cropped up, I am sure everyone concerned would have done everything possible to prevent injuring the exhibition of another society, and naturally would have preferred their earlier and usual dates. It is not always that a dozen or so men can be found at times like these to undertake the business of maintaining an important exhibition at considerable private expense to themselves.

Show arrangements of any kind would certainly have never been made at all this season had these people not had the welfare of the Fancy at heart, for it was evident that the funds of each society must have been heavily expended in order that owners of birds should have something to look forward to which would maintain the value of their stock. It must be left to the public to judge how far such value would be influenced by a win at the Horticultural Hall in comparison with one at an exhibition of somewhat lesser magnitude.

Want of good taste, I am afraid, has driven out of the Fancy many more enthusiastic workers (who have helped with exhibits, money, and time) than would have been the case regarding the unavoidable arrangements now under complaint, and I am sure the support of such people sooner or later must disappear if their well-intentioned efforts are held up to insult. Everyone likes Mr. Goodall as a fancier, and I can only conclude that he has been carried away by misplaced zeal.

Allen Silver.

Cups at Plymouth Show.

Sir,—Cage Birds this week creates a new enthusiasm amongst fanciers by reason of show reports. Plymouth has received an unusual amount of space, and a favourable report, for which I personally thank you (as a member of its committee) but unofficially. I was rather disappointed there was no mention made of the cup I won for best 1915 Cinnamon, bred by exhibitor, more so as on a previous occasion (viz., the 1913 open show) the same omission occurred. This year the winner is a young buff, which I am told is the best ever seen in the West, and of which I am justly proud.

A. B. Brown.

[We regret that our reporter omitted to mention in his account of the show that Mr. Brown won the cup referred to, and have pleasure in recording the win as above.—Editor.]

A Correction and an Appreciation.

Sir,—I note in your report of the Plymouth show that the vhc in the unflighted hen class is credited to a Mr. Thomas. I won both 5th and 7th prizes in the unflighted Norwich Plainheads, and I am sure you will readily correct an error. Your paper is always so accurate in its reporting that it is with some considerable diffidence that I ask for the correction, but both the catalogue and my show cages verify my statement. My birds are now almost through the moult, and but for the fact that I cannot this evening obtain a postal order, I should have sent an advert. However, I will do so, as past experience proves it is money well spent; so next week I will post on to you.

(Rev.) C. B. Jolliffe.

Intelligence in Birds.

Sir,—Having kept a great many feathered pets, and hand-reared many, including Choughs, I have been interested in the correspondence under the above heading appearing in your columns of late.

Just how much or how little intelligence a bird possesses I think would be more than any man could possibly estimate; although your correspondent, Mr. T. Johnson, seems to have solved the problem—at least, to his own satisfaction.

If you should take a walk along the strand, say at Dollymount, or anywhere on the Coast about Dublin here, where any shooting takes place, you would find it almost impossible to get within sixty yards or so of the 'Gulls and other sea birds to be found there. This distance will be increased if you carry a gun or a walking-stick. This, I suppose, would be described as instinctive fear of man; yet these very same Gulls in St. Stephen's Green Park, in the heart of the City of Dublin, will almost eat out of a person's hand. Surely, it is intelligence, not instinct, that teaches them to trust man in one place and to fear him in another.

Owing to the stupid over-protection afforded birds in these days, the Gulls have become a nuisance in this particular park, where there is a fine collection of Waterfowl, which are almost starved at times through every scrap being devoured by the Gulls. In the early summer months a great many of the newly-hatched ducklings are carried away by Gulls, the Lesser Blackback being the principal offender.

I watched one of these one evening. It was on the opposite side of the pond, the "keep off the grass" side, and the ducks were mostly on the other side near me, being fed by some members of the public. There was a common Wild Duck there with a large brood, and I noticed a couple of the young ones go zigzagging out into the middle of the lake as if chasing some insects on the surface of the water.

When they had got a good distance away from the old Duck, the Gull rose up in the air and swooped down upon the nearest to it, and as it did so the duckling dived under the water, and the Gull almost disappeared also before it rose again and flew off with its victim. Now, I think this shows a little intelligence on the part of the Gull and the duckling. The latter, a non-diving species, did not dive instinctively, but sought the only refuge that reason could suggest. And the Gull? It waited till the former was some distance away from the old duck. Why? Perhaps the fact that a pair of Chilian Widgeon, in defence of their young, made such an onslaught on one of these feathered ruffians as to leave it more dead than alive on the bank of this very same lake, will suggest an answer.

The ducks in St. Stephen's Green are so tame that they actually take bread from the children's hands (and the Blackheaded Gulls fly over the ducks, and pick them on the back of the head till they drop it, if it is a bigger piece than they can bolt at once), and yet amongst them are a number of full-winged birds that often fly away out to the surrounding country. When observed outside, they are as wild as any wild-reared birds, and as difficult to approach (otherwise they would not return) and there can be no doubt of their identity, as there are some Hybrids amongst them between the Mallard and Pintail. Is it instinct that makes them wild in the evening and tame again in the morning?

A similar thing may be noted at the Phœnix Park on a winter's day; there we see Pochard and Tufted Duck (wild ones) resting complacently on the artificial lake of the Royal Zoological Gardens, separated only by an iron railing and a narrow walk from a noisy football-kicking crowd. Surely, it is intelligent experience that teaches them that this is a safe resting-place.

Personally, I believe that unless a bird can add intelligence to instinct it stands a very poor chance of surviving its first winter even. How much, I fail to see how we can ever possibly know, as we do not all read the same meaning into their actions. For instance, Mr. J. in a previous controversy mentioned that he had often seen a Sparrow chasing a Pigeon. I kept Pigeons for years, and was often puzzled by this performance, but it is my experience that the Sparrow does not actually "chase" the Pigeon, but rather flies, as near as its jerky, undulating flight permits, in a parallel line beneath it. This confuses the Pigeon, and unless it amuses the Sparrow I fail to see its object; it certainly has no useful purpose in the Sparrow's economy, as I always understand instinctive actions should have.

The Cuckoo, I should say, is another intelligent bird, and I do not agree with your correspondent that it is habitually lazy, in that, I suppose, it lays—or rather deposits its egg in another bird's nest. The fact is, that owing to the preponderance of the male Cuckoos, about seventy-five per cent. of the total being males, I should say, the female Cuckoo has no time to build a nest, or incubate her eggs, owing to the attention of the males, two or three of which are always in attendance. To lay her egg and carry it in her throat till she finds a suitable nest to place it in (a Softbill's due to hatch about the same time), requires, in my way of thinking, a little intelligence, and is no task for an habitually lazy bird, just after a flight from Northern or Central Africa.

Although I cannot believe the stories of the "Cuckoo as a bird of prey," or "The Thrush story," I believe birds have a deal of intelligence, considering their circumstances, comparing favourably with our own.

Hugh Williams.

Moulting British Birds on Wild Seed.

Sir,—I have known Mr. S. J. Nicholas for a number of years to be a very successful exhibitor of British Birds, and I am pleased to read his experiences on moulting these birds on wild seeds. Mr. Nicholas says it is an undonbted fact that these wild foods added to the ordinary diet are beneficial to them, and especially during the moult. If this is so, I only wish I lived in the country to try it. But to really prove whether a bird is moulted better with the addition of wild seed, would be a hard thing to do, because some exhibitors have put down some of the very best specimens that have ever been seen, without the use of wild seed or colour-food. You must have colour there to start with. If you start with a buff bird, no wild seed or colour-food will make it as good a colour as a yellow or jonque bird. Take the Greater Redpoll for example: No wild seed or colour-food would make a buff or mealy as good a colour as a Jonque Lesser Redpoll. If Linnets and Redpolls can come out a grand colour on the wild seeds that Mr. Nicholas gives them, how is it he says you seldom find a Bullie or Greenie moult as bright and pure in colour as a field-moulted one? Why is it? We are told the different seeds the Bullie and Greenie live on from the time they leave the nest until they are clean moulted. Those seeds are to be got.

Mr. Nicholas says he has found his birds have moulted a better colour out of doors than in; that is his experience. Some exhibitors have had to be content to moult their birds in a room, and yet they have been able to put down champions. I have moulted a Bramble this year; it is one of the best coloured birds I have seen, a real jonque (without colour-food), everything there, colour, spangling, etc., except size. I cannot follow Mr. Nicholas, when he says that "the catcher feels a bird that is larger than the ordinary ones, being larger and more vigorous." Because it is larger, it does not say it would be more vigorous. I have seen plenty of small Linnets far more fierce than the larger ones, and the same with Goldfinches. Mr. Nicholas says he has moulted "some of the best Bullies and Greenies that have ever appeared on the show bench." Did Mr. Nicholas moult them on wild seed? Were they a better colour moulted than they were when fresh caught? Does Mr. Nicholas know whether he could moult a Yellow Corn and Reed Bunting a far better colour without the aid of colour-food, but on wild seeds, and improve them beyond all recognition?

Herbert J. Chick.

Hen British Birds in Cock Classes.

Sir,—Please allow me to say a few words in defence of my Greenfinch hen, which was 2nd at Plymouth show; it seems to have caused a little comment through being in a class some say was for cocks. The schedule I received and entered from said "Class 71, Greenfinch"; no sex was stated, so how it can be a class for cock birds only I fail to see. I see in Classes 69 and 75 it states "cocks," and if 71 had been for cocks it would have said so. Class 75 is a class for any variety hen (seed-eating), but there is a special class for Greenfinches, so I can't see where there is anything to grumble over. The advantage the bird had was there were two classes for her, and she could have been thrown out of either as they wanted. She is a hen Greenfinch, and has therefore no right in a Greenfinch class when a class for hen seed-eaters is provided. Being a Greenfinch, the same could have been said if she had been in the other class; there was a class for Greenfinches, so she has no right here. I will leave the readers to form their own opinion which was right and hope, Mr. Editor, you will give yours, and settle it at once, whether I am entitled to prize-money; if not, I will return it at once. This is my first show venture, and I don't want any shadow over my head. I should like to take the opportunity of thanking the manager of birds at Plymouth show for his treatment to my Linnet. When it arrived at the show it was very ill, and it was not staged, but is now getting on fine; I hope to be able to show it shortly.

T. Corner.

[We have no hesitation in saying that Mr. Corner is quite entitled to the prize. There is no definite ruling which governs the case (or, at any rate, we have never heard of it) from any specialist or other club, therefore the question of eligibility is a matter for the judge to decide, in accordance with the wording of the schedule.—Editor.]

Is the Southern Norwich P.C. to Live or Die?

Sir,—In reply to "A Member" as to whether the S.N.P.C. still exists, I beg to inform him that last year (I believe it was at the L.P.O.S. show) a few of the Committee met and decided that our patronage should be given to the L.C.B.A. and go to "rest" till the war was over. Personally speaking, I think it is far better to "rest" at present rather than land the Club in debt by what can only be a miserable attempt to carry on.

The Club is at the present time on the right side of the balance sheet, with no liabilities whatever, despite the fact that practically no subscriptions have been paid this year. Surely "A Member" and those that think with him cannot expect the S.N.P.C. to live if this is the way it is supported, and I do not only refer to this year, but 1913 and 1914 as well. Some more knowledge for "A Member." At the last annual general meeting held at the Crystal Palace the secretary tendered his resignation, which was not accepted, and rather than see the club go to the winds, he offered to hold the post for twelve months. That was nearly two years ago, so practically speaking the club has no secretary, or committee for that matter, as the rule says they retire annually.

As long as the £10 10s. trophy remains in competition, the club must live, even though it is suspended till brighter times. If it is desired by the majority of the members that the club shall live and carry on, as "A Member" and others wish, I would point out that a new secretary will have to be found, and he must be supported a good deal better than Mr. Matthes has ever been. Let me assure "A Member" that I am as equally anxious for the Club's welfare, and always ready to assist, but when the general body of members support the secretary and committee by withholding their subscriptions, and forget their entries at the patronage shows, I think every credit must be given Mr. Matthes for keeping the Club where it is to-day. So if "Member" wants a live club and not a dead one, let him pay up and sign his name to his next letter; the members will think more of him.

Geo. F. Crawford.

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The Southern Norwich P.H.C.

An Invitation to Members.

Sir,—I have received an intimation from Mr. Matthes, the Hon. Sec. of the S.N.P.C., that it is impossible to give patronage to any shows. Five members only having paid their subscriptions (which will not cover the printer's bill), he does not feel inclined to incur any liabilities. I have invited Mr. Matthes, and now invite all members of the S.N.P.C., to attend a meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 27, at the L. and P.O.S. show, Lambeth Baths, at 8 sharp, to consider the situation and future of the Club.

J. W. Ramsden
(late Chairman of Committee).

Will Exhibitors Stand the Sliding Scale?

Clapham's Disastrous Experience.

Sir,—Will Mr. Hose, the Secretary, answer the following questions so that your readers may learn why his society's open show was such a failure, as he admits it to have been. (1) Was the Norwich classification up to date, or as extensive as that for Yorkshires (2) Was the judge known as an all-round expert? (3) Was a popular judge asked to judge for half fee? (4) Was any effort made by the society to assist fanciers in getting their exhibits to and from the show? (5) Did the catalogues contain either the classification of the exhibits or the awards; or were they plain pieces of paper, and offered for sale at sixpence? (6) If the society was not out for gain, but to help the Fancy, in what manner was help offered?

Londoner.

Sir,—May I suggest to Mr. Hose that the reason of "Clapham's Disastrous Experience," is probably the lack of initiative on the part of the Clapham Society? If country societies like Plymouth, Cheltenham, Preston, Chester, etc., can hold open shows, why not London clubs like Clapham and Wimbledon? Many exhibitors who showed at Clapham last year made up their minds they would not go to the trouble of taking and fetching their birds another year. In my own case it took just on three hours to get to Clapham and home again, to say nothing of the trouble, and I shall not do so again. I sent a case of birds to Plymouth by rail without any bother, and they arrived back in perfect condition, and I intend sending to Cheltenham, Chester, and several other open shows, but never again to a half-hearted, half-spirited show like Clapham. Again, when we went to fetch our birds at a little after eight o'clock on the day of the show, hoping to have a look round before taking them away, it was, to say the least of it, a little disappointing to find practically two-thirds of the exhibits removed. No Clapham; next year go for a bold policy, and help to keep things going, and you will be supported. I may say that all the birds I exhibited at Clapham this year were in the cards, so this is not the wail of a disappointed

Exhibitor.

Sir,—I noticed a letter in Cage Birds from the Sec. of the Clapham Show, respecting the entries which came up so badly. I think myself that the reason for it was not the paying of prize-money on the sliding scale. I am thinking the chief reason was making the exhibitors deliver and fetch the birds to and from the show. Why the Clapham Society should make that rule I cannot understand; there are many fanciers in London and elsewhere who would have been pleased to have sent their birds to the show by rail, etc., but who were unable to take them personally. I would have sent six entries in Norwich myself, as I have done before, but had to keep them at home, being unable to take them. If an exhibitor cares to trust his or her birds on the rail in such troublesome times as we are witnessing, surely the Clapham Society could have managed to see the birds were collected from off the rail, and if they had done so, I feel sure short entries would not have been the cry. It looks to me as if Clapham have only themselves to blame.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—(Durham).—St. George's Hall, Park Road, W. Hartlepool, Nov. 6. Judges: H. W. Battye, W. Mundell, W. Nicholson. 47 open classes: Yorks. 11 (4 Nov.), Nor. 9 (3 Nov.), Bord 8 (3 Nov.), A.O.V. 1, Sell 3, Mules 2, Brit. 10, For. 3. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Oct. 30, to J. W. Thornton, 43, Rydal St., W. Hartlepool.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—White Swan Hotel, Market Place, Nov. 6-8. Judges: J. Trengove, H. J. Chick. 34 open classes: Nor. 12, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Amat. or Nov. Nor. 4, Mules 3,, Brit. 8, Sell 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 30, to A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.

Carlisle Border City O.S. (Cumberland).—King's Hall, Globe Lane, Oct. 27-28. Judges: J. Robson, T. McCredie, W. Nicholson. 64 classes: Bord. 18—(2 Nov., 1 Sell), Nor. 14 (1 Nov., 1 Sell), Yorks. 11 (1 Nov., 1 Sell), Mules 5, Brit. 11 (1 Nov.), For. 4, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 23, to J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate.

Kettering F.A. (Northants).—Victoria Hall, Dec. 11. Judge, W. Vardy. 13 cl.: Nor. 7, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, Mule 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. cl. Dec. 4, to F. S. Ball, 5, Buccleuch-st.

Tong C.B.S. (Yorks.).—Council Schools, Dudley Hill, Bradford, Oct. 30. Judge, H. Sutcliffe. 16 open Yorks. (3 sell.), 10 Nov. Yorks., for members of Yorks. Union, 2 Nov. Nor., ditto. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, if 15 entries. Sliding scale if less than 15. Fee, 1/6. Ent. cl. Oct. 26, to W. Walker, 10, Oddy-st., Tong-st., Dudley Hill, Bradford.

Bedford and Beds. United C.B.S. Town Hall, Bedford, Nov. 11. Judge, H. Norman. Open classes, 6 Nor. (1 sell.); open to Bedfordshire, 20 classes (all novice): Nor. 5, Nat. Col. 1, Nov. 3, Sell. 3, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 1, Juniors 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; Open 6/-, 3/-, 1/6 confined. Fee, 1/-. Ent. cl. Nov. 6, to A. Simons, 96, Coventry-rd., Bedford.

Murkirk.—Drill Hall, Nov. 13. Judge, D. Hamilton. 12 open cl.: Bord. 10 (1 sell.), Brit. 2. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Ent. cl. Nov. 1, to J. G. Torbett, Smallburn, Mulrkirk.

Sheffield O.S. (Yorks.).—Cutlers' Hall, No. 5, 6. Judges, W. Mundell, J. C. Barnes, H. W. Battye, J. Robson, J. Beswick. 100 classes: Yorks, 29 (8 nov.), Bord. 12, Nor. 20 (7 nov.), Crests 8 (2 nov.), A.O.V. 1, Sell. 5, Brit. 13, Hyb. 5, For. 6, Gift 1. Prizes: For. 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-; remr. 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Ent. cl. Nov. 1, to E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.

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PAISLEY O.A.

Annual general meeting Oct. 15. Office-bearers elected. Decided to hold a one-day show of cage birds, all varieties, Jan. 1, 1916. Other societies please note we are holding to our old date, but with Sunday being Jan. 2 we are restricting show to one day.—J. Sinclair.

WALLSEND (Mid-Tyne) C.B.A.

Meeting held in Station Hotel, Oct. 13. Mr. L. Simpson presided over a record attendance, an attendance which makes one think that the annual show is near, at which we hope all members will give their support to make the show a success. New members elected: Mr. Dixon, South Shields; Mr. Kindness, Byker; Mr. Maddison, Gateshead. Our worthy President, Colonel E. R. Pinkney, is in France, and also we have three members away, also Sergt.-D. Newton, Willington Quay; Pte. D. Whittaker, North Shields; and Pte. Craig, Byker. We all wish them a safe return. Two of our members have had a sad loss of all their birds through septic fever. Show business was gone into, and we decided to give 5s. towards each class in addition to entry fees being divided. Show manager and stewards were elected, and from reports to hand everything points to a splendid show.—G. Greenwell, Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting, Church Institute, 69, Paddington St., Oct. 11; Mr. A. W. Curtis, chair, and 24 members present (there were 32 at our last meeting, and not five as stated, Mr. Printer). Letters were read from Mrs. Parry, Messrs. R. L. Crisp, F. Knight, H. Lowe, Mrs. Barker, A. Armstrong, and Cage Birds. The result of the Norwich Plainhead judging competition was:—1, F. J. Martin, 30 points; 2, A. Head, 29; and 3, W. Large and W. Ratcliffe, 26 points. The medals not being yet to hand it was decided to present them at the next meeting. Spl. prizes for the forthcoming annual show were given by Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Parry, Messrs. F. Knight, A. W. Curtis, J. Taylor, F. Day, E. C. Offord, B. Elliot, A. Wingate, and J. Overman.

A cage-making demonstration was given by Mr. A. W. Curtis. His opening remarks were to the effect that his mode of cage-making would take the simplest form possible, so that the merest tyro could grasp every essential feature, in its building up, and when finished he would present the cage to the member guessing the correct or nearest number of nails, including screws, that would be used in its making. Voting papers were then handed round and duly collected. The following tools were necessary for the task: A 12in. tenon saw, a 7oz. hammer, with long thin head, two bradawls, pair cutting pliers, screwdriver, ¼in. wood chisel, 2ft. rule, 6in. square, iron smoothing plane, a 20in. by 10in. shooting board, and a carpenter's pencil.

The cage he proposed to make was a single breeder, 18½in., by 15in. high, 10½ins. deep, and ⅝in. thickness. Placed upon the table were five pieces of yellow pine wood, a piece of three-ply board, and several long strips, all planed and smoothed both sides. His first step was to measure off on a strip of wood the correct lengths of boards for the top, bottom, and sides, allowed ¼in. to overbang the top and bottom boards on three sides, and ⅜in. for the fixing of the sides. This completed, he set about to measure off the boards, using a square and pencil, and afterwards sawing the lengths off, finishing the square edges with the plane on the shooting board.

Then came the first useful hint, whereby the placing together of the four boards could be accomplished with mathematical accuracy. Fixing a strip of wood by two half-driven nails to both ends of the top and bottom boards ⅜in. from the end where marked, he explained that this was to rest the two side pieces against until the process of nailing was completed, so that it would be impossible to be fixed out of truth, afterwards taking them (the strips) away altogether.

The next operation was to place the side pieces against the temporary strips, and draw a line on the opposite side for the purpose of piercing nail holes with an awl, so as to appear on the reverse side as a guide to accurate nailing. This finished, Mr. Curtis proceeded to place the four pieces together, keeping all the back parts flush, nailing them with 1¼in. panel pins, and inserting a 1in. screw at every corner for extra strength. Finding that everything was quite accurate, he then proceeded to nail on the three-ply wood back, after squaring up all the edges, with ⅝in. panel pins this time. Following this came the front rail, which consisted of a 3in. piece of wood sawn right through at about 2in. width, and which when planed down made the rail for fixing to the cage 2in., and the piece to go in front of the sand-try about ⅜in. The rail was fixed ⅛in. from the bottom by means of a screw and a nail at each end.

Then came the rounding of the four front corners of the cage, executed by a chisel with a knock of the hand, finishing them and all the square edges with a piece of No. 1 glass paper fixed to a 2in. square of wood.

The sand-tray was next to receive attention. Here he cut the board about ⅛in. smaller as he considered that space necessary between that and the back. Taking four strips of ⅛in. wood he nailed them to the extreme edge of the four sides, turning it over, and clinching the nails, turning them in the direction of the grain, and finally nailing on the ⅛in. strip in front, with a brass screw button in the centre.

The wire cage-front, consisting of a middle sliding door with one cross-bar 18in. by 12in., with two projections top and bottom for fixing, and an inch circular feeding hole at either end, the product of our member, Mr. Palmer, of Sclater St., was next fixed in place, requiring accurate measurements to pierce the holes, and when in position it gave a space of a ⅛in. on three sides, making it extremely easy to detach.

The last work, and one that Mr. Curtis considered important, was the perches. These two were ⅛in. square, with the two top edges rounded off with the plane, and afterwards by drawing his saw sideways along the top he gave the roughness so much sought after. Fixing them, 8in. apart, by means of a panel pin driven in, end upside down, to the back of the cage, opposite the centre cross bar, with a slight saw cut and the side edge of the bradawl at the other end to fit the front wire, finished the demonstration.

The cage was then handed round for inspection, and questions asked, whilst the scrutineer was busy with the voting papers. Mr. Hannaford was declared the winner, guessing 86 nails, the actual number used being 84. The demonstration was a brilliant success, Mr. Curtis's skill in the dexterous use of the various tools being highly enjoyed and appreciated. A hearty vote of thanks was afterwards accorded to Mr. Curtis, who suitably replied.—Victor Wynn, Hon. Sec.

The Shows.

LOCHGELLY.

The following are the winners of the cups, etc., at Lochgelly Show, Oct. 9:—Wilson and Wildridge Cup, McLaren, for Crests and dark Mules; Paton and Hugh Cups, best bird in show, and championship £1 special, Taylor; Bain's rose bowl for best Scotch Fancy and 2nd championship, 10/-, Stewart; Clark Cup, best Yorks., Heggie; Bain's trophy, cake basket, for best member's Brit., Raith, for the third successive year, and now outright; D.C.I. Cup, most points by a member, Grewar; Bain's Gold Medallion, Heggie, 2nd year; Levy Cup, best nnflg. Nor. (member's), Murray. Section specials most points, 10/- each: Scotch Fancy, Stewart; Bord., H. Bennet; Crests and C.B., McLaren; Yorks., Heggie; Nor., Grewar; Mules, McQuiston; Brit., Sykes. 3rd championship, Arnott; 4th, Heggie.—R. Muir, Sec.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

Monthly show, Headquarters, Oct. 13. Close on 40 birds were staged, some fine Yorkshires being the best exhibits. Mr. W. Swaysland judged.

Champ. Can. (12): 1, 2, Gibb; 3, Parsons; vhc, Pearson; hc, Absolon; c, Mrs. Gibb. Nov. (9): 1, hc, Firth; 2, 3, c, Williams; vhc, Parsons. Mule or Hyb. (5): 1, spl, 2, vhc, hc, Smith; 3, Williams. Brit. (7): 1, 2, 3, c, James; vhc, hc, Gibb. For. (5): 1, 2, 3, Miss Mantell; vhc, hc, Gibb. Spl. by Mr. H. James, best Brit. or Mule, donor not competing, S. Smith.—Will. H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' show Granby Hotel, Oct. 16; 47 birds were judged by Mr. J. A. Taylor, Bradford. Cl. or Tick. Yell. Ck.: 1, Ambler; 2, vhc, hc, Sharpe; 3, Farrar; 4, Sugden. Buff: 1, c, Allatt; 2, Farrar; 3, vhc, Hoyle; 4, Gregson; hc, Sharpe. Mkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, Sugden; 2, Myers. Cl. or Tick. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Sugden; 2, Lumb; 4, vhc, Allatt; hc, Hoyle. Buff: 1, Sharpe; 2, Lumb; 3, hc, Sugden; 4, Allatt; vbc, Jowett; c, Gregson. Mkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Sharpe; 2, 4, Sugden; 3, Lumb. Buff: 1, Lumb; 2, Allatt; 3, Rolfe; 4, Sugden; vhc, Farrar. Unflg. Ck.: 1, Farrar; 2, Ambler; 3, Rolfe; 4, Hoyle.—W. Jagger, Sec.

HORNSEY, WOOD GREEN C.B.S.

Table show, headquarters, Oct. 5. Considering the early season, entries were very good. 33 birds being staged; the attendance was excellent, several strangers being noticeable—(glad to see our old friend, "G. G.," put in an appearance)—and the enthusiasm shown speaks well for our coming annual show. After judging Mr. H. Norman gave us a few words on the birds; several questions were asked and answered, and a very pleasant evening came to a close.

Champ. Nor. Ck.: 1, 2, Titchner. Hen: 1, 2, Griffin. Nov. Ck.: 1, Cobden; 2, Miss Smith. Hen: 1, Cobden. Amat. Yorks. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Huggins. Hen: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Huggins. Hen: 1, vhc, Billington; 2, 3, hc, Everett. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Everett; vhc, Miss Smith; hc, c, Webber. Goldf.: 1, Harris. Hyb.: 1, Miss Smith.—P. Brooks, Hon. Sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' show, Station Hotel, Oct. 16; 84 birds were staged. Mr. D. Sutcliffe, of Wibsey, judged, and gave satisfaction. CHAMPION CLASSES.—1: 1, Hartley; 2, Lingard; 3, Ormonroyd; 4, Hudson. 2: 1, Hartley; 2, 4, Ormonroyd; 3, Hudson. 3: 1, 2, Hartley; 3, Lingard; 4, Midgley. 4: 1, Midgley; 2, Ormonroyd; 3, hc, F. Self; 4, c, Hartley; vhc, Lister. 6: 1, Lister. 7: 1, 4, F. Self; 2, 3, vhc, Hartley. 8: 1, F. Self; 2, 4, Hartley; 3, Ormonroyd. 9: 1, Hartley; 2, F. Self; 3, Hudson. 10: 1, 2, Hartley; 3, Midgley. 11: 1, Coombs. 12: 1, Coombs. NOVICE CLASSES.—13: 1, 2, Sharpe and Sons; 3, J. Sharpleton; 4, Coombs; vhc, E. Self; hc, Firth. 14: 1, E. Self; 2, Firth; 3, Oliver; 4, Shackleton. 15: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Hanson; 3, Oliver. 16: 1, Hanson; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Collins Bros.; 17: 1, 2, 3, Shackleton; 18, 1, Firth; 2, Coombs. 19: 1, Shackleton; 2, Firth; 3, E. Self; 4, Oliver. 20: 1, Hanson; 2, vhc, E. Self; 3, 4, Sutcliffe. 21: 1, Sharpe and Son; 2, hc, E. Self; 3, Hanson; 4, Sutcliffe; vhc, Oliver. 22: 1, 4, vhc, c, Collins Bros.; 2, E. Self; 3, Oliver; hc, Shackleton.—A. W. Hartley, Sec.

KEIGHLEY C.B.S.

Show Oct. 16, Black Horse Hotel; 113 birds faced the judge, Mr. F. Armstrong, of Halifax, whose awards were received with satisfaction. Open, Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks. Ck.: 1, vhc, Smith; 2, Middleton; 3, Fawcett; hc, Town; c, Judson. Buff: 1, Moore; 2, Bower; 3, Fawcett; vhc, Town; hc, Judson; c, Burnett. Even, etc., Ck.: 1, spl., vhc, Middleton; 2, Booth; 3, Smith; hc, Fawcett; c, Burnett. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Fawcett; 2, Smith; 3, Neimes; vhc, Middleton; hc, Ascough; c, Slater. Buff: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Middleton; vhc, Ascough; hc, Booth; c, Mitchell. Even, etc., Hen: 1, vhc, Middleton; 2, Smith; 3, Greenwood; hc, Booth; c, Slater. A.O.V. Yorks. Ck.: 1, Middleton; 2, Greenwood; 3, hc, Naylor; vhc, Burnett; c, Bower. Hen: 1, Middleton; 2, Fawcett; 3, Moore; vhc, Naylor; hc, Judson; c, Scalfe. Nov., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks. Ck.: 1, Potterton; 2, W. Smith; 3, Earl; vhc, Fowler. Buff: 1, Godwin; 2, Clough; 3, W. Smith; vhc, Boit; hc, Farrar; c, Clough. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Clough; 2, Totterton; 3, W. Smith. Buff: 1, Potterton; 2, Earl; 3, Clough; vhc, Farrar; hc, J. Smith. A.O.V. Yorks. Ck.: 1, Boit; 2, Farrar; 3, J. Smith. Hen: 1, Godwin; 2, 3, Farrar; vhc, J. Smith.—C. W. Town,

HALIFAX O.S.

Members' show, Nov. 9, Plummet Line Hotel. 97 birds (all cocks) were staged, for the judge, Mr. E. Clegg, of Dewsbury, who gave every satisfaction. Special winners:— Champion: Burdekin Bros., 12 points; 2, F. Riley, 9. Novice: J. L. Thornton, 14 points; 2, a tie, W. Horsman and H. Ambler, 12 each.

Yorks. Champ., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (4): 1, Burdekin Bros.; 2, Helliwell; 3, Dunn; vhc, Speak. Buff (2): 1, Burdekin Bros.; 2, Helliwell. Mkd. (7): 1, Burdekin Bros.; 2, bc, Speak; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Corney; c, Dunn. Greens: 1, 2, 3, Riley; vhc, Lloyd. Nov.—Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (8): 1, Ambler; 2, Horsmann; 3, Wild; vhc, Sladdin and Baldwin; hc, Thornton; c, Horsman. Buff (18): 1, Thornton; 2, Senior; 3, Rushworth; vhc, Horsman; hc, Newcombe; c, Ambler. Mkd. (13): 1, Thornton; 2, Ambler; 3, vhc, Horsman; hc, c, Briggs. Greens (16): 1, hc, Horsman; 2, vhc, Sladdin and Baldwin; 3, Briggs; c, Scruton and Harris. Nor. Champ. Yell.: 1, Ball. Buff (6): 1, hc, Clegg; 2, c, Corney; 3, vhc, Ball. Mkd.: 1, Lloyd. Nov.—Yell. (3): 1, 2, Rolfe; 3, Smith. Buff: 1, Rolfe; 2, Smith. Mkd.: 1, Rolfe. Brit. Finch (4): 1, vhc, Macpherson; 2, Benn; 3, Helliwell. A.O.V. Brit.: 1, Benn; 2, Macpherson. Sell. (5): 1, Helliwell; 2, vhc, Whitham; 3, Clegg; hc, Horsman.—H. Clegg, Sec.

WINTERTON F.S.

Show held Oct. 7, Cross Keys club-room. Yorks: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Stainton. Nor.: 1, 2, Stainton; 3, Bedford. Yorks, 1915: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Stainton. Nor., 1915: 1, 2, 3, Stainton. Cup and spl. won by Stainton with a very nice young tkd. Nor.

MANNINGHAM C.B.S.

Members' show, Oct. 16, Club-room, Mowbray Arms Hotel, Lily St.; ten members made 48 entries. Judge, Mr. E. Grange, Saltaire.

Cl. or Tkd. Yorks. Ck: 1, vhc, Lunn; 2, Grange; 3, Moore; 4, hc, Terry; c, Drake. Buff: 7, Lunn; 2, 3, vhc, Terry; 4, Grange; hc, Hellas. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks. Hen: 1, best in show, Moore; 2, Graham; 3, Lunn; 4, Terry; vhc, Varley; hc, Drake; c, Clayton. Buff: 1, Moore; 2, Drake; 3, Graham; 4, Grange; vhc, Lunn; hc, Terry; c, Hellas. Even or Uneven Yorks. Ck.: 1, Hellas; 2, Grange; 3, Moore; 4, Lunn; vhc, Varley; hc, Drake. Hen: 1, Terry; 2, Lunn; 3, Hellas; 4, Grange; vhc, Graham; hc, Clayton.

HUDDERSFIELD.

Monthly table show, Oct. 4, Headquarters; Mr. W. Gledhill judged. 48 birds were staged.

Yorks., Yell. Ck. (2): 1, Cox; 2, F. Sykes. Buff (4): 1, Smithies; 2, Cox; 3, Hicks; vhc, Buttle and Coupland. Yell. Hen (3): 1, F. Sykes; 2, Hicks; 3, Townend. Buff (4): 1, Buttle and Coupland; 2, Atkinson; 3, Townend; vhc, Hicks. Unflig. Ck. (12): 1, A. Radley; 2, Townend; 3, Astley; vhc, hc, F. Sykes; c, Smithies. Hen (10): 1, Smithies; 2, F. Sykes; 3, Whitehead; vhc, Buttle and Coupland; hc, Atkinson; c, Astley. Cin. Mkd. Ck. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Wood; 2, Smithies; hc, Buttle and Coupland. Hen (7): 1, vhc, hc, Wood; 2, Buttle and Coupland; 3, Smithies; c, F. Sykes. Nor. Hen (1): 1, Atkinson.—A. Lawford, Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Members' show, Oct. 2, Victoria Hotel, with an entry of 47. Mr. F. Self judged and gave satisfaction to all. Special best in show was won by Mr. L. Dykes.

Champ. Yell. Ck. (8): 1, 3, c, Dykes; 2, 4, Bloomfield; vhc, Goodwin; hc, Boocock. Buff (4): 1, sp., 2, 3, Dykes; 4, Goodwin. Yell. Hen (1): 1, 2, Dykes; 3, Bloomfield; 4, Boocock. Buff (3): 1, 2, Dykes; 3, Boocock. Nov. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck. (5): 1, Oldrieve; 2, Close; 3, Fretwell; 4, vhc, Myers. Buff (6): 1, 4, Fretwell; 2, Close; 3, Oldrieve; vhc, hc, Myers. Cl. or Tkd. Yel. Hen (7): 1, 2, Fretwell; 3, 4, Goult; vhc, Alred; hc, Oldrieve; c, Myers. Buff (6): 1, Oldrieve; 2, vhc, Goult; 3, Close; 4, Fretwell; hc, Pullan. Mkd. Ck. (3): 1, Fretwell; 2, Close; 3, Pullan. Hen (1): 1, Alred.—H. Bryant, Hon. Sec.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

First Old Show of the season Oct. 9, Railway Hotel; 66 birds staged. Mr. W. Morement judged, and gave every satisfaction. Champ.—Class 1 (8): 1, sp, 3, Symes; 2, Swaine; 4, Chippindale. Class 2 (6): 1, Symes; 2, 4, Swaine; 3, Stebbings. Class 3, void. Class 4 (8): 1, 2, 4, Symes; 3, Swaine. Class 5 (6): 1, sp, 3, Chippindale; 2, Swaine; 4, Hodgson. Class 6 (4): 1, 3, 4, Symes; 2, Chippindale. Novice.—Class 11 (6): 1, sp, 4, Pownall; 2, 3, Reed and Son. Class 12 (6): 1, 4, Firth; 2, Reed and Son; 3, Bower. Class 13 (8): 1, 2, 4, Pownall; 3, Emmett and Hudson. Class 14 (7): 1, 2, 3, Reed and Son; 4, Bower. Class 15 (5): 1, sp, 2, Bower; 3, Firth; 4, Pownall. Class 16 (2): 1, Firth; 2, Bancroft. Points to date, medal and cup respectively: Symes, 49, 58; Chippindale, 46, 54; Swaine, 36, 43; Stebbings, 34, 37; Reed and Son, 44, 54; Pownall, 36, 42.—W. H. Symes, Hon. Sec.

GREAT HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Members' show Oct. 9. 69 birds staged. Mr. S. Wilcock, Eccleshill, judged, and gave every satisfaction. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks. Ck. (4): 1, Whitaker; 2, Wheelwright; 3, Self; 4, Schofield. Buff (8): 1, Oldfield; 2, Warburton; 3, Ackroyd; 4, Firth; vhc, Self; hc, Bartle; c, Schofield. Mkd. Ck.: 1 and 2, Firth. Hen (6): 1, Warburton; 2, 3, and hc, Firth; 4, Self; vhc, Holden. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen (7); 1 and hc, Warburton; 2 and 3, Ackroyd; 4, Wheelwright; vhc, Bartle; c, Firth. Buff (8): 1, Firth; 2, Oldfield; 3, Wheelwright; 4, Ar. Whitaker; vhc, Ackroyd; hc, Holden; c, L. Widdop. Unflgd. Yorks. Ck. (8): 1 and hc, Firth; 2 and 4, Holden; 3, Wheelwright; vhc, Ackroyd; c, L. Widdop. Hen (9): 1, Firth; 2 and c, L. Widdop; 3, Self; 4, Warburton; vhc, Bartle; hc, Holden. Nor. (8): 1, 4, vhc, and hc, Kaberry; 3 and bc, P. Jowett. Hen (7): 1 and 2, J. W. Kaberry; 3, Schofield; 4, Shackleton; vhc and c, Jowett. Brit.: 1 and 2, Jowett. Most points for the day's show: A. Firth, 26; G. H. Warburton, 23; J. W. Kaberry, 20; G. Ackroyd, 19; W. T. Wheelwright, 17. Points to count for cup up to date: A. Firth, 61; G. Ackroyd, 41; J. W. Kaberry, 40; D. Bartle, 37; G. H. Warburton, 33; H. Schofield; 31; F. Oldfield, 19; A. Holden, 17; W. T. Wheelwright, 17; L. Widdop, 15; P. Jowett, 14; Ar. Whitaker, 11; Alf. Whitaker, 8; J. E. Shackleton, 4.—A. Firth, Sec.

SCOTCH FANCY (National Derby)

Annual show, Grand National Hall, Main Street, Goobals, Glasgow, Oct. 9. The hall is one of finest one could wish for, having plenty of light and free from draughts. The secretarial duties were again in the capable hands of Mr. A. M. Baird. Nothing appeared a trouble to him, and he was at the call of any and all who desired information or other matter. He was supported by a good President (Mr. H. D. Brown), and an equally energetic Vice-President (Mr. H. Fleming). Mr. H. Morrison won cup for best bird with an outstanding buff cock, the runner-up being Mr. H. McLennan, with a rare good buff pied hen. The stock of Scotch Fancy Canaries, the property of the late Mr. Geo. Fulton, Partick, a highly respected member of this Association, were sold by auction at the show, and we trust the bidding was good. The show was quite a success, entries coming up well and competition being keen throughout. Messrs. W. Thornton and J. Watson judged, and seemed to give general satisfaction. The gate was good, members turning up in strong force.

YELL. CK., CL. OR FOUL (18): 1, Morrison, grand length of side, well set down on legs, nice top end and thickness, lovely cond.; 2, Gray, great size and subs., nice head and neck; 3, Robertson, scarcely weight of winners, but a good one; 4, Dalgliesh; 5, Jackson; c, Fleming; vhc, Muir; hc, Main; c, Fulton. PIED OR GR. (10): 1, Brown, nice length of side, lovely style, full of qual., wins; 2, Allan, fine size, nice top end, well placed on leg; 3, Dalgliesh, another good one, nice action; 4, Stewart; 5, McLauchlan; 6, Livingston; vhc, Phillips. BUFF CK., CL. OR FOUL (18): 1, cup, best bird, Morrison, great size, fine thickness, rare top end, grandly set on legs.; wins; 2, Gray, another good one, fine length of side, nicely made down; 3, Young, junr., fine head and neck, nice action; 5, Fleming; 6, Muir; vhc, Allan; hc, Swanson; c, McClure. PIED OR GR. (20): 1, McLellan, prominent top, snaky head and neck, fine droop and style; 2, Jackson, fine size and length of side, good thickness; 3, Dalgliesh, fair size, fine head and neck, good action; 4, Campbell; 5, Menzies; 6, Wilson; 7, Gray; 8, Morrison; 9, Watson. YELL. HEN, CL. OR FOUL (16): 1, spl, Morrison, great length of side, grand size and thickness, nicely placed on legs; 2, Brown and David, good body, nice size and action, well into perch; 3, 4, Gray, good ones, 3rd nice nervy bird; 5, Muir; 6, Strathearn; 7, McLennan; 8, Jackson; 9, Livingston PIED OR GR. (27): 1, McClure, fine size, grand thickness, fine made body, nice position, wins; 2, Livingston, sweet bird, fine size, determined droop and action; 3, Swanson, rare thickness and top end, quickly claimed at catalogue price; 4, Main; 5, Wilson; 6, Menzies; 7, Higgins; 8, McLennan; 9, Burnside. BUFF HEN, CL. OR FOUL (28): 1, McLellan, good size and thickness, well placed on leg, fine worker; 2, Dalgliesh, fine length of side, nice head, well into perch; 3, Brown, fair size, grand action, lovely head and neck; 4, Watson; 5, Allardice; 6,; Muir; 7, Gray; 8, McClure; 9, Orr. PIED OR GR. (23): 1, (runner-up to Derby bird), McLellan, great length of side and thickness, fine top end, determined drive, fine head and neck; 2, 3, Higgins, good size, nicely placed on legs; 4, 7, Jackson; 5, Burnside; 6, Jackson; 8, Brown and David; 9, Livingston.

CLAPHAM.

The Clapham C.B.A. held its eighth annual show in the Strathblaine Hall, Oct. 14. Entries numbered about two hundred, Norwich and Yorkshire being both well represented by some capital specimens. Special for best bird went to a grand buff Yorks. exhibited by Mr. A. J. Clarke, Mr. Fairman's yellow running him pretty closely. Spl. for best novice Norwich was picked up by Mr. W. H. Gardner, of Peckham, with a nice typical bird. The birds were neatly arranged in the Hall, and the attendance was fairly good. The show committee comprised the following well-known fanciers: Messrs. Allen, Coe, Cooper, Greenland, Maxwell, Phillips, Silverthorne, Vale, Warley, Yeoman, and Madame Feist-Madewell. Mr. Whittome acted as sec. and carried out the duties in capital style. Messrs. Rorke, Vale, and Fulljames judged.

NOR. CL. CK. (7): 1, 3, Hutton, beauties, leader a grand typical bird of good subs., short wings and legs, and A1 qual.; 3, we liked better than the 2nd winner, beautifully proportioned, grand type, with a good head, shade pale in col.; 2, vhc, c, Teasdale, head tkd., good size, shade long in wings, very hot col.; 4, Cole, scarcely so bold in head and neck, nice qual. HEN: 1, Hutton, charming yellow, grand type and style, neat wings, capital qual.; 2, Leach, thick-set bird, quite fat enough, beautiful wing carr., neat head; 3, Teasdale, nice type and style, hot col., will improve. MKD. (2): 1, Cole, grand yellow, nice size, good head and neck, bold front, A1 cond.; 2, Teasdale, massive mkd. buff. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 2, Hutton, lovely wing mkd. yell., grand type and style, nicely proportioned, brimful of qual., 2nd shade longer, but capital size, nice head and wing, real qual.; 3, vhc, Leach, small buff, A1 qual. and cond.; 4, Teasdale. YORKS. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Fairman, well-known winner, scarcely fit yet, grand length of side, nice shoulders; 2, Buckingham, nice bird, still a bit rough, good shoulders and nice length of leg; 3, 4, Clarke, beauties, rare type and style, capital length; vhc, Mrs. Gill. BUFF (8): 1, Clarke, neat head, full shoulders, rare wings, beautifully drawn, lovely qual.; 2, vhc, Fairman, smart and typical, good pos. and style, neat wings, beaten size; 3, 4, Buckingham, leader lovely type and style, beautifully drawn, neat wings and tail, fails a bit in head; hc, King. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Fairman, lovely type, neat head and neck, beautifully drawn, grand wings; 2, Buckingham, scarcely so large, but quite the type and good all through; 3, Clark, grand size, fine length of wing, neat head, not finished yet. BUFF (5): 1, Fairman, neat, yet good size, nice shoulders and back, A1 wings, fine qual.; 2, Whittome, an old winner, looking bonny, lovely type, needs a tubbing to be at her best; 3, hc, Clarke, shade smaller, but grand type, very stylish. Mkd. (5): 1, Clarke, grand, wing mkd., wonderful length, A1 wings, well up on legs, capital cond.; 2, Whittome, wing and eye tkd., fine length, nicely proportioned and drawn, well up on legs, A1 qual.; 3, Buckingham, lovely head and wing mkd., we liked immensely, rare type and style, grand length of side, A1 pos.; 4, Fairman; vhc, Heath. YELL. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, Clarke, beautifully proportioned and balanced, neat head and neck, capital shoulders, sound col. and qual., 2nd scarcely finished yet, quite the type; 3, Heatb, charming yell., very stylish and typical; 4, Mrs. Gill. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Clarke, two good ones, leader lovely type and pos., nice head and wings, just a suspicion of frill, but grand qual., 3rd varieg. buff, grand length, good back and wings, will improve; 2, Heath, neat and stylish, yet good size, good head and wings, perfect qual.; vhc, Whittome; 5, King. MKD. (2): 1, King, fine bold varieg., grand length, rare shoulders and wings, sound qual.; 2, Mrs. Gill, shade low on leg, but good length, capital wings. NOV. NOR. CK. (2): 1, Greenland, typical, not over large, but rare qual.; 2, Gedge, we liked equally as well, real Nor. type and rather better in head and neck, sound qual. HEN (5): 1, 4, Bonniwell, bold cheek mkd. yell., capital subs., nice head, good wings and tail; 2, Kerr, very fine buff, grand bold head and neck, good wings, A1 qual.; 3, Gedge, good front, capital head and wings, nice depth, must have pressed; vhc, Lowe. MKD. (3): 1, Gedge, wing and cheek mkd yell., bold, full body, and good head, not the best of wings, but capital type; 2, Gardner, varieg. buff, must have pressed hard, quite typical, grand size and style, good wings; 3, Kerr. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 4, Gardner, fine bold buff, rare subs., good head and wings, grand depth, shade feathery, A1 qual., 4 scarcely so typical, but excels in qual. of feather; 2, Gedge, neat yell., good type, capital wing carr.; 3, Kerr, good headed buff, scarcely the depth of some, but A1 qual.; vhc, Hamilton; c, Greenland. YORKS. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Neighbour, very smart, good head and shoulders, nice length, neat waist, capital qual.; 2, Woolley, very smart and stylish, grand pos., neat head, good legs; 3, Yeoman, capital type and length, wee bit weak in head, but A1 quality; 4, Brown; vhc, Last; hc, Nason. BUFF (7): 1, Neighbour, good length, capital pos., neat head, well braced wings, sound col.; 2, Bonniwell, rare style and pos., capital type, close up; 3, Last, typical, good length, scarcely so good in head, sound qual.; 4, Yeoman, typical and smart; vhc, Taylor; hc, Allen. HEN (3): 1, Hawkins, very smart lady, nicely balanced and drawn, good head and shoulders, A1 qual.; 2, Taylor, good length, well up on leg, neat tail; 3, Lowe. BUFF (3): 1, Neighbour, shade small, neat head, good shoulders and wings, A1 qual.; 2, Woolley, nice type and style, capital qual.; 3, Hawkins. MKD. (6): 1, Brown, capital varieg., good size, beautifully drawn and cut away, neat head and wings, A1 qual.; 2, Andrews, fine length, good head, inclined to drop tail a bit, capital wings; 3, Stevens, smart and stylish, nice length of wing; 4, Lowe; vhc, Allen; hc, Nason. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Hannaford, wonderful length and pos., well up on leg, good head, back, and wings, sound qual.; 2, Woolley, nice size, well drawn, neat waist and legs, good wings; 3, Hawkins, very fine neck marked, bit pale in col, but grand type and style, A1 qual.; 4, Andrews; vhc, Yeoman; hc, Stevens. BUFF (6): 1, Last, fine size, but a shade stout in body, good length of wing, neat head, sound qual.; 2, Neighbour, rare length, good wings, nicely braced, fails a bit in col., sound qual.; 3, Hawkins, neat and typical, good wings; 4, Stevens; vhc, hc, Yeoman. BORD. CK. (3): 1, 2, Patton, smart ones, typical and jaunty, good wings, nice qual.; 3, Hutchinson. HEN (2): 1, Patton; 2, Hutchinson, we preferred, typical and smart, nice free movement, grand qual. MKD. (1): 1, Hutchinson, smart and stylish. UNFLIG. (1): Patton.

DARK CAN. MULE (8): 1, hc, Lamb, grand Goldie-Can., nice size and shape, sound rich col., A1 qual.; 2, Shipton, good buff Goldie, nice size and col., scarcely fit yet; we preferred 3, Taylor, grand Linnet-Can., rare size and style, grand shape, A1 qual.; 4, c, Cooper; vhc, Snow. BRIT. HYB. (7): 1, 2, 3, Lamb, not described in catalogue, but we heard it was entered as a Greenfinch-Siskin, neat bird, in grand condition, a much discussed exhibit, said to have won at the Horticultural Hall in a foreign hybrid class; 2, lovely Goldf.-Bullf., grand size and shape, nice rich col., good dense markings; 3, smart Goldf.-Siskin, real good bird, rare qual.; 4, Nicholls, another lovely Goldie Bullic, rare size and shape, grand col.; vhc, Cooper; hc, Taylor. GOLDF. (4): 1, 4, Cooper, nice H.M., not yet quite up in blaze; 2, Tapper F.M., better blaze, rather unsteady; 3, Offord. LINNET (3): 1, Cooper, well mkd., bit open in breast; 2, 3, Francis 3rd best breast col. and markings but smaller. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Offord, nice Siskin, with a bib would be a real good one; 2, 3, 4, Francis, good Lesser Redpoll, and well mkd. Siskin, rather on the small side; vbc, Vale; hc, Knight. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE (8): 1, spl., 3rd best Brit., spl. best Hardbill, Francis, beautifully coloured Chaffinch, will be even better later; 2, Francis, fine Bramble, good cols. and markings; 3, Offord; 4, Vale; vhc, hc, Knight; c, Pearce. GREENF. (3): 1, 3, Francis, two nice ones; 2, Cooper, perhaps lucky to beat the 3rd; which looked to be better on the bench in the afternoon. BULLF. (3): 1, Francis; 2, Cooper; 3, Tapper; the latter winner of 3rd at Horticultural Hall, but here had to stand down as being in the judge's opinion not a typical Britisher. HAWFINCH 2: Both Francis. YELLOWHAMMER (1): Shipton. A.O.S. HARDBILL (2): 1, Madame Madewell, well-known Crossbill "Charlie" looking well; 2, Pearce. INSECTIV., SMALL (5): 1, vhc, sp. best Brit., Vale; perfect Blackcap, lovely order; 2, spl, 2nd best Brit., Maxwell, beautiful Nightingale, a feather wrong in one wing perhaps lost him premier place; 3, Knight, very nice Robin, large and well coloured. PARROTS (3): All Maxwell, a beautiful team. BUDGERIGARS (1): Shipton, nice pair. AVADAVATS, ETC. (4): 1, Maxwell; 2, Shipton; 3, 4, Madam Madewell. A.O. WAXBILLS, ETC. (2): Both Maxwell. BUNTINGS, ETC. (4): 1, Maxwell, perfect Jackson's Whydah; 2, Shipton, Grenadier Weaver, in full col.; 3, 4, Madame Madewell, nice pair Paradise Whydahs and spotless White Javas. DOVES, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Madame Madewell, Masked Doves, a bit soft, and nice white pair; 3, no name. We regret that our reporter's notes on the Crest and Light Mule classes have been mislaid.

COVENTRY.

Coventry O.S. held its 39th annual open show at Headquarters, the Sydenham Palace, Lower Ford Street, Oct. 16. The room is a fine one for a show, being lofty, well lighted, and free from draught. The society held the show a little earlier than in previous years. This, however, did not affect the entry; in fact, entries were a little over last year in number. An unfortunate occurrence happened with respect to Messrs. Wilson's, Jeffreys', and Mrs. Dalton's birds, all coming from a long distance. The earliest of them did not turn up till 4.30 in the afternoon, the others at 5. The classes were kept open, and the judge waited until one o'clock. Otherwise, everything went off well. The president, Mr. G. Peters, having joined the R.A.M.C., had left Coventry, and was not able to be present. A fair number of sales took place in the limit classes. The management was in the hands of the following, most of whom are well-known exhibitors: Vice-presidents, T. Gilbert and A. J. Smith; treas., J. Corrall; auditors, G. Turrell, H. Mann; show stewards, H. Butler, H. Bell, G. Lawrence, W. Rowley, H. Spann, H. Thompson, T. Judd; hon. sec., A. Green. Judges, Mr. J. T. Trengove, Canaries; Mr. W. H. Raven, the remainder, their awards giving general satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, Stubbs Bros., grand col., good qual., nice wing carr., rather long; 2, Bott, more typical, good head, neck, and wings, fails in col. only to winner; 3, Gough and Loach, good type, nice qual., even col., must have pressed hard; vhc, Hulse; hc, Day; c, Turrell. BUFF (11): 1, Stubbs Bros., very typical, good head and neck, nicely carried wings, rich even col.; 2, Shirley, good head and neck, neat wings, hardly so typical; 3, Judd, good type, nice even col., good wing carr., hardly ready, will improve; vhc, Wright; hc, Bell; c, Finches. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Stubbs Bros., mkd. back, beautiful rich col., good type, hardly ready; 2, Day, cap and wing mkd., good col., nice wings, in better cond.; 3, Bell, good type, nice even col.; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Hathaway. BUFF (11): 1, Hathaway, varieg., dark tail, grand type, nice even col., good wings; 2, Gilbert, eye and wing mkd., lovely col. and qual.; 3, Collier, eye and wing mkd., grand col., a trifle heavy; vhc, Shirley; hc, England; c, Judd. HEN (20): 1, Wood, cl. buff, grand type and qual., neat wings and tail; 2, Bastock, cl. yell., lovely col. and qual., neat wings and tail; 3, Stubbs Bros., tkd. buff, good type, nice qual. and cond.; vhc, Shirley; hc, Hulse; c, Muddiman, junr. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Turner, wing mkd., teeming with col., good head and neck, nice even wings, a grand youngster; 2, Stubbs Bros., tkd. back of head, good type, nice even col., crosses wings at times; 3, Gilbert, varieg., nice type, good qual., fails, col.; vhc, Nolan; hc, Wright; c, Growdridge. BUFF (15): 1, Judd, grand col. and qual., nice type, good head; 2, Turrell, large, fine head and neck, good subs., fails col. to winner; 3, Hulse, teeming with col., good wings and tail, a little browy; vhc, Lee; hc, Nolan; c, Gough and Loach. UNFLIG. HEN (13): 1, Turner, lovely type, extra fine head and neck, neat wings and tail, a gem; 2, Hathaway, very neat, better in col., loses in head and type to winner; 3, Gough and Loach, nice type and qual.; vhc, Stubbs Bros.; hc, Finches; c, Johnson. NAT. COL. (5): 1, Judd, yell. varieg. head and wings, good qual., nice type; 2, Goosey, cl. yell., good qual. and condi, not so stout; 3, Rowley, yell., tkd. wing, nice type and feather; vhc, Spann; hc, Bates. NOR. CK., 30/- (15): 1, Cox; 2, Thompson; 3, Swain; vhc, Muddiman; hc, Woodrough; c, Newitt. UNFLIG., 30/- (15): 1, vhc, Thompson; 2, c, Swain; 3, Finches; hc, Collier. HEN, 30/- (15): 1, c, Packer; 2, Freestone; 3, Hathaway; vhc, Cooper; bc, Roberts; c, Mitchel. CREST (5): 1, 2, Smith, large Green, grand drooping crest, nice veiny feather, 2nd nearly Green, very similar, but hardly so massive; 3, Gilbert, wing mkd. D.-C., very neat. C.-B. (3): 1, Smith, grand cl., good size and subs., good width of skull, well lashed; 2, Barker, large Green, nice dome-shaped skull, well lashed; 3, Gilbert, varieg., nice cushioned head, hardly ready. CREST or C.-B., 1915 (2): 1, Smith, wing mkd. D.-C., large, neat, well drooping crest, well shown; 2, Rowley, rather on the small side. CINN. (2): 1, Spann, good col., nicely laced; 2, Roycroft, pied, good type. YORKS. CK. (11): 1, Dykes, eye and wing mkd. yell., grand size, neat body, stands well; 2, Hymas, grand col., nice pos., neat wings; 3, Cowley, good length, nice neat wings and tail, fails col.; vhc, Greenhouse; hc, Green; c, Richards. HEN (9): 1, Dykes, buff, lovely col. and qual., nice neat wings and tail, grand cond.; 2, 3, Hymas, two very neat yellows, good col., nice wings and tail, the latter a red hot 'un; vhc, Spann; hc, Miss Bowyer; c, Clarke. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Amos, yell., grand col., rare length, nicely drawn, neat wings and tail; 2, Dykes, yell., grand qual., lovely cond., neat wings, fails col.; 3, Clarke, buff, lovely qual., good length, nice neat wings, splendid cond., vhc, hc, Cowley; c, Richards. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 2, 3, Gilbert, two well-known Cinn. Crests, in fine cond., followed by yellow Green Nor.; vhc, hc, Green. MULES, LIGHT (6): 1, 3, Gilbert, both lightly mkd. on wing, grand col. and cond., feather like boxwood; 2, Lawrance, cl., fails col. to winners. DARK (10): 1, Gilbert, Greenf.-Can., grand col. and cond.; 2, Peters, Redpoll-Can., well mkd., very steady, nice cond.; 3, vhc, hc, Lawrance, Goldf.-Can., good size, fails col.; c, Coates. HYB. (7): 1, 2, Gilbert, Greenf.-Bullf., fine specimen, very steady, good col., in nice cond., wins special best bird in show, followed by Bramble-Chaffinch, shows parentage well; 3, Lawrance, Canary-Bullie, nice col., small. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (4): 1, Poole, Bullf., nice col., lovely cap, good cond.; 2, Woods, Bullf., nice feather, very steady; 3, Harvey, Goldf. GREENF. OR LINNET (4): 1, Raby, the only bird which put in appearance, nice Linnet. SISKIN, REDPOLL, OR TWITE (7): 1, Raby, Siskin, nice col. and cond., well mkd., 2, Coates, Siskin, better col., fails cond.; 3, Pitchford, Redpoll, nicely mkd., very steady. A.O.V. SMALL SEED-EATING (6): very steady. A.O.V. SMALL SEED-EATING (6): 1, Poole, Hawfinch, fine feather, very steady; 2, 1, Poole, Hawfinch, fine feather, very steady; 2, Bull, Hawfinch, hardly so rich as leader in col.; 3, Rowley, good col. Bramble; vhc, Lawrance. INSECTIV., SMALL (7): 1, Burrows, lovely Redstart, in the pink of cond.; 2, vhc, Bent, Wryneck, nice exhibit, very steady; 3, Rowley, steady Wheatear, in A1 cond.; hc, c, Coates. A.O.V. (2): 1, C. C. G. Taylor, Cornish Chough; in fine cond. FOR. (5): 1, 2, Pitchford; 3, Coates; vhc, hc, Bates. SELL., 21/- (9): 1, Newitt; 2, Nelson; 3, Packer. 12/6 (13): 1, Bell; 2, Goosey; 3, Muddiman. GIFT: 1, Hewitt. EX. STOCK: 1, 2, Kent.

CITY OF BRADFORD.

35th annual show held in the Feversham Street Council Schools, Oct. 16. The entry of 313 did not come quite up to expectation, but still was the best so far this year. Quality was of the best and several of the winners will hold their own all through the show season. The most notable feature was the large number of entries in the hen classes, five classes having an average of 17—very strong for so early in the season. The room is an ideal one for a show, having plenty of good light and being free from draughts. The society have in Mr. W. Henliwen one of the best secretaries, and he got through his work in a very businesslike manner. He was ably assisted by the following stewards: Messrs. Plowright, Bolton, Wood, Airton, Simonett, Bower, McEwen, Brown, Ludbrook, Crancross, who took an equal share of all the work which is connected with a show of this description. The prize money was paid out in the room to all the prize winners who attended. The gate was very good, and this would help to make the show a success. The packing and sending away of the exhibits was got through without a hitch, and the society must feel proud to have such a splendid lot of workers. The judge, Mr. A. Hirst, Accrington, got through his work in good time and seemed to give general satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS (11): 1, Dr. Craig, plenty of length, sound level col., beautiful feather, nice shaped head, full neck, wings and tail perfect, stands correct, fine cond.; 2, vhc, Ogden Bros., very long and nicely tapered, wings and tail well braced, lovely qual., only beaten in col.; will improve; 3, Stobart, nice size, silky feather, full of nerve, stands well; 4, Dykes, very stylish, correct shape, not quite ready; hc, Atkinson and Firth; c, Wilman. BUFF (10): 1, Dr. Caig, beautiful shape and style, fine silky feather, good head and neck, excels in wing carr., rich col., correct pos.; 2, Jebson, plenty of length, very tightly feathered, neat wing carr., pipe tail, stands well up on best of legs, rather short of bloom; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, nice qual. and col.; 4, A. M. Craven, very stylish, full of nerve; vhc, Helliwell; hc, T. Bennett; c, Hartley. TKD. OR UNEVEN YELL. CK. (10): 1, Dykes, even mkd., splendid length, rich col., nice round head, level neck, wings and tail perfect, plenty of leg, shown in best of cond.; 2, Dr. Craig, sweet eye tkd., correct length, fine silky feather, well-fitting wings and tail, rather pale in col, will improve; 3, Morrison, mkd. eyes and wings, hot col., beautiful shape, rather less; 4, Hall, eye tkd., very stylish, lovely qual.; vhc, Casey; hc, T. Bennett; c, Wilcock. BUFF (12): 1, Dykes, grand wing tkd., lovely shape and style, feathered like glass, rich col., wings well placed, pipe tail, A1 pos.; 2, T. Bennett, cinn. mkd. eyes and wing, grand head, full neck, lovely qual., on best of legs, fine cond., close up; 3, Sharp, mkd. eyes and wings, very tightly feathered, sound col.; 4, Mason, nice shape and style, neat wing carr., not quite ready; vhc, Dibb; hc, Dr. Craig; c, Hartley. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (14): 1, Atkinson, ci., grand shape and style, plenty of length, nice qual., wings and tail perfect, lovely col., stands correct, fine cond.; 2, Sutcliffe & Son, mkd., splendid length, fine silky feather, sound col., correct wing carr., not as good in head and neck, should fill up; 3, Chippendale, cl., nice length and style, rich qual.; 4, Dyson, cl., rare length and style, very slim, not quite ready; vhc, c, T. Bennett; hc, Casey. BUFF (15): 1, Dyson, slightly grizzled on neck, splendid length, beautiful qual., wings well carried, pipe tail, stands like a guardsman, put down in best cond.; 2, Ogden Bros., sweet wing tkd., nice length and style, very slim, neat wing and

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tail, rich level col., A1 pos.; 3, Hirst, wing tkd., lovely shape and style, fine silky feather, paler; 4, Hartley, correct shape and style, lovely qual., rather unsteady; vhc, Towers; hc, Snead; c, Seager. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 4, Hirst, tkd. neck and wing, rare length and style, fine silky feather, wings and tail perfect, capital finish throughout, staged well, 4th sweet tkd., lovely qual., very stylish, only beaten in length; 2, Dykes, cl., plenty of length, rare wing carr., pipe tail, stands well up, rather short of bloom, will improve; 3, Priestley, cl., very breedy, nice qual.; vhc, Hutchinson; hc, Dibb; c, Dr. Craig. BUFF (10): 1, Hartley, tkd. on both cheeks, grand size, feathered like glass, lovely shaped head, full neck, wings and tail well placed, shown well; 2, Dr. Craig, cl., rare length and type, fine silky feather, stands in correct pos., rather on stout side, will improve; 3, Mason, mkd. head, lovely qual., hardly as good pos.; 4, Helliwell, cl., nice shape and style, stands well, not yet fit; vhc, Chittenden; hc, Chippendale; c, Sharp. UNFLIG. HEN (19): 1, Dykes, sweet wing tkd. yell., grand length, very slim and stylish, beautiful feather and col., neat wing carr., pipe tail, stands well, gem; 2, Hirst, cl. buff, grand length, fine boxy feather, very long flights for a youngster, sound cond., beaten in pos.; 3, Stohart, var. yell., very breedy, grand shape and style, fine feather; 4, Towers, even mkd. yell, lovely shape and style, rare qual., not steady; vhc, Farrar; hc, Casey; c, Snead. YELL NOR. CK. (10): 1, 2, Crawshaw, grand head and back, lovely col., very level, rare chest, fine feather, well across perch, in best cond., 2nd lovely head and breast, rich sound col., rather less sub., should improve in shape; 3, vhc, Waters, mkd. head and wing, not as bold in head and shape and paler; 4, Wilson, tkd., grand shape, stands well on perch, not finished; he, Thomas; c, Ross. BUFF (10): 1, 4, Crawshaw, grand head and chest, plenty of subs., mkd. eyes and wing, beautifully moulded, hot in col., feather like silk, 4th very hot col., lovely shaped head, splendid size, fails in chest; 2, Thomas, mkd. wings, very large and grand shape, gets well across, but not ready, will improve; 3, Kaberry, slightly grizzled, fine massive shape, make good stock bird; vhc, Jefferies; hc, Waters; c, Tose. UNFLIG. CK. (14): 1, Waters, eye tkd. yell., grand size, shape, subs., fine qual., blaze of col., lovely head and chest, steady as a rock, fine cond.; 2, hc, Crawshaw, tkd. eye and head, nicely built, rare shaped head, grand back, silky cond., rich level col., close up; 3, T. Bennett, tkd. bull, grand shape and style, not as tight; 4, Airton, yell. mkd., very hot col., less subs., grand shape; vhc, Kaberry; c, Plowright. HEN (6): 1, Airton, cl., grand size, fine qual., plenty of subs., sound level col., gets well on perch, best cond.; 2, Crawshaw, cl., rare shape and style, grand head and chest, rather less and short of bloom, will come on; 3, Kaberry, cl., nicely moulded, rich col., less subs.; 4, Hartup; vhc, Sykes; hc, Ross. BUFF (9): 1, Kaberry, cl., lovely shape right through, beautiful silky feather stands well on perch, will win again; 2, 4, Thomas, cl., massive, grand shape and feather, beautiful head, full of subs., rather pale in col., 4th cl., grand shape and style, only beaten in size; 3, Crawshaw, tkd. head and wing, rare feather, nice deep chest, good in head and shape; vhc, hc, Jefferies; c, Hartup UNFLIG. HEN (10): 1, 2, vhc, Crawshaw, cl. yell, beauty, lovely head and neck, nice back, rich level col., stands well on perch, wins, 2nd wing tkd. buff, grand head, fine silky feather, lovely body shape, only beaten in cond., will improve; 3, Thomas, cl. buff, very massive, grand head and chest, true Nor. type for a stock hen; 4, Wilcock; hc, T. Bennett; c, Wilson. SELL., £1 (8): 1, Stuttard; 2, Sutcliffe and Son; 3, P. Taylor; 4, Plowright; vhc, McEwen; hc, Bromham; c, Ludbrook. 15s. (9): 1, vhc, Horsfield; 2, Stuttard; 3, Helliwell; 4, Ludbrook; hc, Craven; c, Towers. HEN, 12s. 6d. (10): 1, Hartley; 2, Robinson; 3, Horsfield; 4, Sharp; vhc, Symes; hc, Wilcock; c, P. Taylor. NOV. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS (9): 1, Baxter, cl., wonderful length, grand shaped head, fine silky feather, stands correct, neat wings and tail, full of nerve, fine cond.; 2, Fretwell, tkd. on neck, nice shape and style, beautiful qual., rich level col., good wing carr., rare length, not as steady; 3, Marsh, cl., very breedy, fine feather, very stylish, shade less; 4, Mitchell, cl., very slim, neat wings and tail, not fit, will improve; vhc, Ackroyd; hc, Symes; c, Craven. BUFF (11): 1, Baxter, cl., beauty, lovely feather and style, nice length, grand wings and tail, sound col., shown in best of cond., wins; 2, Cranecross, cl., grand shape and style, fine silky feather, stands correct, neat wing carr., only beaten in length; 3, Cliff, cl., very hot col., nice stylish bird, fine qual.; 4, hc, Morley and Hill, cl., lovely qual., rare shape and type, shade stout; vhc, Firth; c, Fretwell. A.O.V. YORKS CK. (11): 1, Hamlyn, yell. mkd. head and wing, wonderful length, hot in col., grand head and neck, well-filled back, wings and tail well placed, shown well; 2, 4, Taylor, yell. mkd., plenty of length, grand shape, wings and tail well carried, rather short of bloom, will improve, 4th very breedy, plenty of length; 3, Bennett, even mkd. buff, lovely qual., grand shape and style; vhc, McEwen; hc, Woad; c, Marsh. UNFLIG. CK. (16): 1, Morley and Hill, cl. yell., grand length, hot in col., feathered like glass, neat head and wings, pipe tail, A1 pos., grand cond.; 2, S. Firth, cl. buff, close up, rare type and qual., nice round head, full neck, well-fitting wings and tail, shown well; 3, Marsb, cl. yell., very stylish, rich col., not steady; 4, H. Firth, cl. buff, rare qual., neat wing carr.; vhc, Hamlyn; hc, Senior; c, Symes. YELL. YORKS HEN (17): 1, Bolton and Lunn, wonderful featbering and style, sweet head, good shoulders and wings, pipe tail, A1 pos., rich col., gem; 2, Woad, foul mkd., very long and slim, feathered like wax, wings and tail perfect, stands on best of legs, beaten in pos.; 3, Symes, cl., very stylish, nice qual., short of bloom; 4, Bloomfield, cl., full of nerve, nice shape, good wing carr.; vhc, Haggis; hc, Williams; c, A. Bennett. BUFF (17): 1, 2, Simonett, mkd. eyes and wing, grand length, lovely qual., correct shape and type, rich col., A1 pos., rare wing carr., shown well, 2nd cl., lovely qual., rare length and shape, on stout side, wings and tail well placed, stands well up; 3, Hanson, var., very stylish, neat wings and tail; 4, Mitchell, cl., grand qual., nice shape and style; vhc, Haggis; hc, Cranecross; c, Woad. CINN. TKD. OR VAR. HEN (9): 1, Baker Bros., yell., grand col., feather and size, wings and tail carr. perfect, stands on best of legs, put down in fine style; 2, Pacey, even mkd. buff, fine boxy feather, correct length, neat wing carr., pipe tail, A1 pos., close up; 3, Firth, yell. mkd., very slim and stylish, rather less; 4, Marsh, nice length, rare shape and style, not ready; vhc, Fretwell; hc, Gledhill; c, A. Firth. NOR. CK. (7): 1, 4, Spencer and Maiden, cl. buff, beautiful head and neck, nice round body and chest, sound col., grand wings and tail, 4th cl. buff, hot col., grand shape and type, not quite ready; 2, vhc, Corney, buff, mkd. on wings, grand head and neck; sound in col., stands well; 3, c, Baldwinson, eye tkd., yell., plenty of subs., hot in col., nice head and chest; hc, Simonett HEN (8): 1, c, Clough, cl. yell., grand size, nice type and shape, rich col., rare wings and tail, stands well across, showif well; 2, Simonett, var. buff, trifle larger, extra qual., rare col. and feather, hardly as good on perch, wants more training; 3, Spencer and Maiden, tkd. buff, splendid shape, teeming with qual., hardly as well built, will improve; 4, vhc, Corney, cl., grand shape and style, on small side; hc, Baldwinson.

HANLEY.

The Hanley C.B.S. held its ninth annual show at the Angel Hotel, on Oct. 14. The room is a very good one, well lighted, and free from draughts. Entries were somewhat disappointing, nine classes having to be cancelled. Norwich had seven classes, but only three stood, these containing 24 entries—just enough for one decent class—but several real good birds were benched, which were a credit to their owners. Yorks. were a little more numerous, and some excellent specimens were on view. In the Mule section the noted light Can.-Bullie White Rose put in an appearance and attracted much attention. British were a nice lot, but we should have liked to see more of them. The committee worked very hard to achieve success, and it was certainly no fault of the Secretary that the enterpriso was not better rewarded. Mr. C. Beckett filled this important position with credit to himself and to the society. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. BUFF HEN (7): 1, Gough and Loach, bonny cl., grand size and shape, rare head, fine bloom and cond.; 2, Hathaway, head tkd., fine size, grand shape and col., lovely feather; 3, Emery, cl., very shapely, well up in size, nice qual., well placed; 4, Barrett and Hayes, var., good size, nice qual.; vhc, Brotherhood; hc, Bowers; c, Barrett and Hayes. UNFLIG. BUFF (11): 1, Blease and Son, cl., grand size and col., lovely qual., nice cond.; 2, Bowers, var., fine size and shape, splendid feather, nice shape and carr., many preferred to win; 3, Bowyer, rare size, very shapely, grand col., nice cond.; 4, Hathaway, lovely type and qual., nice carr., not so large as leaders, but one we liked; vhc, Gough and Loach; hc, Ridgway. HEN: 1, Emery, sweet cl. yell., A1 qual., rare carr., well up in size, wins well; 2, 4, vhc, Hathaway, grand team, grand var. buff, wonder for size and shape, rare head, followed by nice typical cl. yell., all in the best form; 3, Bowyer, nice neat buff, grand type, nice qual., rare bloom; hc, c, Crawshaw. YORKS, YELL. (5): 1, Everitt, a gem, fine length, lovely col. and qual., rare length and pos., nice back, good wing carr., easy win; 2, Lane, very typical, nice length and pos., loses in col.; 3, Hirst, unflg., nice type, well up on leg, grand feather and col., close up; 4, Gibbons and Weeks, nice type, good stand, well drawn; vhc, Lawton. BUFF (7): 1, Price, well up in size, rare length, grand feather, rich col., nice cond.; 2, Everett, very typical, well drawn, good qual., nice pos., beaten in length; 3, Dykes, shapely, very stylish, grand feather, good carr. and cond.; 4, Hirst, grizzled back, good length, nice type and stand; vhc, Hawley; hc, Lawton; c, Lane. MKD. (7): 1, Lane, mkd. eyes and wings, very lengthy, fine pos., grand qual., good win; 2, Price, well drawn, grand feather and pos.; 3, Gibbons and Weeks, heavily mkd., fine length, grand qual, rare stand, close up; 4, Walker, mkd. head and wings, nice type, well drawn, good qual. and cond.; vhc, Hawley; hc, Dykes; c, Salt. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Hirst, mkd. head, lovely type, grand qual., fine carr. and pos.; 2, Everett, rare length, well drawn, grand qual., nice carr. and cond.; 3, Dykes, very typical, lovely feather, nice pos., not the length; 4, Hall, nice shape, good qual.; vhc, Lane. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Pygott, cinn. mkd., sweet shape, grand qual., rare stand; 2, Dykes, grizzled wing, very shapely, well drawn, nice feather and pos.; 3, Salt, mkd. eyes and wings, nice type, grand feather, good qual.; 4, Lawton, nice shape, good qual. and cond.; hc, Lane. YELL. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Hemmings, very lengthy, grand col. and qual., nice wing carr., well up on leg; 2, Hall, nice shape, well drawn, rare pos.; 3, North, mkd. right wing, very typical, nice col. and qual.; 4, Dykes, sweet shape, lovely feather and pos., one we liked; vhc, Price; hc, Robinson; c, Hawley. BUFF (13): 1, Gibbons and Weeks, rare size and shape, grand qual., nice col. and cond.; 2, Lane, lovely type, nicely drawn, closely-fitting feather, not so tight or might have won; 3, Everett, grizzled head, grand length, fine pos., lovely feather, not quite so slim; 4, vhc, Cockerham, very typical, nice col. and feather; hc, Dykes; c, Lawton. HEN (7): 1, Hall, var. yell., nice type, good qual. and pos.; 2, Dykes, neat cl. yell., very shapely, grand qual., nicely drawn; 3, Price, mkd. head and wings, rare close feather, nice pos., not so slim; 4, North, nice cl. yell., good length, nice qual., a wash would have improved her chance; vhc, Lane; hc, Pritchard; c, Lawton. SELL: 1, Oldham, buff Nor.; 2, Robinson, yell. Yorks.; 3, no name; 4, Hemmings; vhc, Beckett; hc, Dunn. LIGHT MULE: 1, Parlett, the noted Canary-Bullie "White Rose," not quite ready yet; 2, 4, Evans, eyes and wing mkd. Goldie leading, shows parentage very distinctly, in the pink of condition, followed by a very fine var. Greenie, must have pressed hard; 3, Wilson, fine var. Goldf., in lovely bloom; vhc, Beckett; hc, Newman. DARK (6): 1, Wilson, grand Canary-Bullie, lovely size and col., not yet at his best; 2, 4, Parlett, well-known Greenie, carries his ago well, not quite up after the moult, 4th nice yell. Goldie, should take some beating later; 3, Tonks, smart yell. Siskin, deserves his place in a warm class; vhc, Dalton; hc, Chadwick. GOLDF. (7): 1, 3, Critchlow, leader well up in size, fine blaze, will take some beating, 3rd nice size and shape, hardly ready yet; 2, vhc, Tams, nice blaze, rich body col., nice cond.; 4, Pygott, very rich col., nice size and shape, fine bloom; hc, Pleasance. LINNET (14): 1, Wilson, very fine exbibit, rare size, shape and markings, not up in col. yet; 2, Hunt, nice size, rich col., well mkd., rather lively; 3, Tams, nice size, shape and markings, beaten in col.; 4, Bates, very steady, good size and shape, fine rich col., runs very close; vhc, Hartley; hc, Critchlow; c, Bowdridge. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, Bowdridge, very fine Mealy Redpoll, rare size, fine cond.; 2, Pygott, pretty Lesser Redpoll, in the pink of cond.; 3, Hartley, smart Twite, fine size, shape and markings, should improve yet; 4, Parlett, nice Twite, not so tight; vhc, Tonks; hc, Chick. A.O. HARDBILL (7): 1, 2, Chick, nice Hawfinch, very steady, rich col., fine cond. and smart Bramble, very forward, well up in col.; 3, Lockett, grand Bullie, good size and col., would look better in larger show cage; 4, Wilson, nice Crossbill, in lovely cond.; vhc, hc, c, Bowdridge. SOFTBILL: 1, Whitmore, nice Song Thrush. NOV. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, hc, Westwood, nice cl., rare head, nice shape, good qual. and cond.; 2, Dunn, rare size and shape, grand head, good col. and qual.; 3, Steele, nice type, nice feather and cond.; 4, Lane, mkd. head and wings, nice type and feather; vhc, Evans; c, Cooper. BUFF (13): 1, vhc, Colclough, fine size and shape, grand col., nice qual.; 2, Dunn, good var., rare size, grand shape, nice back and wings, runs close; 3, Culwick, typical cl., nice shape, good qual.; 4, Mollard, good shape, well up in size; hc, Lane; c, Oldham. UNFLIG. (12): 1, 2, Glover, very fine head and wing mkd. yell. leading, lovely shape and feather, good col., wins well; 2nd smart cl. buff, capital type, nice qual, good carr. and cond.; 3, Cooper, nice yell. green, good size, shape and col; 4, Bowden, neat yell; vhc, Colclough; c, Cratchley. NOR. HEN (17): 1, Steele, grand shapely cl. buff, lovely qual., in the pink; 2, Westwood, head mkd. buff, grand type, fine size and shape; 3, hc, Bowden, nice typical cl.; 4, Culwick, neat yell.; c, Walker. YORKS YELL. (5): 1, Hyde's spl., Beckett, fine length, rare qual. and pos.; 2, Pleasance, very typical, good qual.; 3, Pritchard, very smart, good length, nice qual.; 4, Mycock, nice type, fails col. BUFF (7): 1, Chadwick, nice cl., good qual; 2, Beckett, smart var.; 3, Banks and Hesketh, nice type, good col.; 4, Brown, jun., neat cl.; vhc, Dale; hc, Beckett; c, Newman. YORKS HEN (7): 1, Brown, sen., head and wing mkd. yell., very shapely, nice qual. and col.; 2, Banks and Hesketh, buff, tkd. head, nice shape and qual.; 3, Chadwick, nice yell., very typical, well put down; 4, Hall, neat cl. yell.; vhc, Duckers and Colclough; hc, Brown, jun.; c, Beckett. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Duckers and Colclough, very smart, good pos., nice feather; 2, Pritchard, shapely and stylish; 3, Beckett, good type, fine cond.; 4, Mycock, well placed; vhc, Brown, sen. BUFF (7): 1, Brown, jun., fine length, good pos.; 2, Mycock, runs winner close, nice shape and qual.; 3, Duckers and Colclough, well drawn, nice carr.; 4, Beckett, right stamp, excellent qual.; vhc, hc, Beckett.

Members' classes contained some very meritorious exhibits, some of which would have held their own in the open. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Oldham. BUFF: 1, Oldham. HENS: 1, Oldham; 2, Wild; 3, Bates. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Cooper BUFF; 1, Whitmore. YORKS YELL.: 1, Lawton; 2, Beckett; 3, Robinson; 4, Banks & Heskett. BUFF: 1, Pygott; 2, vhc, Lawton; 3, Robinson; 4, Brown, jun. UNFLIG. YEL.: 1, 2, c, Fygott; 3, Beckett; vhc, Dale; hc, Rohinson. BUFF: 1, Robinson; 2, Beckett; 3, Duckers and Colclough; 4, Brown, sen.; vhc, Hawley; hc, c, Lawton. HENS: 1, 2, Pygott; 3, Lawton; 4, Brown, sen.; vhc, Brown, jun.; hc, Beckett; c Rohinson. BRIT.: 1, 3, Chadwick; 2, c, Newman; 4, Bates; vhc, Pygott; hc, Robinson. LINNET: 1, Bates; 2, Pygott; 3, Newman.

WARRINGTON.

The Warrington C.B.S. held its twentieth Annual Show on Oct. 15 and 16, in the Cairo-st. Schools. The room is admirably adaptable for a cage bird show, being well lighted and entirely free from draughts. The Society is also fortunate in having the three-tier system of staging, whereby the maximum number of exhibits may be staged in the minimum of room, having plenty of space for the visitors. A splendid classification was provided for all sections, but some classes had to be cancelled. All the Norwich champion classes had to go, as had five of the novice classes, in addition to three novice Yorkshire classes. Several of the British classes also went. One factor which undoubtedly led to this wholesale cancelling was the early entry-closing date, the Friday previous to show. Fanciers are used to the practice of looking over their stock on Sundays to see which birds to show the week following; and it takes something to shift the average fancier from practices to which he has become accustomed. But the officials informed us they had no choice in the matter owing to the demands of the printer, who refused to entertain the order for catalogues except on his own terms, because he was short-handed owing to enlistments. The Secretary had no option but to return a great number of entries at the beginning of the week, because of the printer's demands, and the Society ask the indulgence of disappointed fanciers, and beg their support in the future when the European black cloud has passed away.

Border Fancies turned up well, and were so even in quality that the judge put on a few wrinkles in endeavouring to sort out the best. We noticed that Mr. Large selected those which conformed most to the standard. He dislikes a chest on a Border, and only in very rare instances did he select a bird which looked too much like a miniature Norwich, and then only when the bird outshone its opponents in every other point. They were consistently good and representative of all parts of the country and of Scotland. Many prizes went to the North Country cracks, Messrs. Shackley, Wilson, Nicholson, Nelson, Bennett, Higgin, Coldbeck and Johnstone staging some beauties.

British and hybrids were a nice lot. There was an exceptionally fine class of Linnets and of Lesser Redpolls. Messrs. S. T. Oldham, Whitney, Rothwell, Fairhurst and Clare led in these classes. The management was extra. The Secretary, Mr. Warburton, worked hard to make the show a success, and he was ably assisted by the past secretary, Mr. J. M. Nelson, who knows show work from A to Z and back again. They were assisted by some hard-working fanciers, who were not downhearted, and who intend to come up smiling again next year. The judges were H. W. Battye, Norwich and Yorks.; Geo. Large, Borders; and J. D. Leigh, British and Hybrids. The exhibits of Messrs. Parlett and Cooper arrived too late to be judged.

YORKS., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Hibbert, long straight bird, splash on breast, very slim in body, penny in cheeks; 2, Knowles, cl., hardly so slim, nice oval head and grand qual.; 3, Dykes, cl., not so massive, neat head; 4, Henderson and Crosby, cl., grand body and style, beaten head points; vhc, Hirst; hc, c, Helsby. BUFF (7): 1, Knowles, mkd. wing and head, nice level back and rounded breast; 2, Dykes, neck mark, trifle bigger bird, extra fine qual., bit open on breast; 3, Woodward, cl., grand upstanding bird, well drawn, equal to either; 4, hc, Hibbert, cl., very taking exhibit, not quite same posi.; vhc, Henderson and Crosby. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, Henderson and Crosby, an unflighted, neck mkd., very straight, nice level back and rounded head; 2, Dykes, cheek tkd., longer, hardly the style; 3, Knowles, cl., beauty for type, grand straight tail and fine wing carr.; 4, Swindley Bros., cl. again, straight as a poker, grand head and full neck, bit pale in col.; vhc, Hirst; hc, Helsby. BUFF (6): 1, Henderson and Crosby, beautiful hen, lovely head, full neck, level back and breast, well rounded; 2, Dykes, long and straight, lovely feather, trifle stonter; 3, Hibbert, grand back and front, wings crossed; 4, Knowles, nice hen, good pos. and feather; vhc, Swindley Bros. YELL. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Henderson and Crosby, lovely bird, neat oval head, grand pos., straight back and tail, a big one; 2, Hibbert, neck tkd., very rich col., nice length, beaten style; 3, Dykes, eye tkd., grand posi. and style, beaten in legs; 4, Harrison, lengthy cinn. mkd., grand straight legs, qual. of the first; vhc, Bray; hc, Knowles; c, Helsby. BUFF (6): 1, Hibbert, cl., med. length, nice expression of face, might be of gentler sex, grand qual.; 2, Woodward, cl. again, longer and on similar lines; 3, Dykes, variog., nice posi., lovely head, tail and wings, inclined to climb; 4, Bray, wing and head mkd., nice rounded breast, and feather of the silkiest; vhc, Ireland; hc, Knowles; c, Helsby. NOV., YELL. (7): 1, Rothwell, cl., very long, sweet head, nice breast and qual.; 2, Waddington, bigger still, grand legs, back and tail; 3, Hird, medium length, very sweet, upright pos., grand qual., we preferred; 4, Grice, wing mkd., nice col. and rare legs; vhc, Sutcliffe; hc, Jones; c, Shipley. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Rothwell, lovely cl., grand length and posi., sweet head; 2, Hird, cl., lovely frontal, straight up and stands well; 3, Sutcliffe, neat head and full neck, nice posi., bit thick at waist; 4, Aldridge, mkd. wing, medium length, nice back; vhc, Waddington; hc, Helsby. BUFF (7): 1, Rothwell, medium length, nice qual., level back and nice front; 2, Waddington, longer, neat head, full neck, nice round breast, beaten wings; 3, Hird, eyes mark and wing, nice col. and style, good posi.; 4, Sutcliffe, smaller, nice qual., good stock hen; vhc, Grice; hc, Jones; c, Aldridge. NOR. BUFF CK. (7): 1, and vhc, Nickols, big cl., very smart bird, good robust cond., neat head; 2, Woodfine, var., nice round body, big head, trifle penny; 3, Garbutt, massive var., nice qual. for a big one, bit browy; 4, Bailey, again a variog., good head, neck and type, might have gone up; vhc, Weston. BORD., CL. OR TKD. (13): 1, Shackley, very sweet cl., lovely type, grand wing and tail; 2, Stafford, lovely oval head, nice level colour, little to choose; 3, vhc, Nelson, trifle smaller, similar type, lovely head, bit bare round eyes; 4, Nicholson, bit larger, nice rounded body and back, lovely qual.; hc, Wilson; c, Madagan. BUFF CL. OR TKD. (13): 1, 2, Wilson, two beautiful exhibits, grand qual. and wing carr.; 3, Higgin, grand wing and tail carr., shines like burnished gold; 4, Egerton, sweet head and expression, like wax, nothing to choose in the four; vhc, Bennett; hc, Madagan; c, Shackley. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Wilson, lovely little body, not too big, absolutely perfect; 2, Bennett, very similar type, just beaten qual.; 3, Nicholson, very taking exhibit, grand oval head, lovely sheen; 4, Barnett, similar style, nice shape, restless; vhc, Eckersley; hc, Nelson; c, Greenwell. BUFF (14): 1, Higgin, grand type and style, lovely oval head, shines like "Cherry Blossom"; 2, Nelson, feather like glass; 3, McLaughton, wing tkd., looks about perfect; 4, Bennett, grand tail and wing carr., little to choose; vhc, Wilson; hc, Egerton; c, Pennington. VAR. YELL. CK. OR HEN (7): 1, Nicholson, cinn. mkd., beauty for type, feather and col.; 2, Nelson, eye and wing mark, lovely oval head, nice body shape; 3, Bennett, wing tkd. and grizzle neck, nice style, beaten qual.; 4, Garbutt, wings mark, lovely type, grand feather, looked better when taking notes. BUFF (11): 1, Wilson, wings and eye mark, grand feather, lovely head, nice wing carr.; 2, Nicholson, lovely profile, nice body type, wings and eyes mark; 3, Pennington, four pointed, bigger, nice type though; 4, Egerton, wing and eyes mark, grand type, lovely head, feathered to perfection; vhc, Garbutt; hc, Cavanagh; c, Clare. GREEN YELL. CK. (8): 1, c, Coldbeck, grand col. and style, slim type; 2, Johnston, rather more chest sweet oval head, nice wing and tail; 3, 4, Middleton, heavier in ticking, not quite so good under breast; vhc, Whitelaw; hc, Hampson. BUFF (as a class better even than the yellows): 1, 2, Johnston, two grand exhibits for col. and type; 3, 4, hc, Middleton, again two full coloured birds, lovely type and sheen; vhc, Whitelaw. CINN. COCK OR HEN (7): 1, 3, Clare, grand cinny. col., lovely markings; 3, rather smaller, perhaps more chest; 2, c, Middleton, yell., nice sheen and style; 4, vhc, Whitelaw, buff, nice profile, sweet type and col.; hc, Hampson. LINNET (13): 1, Oldham, lovely wedge shape, grand breast marks, nice broad head and beautiful nut col., wins; 2, Wright, trifle bigger, nice marks and shape, good head and expression, very steady, beaten col.; 3, Stafford, very similar, but markings not quite so distinct, more upright in carr.; 4, Watt, good deep chested Nor. type, extra fine in col., head and back marks good, better col. than 2nd and 3rd; vhc, Barnett; hc, Rothwell; c, Roberts. BRAMBLE OR CHAFF. (8): 1, Rothwell, grand Chaffie, beautiful col. and feather, rare size, steady; 2, Fairhurst, big Mealy Bramble, grand back and flank marks, light round eyes; 3, Macpherson, better col., grand head and back marks, we preferred; 4, Barnett, Chaffinch, not the size of winner; vhc, Oldham; hc, Roberts; c, Beswick. REDPOLL (15): 1, Clare, nice size and col., grand breast marks and bib; 2, Wright, almost equal except in bib; 3, Osborne, again a good one, not quite the col. on breast; 4, Barnett, great size, nice flank marks, good back and head; vhc, Eckersley; hc, Shackley; c, Marcells. MULE (12): 1, 2, 3, Oldham, big Greenie leading, grand col. and shape; 2, a Siskin, rare size and col., good deep body; 3, Redpoll, good col., rather small and slim; 4, vhc, hc, Whitney and Son, Goldie, big buff, great size and shape; vhc, Linnet, good buff, and great size, might have been in money; c, Rice. SELL., £1: 1, Guy; 2, Radford; 3, Johnson; 4, Bailey; vhc, Ireland; hc, Knowles. 12/6: 1, Mercer; 2, Knowles; 3, Bennett; 4, Guy; vhc, Bailey; hc, Bennett; c, Johnson.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

PROTRACTED MOULTING (J. B., Belfast).—The cause of such prolonged moulting is that you either have the bird in a draughty position, or where the temperature is violently fluctuating. Either of these exciting causes must be removed before you can hope to cure the effects. See that the bird is kept in a fairly comfortable place, not necessarily overheated, but quite free from direct cold draughts, and as equable as you can manage it, and do not by any means allow it to hang near or over burning lights in the evenings. Having attended to these points, give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately every second day for the next month a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white milet, teazle, and broken groats. Give a plantain stalk or a few seed heads of shepherd's-purse daily. Add to the drinking water 20 drops of chemical food every second day during the same time. Allow bird to bathe three times a week if it will do so voluntarily, but do not spray it.

THE BEST THING (G. R. Mason).—Candidly, the best thing to do with a Canary only two years old which is already in the advanced bronchial condition yours appears to be in, is to mercifully end its career and its sufferings at the same time. It would be folly to attempt to breed with it. You may try the following treatment for a month or two, but I much fear no really permanent cure can be effected. Keep in a comfortable and equable place, which need not be overheated, but must be quite free from direct cold draughts. In addition to the staple seed diet give every third day for a fortnight a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the intervening days give first a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle, white millet, and linseed, and next either a morsel of banana or a spray of watercress, or some similar green salad. In the drinking water for three consecutive days add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give instead five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia, and sweet spirit of nitre. At the end of a fortnight stop all medicines and extra food items for a fortnight, and then resume them and give a fortnight's course as before. Suspend them again for a fortnight, and then resume, and continue thus until the bird has had four fortnightly courses.

CRAVING FOR FOOD (G. B. S.).—A great craving for food is not necessarily a sign of disease; it may be indicative of nothing more serious than a gross appetite. All birds do not consume a similar amount of food, even when of the same variety and similar in size; one will grow inordinately fat upon an amount of food which would literally mean a starvation diet for another. If your birds nibble and waste the seed, that is another matter, and they are probably suffering from some digestive derangements, which the following course of treatment should remove. Give a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately every second day for a fortnight a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, and half these proportions of maw and gold of pleasure. Give a small spray of watercress or some other green salad daily. A cube of hard common salt stuck in the wires for them to peck at when they like would also prove beneficial. In the drinking water every second day for a week add six drops of syrup of buckthorn and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and every second day for a fortnight afterwards give instead five drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid.

A SUITABLE MATE (Mule).—I take it that your object is to try to work up a Sib. strain for light Mule breeding from the hen that has thrown pied Mules from Linnet this season. If this surmise is correct, as the bird does not appear to have been inbred previously, I would strongly advise you to mate her if possible next season with one of her own sons, choosing for the purpose first of all the strongest and largest bird available, and if he also has plenty of colour so much the better. You do not mention the colour of the hen, but you may use the cock I suggest irrespective of yellow or buff colour, although if the hen is a yellow it would be an advantage to have a buff cock, so if you can have choice of either colour in birds equally suitable in all other respects then select the buff. Test all the hens from this mating the following season, and keep all that show any greater tendency to throw light Mules for future breeding on the above lines. You would also do well to try the hen in question next season with the same Linnet, after she has had one or two nests of pure Canaries.

ANOTHER LONG MOULT (R. McDonald).—See reply to "J. B., Belfast," in this issue and treat your bird accordingly. It is not unlikely that your bird is also troubled with red mite attacks, which causes it to do so much scratching. Examine the cage thoroughly to see if this is the case, and if so see they are exterminated as you may have seen advised to "E. C." in our issue of Oct. 2. The addition of twelve drops of fluid magnesia to the drinking water every second day for a week will do much to allay the irritation.

THE CINNAMON PUZZLE (Cinny).—I think there can be no doubt that you either overlooked or did not know how to look for the pink colour of the eye in your birds, as the breeding of cinnamon-marked young from a cinnamon hen from a clear cock is sufficient proof that he had a certain percentage of cinnamon blood in his veins, and undoubtedly had the pink eye had you looked for it properly. The pink colour is not at all noticeable in adult birds, in which it is often necessary to hold the bird so that the light is refracted at a certain angle before the pink hue is seen very clearly. You should be quite able to produce cinnamon-marked cocks from a clear pink-eyed cock mated to a cinnamon-marked hen, or vice-versa, or from two lightly cinnamon-marked birds. The only essential is that you must have cinnamon blood, more or less, in the cock as well as the hen. There should be no difficulty at all in this, as the Yorkshire of to-day is so permeated with cinnamon blood that it is more of a difficulty to get a bird quite free from any trace of it.

LUMPS ON WINGS (Dangle).—The substances you describe are abnormal feather growths which may be easily removed by putting on ligatures of thread or silk. You will doubtless find that they narrow off with a kind of neck next the skin. Around this narrow part tie a piece of thread or silk, drawing it fairly tight, and knot it securely, cut off ends of thread close to knots, and leave the rest to nature. In the course of a week or so you will find the substances wither, and ultimately drop off, leaving no ill effect behind. It would do no harm to add twelve drops of fluid magnesia to the water every second day for a week. No other medical treatment is really necessary.

WHEEZE AND SNAFFLE (Trooper, Stretford).—See that the bird is not exposed to cold draughts, which is probably the cause of its condition. Keep in a fairly warm place, where the temperature is fairly equable, but do not hang it near or over burning lights in the evenings. Then, in addition to its staple seed diet, give a morsel of bread and milk with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre. The cessation of song may very probably be due to the moult commencing, in which case it will not resume until the moult is finished.

A. STRICK.—Replied to by post.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

A REDPOLL AND OTHERS (Anxious).—No matter how good a bird may be, if he crosses his wings it is sure to tell against him when on the show bench. If he only crosses them occasionally, it would not make much difference, as most birds are inclined to do it at times. Perhaps in looking over his points you have rather exaggerated the failing in wing carriage; anyway, if he is good otherwise I would advise you to give him a chance. (2) A pale blue background would suit your bird admirably, or a dark holly-green if he is not very rich in colour. Perhaps you could paint a couple of pieces of card or wood the two colours and fit them in the backs of cages and see which suits the bird best. (3) With most judges a good natural-coloured bird stands an equal chance with a fed one. (4) The same remark applies to this question. Size, condition and shape are of more importance than colour.

WHICH HAS THE BEST SONG? (James A. Oldham).—Of the two birds mentioned, the Thrush is the most continuous singer, but his notes are not nearly so mellow as the Blackbird's. Of the two, the latter is my favourite. His song is scarcely so cheerful as the Thrush's, but it is much richer and, to my mind, far more musical. Both these birds have their masterful performers, and occasionally one hears an exceptionaly good one, whereas others are scarcely worth listening to, so if you fail to get a good one the first time, give him his liberty and try again.

RARE HYBRIDS (W. F. Holgate).—The Yellow Bunting-Canary has not yet been produced to the satisfaction of bird experts, although from time to time someone claims to have bred them. (2) Yes, I have heard of more than one case of Mules having bred, but not among themselves. It has been with a bird of the parent stock; that is, a Canary Mule paired to a Canary.

CLEAR MULE (J. Parnell).—I am pleased to hear of your success and hope you will do well with your bird on the bench. Do not be disappointed if he should not be as large as some of the others, as Mules grow a great deal between the first and second moult. The shape of the beak should assist you in identification—not the colour of it. If you feel confident, do not take too much notice of your Canary friend's remarks. Let a recognised judge see it on the show bench. He will soon tell you if it is genuine or not.

WHAT BIRD? (Dawdon).—By your description I should say your bird is a hen Blackstart. These birds are winter visitors to these shores. They nest on the Continent, being quite common in the Swiss valleys. It should be fed on a good brand of insectile food and insects.

MANAGEMENT OF LINNET (Determined).—I can quite understand your feelings, and have every sympathy for you, especially as you appear to be giving your bird every attention. In looking over your method of feeding, it seems to me that you are giving rather too much rape and linseed, and I think you will find the following mixture suit your bird better: Canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, rape, chariock, and linsced 1 part each. Continue the wild seeds, and about 3 days a week give a little lightly cracked hemp and a little gold of pleasure. If he is dull, dissolve in 2 tablespoonsful of water as much Glauber salts as will cover a threepenny piece, and add 3 drops of syrup of rhubarb. Give him a pinch of common salt occasionally on his sand. Respecting books, have you had our Nutshell on the Linnet? If not, I would advise you to get it.

VARIOUS QUESTIONS (N. V. Charles).—I am glad to hear your Blackbird is improving. It will, of course, take some little time to get quite sound, especially just now during the moulting period. If you are fond of birds and have the room, why not erect a small aviary in your garden and keep a few of the hardy Finches in it? They would do there both winter and summer. You could then, if you felt disposed, have both cocks and hens in it. If you made a cage you could keep half-a-dozen cocks in one about 3ft. long, but you would not be able to breed in it. For this purpose you would require separate cages for each pair. It is not a good plan to stand a cage in the open window of a room; it is generally a draughty position, and birds easily take cold.

BUILDING AVIARY (Boy).—Your plan appears to be quite all right, but I would suggest that you either enlarge the opening to the inside flight or make it very light by means of a good-sized window, or you will find that many of the birds will never return to the inside place once they get in the open. Vegetation of any kind in an aviary is sure to be pecked by the birds. Cannot you manage to have some of the ivy over the roof to take off the bareness of the building? (2) I would advise you to have a cock Linnet or Siskin in place of one of the Greenfinches, then I see no reason why you should not succeed, anyway, in getting Mules, if not the rarer Hybrids.

BREEDING LINNET MULES (C. Cumberland).—With your Linnet you should only attempt to pair one hen Canary, as the Linnet does not, as a rule, breed freely with more than one hen. If you can get a good stout Norwich hen, yellow if possible, you cannot do better, although they are frequently bred from other varieties, Yorkshires, etc. Your cage will do admirably. As soon as you get your birds, let them fly together all the winter, so as to be quite chummy in the spring.

TAMING A BULLFINCH (Mrs. Essor).—I have read your letter with great interest, and it is pleasing to know you think well of our paper. I think where you made a mistake in trying to tame your bird was in handling it before it was really steady. All birds dislike being handled, and the wilder they are, the more they dislike it. If you place the hemp seed on your hand I have no doubt he will soon perch on the finger to get it, of course, commencing by offering it between the fingers, which perhaps you have already done. After a time he would let you touch him, and so by easy stages you may accomplish all you want. It takes some time for birds to lose their natural nervousness and to become quite trusting.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AILING PARROT (R.I.H.).—By all means give the magnesia in the water daily if such be necessary to keep the bowels moving freely; but for one day, in lieu of the cod liver oil emulsion, put five drops of tasteless castor oil on the sponge cake and repeat the dose a fortnight hence. In all other respects treat as already advised. Allow this bird as much ripe fruit as it will eat, also pieces of bitter apple crusts. There is no need to give sunflower to any extent, as canary seed, oats, hemp and sailower seeds will suffice. As it is rather thin, encourage it to eat heartily; it can have all kinds of nuts, but Brazil nuts should be given very sparingly. I again emphasise the need of keeping the bowels moving freely, even if you have to give the laxative daily; the cod liver oil emulsion should assist in strengthening the bird. Also as much as your leisure permits entertain it and play with it at intervals, as the activity will certainly be good for it. Age usually manifests itself by the legs becoming very scaly, and the scales being hard and horny. Putting all your details together there is evidently an improvement in the bird, and if you persevere with the treatment the tendency to constipation should gradually pass, but you must watch closely against it and resort to the laxative whenever it appears. All the items of diet you name are wholesome, and the bird can be allowed to eat heartily of them all. If there should be further adverse bowel trouble you had better write again at once, giving as full details as you can. His cage should be kept in a light and airy position, but where it will be free from draught, and the temperature of any living room will suffice. Get a packet of Parrot grit and put a pinch on the top of its seed daily.

SENEGAL PARROT AND MELBA FINCHES (L.A.W.).—(1) Keep a piece of cuttlebone in its cage continually, give it pieces of arrowroot biscuit at intervals during the day, and lightly colour its drinking-water with chemical food during the day. Also mix a teaspoonful of cornflour stiffly with boiled milk, let it stand for a couple of hours, and then supply to the bird. You must see that the bowels should move quite freely, but the excreta should not be watery loose. (2) A. Yes, but they will not take any harm from partaking of milk sop, soft food and fruit if these are supplied for the other inmates of the aviary. B.: It is the cold, wet periods that cause the risk, and I consider Melba Finches are better in the bird-room during the winter period, unless your aviary is so constructed that the birds can be easily driven into the shelter daily at dusk and shut up for the night, and also during very severe periods in the day time. Of course, on all dry genial days they could enjoy the flight, say, from 11 a.m. (or earlier) to 3 p.m. However, unless your shelter is light enough and large enough to make good quarters for your birds for possibly a week at a stretch, you had better put half-hardy species in the birdroom for the winter and leave the others outside to follow their own bent. C.: Melbas have made many good attempts to reproduce their kind during recent years, but till this summer complete success has not been attained. One young bird has been successfully reared and at the present time is doing well. If you have husks, rush nests and sundry boxes and small barrels about in your shelter, the usual nesting material will suffice, whether the choice of a site be in the shelter or open flight.

GREY PARROT ILL (Mrs. Ruston).—Keep the bird in your warmest room, and in the snuggiest, but not stuffy corner. Give of the cold mixture (ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts), half a teaspoonful daily in the drinking-water (the latter to consist of two tablespoonfuls, few Parrots consume more or all of this quantity) till the trouble yields; also bathe or spray its nostrils with a dilute solution of glycothymoline, and put a little honey and borax in the month daily; you can easily administer the latter from the end of a stick, which, placed by its beak, is readily bitten and played with and the mixture then taken, or it can be lightly spread on a dry crust or piece of biscuit. Cease giving the milk pudding, but give the bird daily 10 drops of cod liver oil emulsion on a piece of sponge cake or anything similar the bird will eat. You must keep its bowels moving freely (there must not be a state of continuous diarrhœa), if necessary, by giving two or three drops of tasteless castor oil on a piece of plain cake, etc. Treat as above for a few weeks, and then report progress. You have, however, let it get into quite a bad state before asking advice.

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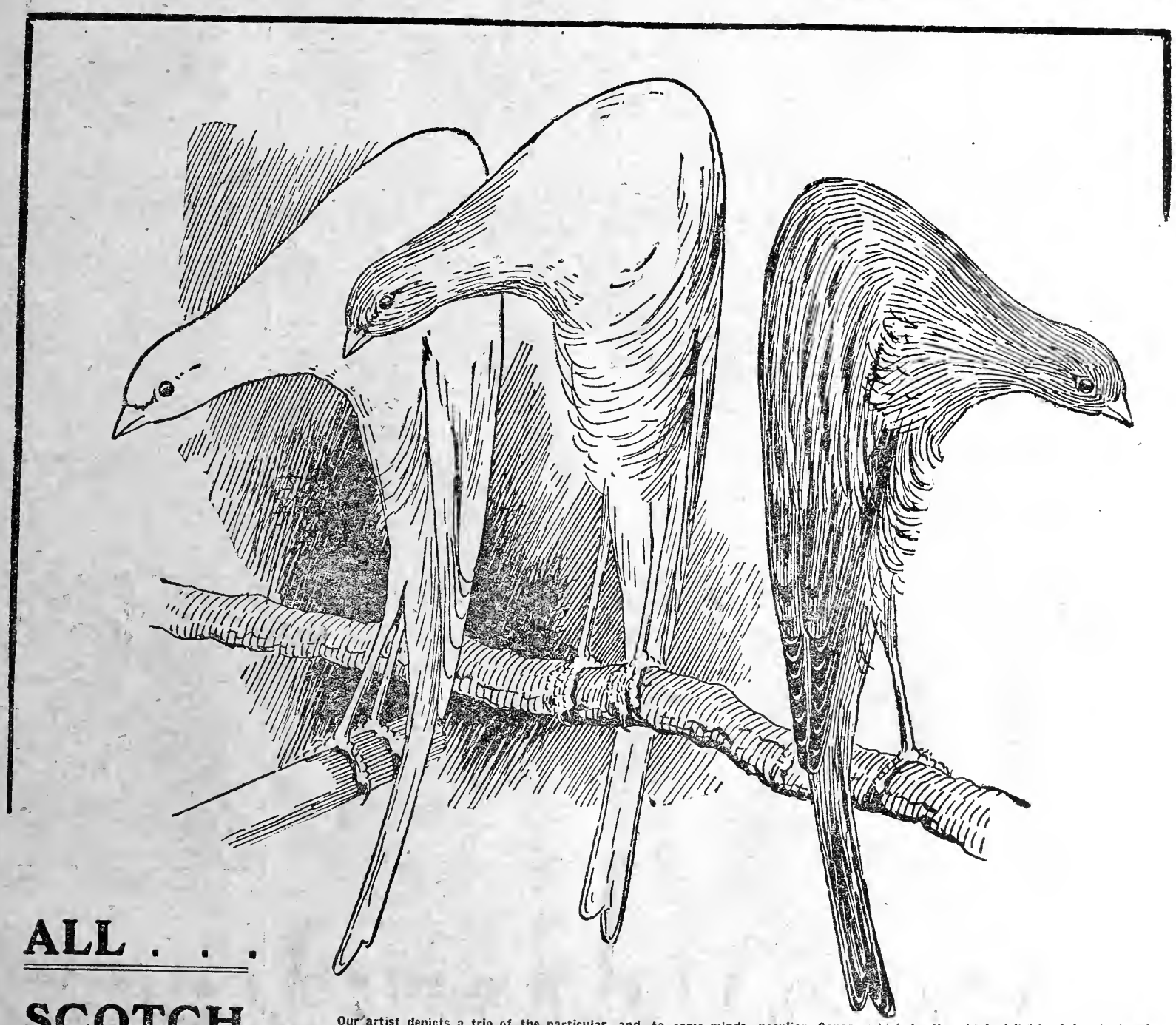

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SHEFFIELD O.S., 2 classes; entries close Nov. 1; see show notice.

GRAND lot of cock Starlings for showing, 1/- each: Hooton, 34, Old Park-lane, Southport. (19)

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CANARIES.

Border Fancy.

SHEFFIELD O.S., 8 classes; entries close Nov. 1; see show notice.

TYPICAL Borders, clears and cinnamons, few nice birds ready; approval: Heslop, 114, Baker-st., Sterling. (5)

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CREST and Crestbreds, also cages, cheap: Shea, 229, Caledonian-rd., London, N. (23)

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SHEFFIELD O.S., 12 classes, 4 each Yorkshires, Norwich, and Borders; entries close Nov. 1; see show notice.

NORWICH greens, yellows, and buffs, from 10/- each; approval; no single yellow hens: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes. (471)

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BUFF Lancashire cock, 20/-; Buff Lancashire Coppy hen, 25/-; very fine birds; John Garner's strain: Salter, Abergavenny. (20)

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Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

J. C. BARNES, Norwich and Yorkshire specialist. Winner of numerous silver cups, medals, etc.; well-known strains. Better blood unobtainable. Grand specimens to spare; both varieties; reasonable; approval; inspection cordially invited; inquiries solicited; stamp: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

J. HODDER, breeder of high-class Norwich, winner of championships; good birds from 7/6 upwards; approval; stamp: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

FRANK F. LAWSON, Norwich Specialist, 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle, one of the best exhibition strains in the Fancy. Stock birds from 10/- each. Pairs from 20/- upwards. Stamped inquiries solicited.

N LEESE, breeder of Norwich, winner of Crystal Palace diploma and silver medal, Horticultural Hall diploma, silver rose bowl, gold medals, etc.; a few good birds ready now; approval: N. Leese, 30, Alexandra-rd., Normacot, Staffs.

SHEFFIELD O.S., 16 classes, 7 novice; entries close Nov. 1; see show notice.

NORWICH cocks from 4/9; send for list: Ross, Aviaries, Forres, N.B. (23)

NORWICH, few good pairs, colour-fed, good type and quality, 10/6 pair: 80, Dacy-rd., Liverpool. (17)

FOUR pairs good bred Norwich, also 4 odd hens, £2 the lot; a bargain: E. W., 221, Adamsrill-rd., Sydenham, S.E.

SEVEN Norwich, clear yellow and buff hens, 14/- lot, or 2/6 each: Missenden, Holly House Lodge, Chingford, Essex. (16)

A GRAND lot of healthy Norwich cocks, 7/6, 8/6; hens 3/-, 4/-; own breeding: A. Steward, Oulton, Aylsham, Norfolk. (501)

FORTY pairs grand typical Norwich from 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 25/- pair; inspection any time: Dawson, 689, Duke-st., Glasgow. (23)

LARGE winning 1915 Norwich, nicely fed, from 10/- each; worth double, must clear: Olle, 3, Linton-crescent, Hastings. (18)

NORWICH non-flighted, 10 pairs at 7/6 per pair, bred from winners: Di. Williams, 12, Rosevean-rd., Penzance, Cornwall. (20)

A FEW good Norwich for sale, approval; also 4 Yorkshire show cages and case: Wallwork, 19, Railway View, Brierfield. (21)

DOWSON, Postman, 40, Cathedral Close, Norwich, has for disposal few good birds; cocks from 7/-, hens from 4/-; state wants. (17)

LARGE colour-fed Norwich, for show or stock; state wants; on approval: Mrs. Roberts, Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (12)

HIGH-CLASS show Norwich for sale, cocks 5/- and 7/6, hens 3/6 each; must clear: W. H. Gardner, 67, Stephen's-rd., Preston. (25)

TWO double cages, 10/-; two single, 5/-; Norwich hen, 2/6; Yorkshire cock, 6/-; 7/- the pair: Ellis, 42, Eastover, Bridgwater. (18)

TIP-TOP Norwich, show and stock birds at low prices for quick sale: Trevallion, 76, Lower Gardens-rd., Lordship-lane, Tottenham. (19)

STOUT cobby var. buff Norwich hen, half sister to my two yellow cocks, 2nd Perth, price 12/6: Crawford, Craigie Park-terr., Perth. (20)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich for sale, singles or pairs, cheap; stamp particulars: James M'Neillie, 13, Market-st., Maxwelltown, Dumfries. (23)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens 3/6, 4/6; colour fed; approval, deposit: H. Burchell, 2, High-rd., Chadwell Heath, Essex. (22)

WILLIAM PHIPPS for splendid typical massive Norwich; winner over 100 prizes, also cup; approval: 16, Millplatt-av., Isleworth. (1)

GOOD singing Norwich cock Canary, 7/6; three large hens, 3/- each, or exchange anything: Lowes, 76, Gillingham-rd., Gillingham, Kent. (17)

FOUR outdoor bred 1915 Norwich Roller hens, 3 variegated, 1 clear, 1/9 each: Penfold, 19, Monro House, Long-lane, Southwark, London. (18)

CHAMPION yellow marked Norwich cock, big head, short flights and tail, sell 10/6, bargain: G. Oakley, Cheddleton, Nr. Leek, Staffs. (16)

NORWICH, big Buff cock, young Yellow hen, Yellow cock, Buff hen, 20/- pair; good birds, colour feed; approval: 36, Clifton-rd., Southport. (21)

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich, for show or song, many winners; prices low; state wants; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (470)

PRIZE bred Norwich, matched pairs 15/-; single birds cheap, approval; exchange new trousers or boots, eighte: Burgess, Eastover, Bridgwater. (18)

GOOD healthy hens, all colours, 3/6, 1914; or would exchange several for typical cock or British Roller; approval: S. Large, 59, Sprules-rd., Brockley. (24)

FEW smart typical birds, cocks from 10/6, pairs from 15/-; all clean moulted and healthy; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (11

FOR sale, splendid Green Norwich cock, best of singers, day or gaslight, £1; also Roller Schoolmaster's: Franks, 55, Regent-st., Leamington. (24)

FIFTY-SIX high class Norwich Canaries, aviary bred, Clears and Variegated, 7/6 pair; terms for dealers: W. Turner, The Ashells, Quorn, Loughboro'.

PRIZE and prize-bred Norwich cocks and hens, 7/6 upwards; no better strain living; approval, deposit: Handley, Walsoken, Wisbech. 1915 bred. (22)

MR. ECKERSLEY has a few unflighted and year-old birds of rare type and quality now ready; write early: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (7)

NORWICH Canaries, splendid songsters, cocks 7/6, hens 3/6; Goldfinch Mules from 8/6; satisfaction guaranteed: Wells, 162, Charlemont-rd., East Ham. (19)

EXTRA large variegated buff hen, unflighted, grand type and colour, great substance, 17/6, or exchange two singing cocks: Angus, Garden-st., Macduff. (14)

LARGE buff cock, 7/-; 2 yellow, 2 buff, 1914 hens; 3 1915 yellow hens, 4/- each; good chubby birds; approval: Pringle, 66, Buchanan-st., Stockton-on-Tees. (20)

FLEET, breeder and exhibitor of high class Norwich; few to spare on Clear unflighted cocks; will exchange Clear Yellow for Buff: 16, King's-rd., Upton Park. (22)

Winners at Stock Prices.

Cocks or Hens, Colour-Fed—These birds can be seen, or particulars given: **10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Pairs, correctly matched** to produce best results by me personally, 15/- to 70/-. Other good, honest Norwich at following prices:—**Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; Hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6.** Pairs matched to produce best results, **8/6, 10/6, 12/6.** The value of these must really be seen to be fully appreciated. Approval. Cages, to hold one bird, **3d.**; to hold 2 birds, **6d.** For all others, see detailed Current Price List. Easy payments by joining my Original Bird Club; distance no object.
W. RUDD, THE BIRD SPECIALIST, NORWICH.

NORWICH; large variegated yellow cock, good head, neck and substance, £1 5/-; clear buff cock, 12/6; good hens; approval: Roberts, 43, Young-st., Derby. (17)

JAMES STARK, absolute winner of the Norwich amateur challenge cup, typical birds for sale, special good yellow hens, approval, stamp: 110, Oak-st., Norwich. (5)

SIX cocks, yellow and buff, from 8/-; six hens from 4/-; c.f.; Mealy Redpoll cock and hen Twite, H.M., 5/- pair: R. Nelson, 77, East Princes-st., Helensburgh, N.B. (19)

CLEAN, healthy Norwich colour-fed and natural colour cocks, 5/- to 10/6; hens, 3/- to 7/6 (Thomas's strain); approval: Ruecroft, Beamish-st., West Stanley, Durham. (10)

TWO Norwich hens, one Buff, one Cinnamon, sell 30/-; exchange good Yorkshire hen, unflighted, or exhibition Goldfinch or Mule, on approval: 5, Ashworth-st., Hollenwood. (24)

YELLOW green cock, 2 buff cocks, 7/6 each; 2 yellow hens, 2 buff hens, 6/- each; related to winners; approval anywhere; stamp reply: W. Spencer, 85, Athol-st., Burnley. (17)

YOUNG Norwich cock Canaries, over moult, full song, 5/- to 7/6, hens 2/6; also variegated buff Yorkshire cock, champion breeder, 7/6: Brown, 23, Havelock-st., Wellingborough. (19)

SEVERAL good Norwich, good size, type, quality, cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/- upwards; fit for show, colour fed; several pairs 8/6, 10/-; approval: Grout, 64, Hughenden-rd., Norwich. (22)

TYPICAL 1915 Norwich, 2 variegated buff cocks, 9/6 each; 2 variegated buff hens, 6/6 and 5/-; from Hodder's hens; approval, deposit: McNaughton, "Weald," College-rd., Harrow Weald. (20)

SPLENDID Norwich cocks and hens, fed and non-fed, for quick sale, from 7/6 to £3, limited number, cash or deposit; approval at your risk, room wanted: D. H. Davies, 24, College-hill, Llanelly. (16)

NOTICE.—High-class Norwich for sale, yellow and buff cocks, from 15/-; ditto hens, 10/6 upwards; colour-fed; all specially picked birds; state wants: Abel, The Grove, Necton, nr. Swaffham. (18)

NOTICE, for sale, twenty prize bred colour-fed Norwich, 1915 bred; some very good show and stock birds, all clean moulted; cocks from 10/-, hens 5/-: W. Fowler, Phoenix-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield. (19)

LARGE 1914 Clear Yellow cock, Variegated Buff hen, 12/- pair; Clear 1915 Buff cock, Yellow hen, 10/-; 2 Buff hens, 6/-; all colour fed; approval, cash: Peck, Ashmans Hall-gardens, Beccles. (22)

R. SMILLIE has a few grand stock birds to part with from winning strain (Grewar's) yellows and buffs, cocks and hens, 10/- upwards; approval, stamp: Valley-view Cottages, Cowdenbeath. (12)

MONSTER Norwich buff cock, wonderful head and chest, 30/-, a perfect show specimen, and some tip-top yellow and buff cocks and hens, for show or stock, at moderate prices: Taylor, Draper, Bideford. (14)

WAR brings misfortune to many, fortune to others. Had successful season; your opportunity securing choice stock much below value; particulars on application: R. H. Livingstone, 240, Main-st., Rutherglen.

SPECIAL offer, must be cleared, variegated yellow cock, 12/6; variegated buff, 20/-; ticked buff, 15/-; clear buff, 10/6; unflighted variegated yellow, 12/6; buff, 12/6; clear buff, 10/6; variegated yellow hen, 10/6; variegated buff hen, 12/6; another 7/6; all Humphries strain: Robinson, Wednesfield, Carr-lane Acomb, York. (19)

THIS may interest you! Am clearing remaining four pairs Norwich which were intended for stock; yellow variegs. hen, 15/-; 3 green hens, buff, 7/6, 10/6, 20/-; grand yellow cock, ticked head, 40/-; yellow cock off former, 25/-; buff cock, unflighted, 20/-; two buff variegated cocks, 20/-, 25/-; a decided chance if you want the best blood, cheap, approval, stamp: McKay, 84, Castle-st., Forfar. (20)

E. BAKER offers grand Norwich, all from his winning strain; splendid yellow cock, good type, size, colour and head, £1 15/-; monster buff cock, deep-chested bird, good quality, bred winners, £1 9/6; his brother, £1; rare yellow hen, large, stout, good head, £1 5/-; typical buff hen, short and stout, quality with size, daughter to my rose bowl winner, 15/-; pairs from £1: E. Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (20)

CHAMPION Norwich, winner, holder Oxford challenge cups, silver cruet Reading, first special Leicester, claimed £10 10/-; grand large wing ticked typical yellow cock, year old, rung, first, cup, Oxford, first, special, Reading, 60/-; unflighted wing marked buff cock, hear ticked, unflighted yellow cock, both bred from above, first nest feather show, safe winners, 25/- each; grand unflighted yellow cock, second Oxford last week, topper, 40/-; large unflighted buff cock, own brother, rare head, neck, winner first, vhc, special last week, 30/-; one, shade smaller, all type, can win amateur class, 12/6; sweet typical ticked buff hen, winner two prizes, 15/-; large yellow hen, full colour, 10/6; approval receipt cash: Lewin, 58, Marlborough-rd., Oxford. (20)

INIMITABLE bargains in champion Norwich Plainheads; over sixty for sale, all 1915 bred, and comprise, among others, Clear Yellow cock, good type, quality, good head, chest, price 11/6; large Ticked Yellow cock, can win, very promising, lovely head, stout, grand feather, only £1; marked Yellow cock, beauty, full of quality, price £1, giving him away; large bold Clear Buff, can win at good shows, grand head, neck, chest, close feather, 21/- worth £2 2s.; massive marked Buff cock, really grand all round Norwich, price 15/6; marked Yellow hen, 10/6; Clear Yellow hen, 15/6; another 11/6; monster marked Buff hen, large head, neck, chest, price 12/6; clinking Clear Buff hen, topper, no mistake about it, price 15/-; champion Clear Buff cock, also Clear Buff hen, can win champion classes, £2 2s. each; above in grand condition, through moult; approval, cash or deposit; note, none better obtainable anywhere; numerous winners sold annually: masters: Franks, 55, Regent-st., Leamington. (24)

NORWICH PLAINHEADS

For exhibition; a few grand Yellow and Buff cocks and hens, from 12/-; typical in every respect; cash, deposit: Girling, Confectioner, 22, Wensum-st., Norwich (24)

ONE MINUTE, PLEASE! As evidence of the high class stock in my possession, I beg to point out my winnings, in open competition, for this year alone:—**WELSH NATIONAL.**—Two **1sts**, four **2nds**, one **3rd**, and four specials, with eight exhibits. **PLYMOUTH**—**5th** and **7th** in unflighted class and **6th** with year-old yellow cock, with three exhibits. **ABERTILLERY**—**1st** and **3rd** in unflighted and **2nd** in over-year class, with three exhibits. Ten unflighted birds out of fourteen exhibits. Possessing no special show teams, all the above are my breeding stock, and birds bred from and closely related to these will be for disposal in a week or so's time. Prices are extremely reasonable, and stamped enquiries much appreciated.
REV. C. B. JOLLIFFE,
CARISBROOK, 19, PONTCANNA ST, CARDIFF.

CHAMPION WINNING NORWICH
C. W. Silk, Glenrosa, Emsworth
I have a grand lot of Norwich now ready, including many noted winners; kindly state requirements; all birds on approval willingly. (19)

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDER'S CARD

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England. Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show, 1913. (1810)

HENRY NEVE, Roller Specialist. All birds bred from prize winning specimens of high rank; full particulars free: Heathfield, Sussex. (160)

ROLLER cocks in full song, 3/9, 4/9, 5/9, 7/9; hens, 2/-: Ross, Aviaries, Forres, N.B. (23)

HIGH-CLASS Glucke, Randall and Walton, 10/6, 8/6, 7/6; hens 3/6, 2/6; approval: Lloyd, 140, Gresty-rd., Crewe. (495)

ROLLER Schoolmaster and cage, 15/-; hens, 2/-; cocks, 7/6: Smith, Hairdresser, Bedlington, Northumberland. (23)

NOTICE, grand lot, day and gaslight songsters, prices low; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (470)

17-POINTS Manchester (1673) (B4) 17/6, two hens (B4) 4/- each approval: G. Grimsditeb, 58, Church-st., Dukinfield. (455)

BRITISH Rollers, Randall's pure strain; cocks 10/-, 15/-; approval; all 1915 rung: J. Leigh, 57, Bold-st., Altrincham. (4)

FEW good 1915 Rollers, 10/6 pair; cocks only 8/6 upwards; approval, deposit: Mrs. Bluck, 3, Westbourne-terrace, Hove. (19)

BEAUTIFUL young Seifert Roller cock Canaries, singing nicely; accept 4/6 each: Miss Jones, Harlech House, Aberystwyth. (24)

DEEP glucke Rollers, P.R.C.C. cock, from 7/6, hens 3/-; approval; few song cages, 1/3: Earnshaw, Breeder, 51, Rook-st., Nelson, Lancs. (16)

TWO Roller cocks, 1915, singing, 7/- each; three hens, 2/6 each; take 18/6 lot, or exchange: Oliver, 8, New-rd., Wrockwardine Wood, Salop. (21)

HIGH-CLASS Water Glucke schoolmasters, B4 rung 20/-, 22 points, 22/-; 4th and spl., 24/-; approval: T. Hilson, 35, Botany-lane, Ashton-under-Lyne. (22)

SPLENDID singing cocks, Randall's strain, 6/6; hens 2/6; home all day; local custom invited; birds sent any distance: Standard, Aviaries, Newton Heath, Manchester. (24)

HIGH-CLASS Roller hens for sale, bred 1915, B.R.C.S. rung, also a 1913 bred Chillcott hen, B.R.C.C. rung; price 5/- each; will send on approval with pleasure: Mrs. F. Meinertzhagen, 32, Elsham-rd., Kensington, London, W. (18)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers from the best strains in England, not common; Chaffer's cocks, on grand song, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; and a few Schoolmasters, 8/6, 10/6 each; hens same strain, 1/6, 2/- each; approval, cash or deposit: Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull. (18)

TO ROLLER BREEDERS

I am open to buy any quantity Rollers, cocks or hens, will give good price for good birds and will deposit cash; send particulars: Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queensbury, Bradford. (5)

IMPORTANT TO BREEDERS OF ROLLERS

Wanted, large and small quantities of Rollers, trained and untrained; genuine business meant; state quantity and price: Cundall, Tyson-st., Halifax. (17)

ROLLER CANARIES.
VOOGT'S STRAIN.
SEASON 1915-16.

Roller Hens.—14 splendid birds in 7 cages, **18/-**; 2 birds in wicker cage, **3/-**; sent safely packed.
Roller Cocks.—Commencing to sing well, strong, hardy, serviceable songsters, **7/6** each, 7 for **42/-**; each honestly worth 10/6. There will be a considerable shortage of birds this season. All those sending cash will receive their birds without any delay. Telephone: 6941 Avenue. Telegrams: Hamlyn, London Docks.
JOHN HAMLYN,
221, St. George's Street, London, East.

Scotch Fancies

NOTICE, grand lot Scotch fancy, many winners, prices low; state wants; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (470)

Yorkshires.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

MESSRS. AMBLERS, Yorkshire specialist; winners thousands of prizes leading shows; many championship Crystal Palace, including championship last Palace show; not being able to exhibit owing to illness can supply wonderful good exhibition and stud birds; reasonable; approval: Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorks. (461)

BAILEY, winner outright Y.C.C. 20-guinea Challenge Cup, the Y.U. 30-guinea Challenge Trophy, etc., etc.: 46, South View terr., Sandy Lane, Bradford.

ERNEST CHESHIRE, 34, Crawford Street, Bradford, breeder, exhibitor, and exporter of high-class Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries. Aviaries are stocked on the shortest notice.

J. DYKES, the present-day champion (see show reports), breeder and exhibitor of the finest Yorkshires that have ever graced the show bench. Some grand birds for sale for show, or stock birds to breed them; prices reasonable; state wants; satisfaction assured; reliable aviaries: 16, Shannon-st., Bolton Woods, Bradford. (496)

J. TAYLOR, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford, breeder, exporter and exhibitor of high-class Yorkshires and Norwich; show and stock specimens now ready; illustrated price list post free; usual seven days approval.

SHEFFIELD O.S., 29 classes, 8 novice; entries close Nov. 1; see show notice.

YORKSHIRES for sale, cash or deposit: 18, St. Mark's-terr., Nichols Town, Southampton. (21)

YORKSHIRE Canaries, prize-bred, on song, cocks 7/-, hens 3/-: Draper, 47, Palmerston-st., Battersea Park-rd. (15)

COLOUR-FED Yorkshires; cocks 6/-, hens 3/-, upwards; on approval: Tattersall, East-st., Farington, Preston. (16)

VERY fine Yorkshires for sale; hens 4/6; cocks 6/6 and 12/6; safely through moult: 13, Lancaster-terr., Merthyr. (21)

YORKSHIRES, good birds, colour-fed, cocks from 7/-; hens from 3/-: Apply, Percy Lane, 1, Arboretum-rd., Worcester. (490)

YORKSHIRE cocks, some real toppers, 4/9, 5/9, 6/9, 7/9, 10/6; hens from 2/9; send for list: Ross, Aviaries, Forres, N.B. (23)

MY unflighted Yorkshire winners, Plymouth show, with hens matched, from 15/- pair: Luscombe, 9, Solon-st., Plymouth. (15)

HIGH-CLASS colour-fed Yorkshires, show or stock birds; cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/6: Sutcliffe, 46, Hammond-st., Halifax. (18)

BEST in West London. Yorkshires, typical, col.-fed, show or stock, reasonable on approval: 44, Aylmer-road, Shepherd's Bush. (19)

SEVERAL young Yorkshire cocks going cheap, on song; what offers?: G., 10, Albion-grove, Stoke Newington, London, N. (23)

HIGH-CLASS show Yorkshires for sale, cocks 5/- and 7/6, hens 3/6 each; must clear: W. H. Gardner, 57, Stephen's-rd., Preston. (25)

GIVING up; pure Yorkshires, 15 cocks and 15 hens, 1915 birds; what offer single or lot: Jackson, 3, Bancroft-rd., Hale, Cheshire. (21)

YORKSHIRES from all the winning strains from 5/6 per pair; any quantity; inspection invited: Aviaries, 59, Hammond-st., Halifax. (17)

PURE-BRED Yorkshire cock Canary, 1915, deep orange, grand shape, full song, 10/6: Mrs. Nock, Longdon Rectory, Wellington, Salop. (15)

NOTICE, grand lot Yorkshires for show or song, many winners; prices low; state wants; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (470)

WILL exchange one pair Norwich P.H., one pair Borders, for British; mutual approval: A. Turnbull, Oakbank-place, Winchburgh, Scotland. (23)

PAIR of Yorkshire Canaries, with double breeding cage complete, nests, bath, 9/-; bargain; approval: Charles Catton, Meltham, Huddersfield. (22)

FOR sale, a few nice Yorkshires, same strain as my winners; cocks from 7/6; hens 5/- upwards: Hutchinson, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (21)

COLOUR-FED young healthy exhibition Yorkshires; cocks 10/-, pairs 12/6; at home Saturdays, Sundays: Breeder, 222, Ribblesdale-rd., Streatham. (484)

YORKSHIRES, from first rate strain, in pairs or singly, hens 3/6 to 7/6, cocks 6/- to 10/6 each; approval, anywhere: J. B. Lenton, Market Deeping.

ELEVEN pairs high-class Yorkshires, 10/- pair; natural colour; chiefly 1915 birds, or cash offers for lot: Caretaker, The Club, Marazion, Cornwall.

YORKSHIRES, grand unflighted marked Buff cock, 12/6, good stock bird; week's approval; own breeding; no dealers.—Williams, 862, Penistone-rd., Owlerton, Sheffield. (11)

CONN TANSEY can spare two clinking 7½in. stock cocks, clear buff and variegated yellow, "B.L." strung, 1914, 30/- each; approval: 57, Reid-st., Springburn, Glasgow. (20)

MR. STUART has for disposal several excellent Yorkshire Canaries for showing, from £2, also good stock birds, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, and £1: 14, Shepherds Bush-green, W. (22)

EXHIBITION 1914 Yellow York. cock, Crawhall's direct, cost £3; Buff 1914 hen, Dyke's direct, cost £1; accept £2 the pair; great bargain; approval: Dicks, Newcastle, Emlyn. (19)

BARGAINS few pairs of high-class Yorkshire, splendid quality cocks, long-drawn, over 7in., 7/6 pair, worth treble; approval, deposit: E. Saxon, 27, Oxford-rd., Smethwick. (22)

LOOK at this lot of Yorkshires birds, the catch of the season; from first-rate strains, in pairs or single; hens 3/6 to 7/6; cocks 6/- to 10/6: Pace, 23, Albion-st., West Hartlepool. (19)

H. HANNAFORD has some typical Yorkshires for sale; some grand stock birds; all related to my winners; low prices; inspection invited: 65, St. Quintin-av., North Kensington. (4)

T. C. CRAWHALL offers some good Yorkshires, bred from his winners, at reasonable prices, singles or matched pairs; approval, deposit: 121, St. George's-terr., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (14)

YORKSHIRES. Cups, medal and prize-winners; now ready for bench; good lengthy flights, neat carriage; see Plymouth report; prices reasonable: Craven, Yelverton terr., Plymouth. (4)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, good typical colour-fed yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; stylish hens 5/-, 6/-; inspection invited; approval: Whiting, The Lodge, Bishopsford, Mitcham, Surrey. (17)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and Norwich from my noted strain; cocks at 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- upwards; hens at 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; on approval: E., Cheshire, 54, Crawford-st., Bradford. (17)

FOUR pairs grand Yorkshires, brimming over with colour, in capital condition, perfect health, not small stuff, 10/6 pair; some good hens 4/-; all unflighted; honest value: Brewin, Ray-st., Beanor. (24)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, for exhibition and stock, birds, none better; cocks in full song, 6/6; sure winners, 10/6; hens, 5/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Pow[illegible] Dewsbury, Yorkshire. (4)

Champion Yorkshires, Norwich, etc. Now Ready,

including some real good specimens, both for stock and show purposes. **I invite you to come** and make your own selection. If unable to do so, send a P.C. for my Free Illustrated Catalogue, and remember, I am prepared to send birds to any address in the Kingdom on 7 days' approval at my risk. Satisfaction absolutely guaranteed.

JOE THOMAS, Breeder, Exhibitor and Exporter,
Ambler Thorn, Halifax, Yorks.
Established over 35 years.

EXCEPTIONALLY fine buff hens, 1914 and 1915, perfect condition, 5/6 and 6/6 each; one fit for exhibition, 8/6; satisfaction guaranteed, cash or deposit; approval: Dair-st., Shaftesbury, Dorset. (16)

GRAND upstanding Yorkshire cocks, 1914 bred, with hens to match, 15/- a pair, bred from winners; also a few nice hens from 5/- upwards; approval: A. Wearmouth, Westcroft, Stanhope, Co. Durham. (18)

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshires, cocks 7/6, hens 5/-, upwards; matched pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, large stock cocks, from 15/- to 30/-; approval, deposit: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, nr. Huddersfield. (22)

EXHIBITORS.—Not being able to follow the shows this time I have some of the best exhibition and stock birds in the Fancy from 10/- upwards; approval, deposit: T. McLoughlin, Valley-rd., Liversedge, Yorkshire. (482)

YOUR opportunity; marked buff cock, 1st Clapham, £1; clear yellow cock, 1st Penge, vhc Clapham, 15/-; several others capable winning novice classes, from 7/6; inspection invited: Last, 8, Bank Buildings, Purley. (17)

SPECIAL purchase of Yorkshire Canaries; five pairs Yorkshire, 12/6 pair; good value; 15 natural colour Norwich and Yorkshires, good stamp, hens 3/6, cocks 6/-; bred from own strain: Windsor, 12, The Crofts, Nantwich. (20)

CLEARING out my valuable stock of Yorkshires reasonable; cocks from 7/6 each; hens from 4/- each; a few really excellent cocks, fit to win, from £1, or exchange: Henry Kaye, 24, Moston-st., Reddish, Stockport, Lancashire. (21)

A RARE opportunity to obtain good Yorkshires at half their value; cocks from 7/6 to 15/-; hens from 4/-; seven days' approval; satisfaction guaranteed or money willingly returned; good birds are easy to sell, so don't delay: Cooper, 20, Gordon-st., Scarborough. (23)

TO Exhibitors. Compulsory sale; 1914 wing ticked yellow hen, well up on legs, very stylish, winner every time out, £2 10s.; unflighted yellow cock, rare type and quality, winner 1st this season; bargains; approval, deposit: Alexander Macwilliams, 9, Nottingham-st., Dublin. (18)

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HIGHEST class Yorkshires for sale, same strain as my winners (see reports), Skelmanthorpe, Hanley, City of Bradford, and Bradford West; can spare a few pairs from 10/6 upwards, also a few both exhibition and stock birds; no rubbish; state wants; approval, deposit: Percy Hirst, Station-rd., Skelmanthorpe, nr. Huddersfield. (25)

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VARIEGATED yellow cocks, 7/-; hens, 3/-; Yorkshire hens, 3/-; Norwich hen, 5/-; pure: Owen, Canary Breeder, Ferry Bridge. (18)

SPLENDID singing cock Canary, beautiful plumage, 7/6; packed free; approval; send P.O.: Roughton, Boat Inn, Northampton. (6)

BIG yellow Norwich hen, 10/-; ditto yellow cock, 15/-; typical marked buff hen, 8/6; pair Borders and breeding cage, 12/6: Atkinson, Market-place, Guisborough. (25)

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BARGAINS, grand lot Norwich, Yorkshire, Borders, and Roller Canaries, cocks 3/-, cock and hen 5/-, travelling case 3d.; approval: McKeand, 15, Queen-st., Castle Douglas. (470)

CANARIES, few high-class Yorkshires and Norwich, on full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-; hen, very good, 2/6; one pair of Lizards, golden cock and silver hen, 20/-: Ingram, 54, Goulton-st., Hull. (20)

ALL my winners for sale, comprising Yorkshires, Norwich, Borders; any faucier wishing to start with high class birds at a low price, send stamp for price and particulars to John Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull. (18)

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FOUR good Norwich cocks, 3 long slim Yorkshire cocks, 2 Norwich hens, 2 Yorkshire hens, 43/-; must sell; also that valuable book, "Canaries, British and Hybrids.", cost 23/6 just lately; sell 17/-: England, Hallett's Gardens, Huish, Yeovil. (18)

MULES—HYBRIDS.

SHEFFIELD O.S., 5 classes; entries close Nov. 1; see show notice.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, Finch notes, 7/6: J. Goodchild, Ashen, Clare, Sfk. (25)

GOLDIE-GREENIE Hybrids, cock and hen; what offers: McKay, Castle-st., Forfar. (20)

CHOICE Muling hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6 each; approval; cage 3d.: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

EXHIBITORS! Redpoll-Greenfinch Hybrid, cock, numerous wins, 7/-; pair young Norwich, 5/6: Taylor, 42, De Freville-aven., Cambridge. (23)

COCK Greenfinch Mule, 6/-; cock Goldfinch hen Canary bred Mules, 8/6; exchange anything useful: Collins, Morchard, Bishop, Devon. (22)

YELLOW Greenfinch cock Mule, third at Lochgelly, read report, £1; three big yellow Norwich hens, 10/- lot; approval: Duncan, Citadel, Inverness. (23)

NOTICE, grand lot Goldfinch and Linnet Mules, for show or song; prices low; state wants; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (470)

THREE cock Linnet Mules, 5/6 each; one cock Goldfinch Mule, 6/-; two hen Goldfinch Mules, 1/3 each; approval, deposit: A. Edwards, Kensington House, Goodwick. (23)

TWO yellow, one buff, large Lancashire Norwich cross cocks, unflighted, 5/6 each; yellow Lancashire cock, father above, 7/-; £1 lot; house-moulted cock Goldie, 4/6; few yellow Norwich hens, 4/-; approval: Pringle, 66, Buchanan-st., Stockton-on-Tees. (20)

EXHIBITION light Greenfinch-Canary Mule, diploma winner, 40/-, exchange large yellow Norwich cock, marked, unflighted preferred: J. W. Johnson, Wigan-rd., Ormskirk. (20)

FOUR pairs Chaffinch-Canaries, 3/- pair; two pairs Goldfinch-Canaries, bred Mules, 10/- pair; Redpoll-Canaries, 3/- pair; four hen Chaffinches, 2/-: Hooton, 34, Old Park-lane, Southport. (19)

GRAND Goldie-Bullfinch Hybrid, ready for immediate exhibition; in grand bloom, 50/-; also a real good Greenfinch Mule, grand size, colour, etc., 20/-; ditto, yellow, 15/-; also grand buff Norwich cock, can win, 30/-; other cocks and hens at reasonable prices; approval for cash, or "Cage Birds" deposit: P. Jowett, 27, Derby-st., Great Horton, Bfd. (17)

DOVES.

TRUE pair of adult Ring Doves, perfect plumage, nesting, 2/6: Wilshor, Lunns-ave., Colwick-rd., Nottingham. (20)

FOREIGN BIRDS.

SHEFFIELD O.S., 6 classes; entries close Nov. 1; see show notice.

TALKING Parrot and cage, bargain, 30/-; exchange birds: Seedsman, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (23)

BUDGERIGARS; 10 outdoor bred for sale; what offers: Silvester, 158, Victoria-rd., Aston, Birmingham. (18)

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WHITE Java Sparrows or Zebra Finches, exchange Gem air gun; offers; birds first: Richards, 118, Chornnest-rd., Peckham, S.E. (19)

FINE pair of Australian Brush Bronze Wing Doves, 30/-; 2 Diamond Doves, 15/- each: B. Thomasset, Ashmansworth, near Newbury. (24)

AMAZON Parrot excellent talker, whistler and mimic; accept 45/-, with cage: Miss Joyce, 9, Rosamond-pl., Oxford-rd., Manchester. (23)

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LARKHALL C.B.A. Tenth Annual Confined Show, held in Y.M.C.A. Halls, Larkhall, on **30th Oct.** Open 10 a.m.; close 7 p.m. Admission 6d.; during judging 1/-.—**THOS. J. McGREGOR, Secretary, Sarahville Crescent.**

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BRECHIN

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BEDFORD

Nov. 11th. Judge, H. Norman. All England. **Entries close Nov. 6th.—A. SIMONS, 96, Coventry Road, Bedford.**

HARTLEPOOLS

11th ANNUAL SHOW,

November 6th

St. George's Hall. 4 prizes; 1/- entry free. 47 Open Classes. Specials and extra Specials.

Entries close Oct. 30.

Judges: Messrs. Battye, Mundell and Nicholson. Mr. T. E. Pyman, Show Manager. 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Schedules:
J. W. THORNTON, 43, RYDAL STREET, WEST HARTLEPOOL.

SHEFFIELD O. S.

NOVEMBER 5th & 6th, 1915.

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LEICESTER 'Hand-in-Hand' C.B.S.

Ann. Open Show, Sat. and Mon., November 6th & 8th

PRIZES— 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.

Judges: J. Trengove (Canaries), H. J. Chick (Hybrids and British). Grand Cash Specials. Entry Fee, 1/6. No cancelling or amalgamation of classes. Prize-money guaranteed. Exhibitors who have failed to get a Schedule, enter from here.

NORWICH.—Class 1, Norwich Plainheads, natural colour Cock or Hen. Class 2, Clear or Ticked Yellow. Class 3, Ditto Buff. Class 4, Marked or Variegated Yellow. Class 5, Ditto Buff. Class 6, Clear or Ticked Yellow Unflighted. Class 7, Ditto Buff. Class 8, Variegated Yellow or Buff Unflighted. Class 9, Green or Broken Green. Class 10, Clear, Ticked, or Variegated Yellow Hen. Class 11, Ditto Buff Hen. Class 12, Unflighted Hen, Yellow or Buff. **YORKSHIRES.**—Class 13, Yorkshire Clear, Ticked, or Unevenly Marked Yellow. Class 14, Ditto Buff. Class 15, Clear, Ticked, or Unevenly Marked Yellow or Buff, bred 1915. Class 16, A.O.V. Canary not previously mentioned. **NOVICE.**—Class 17, Norwich, any variety Yellow. Class 18, Ditto Buff. Class 19, Unflighted Yellow or Buff. Class 20, Any Variety Norwich Hen. **HYBRIDS.**—Class 21, Any Variety of Light Canary Hybrid. Class 22, Any Variety of Dark Canary Hybrid. Class 23, Hybrid between two British Birds. **BRITISH.**—Class 24, Goldfinch. Class 25, Bullfinch. Class 26, Linnet. Class 27, Greenfinch. Class 28, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite. Class 29, Yellow Bunting (Cock or Hen), 5/- special this class. Class 30, Chaffinch or Bramblefinch, 5/- special this class. Class 31, All Other Species of Finch or Bunting. Class 32, Any Variety Pairs, Selling, 30/-. Class 33, Single or Pairs, Selling, 20/-. Class 34, Selling Single, 12/6. **Entries close Tuesday, Nov. 2 (first post).—A. FREESTONE, 79, Clarendon Street, Leicester.**

CARDIFF November 17 and 18

In aid of the Prisoners of War in Germany; 63 Open Classes; Specials, 4 Silver Cups, Silver Challenge Bowl for best unflighted in the show. **Judges: J. H.Payne, Esq., J. H. Roe, Esq.**—Apply for schedule—**E. Thomas, 48, Craddock Street, Cardiff.**

London & Counties

A.C.B. are holding their **Annual Autumn Show** on **Sat., Nov. 6th,** at **Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C.,** the corner of the Meat Market, Smithfield. **Twopence Admission. Something for nothing.** The finest show the Society has had for a long time. **Judge, Mr. W. Shakespeare.—W. Gilbert, 42, Cowcross St., London, E.C.**

MUIRKIRK

Annual Open Show will be held **Nov. 13th.** Border Fancy, Canary, and two British Bird classes. D. Hamilton (Hamilton) adjudicates. Border Fancy medal, also Border Fancy novice medal. **Entries close Tuesday, Nov. 9th,** from—**JAS. G. TORBETT, Sec., Smallburn, Muirkirk.**

KENT COUNTY SHOW

GRAVESEND, Nov. 10 and 11. Poultry, Bantams, Pigeons, Rabbits, and **Cage Birds.** 2/- entry free. **Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6,** and **1/6.** Schedules ready. **Entries close Nov. 5th.—T. Johnson, 197, Old Road West, Gravesend.**

GLASGOW

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BLAYDON-ON-TYNE

11th Open Show,

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12th and 13th, 1915, in St. Cuthbert's Church Hall. Classification: Norwich 11, Yorkshires 11, Crests 9, Border Fancy 18, Cinnamon 1, Lizards 1, Mules 2, Selling Classes 4, British 7, Foreign 1, Hyde's 1; and under the patronages of the N.C.C., N.Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., N.B.F.C.C., G.C.A., O.N.P.C., N.B.M. and F.B.C., N.N.P.C. Specialist judges: H. W. Battye, Huddersfield; T. Dixon, Bedlington; J. Maddison, Newcastle. **Entries close Nov. 6, 1915.** For schedules apply—**G. HAVVER, 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.**

ARDWICK

AND MANCHESTER DIST. C.B.A.
2nd Annual Open Show,

November 13th

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St. Thomas's Schools, Ardwick Green.

Good Classification. Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Entry Fee, 1/6.

Judges:—J. W. Metcalfe and C. Houlton.

Schedules ready, apply—

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LLANDUDNO

November 17. 8th Annual Show of the Welsh Northern Counties F. and F. Association. **Confined to North Wales.** 12 classes cage birds. 14 Specials. Prizes: 6/-, 3/-, 1/6. Fee 1/-. Judge: Mr. T. J. Ambrose. **Entries close November 6.** Schednles from **G. E. Cragg, Rocklands, Rhos, Colwyn Bay.**

CHESTER

C.B. SOC.

GRAND OPEN SHOW

Under the patronage of S.B.F.C. and G.C.A., Nor. and York. Sections.

NOV. 13th

Judges, Mr. H. W. Battye and Mr. Jos. Guy. 47 Classes. Numerous Specials, including 2 Cups to be won outright. Prize money, 10 entries, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-; 20 entries, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-, 2/-; 30 entries, 14/-, 7/-, 4/-, 3/-, 2/-. Exhibitors who desire to have birds held over till Monday can do so on notifying Secretary, with entries. Quick direct train service to all parts. **Entries close Nov. 6.** Schedules now ready from—**L. Cavanagh, "Berwyn," Vicar's Cross, Chester.**

READING

C.B.S. Fourteenth Annual Open Show, Palmer Hall, **Wednesday, November 17th, 1915.**

Judge, H. Norman, Esq. The most central show in the South (three railways). 25 Open classes: 5 Norwich, 5 Yorks., 2 Border, 1 A.O.V., 1 Goldfinch, 1 A.O.V. British, 1 Mule, 1 Hybrid, Selling £1, Selling 12/6, 6 Foreign under patronage of F.B.E.L. Prizes, **10/-, 5/-, 2/6,** with **2/6** cash specials in all classes; 10s. cash special most points in Foreign classes. Entrance fee, **1/6** per cage. **Entries close Friday, Nov. 12th.** 1d. on every entry goes to Care and Comfort Committee for the Wounded. "Help us" to "Help the wounded." Schedules from—**O. C. SMITH, Hon. Sec., 73, Audley Street, Reading.**

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Haltwhistle

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 & 20.
3 Specialist Judges. 41 Open Classes.

Schednles from:—

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C.B.S.—Our Show has always been a success, and we intend to beat all records this year, as all surplus of show to go to the comforts of our soldiers on active service. **95 Classes.** Judges: **J. D. C. Hope, D. Hamilton, W. Priest, J. Lindsay, A. Fleming, J. Mason, J. Henderson. Show Date, NOV. 20.—A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place, Cowdenbeath.**

Y.C. & C.B. SOCIETY,

IRELAND

Seventh Annual Show, **23th and 25th November, 1915.** Over 60 Classes. Numerous specials. Judge: **Mr. W. Mundell,** Bradford. Schedules from—**W. C. Sholdice, 38, Haddington Road, Dublin.**

COVENTRY

GODIVA Cage Bird Society, 9th Annual Open Show, **Nov. 27,** to be held at **Sydenham Palace, Coventry.** 32 Classes. Now, Novices, Look Out! Full money guaranteed in your classes. Schedules ready—**F. A. Green, 54, Caindon Road, Coventry.**

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—Oct. 30, Miners' Hall, Ashington, 6.30. Important business. Final arrangements for annual show.—C. F. Tapson.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Nov. 2, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, 8. Annual show business.—J. Whitehead.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Nov. 2, St. Thomas Old Schoolroom, entrance Chapel Street, 8. Final arrangements for open show. Amateur and novice washing competition; commence 8.15.—J. Spencer.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—Nov. 3, Station Cafe, 8. Address on British birds, Mr. H. Whitney. Also notice re medal competition.—C. Bailey.

Bootle C.B.S.—Nov. 2, St. Andrew's Parochial Hall, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. Abbott. Members please bring birds; fanciers invited.—A. E. Huyton.

Bacup Roller C.C.—Nov. 2, Swan Hotel, Bacup, 7.30. Final arrangements for show, etc.—G. Johnson.

Bethnal Green St. James-the-Less.—Nov. 1, Men's Club, St. James's Road, N.E., 8.30. General meeting. Schedules for the 3 miles radius show will be ready.—T. G. Bransford.

Bowling B.F.A.—Nov. 1, Napoleon Hotel, 7.30. General business. A hearty welcome given to all fanciers.—J. Nicholl.

Border Fancy C.C.—Nov. 2, open show committee, 8, 142, High Street, Edinburgh. Replies from judges and further arrangements for show.—J. Lumsden.

Bradford East O.S.—Nov. 2, Park Chapel Schoolrooms, 8. General business, washing exhibition by Mr. C. Cowgill. Hearty invitation to new and old members.—J. Spencer.

Blaenavon C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Crown Hotel, 6.30. Final arrangements for open show. Subs. due. New members invited.—G. Broome.

Craghead Social Club F.F. & C.B.S.—Oct. 31, club room, 7. To select judges, etc.—M. Archer.

Coventry O.S.—Nov. 3, Sydenham, 8.30. Winding up of open show; members please bring all ticket money in.—A. Green.

Choppington (Scotland Gate).—Oct. 30, Social Club, 7. General business.—H. Seely.

Cowdenbeath.—Nov. 6, Raith Arms Inn, 6. Final arrangements for show.—A. Robertson.

Clapham C.B.A.—Nov. 2, 8. Payment of prize money to members, etc.—T. J. Hose.

Chorley C.B.S.—Nov. 3, Shepherd Hall. 7.30. Arrangements for annual show, Dec. 4, and other important business.—J. H. Welch.

East Ardsley C.B.S.—Oct. 30, Black Swan, 7. Last show's prize money and other business.—A. Walton.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Oct. 30, Fountain Inn, 2.30. First old show, Oct. 30; judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, Bradford. Entries taken same day, 2.30.—S. Wilcock.

Guisbro' Priory C.B.S.—Oct. 30, Wears Rooms, Table show; birds staged at 2. During judging to receive report of Fed. meeting and choose a hall for New Year's Day Fed. show.—A. W. Kuaggs.

Guiseley Yeadon C.B.S.—Oct. 30, Regent Hotel. Members' show. Entries Friday night or first post Saturday morning. Birds staged at 2. Judge, J. Lunn, Bradford.—W. Rose.

Halifax C.B.S.—Nov. 5, King Cross Band Room, Halifax, 7.30. Members' show of cock birds only. Judge, Mr. R. E. Helliwell, Halifax.—A. Sutcliffe.

Halifax O.S.—Oct. 30, Plummet Line Hotel. Members' show; birds staged 3, and remain until 8. Judge, Mr. A. Radley, Skelmanthorpe. All hens except British.—H. Clegg.

Hornsey, Wood Green C.B.S.—Nov. 2, The Nightingale Hotel, High Road, Wood Green, 8.30. Table show. All varieties except British. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner.—P. Brooks.

Huddersfield O.S.—Nov. 1, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Monthly table show unflighted birds. Judges, W. S. Skinn, Yorks; F. J. Sykes, Nor. Mr. Simms will give a Lowe pipe for best bird, and Mr. Jagger 2/6 for 2nd best.—A. Lawford.

Idle C.B.S.—Nov. 3, Springfield Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet on open show.—T. Elsegood.

Laisterdyke Bowling and Long Combination.—Nov. 6, Railway Hotel, 3. Last of the competition shows. Judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden. Entries Friday night, 7.30 to 10, and Saturday up to 2.45.—J. E. Hudson.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Oct. 30, White Swan, 7. Members' entries taken.—A. Freestone.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Oct. 30, Railway Hotel, 2.30. Second old feather members' show. Judge, Mr. H. Sutcliffe, Windhill. Nov. 3, 7.30, final arrangements for open show.—W. H. Symes.

Middlesbro' and Tees-side C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Craven Hotel, 6. Owing to Hartlepool show usual monthly meeting postponed to week following. Arrangements for table and Fed. shows, and other important business.—T. C. Deans.

Manningham C.B.S.—Nov. 6, open show. Judge, Mr. J. Greaves. Entries close Nov. 2.—F. Darwent.

Northern Border F.C.C.—Nov. 3, Pillars Cafe, Pink Lane, Newcastle, 7.30. Table show; 5 classes. Judges, W. Affleck and F. Render; also other important business. Members are requested to stage birds as early as possible.—C. Farrer.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, 8. Receive money for tickets. Report on open show.—J. W. Reed.

Nelson Colne C.B.S.—Nov. 2, 117, Every Street, 8. Show business. Judge, etc.—D. Watts.

New Cross C.B.S.—Nov. 4, headquarters, 8. General meeting; questions and answers.—Burton Bros.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, 8. Schedules for November show.—A. Colley.

Oldham C.B.S.—November 2, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Meeting for show. Entries will close Nov. 9. Show on Nov. 13, at Textile Dining Rooms. Judge, Mr. F. Wilkinson, Manchester.—G. Mills.

Pudsey and Stanningley C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Fleece Hotel, Stanningley, 7.30. Ordinary.—R. Kell.

Pontypool C.B.S.—Nov. 6, headquarters, 7. Special business in connection with show.—H. H. Vaughan.

Perth City and County C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, 8. Specials for club show to be drawn, and final arrangements for show.—J. L. Smith.

Porth and Rhondda Valley C.B.S.—General meeting, Porth Hotel, Nov. 3. Show business.—J. H. Bevan.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Oct. 30, Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester, 6. Show and other business.—A. Percival.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Warcing's Dining Rooms, 8. Show business.—G. Lord.

Runcorn B.B.A.—Nov. 4, headquarters, Old Cocoa Room, 7.30. Table show for hens. Judge, J. Bradbury.—E. Rone.

S.E. London F. & F.A.—Nov. 1, North Camberwell Constitutional Club, 432, Old Kent Road, 8. General meeting and election of judges for annual show. Please return unsold tickets for October show. Tickets not returned by this meeting will be considered sold.—R. Jackson.

Sacriston P.P.R. & C.B.S.—Oct. 30, Mrs. H. Abbot's Tea Rooms, Front Street, Sacriston, 5.30. Election of a chairman and taking entries for show. Will all members try and get entries in by the meeting, but must not be later than Nov. 1.—Dodd and Wilfred.

Sheffield O.S.—Nov. 2, headquarters, 8. Final arrangements All England Show, also arrangements members' show.—G. C. Job.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Nov. 2, Liberal Club, 8. Business important.—W. Everett.

Shipley O.S.—Nov. 2, Victoria Hotel, 7. Balance-sheet for open show and important business.—Long and Craven.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Westworth Cafe, 8. Washing exhibition and distribution of ballot papers.—A. Hobson.

Southampton C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Waterloo Hotel, 8.30. Annual show business.—W. L. Page.

Walkden Roller Soc.—Nov. 2, Stocks Hotel, 7.30. Important business.—E. Hibbert.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Nov. 4, headquarters, 8. Question box and final arrangement for old show, Nov. 6.—Wm. Mallinson.

West Stanley Empire F.F. and C.B.S.—Oct. 31, club room, 6.30. Important show business.—R. Hutchinson.

Yorks and Lancs. B.B. & M.C.—Oct. 30, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 7. Business important.—T. H. Inman.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest Oct. 23; 41 birds entered, but some very poor singing was heard. 1, Pugh; 2 and 3, Williams. Oct. 24, 27 entered, but again the birds seemed to be dead off singing. The winners were 1, Brindley; 2, W. Nelson; 3, Beard. Members and friends pleaso note that all entrance money and contributions are due on the first Saturday in Nov. We shall be giving another kettle soon, so look out in CAGE BIRDS.—W. Dobson, Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality sing, Old Bird House, Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe, Oct. 24; 19 birds competed. 1, Blackburn; 2, Binns; 3, King. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton J. Sellars. Our usual Saturday contests will start again Saturday next, Oct. 30.—C. Clayton, Sec.

Leeds Quality Linnet Singing Club, Oct. 24; some very classical singing was heard, 20 Linnets entered 1, Dearlove; 2, J. Chippendale; 3, C. Lorriman Judges, A. Lorriman, N. Solloman. I should like fanciers to know that our club only sings quality song, and not time and quality combined.—F. Turner, Sec.

Quality Linnet singing, Glassmakers' Arms, Leeds, Oct. 23. 16 birds: 1, Richardson; 2, G. Hirst; 3, T. Hirst. Oct. 24, 28 birds: 1, Richardson; 2, G. Hirst; 3, T. Hirst; 4, shared between Banfield and G. Hirst. Oct. 24, we had our first Canary sing before a good company, when some good singing was heard: 1, Pratt; 2, Marshall; 3, shared, T. Hirst and Butler. On Oct. 31 we again give another Canary match, when we hope to see a good attendance.—E. Stansfield, Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Oct. 23; 14 birds sang: 1, S. Buttery; 2, Chippindale; 4, consolation prize, Stead. Judges, Naylor and Hayes. Oct. 24, 18 birds sang: 1, 2, 3, W. Sissons; 4, consolation prize, E. Wood. Judges, Jennings, Hayes, Naylor. Oct. 24, a Roller contest, 14 birds sang: 1, S. Johnson; 2, Condliffe; 3, Stanney; 4, consolation prize, Condliffe. Judges, Jennings, Sissons, and Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Open contest quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinners Lane; 43 of the best birds in Leeds and Kippax sang for 6 prizes and 2 specials, and some grand singing was heard. A score of the Kippax Linnet members paid us a return visit and brought with them some grand birds, and our judges were very pleased with the singing (quality). 1, A. Cooper, Kippax; 2, T. Chippendale, Leeds; 3, A. Binns, Leeds. Judges, P. Madden, T. Summers, and T. Butterfield. Time singing: 1, A. Cooper, Kippax; 2, F. Collinson, Kippax; 3, J. Wallis, Kippax. Judges, R. Plowes, M. Perkins, and B. Nelson. Oct. 24, 16 birds sang, and some good singing was heard. 1, T. Chippendale; 2, Wigfield; 3, Wharam. Judges, P. Madden, C. Ward.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting, Oct. 12, at 2, York-st., St. James's; chairman, Mr. Dewhurst. After general business had been transacted, a further discussion took place on the feeding of insectivorous birds, in which all members present joined. A vote of thanks to the chair ended a very instructive meeting.—A. Wallington.

STANLEY (Victoria) F.F. & C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 10; Mr. J. Lane, chair, and a good turn-up of members. The following were elected cage bird stewards for our annual show, Dec. 4, 5; R. Peart, W. Gowland, M. Hall, W. Kilty, G. Lane. J. Armin moved that all exhibits come in through the hall door, and the stewards will stage. Entries for pigeons close Nov. 21, all other varieties Nov. 28. Moved that the timber be left in the hands of Mr. T. Taylor.—R. Hutchinson, Sec.

SWANSEA C.B.C.

Meeting Mansel Hotel. Mr. E. M. Evans presided. Unanimously decided to carry our show on this year, holding a one-day instead of the usual two, on Nov. 25. Classification: 6 Nor., 5 Yorks., 10 Bord., 5 Mules, 16 Brit. Selection of judges, rules, etc., were left until next meeting, Oct. 30. Will all members please advertise the show and make a special effort to attend, as time is getting short?—A. Hitching, Sec.

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SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Oct. 29 30.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(F. Hayward, 21, Marlboro Av., Manley Park, Manchester). L.D., J.B., R.B., J.D., H.J.C.

Oct. 30.—**York C.B.S.**—(V. G. F. Zimmerman, 7, Portland Street.) J.C.B.

Nov. 3 4.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terr.)

Nov. 5 6.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Joh, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., J.R., J.C.B., H.W.B., J.B.

Nov. 6.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(J. W. Thornton, 43, Rydal St., W. Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M., W.N.

Nov. 6 8.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Frecstone, 79, Clarendon Street.) J.T., H.J.C.

Nov. 12 13.—**Blaydon-on Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.) T.D., J.M., H.W.B.

Nov. 13.—**Chester C.B.S.**—(L. Cavanagh, "Berwyn," Vicar's Cross, Chester.) H.W.B., J.G.

Nov. 13.—**Ardwick & Manchester C.B.S.**—(J. Spencer, 193, Palmerston Street, Beswick, Manchester.) J.W.M., C.H.

Nov. 17.—**Reading C.B.S.**—(O. C. Smith, 73, Audley St.) H.N.

Nov. 19 20.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.) W.M., H.W.B.

Nov. 19 20.—**Hattwhistle C.B.S.**—(Wm. Taflantyre, South View.) W.M.'M., T.D., J.M.

Nov. 25.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.)

Nov. 27.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.**—(F. A. Green, 54, Caludon Rd.) H.W.B.

Dec. 1-2.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 211, Park Rd., Aston, Birmingham.) J.R., J.H.R.

Dec. 1-2.—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place, Southampton.) H.N.

Dec. 11.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—(W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle). F.L., J.S., J.N., J.M.

Scotland.

Nov. 12 13.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital Street.) W.C., J. M'L., W. M'M., C.M., A.W., M.C.

Nov. 20.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S.**—(A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place.)

Dec. 11.—**Hamilton.**—(W. S. Wilson, Glendyne, South Park Rd.) D.B., R.M., W.S.C., J.G.

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Jan. 1.—**Wishaw, Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)

Wales.

Nov 17.—**Llandudno** (Welsh N. Counties F. and F.A.).—(G. E. Cragg, "Rocklands," Rhos, Colwyn Bay.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.H.R.

Nov. 25.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—(A. Hitchings, 80, Mysydd Rd., Landon, Glam.)

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Jan. 11.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. H. Davies, 24, College Hill.)

Ireland.

Nov. 24 25.—**Dublin Y.C.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(W. C. Sholedice, 38, Haddington Rd.) W.M.

Nov. 26-27.—**Belfast, Ulster O.A.**—(T. H. Smyth, 9, University St., Belfast.)

Dec. 3-4.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(W. Montgomery, 62, Church Street).

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Twitterings.

In our report of Lochgelly show, the name of the owner of 1st and 2nd in the Bramble-finch or Chaffinch class was omitted. Both birds belonged to Mr. Sykes.

We hear that a Cage Bird Society is being formed for Aberdare (Glamorgan). Particulars may be obtained from the hon. sec., Mr. W. Walker, 6, Lambert Terrace, Aberdare.

All prize-money was paid by Oct. 20 in connection with the Warrington and Dis. C.B. Society show on Oct. 15-16, writes Mr. H. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

The quarterly balance-sheet of the City and Suburban A.C.B. is to hand. The figures show a very satisfactory credit balance of £26 11s 6d., £19 18s. 8d. of which has been invested in the purchase of £20 War Loan Bonds, a patriotic and profitable method of employing surplus cash.

Should any Roller Fanciers have forgotten the Midland Roller contest at Wolverhampton, Nov. 4, 5, writes Mr. J. W. Thomson, 9, Gorsebrook-rd., Wolverhampton, a schedule will be sent by return of post. Guaranteed prize money, no cancelling of classes, and there is the most generous schedule ever offered to Roller fanciers.

As we were going to press we received from the hon. sec. a message that entries at Manchester show number 850. We believe this a record for this season's shows.

We hear that prize-money has been paid in respect of Liverpool show. Any winner who has not received payment should write to the hon. secs., Messrs. Metcalfe and Green.

The London and Counties A.C.B. is holding its autumn show Nov. 6 at Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C. Train, 'buses and trams within one minute's walk; judge, Mr. W. Shakespeare; admission will be twopence.

Intending exhibitors at Sheffield O.S. show can with safety send their exhibits to Cheltenham, writes Mr. E. C. Joh, hon. sec. Sheffield O.S., as the secretary has arranged to send all such exhibits off early on Thursday to Sheffield.

Mr. H. Hibbert writes that the awards in the unflighted yellow Yorkshire class at Warrington should read 1 Henderson and Crosby, 2 Dykes, 3 Harrison, 4 Hibbert, not 1 Henderson and Crosby, 2 Hibbert, 3 Dykes, 4 Harrison, as printed in our report.

Our annual members' show is fixed for Nov. 20, Mr. F. Gregory, of Sheffield, will judge, writes Mr. J. W. Dean, sec., Wombwell B.F.S. We are giving the proceeds to the Wombwell Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association for providing comforts for those on service.

Messrs. Greaves and Richards write as follows:—"Kindly inform show secretaries and all readers of your valuable journal that the partnership of Messrs. Greaves and Richards, breeders and exhibitors of Norwich Plainheads, has now ceased. All letters, etc., should now be forwarded to Mr. Henry Greaves, 88, Richard Street, Mardy, Glam."

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. C. J. Olding, sec. Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S., that we have to announce the death of Mrs. Lockhart, the wife of our worthy treasurer. Mrs. Lockhart will be missed by all who knew her in connection with our late shows.

The Liverpool Open Show Society, writes Messrs. Metcalfe and Green, Secs., beg to tender sincere thanks for eight leather purses to hand as special prizes for non-fed Siskins at Show, Oct. 22 and 23.

We have added 5 classes for British at our show on Dec. 18, writes Mr. J. Stewart, hon. sec. Whitehaven F.S., viz., Goldfinch, Linnet (h.m.), Linnet (f.m.), Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite, and A.O.V. seedeater less than Hawfinch.

I am pleased to say, writes Mr. Rukin, Hon. Sec., that the Lancashire and Lizard F.A. have arranged to have Lancashire and Lizard classes in connection with Ardwick and Manchester C.B.S. show, Nov. 13, and with Rochdale O.S. members' show, Dec. 4. Members kindly keep these dates open.

Mr. R. J. Pretty, chairman of the Watford C.B.S., informs us that a special general meeting of the society will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 8.15, at the Kingham Institute, St. Alban's-road, to consider a proposition to rescind the resolution, passed at the last meeting, cancelling the open show of Oct. 8 and 9, as it is quite possible that arrangements may be made to obviate the necessity of giving up the show.

The many friends of Mr. John Swalwell, of Oldham, the well-known Lancashire breeder and exhibitor, writes Mr. John Rukin, will be sorry to hear of his being seriously ill. I have had a letter from his daughter, in which she tells me he has gone through a very painful operation. I am pleased to hear that he is doing fairly well since his operation, but is suffering very much pain. His friends will join me in wishing him an early and speedy recovery.

Kindly allow me to say, writes Mr. J. W. Thornton, Hon. Sec. Hartlepools C.B.S., that we always collect exhibits from the station and take them there again after the show. Last show we had all birds to the station and all cleared away by eight o'clock, and we hope to do the same this year. We will try to get the birds home soon, so let us hope exhibitors will get their entries in soon. I have had close on 100 applications for schedules since the insertion of our advert. in Cage Birds. We will take entries till Monday's first post.

Remarkable Hybrids.

Writing in reference to the portrait of his Hawfinch which appeared on the front page of our Oct. 23 issue, Mr. J. B. Caunt says "I lay claim to its being the father of two Hawfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids, which, unfortunately for me, died in the nest at about five days old."

Sharp Work Indeed.

Prize-money has been paid out to successful exhibitors in connection with our open show, Oct. 23, writes Mr. J. W. Read, sec., Newcastle C.B.S., in a letter dated the day after the show.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

To Exhibitors at Chester Show.

Mr. L. Cavanagh, hon. sec. Chester C.B.S., wishes us to make it known that exhibitors may have their birds held over until the Monday, if they will express their desire to that effect on their entry forms.

An Open Show for "Wee Gems."

An open show for Border Fancies only will be held in Edinburgh on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, the dates usually occupied by the Scottish National show. Particulars are given in our Club Reports column.

Non-fed Siskins at Liverpool.

As there were only two non-fed Siskins at Liverpool Show, write Messrs. Metcalfe and Green, hon. secs., we shall be glad if the donor of the eight purses will kindly advise us what to do with the remaining six.

Canaries all the Year Round.

In Mr. J. Norman's garden aviary at Carshalton three fine young Canaries have just been hatched. One of them is an exceptionally large bird, and the others are strong and healthy. These have been reared without the usual egg food, simply on seeds and green food, or whatever the old birds could find for their babies. The aviary is a large one, the roof being all wire, consequently the only shelter the birds have had has been among the shrubs and ivy. With anything like decent weather another brood, or perhaps two, should be due before Christmas.

Southern Yorks C.C. Patronage.

It has been decided to give patronage this year to the societies who have applied for same, viz., Champion, Plymouth, London and P.O.S., Cheltenham, Cardiff; novice, London and P.O.S, and Cardiff. The challenge cup will not be competed for this season. The trophy specials will be No. 1, £2 2s.; No. 2, £1 1s.; No. 3, 10s. 6d., and No. 4, 5s. The late Mr. Easterling's cup will be in competition, also Mr. W. G. Elsmore's for unflighted birds. Specials Nos. 7 and 8 in champion, and Nos. 5 and 6 in novice will be deleted. Subscriptions that were paid last year will count for this year.

"Please thank all who replied to my advert. I really could not reply to them all."—HY. JELLEY (Penygraig).

"Please thank all who wrote me re Linnet and Linnet Mules advertised in your last issue. There were far too many for me to reply to all." F. J. WICKHAM (Chatham).

Four More Half-Crowns Going.

In our issue of Oct. 16 we offered a half-crown each for experiences with Canaries, Mules, British Birds, and Foreign Birds. We scarcely know whether to say we are glad or sorry to gather that half-crowns do not seem to be greatly in demand in these times, for the response was by no means equal to what we expected. In piping times of peace similar invitations to our readers have resulted in the receipt by us of quite an embarrassing number of replies, and we think many readers must have overlooked the proposition.

For this reason, therefore, we once again offer four half-crowns, one each for experiences with Canaries, Mules, British Birds, and Foreign Birds. Send us a short account, not to exceed 400 words, of anything interesting. It may be a little story of some happening, some useful and timely advice, some practical instructions as to the keeping of birds, whether in regard to housing or feeding, or anything which may occur to you as likely to be of advantage to your fellow-readers of Cage Birds. The only stipulation is that your effort be accompanied by the coupon which will be found on this page, and two other coupons cut from copies of the same date. The spare copies will be useful for friends who may not yet be readers of Cage Birds. Envelopes should be endorsed "Competition," should be addressed "The Editor, Cage Birds, 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.," and should reach us not later than Tuesday morning, Nov. 2. The Editor's decision as to the best contributions will be final.

The winners of the four half-crowns offered in the first competition are as below, and their winning efforts will be found on page 191 of this issue:

Canaries—J. Fenwick, 66, Rochdale Rd., Shaw.

Mules—J. Grimshaw, Westgate, Hale.

British—C. Burrows, 20, Payton St., Stratford-on-Avon.

Foreign—Miss Mayda Crawley, 11, Connaught Place, East Sheen, S.W.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

THOS. BENNETT, Judge of Cage Birds; life experience; terms moderate: 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

G. HOBBS, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, Cinn. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

THE BIRD-KEEPERS ROLL OF HONOUR.

Fancier's Two Sons with the Colours.

E. W. Lott, eldest son of Mr. W. A. Lott, joined the R.F.A. in July last, and H. C. Lott, the second son, is a signaller in the 3rd Batt. of the Seaforth Highlanders.

City and Suburban A.C.B.

Sir,—Please add the name of our member, Mr. A. Armstrong, to your Roll of Honour.

V. Wynn, Hon. Sec.

Glasgow, Springburn, Possil Park, C.B.S.

Sir,—One of our members, J. Anderson, is serving with the colours.

J. Waugh, Sec. and Treas.

Blaydon C.B.S.

Sir,—The following members have enlisted—H. Harch, T. Ridley, J. W. Clark, and Joseph Clark.

Geo. Havver, Hon. Sec.

Hornsey, Wood Green C.B.S.

Sir,—The following members are with the colours: M. E. Crowne, Legion of Frontiersmen, attachd. A.S.C.; Mr. Hetherington, R.E.; H. J. Surridge, R.E.; A. L. Davies, H.A.C. (killed in action).

P. Brooks, Hon. Sec.

Great Horton O.S.

Mr. H. B. Coombs (4202), Seaman Gunner, Royal Fleet Reserve, 28 Mess, H.M.S. "Benbow"; Mr. F. Pearce (24232), Headquarters Staff, 10th Irish Division, Mediterranean Exped. Force.

A. W. Hartley, Sec.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.

Sir,—The following members of our society have answered the country's call:—Mr. Thomas Bell, Blackhall Mill; Mr. E. Carlill, Shotley Bridge (in France); and Mr. Wm. H. Nicolson, High Westwood (killed in action in France on Sept. 26).

P. Johnson, Sec.

London and Counties A.C.B.

Sir,—The following are the members of the London and Counties A.C.B. who have joined H.M. Army since the war broke out:—F. Green, serving with the Norfolk Regt.; W. Mortlock, with the Queen Victoria Rifles, "somewhere in France"; and T. W. Ward, who, when last heard of, was in Malta.

W. Gilbert, Hon. Sec.

(To be continued.)

Competition Coupon,
CAGE BIRDS.
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The Yorkshire Canary.

ITS SHOW POINTS, AND HOW TO BREED FOR THEM.

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In this lecture, given before the members of the Southampton C.B.S., Mr. G. Gamble gives the result of more than twenty years' experience with "The Bird of Length and Position." All the points necessary in a show bird of the highest class are described, and valuable hints are given as to the selection of pairs for breeding exhibition specimens.

THE tail should be long and straight, and its feathers so nicely packed as to appear to be just two feathers side by side, one overlapping the other, and if this stands out firmly in line with the body you have a tail in accordance with the standard.

All these little items go to make up what is termed an ideal or typical Yorkshire. If such a bird stands upon a pair of fairly long legs, which are thin, show a nicely feathered thigh, grip the perch close together, and are nearly straight, and, further, if the length of the bird is about 6¾ inches, the feather close-fitting, of good quality, and everywhere clean and in condition, you have an exhibition specimen of no mean quality.

Should Colour Count?

There is one particular which the standard ignores, but which seems to me to be of very great moment, and that is depth of colour. I do not say it ought or ought not to count, but I venture to think that after position, a good colour is a very striking point, and often decides what would otherwise be a very difficult matter. We know that the colour of a Yorkshire scarcely ever compares with a highly-fed Norwich (15 points), but I certainly think this point of beauty should be given some credit.

I have tried to point out what we want in a perfect Yorkshire, but how to obtain it is far more difficult. The long and short of it is, we must pair our birds in such a manner as to counteract any bad points in one by the same points being particularly good in the other. If a bird is bad in position, but good otherwise, select a partner especially prominent in position; should the head be too small, pair with a large-headed bird; if flat, give for a partner one with a high forehead, and so on.

I spoke of some of the best birds being inclined to open chest, and perhaps frilled in neck. This usually happens to sharp pointed-breasted birds, and the remedy is to pair to birds with a round full chest—too much chest to look smart, but which is a necessity to obviate open chests in the offspring. If one bird has too much shoulder, or is too short in body to please you, pair with one having these characteristics entirely opposite.

The same with a short-legged or over long-legged bird; pair with the opposite, although one seldom gets Yorkshires with too much leg. They do come at times with legs that, when standing upright, show the knee as a Belgian often does—that is, with the knee to the front instead of to the back, and it looks ugly. We certainly don't want it. Everything resolves on our selection of mates, always remembering that faults are as difficult to breed out, or more so, as good points are to fix.

Size and quality do not, as a rule, run together, and if you are able to pair two birds of at least the standard length, 6¾ inches, you are more likely to breed birds of corresponding size. Hens as a rule do not come up to that length, and so you necessarily have recourse to a large, i.e., long cock to balance, but whichever way you pair, always keep in mind the fact that the progeny are apt to be smaller than the parent birds, and that as length plays so important a part we cannot for a moment afford to lose sight of it.

The Importance of Feather.

With feather, too, we know that some birds are short and others long; some are loose-feathered, while others are so tight as to appear as though the feathers were fixed firmly to their bodies, not a feather hanging loosely or out of place, described by reporters of shows as being "like boxwood." This is the description of feather we want, called by one of our most prominent breeders "hard"; like the feathers clothing our Game Bantams. Others say we require feather of a soft, silky texture; but call it by what name you like, we certainly do not want an over-abundance of loose hanging body feather, but a covering fitting perfectly, every feather shining. While we require a short body feather, however, we want in the wings and tail feathers as long as possible.

We have been told many times that a poor specimen of a good strain is likely to do more for us than a good-looking bird of a poor strain, and many people have cheerfully paid good prices for a name, and a mongrel looking pair, in the full belief that they would produce something good, as the former owner had the best strain in the Fancy. There may be some truth in the strain business, but I am firmly convinced that unless you have face value as well you are to a very great extent being taken in. Give me face value first, and I am willing to chance the remainder.

Face Value an Asset.

If you carefully note the birds and their progeny, you will see many points of similarity between parents and young, and that leads me to the belief that in almost every case you should go for face value first. Get them from a prominent breeder, by all means, and as cheaply as you can, but see that purchased birds answer your requirements. If you require a long bird to bring size don't be misled by buying one supposed to have been bred from large parents, although itself a bit small; have a big bird or none at all. My experience is that in almost all cases the birds bred do not excel in length their parents; so be careful in this most vital point, always remembering that a good long one is better than the best of short ones.

But, again, do not do as I did for some time after starting, that is, continually pair the largest cocks to the largest hens. If you do, you will get size in abundance, but with it coarseness, rough feather, and thick legs. If you can manage to keep most of your birds show size, with a few more lengthy birds, you will be on the right path.

I do not think I need say anything about the care of birds during the breeding season, but a few words referring to the training of a Yorkshire may not be out of place, especially as the show season is only just commencing.

It is as well, I think, on making up our minds which of our birds appear to us as being worthy to grace the show bench, if we put them in such a position as to see us, or anyone coming to our rooms as soon as they enter. I mean in a prominent position, so that they get used to persons looking at and handling them, and it is as well also to give them some training, such as running them into a show cage and scratching the bottom to make them fearless and used to handling.

The Show Cage at Home.

Leaving them in the show cage occasionally for an hour or so is a good practice, and one likely to get them steady, and to do away with the nervousness so noticeable with some birds. If you hang the show cage on the front of your stock cage and let the birds enter and leave at will, it gets them used to it, and generally they will, with a little coaxing enter at your desire, and after a few times they get steady and in many cases appear to relish the idea of being talked to and made much of.

A good plan to make the birds stretch themselves to full length is to put two or three in show cages side by side, with cardboard between them sufficiently high up to make them stretch in order to see their fellows on either side. The position must be bred in the birds, but training brings it out, and improves them to a remarkable degree. Once you've got the birds steady, a run in the show cage for a few minutes daily will keep them so, remembering that an over-trained bird sometimes gets too tame, and will, for that reason, fail to show off its good points.

We will naturally suppose that the birds have been colour-fed, and are now finishing, and that they have been receiving some linseed, the great agent for making the feathers glossy. This, together with much soft food, will in many cases leave the birds over fat, and perhaps a little loose in feather. If so, nothing is better than the bath, a judicious amount of raw grated or boiled carrot two or three times a week, and a gradual bringing back to hard seed, and little or no colour food. We want the bird in the best condition possible, fleshy, but not fat, and as hard as possible, and only plain food will do. Canary seed, German rape, occasionally carrot or apple, plenty of baths on fine days, and your bird, if healthy, should soon be tight in feather and fit for the show bench.

Then, if you have what you imagine would look well on the bench, don't keep it at home; send it out to try its luck, and if you go yourself, take notice as to where it differs from others, particularly if it takes a back seat; you will then have had a lesson as to how you ought to shape your future breeding arrangements—I mean, where your birds or birds fail to the winners, you can then mend matters. *Don't* put sand or sawdust in the cage, or you may be said to be trying to catch the prize by marking your cages; put canary seed only.

Keep on Trying.

If you fail to win, don't be downhearted, but try again; think where you fail, and do your utmost to improve in that respect, and then you will come up smiling; it is only the stickers that ever make a name even in Canary breeding. Think of your own society first, and don't forget to support it when opportunity comes.

Lastly, as the parson says, a word to those who have birds in plenty. Now is the time to choose your next year's breeders, not in March, remembering, as I said before, that, firstly, we want position; secondly, shape, length of body, good wing and tail carriage, well filled shoulders, nice round head, neck long and straight, long legs, the best of feather, and the longest birds we have. Mind, no frills, no heavy beaks, if we can help it, and lastly good health.

Don't sell any decent-looking bird until you have selected your intended breeders and show birds. Keep in your room the plate of a typical specimen; it will be a guide in selection, and will if you study it help you immensely.

HOW TO PRODUCE A STUD OF WINNING NORWICH.

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A lecture given by Mr. W. A. Wilson before the members of the Leeds C.B.S.

THE first three eggs should be taken away, and replaced on the evening of third day. The young will then hatch about the same time, and you will have a better chance of getting them all reared than if left to hatch out one after the other. Do not remove the cock if he behaves himself; he will be useful to help the hen to rear her brood, and to wean them if she is eager to nest again.

For soft food I use eggs and bread, with an unlimited supply of hemp seed, and give green food in abundance—watercress for preference. Always take care to clean out the food glasses before giving a fresh supply, and remove greenfood which may be left over. The last thing at night I put a good supply in a jar of fresh water and place it in a corner of the cage. This entices the hen off the nest practically at daybreak.

The Care of the Young.

When the young are about 21 days old they will be ready to leave the nest; then place them out of reach of the hen, or she will surely pluck them to make a second nest. A good plan is to put the young in a Yorkshire show cage and hang this on the front of breeding cage. Give them a supply of egg food, and some you will find start picking straight away. At a month old they should be able to feed themselves; then give a supply of soaked rape, and a few days later plain canary seed; but do not discard the egg food.

Keep a sharp look-out for any that look thick, and give a milk sop, for if neglected at this stage acute inflammation of the bowels will set in. Isolate any which show the least signs of this disease, and treat accordingly. A good plan is to give a few drops of gentian in the drinking water. This acts as a tonic, and also prevents them drinking too much. Do not give any greenfood to the young after they have left the parents. At five weeks old place any which show promise in separate cages, and start training them to the show cage. From now up to the moult is the proper time to break them in, and by doing so you will save yourself a lot of trouble and vexation. I contend that nothing looks worse than a good bird untrained; it is without doubt badly handicapped when placed on the show bench, besides being a source of trouble to the judge.

It is not policy to take more than two nests in one season, nothing is gained by doing so except worry and interference with the colour-feeding. As soon as the second nest is completed, break the pairs up, and place any hens which show a desire for another nest in the darkest corner of the room and cover them up. A few days of this treatment will have the desired effect. Start colour-feeding the first nest birds at from eight to nine weeks old, and in the second nest at about ten weeks, giving it in a mild form at first, and gradually adding till when at about half-way you should be giving a mixture of one egg, a good thick slice of old bread, and four heaped-up teaspoonfuls of colour-food. I generally add two ounces of hot pepper to one pound of cold. When mixing colour-food, add two teaspoonfuls of sugar, and a pinch of salt, this makes it more palatable, and the birds eat it more readily.

System Does It.

You must be systematic in colour-feeding; do not keep missing a day, or the colour will come patchy. Neither will you get the density of colour required on an exhibition bird if it is neglected in the thick of the moult. When the body feathers are moulted it is beneficial to give the colour-food every other day to ensure getting a level colour throughout. When the moult is nearing completion, give a crystal of sulphate of iron, about the size of a split pea, in the drinking-water every other day, it will both act as a tonic and fasten the colour.

Previous to colour-feeding, I generally give everything a scrub down as though I were preparing for breeding operations. By doing so you will get rid to a great extent of that dreadful pest the red mite; otherwise, you will be sure to breed them in abundance, especially if you get a lot of sun. Birds require to be quiet at this season, and you will be compensated for a little extra labour by having your birds in more forward condition.

By now you will see the results of your year's work, and if you have been fortunate to breed a winner or two, you will be looking forward to the most interesting part—exhibiting. It behoves you therefore to get them in good condition as early as possible. I give birds which I intend showing mixed seed three times per week, and colour-food right through the season, also a supply of hemp seed, this will put more chest on, and give a bolder appearance, a necessity in a winning Norwich. Put baths on regularly, they are a good conditioner. I should strongly advise the novice to join the Norwich specialist club, he will then get in touch with prominent exhibitors of his own variety, who will not be averse to giving him sound advice if needed.

In View of the Show Season.

We will now presume it is show season, and your birds are fit for the fray. Pause here, Mr. Novice; if you have been fortunate to breed a winner do not enter it in a £3 or even a £5 limit novice class, or sure enough the dealer, the dealer-cum-exhibitor, and the exhibitor with the deep pocket will be bidding against one another who is to secure your champion, to add lustre to their names and to the remainder of the stock which they have got, under similar conditions. Mind you, I am speaking on good grounds; your best plan is to get advice from an experienced fancier as to the value of your bird.

Providing you have had good luck you will have something decent for pairing up for next season, and in selecting pick out all the yellow hens; do not let them go to the dealers at any price. What you do not require for your own use, you will have no difficulty in disposing of at a fair figure to brother fanciers. You will have proof of that the first time you try to purchase one. Select your best yellow cocks and buff hens; I always try to pair up more of these than vice-versa, as I consider that a better percentage of yellows is got from the cross, and also more typical birds, as the buff hens are, taken all round, larger and better substance than the yellows. There is not the least doubt that the hen is the mould, so do not be tempted to part with your good hens. I have always found the supply of good buff cocks greater than the demand.

Now, as Rome was not made in a day, neither will a strain of winning Norwich Plainheads be made in a day, or a year, but the fancier who uses his brains and whose disappointments make him all the more keen is bound to succeed in the end. It takes a fancier about three years to know what to expect from his pairing, and even then only to a certain extent. Do not discard any that are slightly on the under-side, but are good in all other respects; these are birds I should recommend to be run over for a season, and in many instances that is all that is required to make them into good specimens. It is a bad plan to dispose of all your surplus, as generally before the season has been long under weigh you will find one or two which are wasters, bad feeders, barren, or which have developed some other fault. Among the birds on which you have been pinning your faith some may die from apparently no cause, and these are only a few of the many obstacles which bar the headway of the enthusiastic fancier.

Correspondence.

Sixteen Young, Sixteen Cocks.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Sayers in last week's issue, it may interest him to know that I bred six Siskin Mules in 1914, and four Goldfinch Mules and six Canary reared Chaffinches this season, and all of them proved to be cocks. I should be pleased to know if anyone can equal this.

F. C. Nicholas.

"All in the Game."

Sir,—I should be glad if you would state in your next issue of Cage Birds that owing to the bungling of the railway officials at Warrington Station, only one case of my birds reached Liverpool show. I sent both cases away from Sale at 6 o'clock on Thursday night by the same train, but one case of six arrived back home next morning, the day of the show. Disappointing! Yes, but it's all in the game, and there is some excuse for even railway porters in the present crisis.

Wm. Middleton.

Sheffield O.S. All England Show

£150 in Prizes in 100 Classes.

Sir,—It having come to my knowledge that there is a little misunderstanding amongst exhibitors in connection with the holding of Sheffield Open Show, I feel it my duty to pen a few lines in the interest of all. The country at large seems to be under the impression that we in Sheffield have no time for anything but the making of munitions and guns. This I am pleased to say is satisfactory to the Minister of Munitions, but at the same time we can manage to work a show of the magnitude of the Sheffield O.S.; which, Sir, is no little matter. The flourishing state of trade has enabled us to place before exhibitors one of the most generous schedules ever put before the Fancy, representing £150 in prize-money and specials and 100 classes. We have also made arrangements with the railway companies to ensure delivery of birds immediately upon arrival. All trains will be met by our own drays at all stations, not only during the early evening, but all through the night. Messrs. Fletcher and Woodall have arranged to act as night stewards, and any bird will be unpacked and staged immediately on arrival. By this means they will be nicely settled down, ready for judging. Another arrangement which we think will be to the benefit of the exhibitor is to pack all birds on the Sunday afternoon and despatch during the night mail trains on the Sunday night; of course when otherwise asked for, exhibitors' wishes will be carried out.

A. T. Woodall,
Press Correspondent, Sheffield O.S.

Mr. H. J. Chick on Himself and Some Others.

Sir,—"Hyson Green" saw that I was to give a talk to the members of the Nottingham and Notts. O.S. on Oct. 12, so had he wanted an argument with me, he could have availed himself of the opportunity. I dealt fully with the article written by Mrs. Daltou on the Yellow Bunting, and no doubt if he had been there he would have learned something about the bird, or perhaps taught me something that I don't know. I have no need to "boost myself up sky high." The local members know what I have done with British Birds. If I am so bad as "H. G." tries to show, it is strange that the members of the Nottingham and Notts. O.S. selected me to judge their show last year, and that they have asked me to give them talks on British Birds, and judge their table shows. No, "H. G.," I can see it is only a little bit of petty jealousy, because I have taken up British Birds again. I have been out of the Fancy for six years, so I have not been the cause of bringing the Nottingham and Notts. O.S. to the low ebb of to-day; that's one thing I have not done. I am pleased to say! What I have done for the Fancy of Nottingham is nothing to do with fanciers outside of Nottingham, so I will answer "H. G." by saying that if he will make it convenient to come to the next meeting and be prepared to back up the accusations that he has made, and to bring all those fanciers who he says can bear him out, I will be there to defend myself, and will show that I have done something for the Fancy of Nottingham. I have never been the cause of one member leaving the Fancy, but I will be able to prove, right up to the hilt, the reason so many members left the Nottingham and Notts. O.S. some eight years or so ago. I have never exhibited a borrowed bird, nor a stained bird. I have always endeavoured to keep the Fancy clean, and when I see things going on that are not straight, I am not afraid to speak, nor shout, for that matter. I have always been able to take my own part without any help from a croaker. I have plenty of sympathy for anyone who is trying to get to the top of the tree in the Fancy. I have helped dozens of fanciers to select their birds, washed their birds for them, told them everything I know about British Birds, never keeping any secrets up my sleeve, and have always done everything I could for the Fancy generally.

"H. G." wants to know what my "wonderful birds were doing last season." He knows very well that I only took up the Fancy again about 15 months ago. I never had any intention of exhibiting again, or I should not have sold the dozens of birds that I have. I can show "H. G." my books and letters to prove what I say is correct. The few birds I exhibited last season were all F.M., and had only been caught a few weeks. "H. G." has never heard me use the slang word "rotten" to any judge. What has "H. G." done to improve the Fancy? Perhaps it is a good thing "H. G." did not sign his name to the latter, because it would have carried no weight amongst the Fancy generally. He is not known, except amongst his own little circle.

Herbert J. Chick.

Sir,—In reply to that mighty atom of the Cage-bird world, Mr. H. J. Chick, I would like to ask him if it is not time he told readers something about Cage-birds and less about himself. Now Mr. H. J. C., how can you take so much credit to yourself for doing under the most opportune circumstances what a working man has to do under the most adverse circumstances?

Take yourself, on the one hand a prosperous tradesman, always at home in a lovely mid-county town, where the best specimens are to be picked up on the market, able to buy just what your birds want, and within a short walk of the country. On the other hand, take the working man, the backbone of the Fancy; he lives, say, in a cold north-country town, smoky and foggy, is at work from light till dark, is not too well off, is many miles from the country proper, and in the show season only sees his birds by daylight on Sunday. He does not write and tell us he is going to put a team of birds on the bench, expecting to take all the cakes, and then grumble because he cannot get the half-pence at the other shows by judging.

Then again, Mr. Chick, when a man living in a lovely town like Nottingham, within a short walk of the lanes and hedges where the most delicate British Birds thrive, writes to Cage Birds and tells readers that he wishes he lived in the country, don't you think that man ought to be in the Dardanelles? A good many readers think so, I can assure you, but perhaps in your own words, you take "exception" to their way of thinking. Now, Mr. H. J. C., I have no axe to grind with you, and I am sure other readers besides your humble will be pleased to read any articles you write, providing you really do tell us something about cage birds. But for goodness sake, if you are unable to do that, do not waste your time pulling to pieces the articles of other correspondents that do.

Stephen Sherwin.

Is the Southern Norwich P.C. to Live or Die?

Sir,—My object in penning my letter to Cage Birds was to try and find out if the club was still in existence, and in that I have been successful, thanks to Mr. Crawford. I was pleased to hear the club is still alive, but what an existence! Friend Crawford says a few of the committee met and decided to go to rest till the war was over. The thing is, had that few the power to decide such a question? If they had, why were not the members acquainted with their decision? Just fancy, a Norwich Plainhead club, which usually boasts that the Norwich Canary is the "John Bull" of the Canary Fancy, when trouble comes, and things point to a bad time for Canary breeders, shutting up shop, "going to rest" until the war is over, when we have the Southern Yorkshire and the club of the Wee Border giving its patronage to shows.

Why, it hardly bears thinking about. Is that the way to encourage the breeding and exhibition of the Norwich Canary? Then Mr. Crawford says the club is on the right side of the balance, despite the fact that practically no subscriptions have been paid this year. I am quite aware, perhaps just as much as Mr. Crawford, that no club can exist without subscriptions, but considering the club did nothing much for its members last season, it ought to be on the right side financially, and if Mr. Crawford thinks members are going to subscribe to a club that is "going to rest" for years, he will be disappointed. I was at the meeting at the Crystal Palace when the secretary agreed to hold his post for another year, so that was no fresh news to me, and I consider when the secretary's and committee's time had expired, a meeting should have been called, and secretary and committee appointed, instead of the club being allowed to slide, as it has been allowed to do. I really cannot see that there is much credit due to anyone on the state of the club at the present time. I may say my subscription has been paid yearly, except this year, and I am still willing to pay to a live club. I am pleased to see an invitation from Mr. Ramsden to a meeting at the Lambeth Baths to consider the situation. As to signing my name to my letters, I find very often if one signs his name, someone soon wants to know if your grandfather paid his rent, or some other silly thing, and as it makes no difference to the state of the club at the present time whether I sign my name or not, for the present I sign myself,

Member.

Has the L.C.B.A. Been "Collaring" Dates?

Sir,—I was much astonished to read friend Goodall's ill-considered letter in your last issue, and I have no doubt but that our show manager will be able to deal with the matter in such a way that will prove Mr. Goodall's statements to be false and misleading. As I happened to have a conversation with some of his committeemen at the Clapham show, I will ask him if it not the fact that the real reason of their having to abandon the Watford show is on account of their hall being commandeered by the military authorities.

I thought it was generally known that the L.C.B.A. was not solely responsible for the proposed Horticultural Hall show, but that the N.B.B. and M.C., together with the F.B.E.L., were standing shoulder to shoulder, sharing profit or loss together, notwithstanding their loss of some £40 on their last year's joint show, and willing once more to incur a similar loss—solely in the interests of the Fancy. Mr. Allen Silver will no doubt explain through Cage Birds that because of the police restrictions it is now impossible to go on with the arrangements, and unfortunately we have to give up any idea of holding a show for this year. Nevertheless, I consider the three united clubs are deserving the thanks of all true fanciers throughout the Kingdom for their public-spirited efforts, and that another year, when we trust we will be living in more peaceful times, they will show their appreciation by sending us a bumping entry. We promise them that they shall have a show worthy of all their help.

John Frostick,
Hon. Show Sec., N.B.B. and M.C.

Sir,—Messrs. Silver and Watcham seem to have taken Mr. Goodall's protest very badly—surely the members of the Watford C.B.S. have a right to express their opinion against the appropriation of dates clashing with their show fixtures. Watford's date was fixed at a special meeting held on Feb. 3 last, for Dec. 8 and 9, the judges appointed, and the hall secured right away. The show and all particulars were announced in Cage Birds of Feb. 13, and the show was entered in the list of Show Dates Fixed. Two halls were suggested, and the secretary was instructed to secure the Corn Exchange; failing that, the Concert Hall of the Conservative Club. As nothing definite could be booked for the former, the other was secured the following week.

Friend Silver's letter seems very inexplicable. As he had himself accepted the judging of the British Section at Watford, he must have known that the dates of the two shows clashed. He will probably remember he advised me to get Watford to alter their dates to January. Further, he wrote to another member saying he thought he would have to cancel his engagement to judge, but in neither case did he mention the clashing of dates. Knowing in what esteem he is held by the members of Watford, if he had written to the secretary when he found that the clashing was unavoidable, the matter would have been dealt with in a friendly spirit, but, instead, he now charges our secretary with want of taste and excess of zeal. He seems for once to have forgotten his usually tactful manner. I would also remind him that we at Watford also give our time and money to help on the Fancy in our district. Now another serious point crops up which reflects discredit upon Watford C.B.S. Last Friday I called on a friend who very bluntly asked me the reason of Watford abandoning their show. I replied, the clashing of the dates. He said "Be candid, what is the real reason?" I repeated my former answer, and he asked if it was not abandoned in consequence of the Military authorities taking the hall. This was a surprise to me, and I denied it, and he said he was informed that that was the cause. I emphatically deny that the Concert Hall is, or even likely to be, taken by the Military authorities, and whoever is responsible for this statement must be in utter ignorance of the situation. I made it my business to go over to Watford on Saturday last, and I saw Mr. Goodall, and also made enquiries which prove the statement is false. I have now arranged that a special meeting is to be held on Nov. 3 to rescind the resolution cancelling the open show. As to Mr. Watcham's letter, it speaks for itself, lacking both tact and discretion, but I would remind him that Watford C.B.S., although of minor importance, pays prize-money within a week of the show, the judges with equal promptitude, and the balance-sheet is presented one month after. Finally, if our secretary's remarks have offended these worthy gentlemen, by his likening them to "The Kaiser," I express my apologies, as such a similitude at this period is hurtful to the feelings of any Englishman, but I can assure them that no offence was meant, that being, I am sure, one of the last thoughts of our friend John Goodall.

R. J. Pretty,
Chairman, Watford C.B.S.

Why Was Clapham Show a Failure?

Sir,—With regard to the question raised by myself re Clapham Entries, the answer given by "An Old Clapham Exhibitor" that we "made the exhibitors deliver and fetch the birds to and from the show" seems to fit the case, and this must be seriously considered by our committee before another open show is held. To "Londoner" I would say that I shall be pleased to answer all his queries, if he will sign his name, but having in a plain way asked a question and received an answer which appears to fit the case I am satisfied, and do not intend to be drawn into a controversy with an unknown antagonist.

T. J. Hose, Hon. Sec.,
Clapham and Dis. C.B.A.

[Mr. E. J. Whittome, show sec., writes to a similar effect.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

Moulting British Birds on Wild Seeds.

Sir,—I notice Mr. Chick in his reply to my letter says it would be very difficult to prove whether a bird is moulted better with the addition of wild seed. I cannot agree with this, as I have proved more than once that they can be, for I have purchased Linnets and Redpolls moulted on ordinary seed, and the following season have moulted them with the addition of wild seed, with very gratifying results. I quite agree with Mr. Chick that no wild seed or colour-food would ever make a Mealy Redpoll as good a colour as a Lesser 'Poll. In the first place a Mealy is a distinct species of the same family, and its colour is a greyish-brown with a silver sheen all over it, and a very light breast, whereas the Lesser has a good rich-coloured back, and in a good specimen the throat, chest and flanks have also a rich colour. To cite this as an example is very poor argument against wild seed.

Why is it that you seldom see a Greenie or Bullie moult as bright and pure a colour as a field-moulted one? I for one have for years tried to discover this, and I must confess that up to now I have failed. Naturalists have told us what they know, yet I doubt if any ordinary fancier would be able to give his birds the variety of seeds they would get in their wild state. Mr. Chick's query would equally well apply to the Linnet and Redpoll. What is it that they eat in their wild state that gives the cocks that rich, rosy breast and poll? I have many times tried to moult one with a red breast, and I recollect once having a Mealy 'Poll that did come out with a rosy breast and poll, but alas, in a few weeks the red colour vanished. Birds of all species in their wild state eat a lot of larvæ, and perhaps this may account for it. I notice Mr. Chick says he has moulted a Bramble this year, a grand coloured one, without colour-food. He does not tell us that he has not given it insectivorous food, gentles, grubs, etc., all natural food to the Bramble. Exceptions do not prove the rule, Mr. Chick, and most fanciers will tell you that the largest birds are usually more vigorous than smaller ones. My Greenies and Bullies were moulted with wild seed and I do not profess to be able to beat nature, therefore I cannot say they were better colour than when caught, and I can conscientiously say that I have never yet seen on the show bench a Greenfinch with the richness of colour of the jonques that I saw in the net of a catcher many years ago, from among which I was fortunate enough to find the winner at the Scottish National.

Regarding the Yellow Bunting, some of the very best have been fed on natural food, and have done a lot of winning. I never moulted a Corn or Reed Bunting, so cannot speak from experience, still I see no reason why an addition of natural food should not improve either of these equally as much as colour-food.

S. J. Nicholas.

BRANDY AS A FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

A Tall Story of a Great Indian Hornbill.

MY friend told me this funny story of his bird. "Some years ago, when I was in India, I had a Hornbill who was very fond of having games of ball with me. One day I went out in the garden to have a game of ball with him. I had a lighted cigar in my mouth, and when I was not looking at him for a moment the bird snatched my cigar away, and to my horror, swallowed it! I rushed indoors to get something to put it out, in my hurry not noticing what I laid my hands on, and ran back to the Hornbill and forced some brandy into its mouth. This caused a kind of volcano inside the bird's body, and it brought the cigar up."

My friend is now living in London, but he still hears news of his bird, which is alive and well in India, and has games of ball with a native servant who comes to play with him every day. I believe the bird is twenty-one years old, as my friend obtained it in August, 1894, when it was quite young. It measures about 4 feet from the tip of its beak to the tip of its tail, and if you touch it it bites you!

THE TREATMENT OF YOUNG CANARIES.

Biscuit versus Bread in Egg Food.

THIS is my fifth year of Canary breeding, and I am pleased to say that it has been my best year. The first four years in the breeding season I fed on egg and bread, but this year I have fed on Crawford's Italian Wafers, and my birds have fed better than ever. In my opinion biscuit is better than bread for egg food, for my experience has been with bread that the hens pick all the egg out and leave the bread, and I think that is sometimes why the hens pluck the young, because the food is too rich. With egg and biscuits they eat all the lot; it is a bit more expensive, but what is that if the hens feed better? There is not the same risk of losing the young when they are taken away from the hen.

I give the young egg and biscuits and crushed hemp until they begin cracking seed themselves. The bath I give as often as I can, as I thing it is a good thing for them, but I always give it early in the day. For a tit-bit I give a little maw seed one day, and on other days I give a little niger, or a little crushed groats, a little linseed, and a little millet. Once a week I give egg and biscuit or carrot and biscuit.

In giving carrot I boil it until soft, and then press it through the egg sieve as I would egg. I may say I give about 20 biscuits, or one carrot to one egg. I only give carrot when they are moulting, as I think it puts a gloss on the feathers.

My idea of keeping birds is that you should try to make them as happy as possible. Keep plenty of good seed and plenty of sand in the cage, look after them, and they will repay you for your trouble. Out of 13 nests I have bred 53 young, so I think that is not so bad. For red mite I go over my cages once or twice a week with paraffin, as it helps to keep them down a lot. JOHN FENWICK.

TIT-BITS FOR SOFT-BILLS.

The Value of Live Food.

DURING the summer months many a fancier has been tempted to try his hand with small softbills, and has perhaps been able to keep them up in condition until winter set in, then to become wrecks. I will try and make it clear how this disappointment can be avoided, and at the same time try to win half-a-crown.

In the first place give up the idea of feeding entirely on so-called "stock foods." They may, with the help of live food, keep the birds going, but not in show condition. The birds waste more than they eat.

For 'Gales, Redstarts, Wrynecks, and similar birds, do as I do, and you will be surprised how nice your birds will look and always be ready to send out. I get 1lb. of best ants' eggs at a time (cost 3s.) and I give them some of these dry every day as a stock food. A pound lasts a long time, and every one is eaten up, so in the long run they are cheaper than "insectivorous foods."

Gentles I use in abundance; these cost me nothing, for I get a piece of dry meat and hang it up in an outhouse and place under it a pail with a supply of meal in it for the gentles to drop into and clean themselves, which they soon do. It is possible to get a supply now to last through the winter. Always take care they are dry and clean before giving them to the birds. It is always wise to have a supply of mealworms by you in case of shortage, but these cost money.

My next is a splendid food, and to be had all through the winter. I have a beetle trap, which is placed in a bakehouse, and catches thousands at a time, large and small. These are tipped into a paper bag, which is placed in a bowl and boiling water poured into the bag. The beetles are dead in an instant, and are then drained through a sieve and are soon dry and ready for use. Some may be too large for your small birds; give these to the Blackbirds and Thrushes, and so improve their condition. These cost nothing unless you meet the baker out, and even then it is likely he would thank you for reducing his stock of beetles. As for spiders, there is nothing to beat them. An easy way to catch them is to go round your garden walls and outbuildings at night with a lamp and can; hosts will be found hanging in their webs. A very easy and sure way of colour-feeding is to mix the colour-food dry with the ants' eggs; begin with it soon enough.

A Pleasant Surprise

Still Waters Run Deep.

I HAD kept Canaries for years, and had often thought I would some time try my luck at Mule breeding, but something always happened; it was either too much trouble to send for a cock Finch, or I had no Canary hens to spare at the moment for, as I thought then, second rate work.

The opportunity came when a friend mentioned he had bought a bird and cage from a neighbour who was leaving the district and asked me to call round and see it, as he was sure something was amiss with the bird, as it was so quiet, or he would bring it to my place. This I agreed to, and he brought it the next evening.

It was a finely-marked cock Linnet, in splendid condition, but never, before nor since, have I seen such an exceptionally tame bird. You could push it about, or lift it from the cage without a flutter. I have a very large flight, well fitted up, and when my friend saw this, he suggested leaving me the Linnet for a few weeks, as he thought the flight cage was just the thing, and might put new life into his bird.

I readily consented, and in exchange put into my friend's cage a smart colour-fed yellow hen, which he could take back to comfort his children for the temporary loss of their pet.

I put the Linnet up with a hen which had been "resting" that season, supplied them with nesting materials, gave them my blessing, and left them. I was rather disappointed with the Linnet's manner, for though it was in tight feather, and appeared healthy, it lacked the wildness or "devil," which a good mule ought to have.

The hen Canary built a nest after about ten days, and laid four eggs. I did not, as is my custom, take the eggs away as laid, and replace at the end of the third day, but left them with her, being satisfied that they would not be fertile, as the Linnet had shamefully neglected her, and I decided she should sit them; it would keep her quiet for a fortnight, and maybe a tone for the loss of her cold-blooded and indifferent partner, as I intended to return him the next day.

And now, to be brief, for the Editor's stipulated 400 words are almost up.

The hen sat well, and at the end of the twelfth day I was astounded to see half a shell on the cage bottom. I immediately put her on "Class 1" treatment, and a few days afterwards peeped into the nest and saw four fluffy dark balls, which throve well, were on the perches at fifteen days, and turned out to be one hen and three cocks, the bonniest Linnet-Canary Mules ever hatched. But to this day I feel annoyed when I think how their father's misleading behaviour fooled me

GREAT SHOW AT LIVERPOOL.

The Liverpool O.S. has again proved to the Fancy that it knows how to run an open show with the certainty of a successful issue, both from a financial and a spectacular viewpoint. It is now eight years since these fanciers put their heads together and their hands in their pockets with the determination of running an open show for Liverpool, and right from the incipient stages it was an instant success. Now it is a national institution, and this, the eighth show, can only be written down as no less successful than its predecessors. To see the names of the Liverpool fanciers on the outside of a catalogue is to be assured that the show can be nothing but successful. The men at the head, in addition to being fanciers, are business men. They know how to advertise, and the value of it. They know how to get the maximum of efficiency from the minimum of labour. A glance in the secretary's room, with its order and its minutest attention to detail, is an earnest of the enthusiasm, the determination, manifested by the managers for the welfare of the birds entrusted to their care. If a bird is the least bit out of sorts it is brought into the secretary's room for quietness and treatment. If an exhibitor has a grievance—a rare occurrence—he can have it remedied in an instant. If a fancier wants to catch a train for a long distance, there is no bickering; he is got off as expeditiously as is possible. If one wants one's prize money, it is literally thrown at him. In fact, Mr. Green's voice is continually inviting fanciers to accept money; and if every exhibitor is not a winner, it is not the fault of the committee—blame the judges and the exchequer.

Mr. J. W. Metcalfe was in charge of the clerical department, and it is scarcely necessary to say that everything is done by the shortest route to success when he is at the head. There is no overlapping; there seems to be a place for everything, and everything seems to be in its place. He is courtesy and efficiency personified; has show work at his finger tips, and nothing is a trouble to him. He gives one the impression that to oblige anyone is the height of his ambition. In fine, he is almost Eastern in his politeness. Mr. Geo. Green is the show manager, and one has but to hear his robust voice calling for stewards, and to see his geniality—not to say humour—when conversing with fanciers, is to know that he is the born show manager. He was ably assisted by the hardest-working set of stewards it would be possible to get together. Few can attain, none can surpass, the Liverpool men in efficiency.

This show is one of the few where ladies are to be seen capably attending to and packing exhibits. Women are peculiarly adapted to the handling and packing of exhibits; and if there is one thing that gives a fancier more pleasure than to have a capable steward, it is that that steward should be of the gentler sex, and no less capable than the mere male. It puts him in a good temper, even if he has drawn a blank financially. Some of the lady helpers were Mesdames J. Walker, J. R. Jones, F. Handley and Miss Bratherton. All railway birds were packed and despatched by 5 o'clock.

The visitors were as numerous as cakes at a juvenile tea-fight. Many fanciers from the country look forward to this event as their annual rendezvous, where they can talk over past failures and future prospects. We noticed faces from afar, including Messrs. Curphey, Gill, Boddam, Teare, and Kelly, from the Isle of Man (please note, not *the* Kelly); Messrs. Jones (two), and J. O. Williams (Wales); Eppwood (Wolverhampton); Wagstaffe (Barrow); Joe Thomas (Halifax); Turner, Beswick, Cooper, Garbutt, and Oldham, from the Manchester district; Helsby and Richards (Chester); also a big contingent from Southport in charge of Mr. Tom Nixon; a link with the past in the person of Scarsbrick Taylor; and a crowd of fanciers from various parts. We would like to mention that the committee invited all the wounded soldiers in the town free, and they availed themselves of the opportunity on the Friday, and responded in good numbers. A very kind thought of the society. Sales were brisk, competition being so keen that some cages were nearly covered with claim labels, and the aggregate reached just on £50.

Norwich were rather above the average, being a level lot without any exhibit outstanding. The palm went to a novice exhibit, winner in the buff hen class—a real beauty. In fact, the novices as a whole were really fine, and it is pleasng to note that many prizes went to Prescot, once a hotbed of Norwich. Borders were down. We heard some little grumbling at the classification, and we understand that this is to be remedied another year. The committee are always willing, nay, anxious, to meet the wishes of fanciers. The judges were Messrs. Cowgill and Munsdell, Yorkshires; W Vardy, Norwich; J. Dixon, Borders; and C. Houlton, British and Foreign. The Kozy Karrier Co. had a stall in the show and we were pleased to see business very brisk.

Yorkshires were a fine lot; over 400 birds were staged, and most of the classes filled well. The Greens were, perhaps, not as good as we have seen before at the great Liverpool show, but this can be accounted for: the show was held very early in the season, and the birds are not quite ready. Messrs. Rogers, Richardson, Robinson, Smith, Jones, J. W. Handley, staged some nice birds, and we think that Mr. Jones' unflighted yellow is one of the best ever benched; with care it should make a great name for itself. In the clear or ticked Yorks., Dr. Craig, Messrs. Dykes, Thomas, Hibbert, Harrison and Johnson were at the top with some fine birds, but in this section also many of the birds were not fit.

Hybrids had three classes this year, and contained a few old champions. It is full early yet, and some of the exhibits still were showing pen feathers here and there. The best-conditioned Hybrid of the day was undoubtedly the Chaffinch-Greenfinch shown by Dr. Wilson—simply perfect. British birds were well represented by a fine lot of exhibits, and only the most forward in grand condition could gain premier honours. A good average was maintained under the exceptional war circumstances, and the society is to be congratulated. Mr. Brade's exhibits were absent at judging time. Only two of the specials for natural colour Siskins could be awarded, and these both went to Mr. Rimmer with a he and a cardless bird.

MR. W. MUDELL'S CLASSES.

YORKS. GR. YELL., SELF or FOUL (15): 1, c, Rogers, level col., nice wing carr., piped tail, well up on leg; 2, Algie, shade strong, good wings and tail, nice pair of legs, erect and steady, good sound col.; 3, Richardson, nice type, slim, level col., well up on leg, fails a little in head; 4, Smith, good leg, long flights, crosses at times, level col., full of qual.; all four selfs; vhc, McDermott; hc, Stewart. SELF or FOUL YELL. HEN (13): 1, Robinson, mkd. wing and tail, boxy feather, great round head, good wing carr., well on leg, A1 pos., very steady when handled; 2, Roberts, self, neat and perfect type and pos., rich level green, grand wings and tail, on the small side; 3, Benson and Young, wing and tail foul, nice qual. of feather, good head, carries wings and tail well, well up on leg; 4, Jones, wings and tail foul, very stylish, fine qual. of feather, piped tail, a good stock hen; vhc, hc, Smith; c, McDermott. UNFLIG. YELL. SELF or FOUL (14): 1, Jones, self yell, a gem, good head, nice wings and tail, well up on leg, very steady, one of the best coloured greens we have seen for some time, should make a great name for its owner if well looked after, we thought it the best Yorks. green in the show; 2, J. W. Handley, self, on the small side, lacking a bit in col., very stylish, grand wings and tail, well up on leg, very steady, neat tail; 3, McDermott, self, neat round head, stands well on good legs, nice wing carr.; 4, Rawsthorne, self, level col., neatly folded tail, grand wings well braced to side, very stylish; vhc, Richardson; hc, Steinart; c, Elkins. CL., TKD. or MKD. YELL. (20): 1, Dykes, great length, good head, long flights, well braced to side, and well on a good leg, rich level col. throughout; 2, Dr. Craig, grizzled ou wing, good long slim bird, neat round head, grand wings and tail, full of qual., good length of leg; 3, Hibbert, cheek and breast mkd., pale in col., full of qual., neat head, nicely balanced wings, rare pos.; 4, Henderson and Crosby, cap mkd., open a little on front, rare length, grand back, wings and tail, level col.; vhc, Benson and Young; hc, Steinart; c, Greatrix. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Teare, eye and wings mkd cinn, full of qual, nice tail, good wings, neat head, rich col., open a little on breast, a bit unsteady; 2, Richards, rich level col, neat head, pair of nice wings, well placed, good front, rare pos.; 3, hc, Hibbert, pale col., full of qual., good head, nice wings, would do with a little more length; 4, Dykes, rich col., open a little on breast, good wings and tail, neat head and pos.; vhc, Dr Craig; c, Knowles UNFLIG YELL. (14): 1, 4, Johnson, on the stout side, grizzled on flue, good head and neck, long flight, rare length and pos., bit long in feather, not quite ready; 2, 3, Harrison, cap, eye and wing mkd. cinn., boxy feather, neat head, nice wings and tail, on the small side; 3, cl. blaze of col., nice wing carr, piped tail, good head, full of qual.; 4, Johnson, cheek tkd., pale in col., close boxy feather, neat wings and tail, well up on leg, very steady; vhc, Knowles; hc, Benson and Young; c, Henderson and Crosby. NOV. GR. SELF OR FOUR YELL: 1, c, Evans; 2, Postlethwaite; 3, Rawsthorne 4, Sladden and Baldwin; vhc, Jordan; hc, Jones. DITTO HEN (8): 1, Elkins; 2, 4, Browell; 3, J. W. Handley; vhc, hc, Evans; c, Roberts CL OR TKD. YELL. (24): 1, Stott; 2, Howard; 3, Veal; 4, Radford; vhc, Jones; hc, J. W. Handley; c, Green HEN (15): 1, Veal; 2, Ives; 3, Rothwell; 4, Brierley; vhc, Evans; hc, Toulson; c, Huyton UNFLIG. YELL (19): 1, hc, Radford; 2, Corbett; 3, Toulson; 4, Algie; vhc, Waddington; hc, Golland. SELF, PAIRS (18): 1, 4, Mathison; 2, Sykes; 3, Longmore; vhc, Guy; c, Walkden. HEN (21): 1, Johnson; 2, Brown; c, Mawdsley; 4, Ives; vhc, Dixon; hc, Mattinson; c, Barnes

MR. COWGILL'S CLASSES.

GR., SELF OR FOUL BUFF (14): 1, Richardson, self, good head, wings and tail, well on leg, rare pos., bit stout; 2, Roberts, self, long flights, piped tail, neat head, sound col. throughout, stands well up on good leg; 3, McDermott, rich sound col., nice type and pos, long flights and tail, self; 4, Benson and Young, foul, boxy feather, neat head, vhc, Smith; hc, Robinson; c, Jones. HEN (7): 1, 3, Smith, 1st type, good wings and tail, well up on leg, wants a little more time; 3rd, self, bit short, neat wings and tail, sound col.; 2, Robinson, sound col., stout long flights and piped tail; 4, Richardson, self, good head, wants more length; hc, Jones; hc, F. Handley; c, McDermott. UNFLIG. SELF OR FOUL BUFF (14): 1, 3, Smith, 1st self, on the strong side, good head, long flights and tail, well up on leg; 3rd, self, very typical, good wing carr.; 2, McDermott, nice bird, self, good flights, sound col.; 4, Robinson, self, typical, good leg, neat head, nice tail; vhc F. Handley; hc, Jones; c, Richardson. CL., TKD., ETC., BUFF (8): 1, hc, Thomas, 1st cl., very slim, nice boxy feather, grand wings, well braced to side, good head, pos., A1; 2, Dykes, wing tkd., stout, fine feather, well on leg, good head, nice pair of wings fails a little in pos.; 3, Knowles, cap and wing mkd., on the small side, lovely feather, racy, neat wings and tail, good bead; 4, Henderson and Crosby, cl., very typical and racy, boxy feather; vhc, Woodward; hc, Hirst. BUFF HENS (14): 1, Thomas, stout, nice shape, good wings and tail, neat bead, pos., A1; 2, Dr. Craig, boxy feather, rare length, very slim, neat bead, grand wings and tail; 3, Richards, pale in col., very slim and typical, grand wings and tail; 4, Douglas, very stylish, full of qual., tail, good bead, well up on leg; vhc, Dykes; hc, Hirst; c, Brown. UNFLIG. BUFF CK. (14): 1, Hibbert, a gem, feather like glass, pos. A1, wings and tail perfect, would do with a little more length; 2, H. Helsby, well on leg, grand wings and piped tail, boxy feather, good head; 2, Benson and Young, cl., neat head, nice round crest, good wing carr., fine pos.; 4, Johnson, cap mkd., boxy feather, rare pos.; vhc, Hirst; hc, Linaker; c, Woodward. NOV., GR., SELF OR FOUL BUFF (12): 1, Sladdin and Baldwin; 2, Postlethwaite; 3, 4, Browne; vhc, hc, Roberts; c, Scott. HEN (11): 1, 2, Browne; 3, Scott; 4, Southwood; vhc, Huyton; hc, Evans; c, Sewell. CL., TKD., ETC., BUFF (22): 1, Spilby; 2, Gilbert; 3, 4, Rothwell; vhc, Veal; hc, Algie; c, Farrell. HEN (23): 1, Ives; 2, Rothwell; 3, Mulliner; 4, Nixon; vhc, Spiby; hc, Farrell; c, Waddington. UNFLIG. BUFF (18): 1, Waddington; 2, Toulson; 3, Veal; 4, Huyton; vhc, Stott; hc, no name; c, Stott. SELL., 20s. (20): 1, Fielding; 2, Johnson; 3, Walker; 4, Guy; vbc, Hales; hc, Thornton; c, Carran. STOCK: 1, 3, 4, Sterling Seed Co.; 2, Douglas.

MR. VARDY'S CLASSES.

GREEN SELF OR FOUL YELL. NOR. (14): 1, hc, Walker, foul tail, throat and thigh, wide head, massive, good deep chest; 2, Handley, wide back and chest, good head, self; 3, McAndrew, another self, nice col. and ticking, fails in head to the others; 4, Lowe, trifle smaller, grand qual., rare type, beaten head points; vhc, Thornton; c, Ball. BUFF (22): 1, Barker, foul tail and throat, grand body, crosses wings at times; 2, Handley, deep chest, great size, grand head, we preferred; 3, Fields, foul throat and tail, nice col. and qual., rather fat; 4, Lowe, grand type and qual., rare body and back; vhc, Bache; 4, Thornton; c, McAndrew. YELL. HEN (17): 1, McAndrew, self, lovely hen, nice head and neck, grand col. and qual.; 2, Barker, light under tail, built on slimmer lines, nice col. and expression; 3, Walker, foul tail, nice short deep body, just fails in head; 4, Thornton, good deep chest and head, beaten neck; vhc, Pugh; hc, c, Handley. BUFF (18): 1, 2, Lowe, lovely hens, leader self, grand qual. and type, rare wide and deep chest; 3, McAndrew, self, smaller, but lovely hen; 4, Blow, another self, nice type and qual., not the col.; vhc, Thornton; hc, Ball; c, Bratherton. YELL. NOR. (15): 1, Granger, cl., great head, rare wide entrance, lovely qual. and type; 2, 3, Cook, var. leading, grand head and shape, rich col. and qual. feather, 3rd cl. massive bird, not quite so good in head as leaders; 4, Twiddle, var., good wide head, broad chest, inclined to crouch; vhc, Cooper; hc, Turner; c, Lingard. BUFF (20): 1, Mattinson, not too big, var., nice wide head, round body and grand qual.; 2, Cook, another var., grand body shape, stands well, lovely qual., high col., good head; 3, Fielding, cl., nice col. and qual., crosses wings a bit; 4, hc, Jones and Chester, paler in col., grand entrance, nice type, variegs.; vhc, Turner; hc, Tweddle. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Fielding, big cl., rare col., lovely type and qual., good head; 2, Jones and Chester, mark face and neck, good short body and deep chest; 3, Tweddle, cl., nice col. and qual., beaten head; 4, Mattinson, mkd. head, great size, deep chest; vhc, Beswick; hc, Turner; c, Huggins. BUFF (17): 1, Beswick, cl., great size and width of head, nice deep body and lovely qual.; 2, Barker, neat cl.,

grand qual., grand broad head; 3, vhc, Turner, big cl., rare head, nice qual., trifle rough at thighs; 4, Cook, rare col. and qual., nice deep chest; hc, Fielding; c, Teare. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Lingard, cl., neat head and type, nice col. and qual.; 2, Fielding, better col, still, good head, not quite so symmetrical; 3, Granger, mkd. eye and wing, grand col. and qual.; 4, McAndrew, var., bigger, nice type, grand head, rather longer; vhc, Bixter. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Fielding, grand deep chested bird, grand col. and feather like silk, 3rd medium size, mkd. wing, spoiled by bad perches; 2, Langard, nice grizzle cap, rare size and qual. combined, good head and neck; 4, Cooper, cl., neat exhibit, grand qual.; vhc, Hudson and McFarlane; hc, Wagstaffe. NOV. YELL. CK. (11): 1 Green, big cl., very deep chest, trifle browy; 2, J. Rushton, cl., better qual., we preferred; 3, Var, monster, great head, grand deep body, hairy in feather, grand stock bird; 4, Webber, cl., smaller, rare head and col., fails tail; vhc, H. Rushton; hc, Johnson; c, Curphey. BUFF (16): 1, Nichols, mark eye, nice qual., col. and cond.; 2, hc, H. Rushton, cl., bigger, grand head and qual.; 3, Smith, tkd. wing, nice qual., beaten head; 4, Webber, mark neck, nice expression, deep chest; vhc, Jones; c, Gell. YELL. HEN (8): 1, S. Green, cl., grand qual. and type, very neat head; 2, Smith, bigger, grand head, only beaten qual.; 3, very neat cl., good col and feather, not in condition; 4, Cookson, unllig., grand head and shape, not quite so big; vhc, Cook and Sons; hc, J. Rushton; c, G. Smith. BUFF (12): 1, J. Green, monster, great head, very wide entrance, beautiful rise, short thick neck, extra fine qual., lovely shape, grand wings and tail, a knockout, best hen in show; lucky if she doesn't change hands; 2, Wilkins, unflighted cl., grand hen in grand company, not disgraced to be beaten to-day; 3, Webber, cl., very nice, trifle browy; 4, hc, H. Rushton, another cl., nice type and qual.; vhc, Mandsley; c, Dyson. UNFLIG. YELL. (20): 1, Radley, big cl., grand head, deep chest, fine qual., should do well; 2, Smalley, var., very typical, one of the right sort; 3, S. Green, eye tick, nice type, good head; 4, Nichols, cl., good type, qual., etc., fails neck; vhc, Wilkins; hc, Nichols; c, Teese. BUFF (25): 1, Ordish, var., great size, fine qual. and type, runs bit narrow back or head, claimed; 2, vhc, H. Rushton, better head and neck, very broad chest and back; 3, Cookson, massive cl., high col., deep chest, good head, nice qual., claimed; 4, Shorrock, good head, nice col. and qual., deep chest; hc, Cook and Sons; c, Hale.

MR. DIXON'S CLASSES.

BORD., SELF OR FOUL YELL. GREEN (18): 1, Greenwell, self, beauty, grand type, lovely qual., neat head; 2, 3, Johnston, Northern cracks, two little beauties, winner excelling in shape of head and qual.; 4, Ritchie, grand Greeny shade of col., typical; vhc, Whitelaw; hc, Longmore; c, Walker. BUFF (16), all Selfs: 1, Middleton, almost perfect, lovely col. and qual., neat oval head; 2, 4, Johnston, two of the best, 4th we liked immensely; 3, Whitelaw, nothing to choose in the three; vhc, Affleck; hc, Greenwell; c, Collier. YELL. GREEN HEN (8), winners all Selfs: 1, 2, Collier, little gems, shown in grand con., 1st getting home in head points; 3, Affleck, slimmer type, grand qual., lively; 4, Middleton, grand type and qual, not far behind; vhc, Collier; hc, Affleck; c, Walker. BUFF (13): 1, Montgomery, excelling in head and silkiness of feather; 2, Greenwell, very neat, put down in perfect cond.; 3, Johnston, one of his best, glorious sheen; 4, Parsons, grand col. and sheen, only beaten head points; vhc, Collier; hc, Affleck; c, Whitelow. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Madagan, cl., excelling in type and qual., neat head; 2, Moore, grizzle cap, an uncommon mkd., a Border, grand exhibit; 3, Croft, cl., neat head and qual., nice full neck; 4, Hesketh, cl., nice type and qual., grand col.; vhc, Andrews. BUFF (7): 1, Hesketh, cl., beautiful type, shines like burnished copper; 2, Johnson, Ormskirk to the front in both cases, congratulations; 3, Moore and Son, cl., nice shape and style, beaten finish; 4, vhc, Middleton. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Madagan, cl., a little beauty, we could almost see our handsome face reflected from her, she shone so much; 2, Parsons, var. not quite the col. very typical; 3, Egerton, cl., very handsome, like paint; 4, Pennington, another cl., little to choose. BUFF (8): 1, Madagan, beauty, cl., very typical, in glorious cond.; 2, Pennington, not the col., lovely shape and meal; 3, Egerton, cl., shines like a burnisher; 4, Mulliner, great, very neat in head, full neck; vhc, Roby; hc, c, Ritchie. VAR. (4): 1, Egerton, yell., mkd. eyes and wings, very taking ways with him; 2, Pennington, buff, similar markings, trifle too big, very proud cond.; 3, Moore and Son, yell., almost four-pointed, very shiny; 4, Andrews, buff, perfect in feather, type and cond.

MR. HOULTON'S CLASSES.

LIGHT CAN. MULE (5): 1, no name in catalogue, fine 6 pointed buff Goldf.-Can., in very good feather, good size, shape and markings, nice colour, etc.; 2, Oldham, 5-pointed yell. Goldf.-Can., good colour, nice markings and cond.; 3, Johnson, 4-pointed buff Goldf.-Can., nice cond.; 4, vhc, Phillips, var. Goldf-Can. DARK (15), good class: 1, 3, Dr. Wilson, notable yell. Can.-Bullf. and fine Linnet-Can., both in grand order; 2, hc, Whitney and Son, very fine, good shaped Greenf.-Can. leading, splendid feather and cond.; 4, Jones, large, good shaped Siskin-Can., good feather, markings and cond.; vhc, c, Oldham. A.O.V. HYB. (6): 1, 3, Dr. Wilson, perfect Chaff. Greenf. leading, and a perky little Redpoll-Goldf. in nice feather; 2, Alexander, very fine Linnet-Bullf. In splendid cond.; 4, Booth, nice Bramble-Chaff.; vhc, Wellings, nice young Redpoll-Siskin, bred by owners this year. BRIT. BIRDS.—GOLDF. (11): 1, Collier, most forward to-day in colour and cond., nice clean-cut blaze, good body tan, medium moons and bars, nice size and shape; 2, Mrs. Gray, very large square-cut blaze, good body, moons, and bars, not quite up in col. yet, must soon improve; 3, Fairhurst, pretty Finch, will soon improve also; 4, Jones, good body, nicely cut blaze; vhc, Cowen; hc, Alexander; c, Wilkins. LINNET (13): 1, 3, Oldham, very good pair, col., size, shape, marks and cond. well up, 1st largest; 2, Rothwell, very large, good shape, nice markings, only beaten in col. a little; 4, Dr. Wilson, smaller, grandly marked and fine condition; vhc, Phillips; hc, Leicester; c, Jones. GREENF. (5): 1, Fairhurst, "Northern Star"; 2, Thistlethwaite, splendid col. and cond.; 3, Collier, large, nice feather; 4, Beswick. SISKIN, &c. (8): 1, Oldham, grand Twite, easy winner to-day; 2, Lloyd, good size and shape, Siskin; 3, Fairhurst, nice Twite, smaller; 4, Leadbetter, smaller Siskin, good col., dark cap rather; vhc, Todd; hc, Rimmer; c, Robertshaw. REDPOLL (14), good class: 1, Booth, very fine large mealy, in grand cond.; 2, Abbott, very good Lesser, A1 all over; 3, Dr. Wilson, fine cond.; 4, Thistlethwaite, very smart cond.; vhc, Hill; hc, Robertshaw; c, Walker. BRAMBLE, ETC. (11): 1, Oldham, very neat Bramble all through; 2, Rothwell, pretty Chaffinch; 3, Sterling Seed Co., smaller Bramble, full of good points; 4, Thistlethwaite, Chaffinch, thick-set, full of col.; vhc, Cappar; hc, Carran; c, Fairhurst. A.O. HARD (5): 1, Fairhurst, very fine Hawfinch, in fine cond.; 2, Johnson, Yell. Bunting, grand cond.; 3, Watts, neat Bullf.; 4, Dr. Wilson, Crossbill; vhc, Leadbetter. SOFTBILL (4): All A. and O. Wellings, Blackbird, Whitethroat, Thrush, and Starling, all equally good, well shown. GIFT (2): 1, a Norwich; 2, Wellings, a Whitethroat.

OXFORD.

Annual Open Show of the Oxford C.B.S., British School Room, Oct. 21. The room was well adapted for the purpose, and the exhibits were nicely staged, with plenty of room for visitors. Entries were not quite so numerous as last year, but quality was up to the standard, Norwich, as usual at Oxford, being very hot, special mention being due to Messrs. Stubbs Bros.', tickod yellow, and Mr. Lovegrove's unlighted buff hen, the latter will again be heard of. Mr. J. Lees won special for best member's bird. Some good birds were shown in Amateur Norwich, Mr. Mitchell's unlighted yellow being a real good bird and quickly claimed by a well known breeder. Mr. O. C. Smith took members' special for best bird shown by an amateur member. Yorks were also a nice lot, and the judge had no easy task to award the cards. Dutch Frills were very dainty, but not enough of them. In the A.O.V. Canary Mr. Hayling exbibited a crest of the first water. Mules and Hybrids were few, but choice, Mr. Parlett's famous "White Rose" and Greenie-Canary being much admired; the former looked fit, but perhaps a little lighter. In the light class Mr. Gilbert's Goldfinch-Canary was a gem. British were few in number, four classes having to be cancelled, but all exhibits were really fine, especially Mrs. Dalton's team. Foreign only included Parrots, one class being cancelled, but all were nice birds, and one especially made its presence felt by a constant chatter. The Society is to be congratulated upon having such a secretary as Mr. Holliday, a real good worker, obliging to the extreme, and everything was in tip-top order. He was ably assisted by Mr. A. Fifield and a hard working committee, and other members who all worked with zeal to despatch birds, especially those that were to be sent on to other shows. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR., CL. OR INVIS. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Collings, cl., bonny bird, plenty subs., nice wing carr., grand col., beautiful head, a little browy, but wins well; 2, Miles, nice bird, but not the subs. of winner, lovely head, wings a bit down, nice col., A1 qual. and cond.; 3, Motley, nice cl., fine size, good head, but not quite through moult, otherwise could have changed with second; vhc, Gough and Loach, a bit long, good head, wings a bit crossed, good col. and cond.; hc, Stubbs' Bros.; c, Lewin. BUFF (13): 1, vhc, Stubbs' Bros., 1st, beautiful bird, typical, grand head, well filled neck, lovely wing carr, grand even col.; vhc, nice feathered bird, but fails in head to winner; 2, C. W. Silk, very nice, chubby bird, little rough in feather, wings little crossed, lovely col.; 3, Boughton, not subs. of winners, but typical, lovely wing carr., grand col., A1 cond.; hc, Lees; c, Irons. TKD. OR UNEVEN. (8): 1, Stubbs' Bros., tkd. yell, a gem, massive, bold front, lovely head, well carried wings, short tail, beautiful col., A1 cond.; 2, Boughton, var. buff, chubby, nice front, well filled neck, grand head, beautiful feather, and col., hard lines to compete against winner; 3, Collings, capped buff, typical, but not so bold, beautiful qual. of feather, A1 cond.; vhc, Irons; hc, Lewis; c, Miles. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Fisher, var., nice front, rather small in head, nicely carried wings, lovely col., grand cond., wins easy; 2, Stront, cl., rather on long side, nice qual. feather, loses in head; 3, Gossey, cl., bit too small, pale in col., wings rather crossed, nice shaped head; vhc, Notley; hc, Lycett; c, Harvey. BUFF (13), a hot class: 1, Collings, cl., grand hird, plenty subs., grand qual. of feather, nice bold front, beautiful head, wings perfect, beautiful col., grand cond.; 2, hc, Lees, had been claimed and taken from show before report was made; 3, Martin, cl., nice compact bird, not quite so bold in front as winner, little flat in head, nice col. and cond.; vhc, Houghton, cl.; c, Irons. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, Stubbs Bros., tkd., rare subs., grand head, close fitting feather, wing carr. perfect, lovely col. and cond., wins well.; 2, vhc, c, Lewis, cl., nice chubby bird, well carried wings, good qual. feather, a little flat in head, grand cond.; 3, Collings, not the subs. of 1 and 2, nice head, well carried wings, grand col. and cond. BUFF (14): 1, 3, Lovegrove, 1st, cl., wonderful subs., large fine head and neck, nice wings and tail, good col., grand cond., will make up a topper, 3rd, not so big, perhaps a bit lucky, we liked vhc better; 2, Houghton, nice cl., plenty subs., bold front, nice head, a bobbing, would have improved it; vhc, hc, Lewin; vhc, nice bird, could have changed places with 3rd; c, Fox. HEN, UNFLIG. (9): 1, Lovegrove, massive var. buff, bit heavy behind, nice bold front, a little pinched in head front, grand col. and cond., will make topper, much admired; 2, Collings, cl. buff, nice in all respects, but beaten by extra qual. of winner; 3, Wren, head mkd., well made, good front, nice wings, fails a little in head, good col. and cond.; vhc, Lewin; hc, Gough; c, Fox. AMAT., LIMIT £2 (9): 1, Foster, cl. bulf, plenty subs., good front, well filled neck, nice head, good col.; 2, Smith, cl. yell., big bird, bit long, nice head, well carried wings, good col. (claimed at catalogue price); 3, vhc, Mitchell, eye and wing mkd. yell., not quite so bold, good col. and qual.; hc, Goosey; c, Simms. UNFLIG. AMAT., LIMIT £2 (6): 1, 2, Mitchell, 1st, var. yell., real good bird, good size, nice bold front, good head, nice wings, grand col. (claimed at catalogue price), 2nd, not quite the subs., nice head, good col.; 3, vhc, Smith, cl. buff, bit long, nice front, well carried wings, nice head, grand col., wins member's special for best amateur bird, hc, Oliffe; c, Goosey. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, Everett, cl., plenty of length, sound, level col., beautiful feather, nice shaped head, full neck, wings and tail perfect, stands correct, wins well; 2, Troke, cl., nice bird, good length, nice feather, correct wings, loses in col.; 3, hc, Hawes, nice shape and style, bit rough in feather, good col.; vhc, Holliday. BUFF (13): 1, Holliday, cl., nice length and style, good head and shoulders, capital qual., good col.; 2, Parker, cl., not quite so straight, lovely qual. feather, good head, nice wings, good col.; 3, Fulford, cl., capital type and length, wee bit weak in head, but A1 qual.; vhc, Hawes; hc, Smith. HEN (10): 1, Everett, cl. yell., very smart, nicely balanced, grand col., well carried wings, nice head, A1 qual.; 2, Hawes, cl. yell., rare style and pos., capital type, close up; 3, Holliday, cl. buff, typical, good length, scarcely so good in head; vhc, Fulford; hc, Lane; c, Troke. UNFLIG., good class, (13): 1, Parker, cl. yell., splendid length, rich col., nice round head, level neck, nice wings and tail, plenty of leg, shown in the pink; 2, Fulford, var. buff, nice shape and style, lovely feather, well-fitting wings, rather pale col., will improve; 3, c, Hawes, var. yell., hot col., nice shape, nice head, stands correct, fine cond.; vhc, Troke; hc, Langley. AMAT. LIMIT £2 (7): 1, Cox, cl. bull, splendid length, good qual., wings well carried, good col., nice head, A1 cond.; 2, Burborough, cl. yell., good length, nice wings, good col., not so good in head and neck; 3, Dunkley, var. bulf, nice length, very tightly feathered, sound col.; vhc, Olilfe; hc, c, Nason. UNFLIG. AMAT., LIMIT £2 (5): 1, 2, Langley, 1st, cl. buff, good length, nice head, good col., wings a little crossed, A1 cond.; 2, cl. yell., not quite the length, nicely filled neck, sweet head, not quite the col. or qual. of winner; 3, Cox, var. yell., nice pos., wings crossed spoils it, good col. and cond.; vhc, Egerton; hc, Dunkley. DUTCH FRILLS (6): 1, 3, Brooks, 1st, buff, good size, plenty of feather, well carried wings, good cond., 3rd, not quite so large, but A1 qual.; 2, vhc, hc, Filfield, var. bull, nice sized bird, good col., A1 cond., must have pressed winner hard. A.O.V. CAN. (14): 1, Hayling, fine buff, dark crest., beautiful qual. of feather, well carried wings, nice round crest, on a grand shaped head, A1 cond., wins well; 2, hc, Gilbert, 2nd, good crest, not quite the shape and subs. of winner, but otherwise equal; 3, Ireland, even mkd. Nor., markings very neat, little on long side, nice col., A1 cond.; vhc, Martin; c, Papworth. LIGHT CAN. HYB., except Can.-Bull. (7): 1, Gilbert, very fine cl. Goldf.-Can., nice size, rich even col., nice wings and tail, sweet head, A1 cond., wins well; 2, Lamp, fine var. Goldf.-Can., in pink of cond., shows parentage well, a good second; 3, Wilmot, another nice var. Goldf.-Can., not quite so large, but A1 qual.; vhc, Robinson; hc, Green; c, Foley. DK. (8): 1, Parlett, well known Greenf.-Can., still in pink, must be nearly tired of having 1st prize card on cage; 2, Lamb, very nice Goldf.-Can., good size, shows a nice blaze, nice qual. of feather, A1 cond.; 3, Foley, very sweet Linnet-Can., markings very nice, lovely col., beautiful wings and tail, must have pressed 2nd hard; vhc, hc, When; c, Chisholm and Davison. A.O.V. HYB. (5): 1, Parlett, the famous "White Rose," seems a little lighter, but in the pink; 2, Hart, very nice Goldf.-Bullf., nice size and shape, showing nice Goldfinch blaze, good col. and cond.; 3, Taylor, Linnet-Bullf., very pretty, in the pink; vhc, hc, Lamb. GOLDF. (6): 1, Gough, rather on small side, but nice square blaze, rich col., wings nicely mooned, and showing nice quantity of yellow; 2, hc, c, Wren, 2nd, nice bird, blaze not so good, nice shape and col., A1 cond.; 3, Lardner, nice size, not quite the markings, good cond. GREENF., ETC. (8): 1, 2, Chick, 1st, Bramblef., good size, well up in spangle, nice and steady, A1 cond.; 2, Chaffinch, good size, nice coloured breast, nice head, good qual. of feather, very fit; 3, Wilmot, nice Chaffinch, not quite so large, or so good in col.; vhc, Poole; hc, Wren; c, Parlett. LINNET, ETC. (12): 1, 2, c, Mrs. Dalton, 1st, very fine Linnet, very chubby, markings beautiful, nice round head, lovely col., grand cond.; 2, another nice Linnet, not quite the size, marking, or col.; 3, Tonks, nice shaped Siskin, rather wild, which somewhat spoilt it, nicely mkd. head, good qual. of feather; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Green. BRIT. HEN (5): 1, Lean and Son, very fine Thrush, beautifully mkd., nice bold eye, beautiful qual. of feather, A1 cond.; 2, 3, Chick, 2nd, very nice Yellow-Bunting, well mkd. head, nice depth of col., good qual. of feather, good cond.; 3rd, Hawfinch, very nice bird, silky feather, nice rich col., very tame; vhc, Gough; hc, Wren. FOR. LARGE (5): 1, 2, Buckler, 1st, very fine Amazon, plenty of col., good qual. of feather, A1 cond., 2nd, very fine Grey, in grand cond.; 3, vhc, c, Holliday, 3rd, another good Amazon, not quite so rich in col., good cond. LIMIT PAIRS (7): 1, Dunkley, Nor.; 2, Wilmot, Nor.; 3, Smith, Nor.; vhc, Dimmock; hc, Wren; c, Holliday. SELL 20s.: 1, Wren, nice var. yell. Nor.; 2, Lewin, pair Nor.; 3, Oliffe, pair Nor.; vhc, Dimmock; hc, Casey; c, Wilmot. 12s. 6d.: 1, Lees; 2, Martin; 3, Taylor; vhc, Goosey; hc, Holliday; c, Fifield.

ABERTILLERY.

Third annual open show held at the Gymnasium Hall on Oct. 20. A generous classification was provided, and we were pleased to see an entry of over 400 birds, a decrease of only 8 on last year's total. The hall is an admirable one, well lighted and free from draughts, the staging, which was admirably arranged in two tiers, and covered all round with hunting, making a very pleasing appearance. Of the management we cannot speak too highly, everyone being most anxious to see that everything possible was done for the welfare of the exhibits. The following are the office bearers: Pres., H. Campion, Esq.; Chair., W. Cooper; Vice, F. Selby; Treas., J. Pritchard; Asst. Sec., W. Newell; Show Manager, J. Parfitt; Committee, Messrs. Morton, Terrett, Bibhings, Russell, Hyde, A. Parfitt, Broome, Edwards, Phillips, Salter, Lewis, Orill, Moule, Blackmore, Richards, and Warr. The Secretary, Mr. H. H. Mortimer, is a very energetic and obliging official, and was well supported on show day by Mr. J. W. Bibbings, who acted as his assistant.

Norwich were a very level lot, some really good birds being put down by Messrs. Davies, Allsopp, Selby, and Tedstone, and the Rev. Jolliffe. Yorks. were a grand lot, and gave the judge an anxious time in sorting out. The novice classes in this section contained a wonderful entry of 85 in three classes. Borders were the best lot we have seen staged at this Society's shows, and it is evident the wee gems are winning their way into the hearts of Monmouthshire fanciers. Mules and British were not up to the usual standard. What has become of the Welsh British bird exhibitors? Committees cannot be expected to provide classes if they are not supported, and it behoves Welsh fanciers to patronise their own shows, otherwise we shall find Committees curtailing the classes. We were sorry to hear that Messrs. Walker and Jones' Norwich Class 3, No. 9, arrived at the show dead. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Davies, nice model, good head and neck, nicely packed flights, beautiful feather, perfect order; 2, Rev. Jolilfe, grand bird, splendid tone of col., correct shape, nicely rounded head, good neck, hardly fined down yet, should be heard of later; 3, Mortimer, good col., plenty of subs., nicely moulded, hardly as rich in col. as leaders; 4, Weeks, trille pale in col., rather loose when we saw it; hc, Tedstone; c, Morton. BUFF (8): 1, Davies, grizzle mkd. Buff, wonderful subs., best of wings, a trifle heavy behind, his only fault; 2, Greaves, Cl. Buff, lovely col. and mealing, nice cobby type, put down in perfect order; 3, Allsopp, Cl., lovely tone of col., grand type, hardly ready yet; 4, Amplett, tkd., very shapely, loses subs. to leaders; vhc, Tedstone; hc, Hill; c, Watkins. MKD., ETC. (9): 1, Tedstone, Var. Buff, grand subs., good head and neck, nice cobby shape, well cut away, finished all over with a lovely meal; 2, Broome, grand coloured wing and eye, mkd. Yell., correct type, beautiful qual. and cond.; 3, Allsopp, Var. Buff, nicely moulded, showing pen feathers in head and neck yet; 4, Morton, Var. Yell., very shapely, trifle weak in entrance; vhc, Walker and Jones; hc, Jones; c, Hitchings. HEAVILY VAR. (1): 1, Hill, Var. Buff, very loose in feather when we saw him. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Addison, eye and wing mkd., a gem, lovely col. and qual., nicely rounded head, good neck, nice cobby type; 2, Jones, correct type, sound in head properties, feathered to perfection, close up; 3, 4, Broome, tkd. and grizzle mkd., both lovely exhibits of much promise, but hardly ready yet; vhc, Greaves; hc, Hitchings; c, Davies. BUFF (11): 1, 4, W. Davies, both Cl., leader bird of exceptional subs., good head and neck, nicely packed wings, beautiful col. and mealing, latter shade smaller but lovely type and qual., many thought might have gone higher; 2, Tedstone, Cl., lovely shape, nice size, wants time, hardly ready yet; 3, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, Var., beautiful qual., nice shape and size, hardly as good in head points as leaders; vhc, D. H. Davies; hc, Broome; c, Hill. UNFLIG. CK. (17): 1, Selby, Cl. Yell., wins spl. best Nor., grand size, nicely rounded head, good neck, well moulded body, tip top col. and qual.; 2, Greaves, Cl. Buff, nice size, very shapely, well bal. wings, grand qual., finished off with a lovely meal; 3, hc, Allsopp, Cl. Buff, a close race, very compact, neat head and neck, nicely moulded body, good subs., wants a little more time; 4, Addison, Cl. Yell., lovely col., correct type, hardly subs. of winner; vhc, Davies; c, Amplett. HEN (9): 1, 3, Rev. Jolliffe, leader beautifully moulded, grand subs., good head points, A1 cond. and qual., latter nice type, lovely qual., hardly subs. of winner; 2, Broome, Cl., another good one, very cobby, well feathered, perhaps a shade smaller than winner; 4, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, nice shape and style, loses head points to leaders; vhc, Hitchings; hc, Morton; c, Addison. NOV. CK. (13): 1, Waters, Cl. Yell., beautiful col. and qual., nice cobby shape, trifle weak in head points; 2, Vaughan, wing tkd. Buff, very shapely, good subs., nicely mealed, put down in A1 order, a trifle browy; 3, Lilly, Cl., grand col. and qual., good bold chest, well cut away behind, neat head and neck, hardly fined down yet, or might have headed the class; 4, Phelps, lightly Var., beautiful col. and qual., hardly subs. of leaders; vhc, Powell; hc, Morton; c, no name. HEN (9): 1, Phelps, Cl. Buff, neat exhibit, nicely moulded, grand qual., well mealed, trifle pinched in entrance; 2, Lewis, eye and wing mkd. Yell., good col., rather soft when we made notes; 3, Davies, Cl. Yell., good size and shape, bit loose in feather; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Waters; c, Thomas. UNFLIG. (16): 1, 3, Selby, heavily Var. Yell., leading, grand col. and qual., good subs., very shapely; 3, another Var., nice size and shape, rather flat headed; 2, Phelps, grizzle, head mkd. Buff, nice cobby shape, good feather and cond.; 4, Vaughan, neck and wing mkd. Buff, very shapely, well mealed; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Escott and James; c, Morton. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Pritchard, Cl., grand length, neat head and neck, well filled back, good wings and tail, plenty of nerve, nice pos., hardly fined down yet; 2, Terrett, Cl., beautiful col., nicely drawn, grand leg and nerve, hardly size of leader; 3, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, real gem, lovely col. and cond., neat head, good shoulders, nice straight back, stands well, many preferred to winner; 4, Bale, another Cl., beautiful length, nice head, well filled back, full of nerve, good pos.; vhc, Parfitt; hc, Dobbs; c, Bevan. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Newell, Cl., nice size, very shapely, good shoulders, back and tail, well balanced wings, plenty of leg and nerve; 2, Owen, Cl., grand length, neat head and neck, nice leg, slightly frillod; 3, Pritchard, Cl., hardly length of leaders, grand pos. and leg, perfect wings and tail; 4, Russell, good length and nerve, inclined to cross wings at times; hc, James and Wells; c, Parfitt. LIGHTLY VAR. CK. (11): 1, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, Buff, a beauty, tight as a bottle, beautifully moulded, well up on leg, plenty of nerve, grand pos.; 2, Bale, eye and wing mkd. Yell., another good one, grand col. and qual., neat head, good back and tail, nice length of wing, perfect pos., A1 order; 3, 4, Pritchard, both Buffs, grand length, best of pos., good leg and wing carriage; vhc, Evans; hc, Watkins; c, Russell. HEAVILY VAR. (5): 1, Pritchard, Yell., lovely col. and qual., nice type, good length, well up on leg; 2, Parfitt, had gone soft; 3, Hughes and Wood, fowl green, lovely col. and qual., good shoulders, nice length, plenty of nerve; 4, Russell, Var. Buff, nice type, good nerve, hardly length of leaders; No. 5 wrong classed owing to being more light than dark, a grand exhibit, hard lines. HEN YELL. (8): 1, Owen, eye tkd., lovely col. and qual., beautifully moulded, grand length, nice leg and pos.; 2, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, Cinn. mkd., beautiful feather, grand length, good wings and tail, full of nerve, close up; 3, Newell, Cinn. mkd., grand qual., hardly as rich col. as leaders, nicely modelled good straight back and tail, stands well; 4, Pritchard, Cl., lovely type, neat head, good shoulders, nice pos. and leg, hardly length of leaders; hc, Harding; c, Moule. BUFF. (10): 1, Bale, Cl., nice model, good head, neck, and shoulders, nice straight back and tail, well up on leg, stands well, nicely clothed, beautiful meal; 2, Moule, good Cl., nicely fed good length, neat head on good shoulders, straight as a gas barrel, nice length of leg; 3, Pritchard, Cl., stands well, good back, wings and tail, lovely length, col., and cond.; 4, Stewart, Var., neat head and neck, nicely moulded, hardly length of leaders; vhc, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks; hc, Warr; c, Parfitt. UNFLIG. CK. (15): 1, Bale, Cl. Yell., grand length and col., nice straight back, good wings and tail, a trifle flat head, his only fault; 2, W. T. Osborne, Cl. Buff, good length, col., and qual., nice pos. and nerve, but faulty in wing carr.; 3, Greenslade, Cinn. mkd., lovely exhibit, neat head and neck, good straight back and tail, nicely packed wings, good length and nerve, trifle frilled on breast; 4, C. Osborne, Cl. Buff, nice type, hardly length of leaders; vhc, Hiscox; hc, Bevan; c, Watkins. HEN (15): 1, Dobbs, tkd. Buff, good col. and qual., nice length and pos., weak in head, many thought lucky to beat 2, Osborne, Cinn. mkd. Yell., lovely qual., nice type, well up on leg, good pos.; 3, Greenslade, tkd. Buff, lovely type and qual., nice straight back, well braced wings, good pos. and nerve; 4, Griffiths, Cl. Buff, nice length, hardly ready yet; vhc, James and Wells; hc, Owen; c, Warr. NOV. CK. (30): 1, Thomas, grizzle cap Yell., splendid type, qual., and col., neat head, neck, wings, and tail, well drawn, good nerve; 2, Smith, cap and wing tkd. Yell., a gem, good col. and qual., lovely length, nice straight back, good wings and tail, stands well on leg, must have pressed; 3, Powell, Cl. Buff, another good one, neat head, good shoulders, nice straight back, good nerve and pos.; ex, 3, 4, hc, Escott and James, grizzle, mkd. Yell., leading nice length and type, good wings, tail, and pos., hardly as tight

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in feather as leaders, 4, Cl. Yell., lovey col. and qual., nice length of leg, trifle smaler than leaders; vhc, Morgan; c, Latham. HEN (17): 1, spl. best Nov., Warr, Cl. Yell., lovely length, col., and cond., neat head, well filled back, good wings and tail, well up on leg; 2, Latham, eye and wing mkd., good length, nicely balanced wings and tail, could do with a little rounder head; 3, Maidment, Cl. Buff, very shapely, good leg, nicely balanced wings, hardly length of leaders; 4, Davies, Cl. Yell., nice length, very nervy, rather loose in feather; vhc, Morgan; hc, Watts; c, Harding. UNFLIG. (35), wonderful class: 1, Osborne, Cl. Yell., lovely col. and qual., neat head, well filled back, nicely fitting wings and tail, good length and nerve; 2, Llewellyn, Cl. Buff, very shapely, plenty of length, well packed wings, nice pos., tight as a bottle; 3, Bennett, Cl. Yell., good col. and qual., nice straight back, good wings and tail, rather pinched in head; 4, Davies, wing mkd. Yell., beautiful col. and cond., good length, nice leg, rather flat headed; vhc, Blackmore; hc, Terrett; c, Dallimore. BORD. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Madagan, Cl., a little gem, beautifully modelled, feathered like wax, we hear the Plymouth winner; 2, Broome, Cl., lovely col. and qual., nicely moulded, best of wings and tail, neat head and neck, well put down; 3, hc, Cooper, Cl., very jaunty and shapely, hardly as good in cond. as leaders; 4, Elaton, eye and wing mkd., very neat and shapely, correct wings and tail, in A1 order; vhc, c, Evans. BUFF (11): 1, Elaton, Cl. Buff, feathered like wax, well moulded, good head and neck, jaunty carr.; 2, 3, 4, Cooper, trio of gems, all Clears, of correct type, in grand order; vhc, Hughes and Wood; hc, Hubbard; c, Madagan. HEN (7): 1, spl, best Bord., Cooper, Cl. Yell., very neat and shapely, feathered like wax, beautiful col. and cond.; 2, Broome, Cl. Buff, lovely type and qual., well packed wings, good col. and qual.; 3, Hughes and Ward, eye and wing mkd., lovely exhibit, best of shape, neat head and neck, very jaunty carr., perfect cond.; 4, Ford, Cl., lovely shape and qual.; vhc, Macdonald; hc, Evans; c, Messer. NOV. A.V. (7): 1, 3, Lapworth, Cl. Yell. and Cl. Buff, correct type, put down in perfect order; 2, Edgington, Cl. Buff, another good one, beautiful cond. and qual., very shapely and jaunty, must have pressed; 4, Watts, wing mkd. Buff, good feather, nice type, A1 cond.; vhc, hc, Messer; c, Evans. A.O.V. (1): 1, E. J. Bevan.

NEWCASTLE.

A Crested Canary Claimed at £15

Tenth Annual Show of the Newcastle C.B.S., in the Co-operative Hall, Oct. 23. Seeing that some societies have had to abandon their shows this year, the Newcastle Society decided to run an open show if it were possible to secure a hall. After long search a hall was found, but being small the classification had to be curtailed. Being convinced, however, that even a small open show would do much to keep the Fancy going, they cut down their classes according to the space available.

It is highly gratifying to record that their efforts have been appreciated by fanciers, as they received a bumping entry, showing a higher average per class than at any previous show they have held. Border Fancies were the strongest section, with over 20 per class. Norwich made a good second with 19, and some grand birds were staged in every section. The Haggie Challenge Bowl for best young bird in show was awarded to Radley and Sons' Crest; and the Kate Haggie cup for best member's bird (any age) went to J. Maddison's clear Goldfinch Mule.

Quite a few sales took place, the most notable being Mr. Jim Taylor's winning Crest, claimed at catalogue price, £15. It need scarcely be said that the management was of the best, the officials being men of experience and keen fanciers. Mr. Reid, Sec.: Mr. Tindale, Chairman; Mr. Espie, Vice-Chair, and a hard working Committee got through their work in a thoroughly methodical manner, and there is some warm work to do in a short space of time at a one-day open show with such an entry. It was even warm for the visitors, there was such a crowd of them during the afternoon and evening. The judges were T. C. Crawhall, Nor. and Crests; T. B. Tomlinson, Yorks. and Sell.; T. Robson, Border and Scotch Fancies; C. Waters, Mules, British and Foreign.

NOR. YELL. (10): 1, Harrison, saddle mkd., good col., featber and subs., a bit long behind; 2, Callaway, less size, hot col., cobby shape; 3, Stephenson, fine all round, except rather poor col.; 4, Holden; vhc, Glendinning; hc, Armstrong; c, Mathewson. BUFF (16): 1, Holden, clr., grand size and type, rare col. and qual.; 2, Bilby, var., less size, but fine type and qual.; 3, Callaway, clr., plenty size and subs., rather loose in feather; 4, Crass; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Harrison; c, McGinn. HEN (23): 1, McGinn, grand size, thick set, hot col., tight feather; 2, Archbold and Lascelles, shade smaller, but rare shape, qual. and col.; 3, hc, Mathewson, good size and shape, paler col.; 4, Bailes; vhc, Moore; c, Armstrong. YELL., BRED 1915 (17): 1, Crass, good size, type and qual., rich col.; 2, Creswell, fine size and col., a bit more length; 3, Lawson, hot col., grand shape, bit slack at thighs; 4, Smith; vhc, c, Glendinning; hc, Moore. BUFF (17): 1, Holden, excellent size, shape and qual.; 2, Smailes, less size, otherwise good; 3, McKay, plenty size and subs., scarcely ready; 4, Hay; vhc, Snowdon; hc, Coutts; c, Crass. NOV., NOR. CK. (29): 1, 3, vhc, Bell, ycll., rare good size and shape, hot col., fine qual.; 3 not so much size, but otherwise good; 2, Cresswell, massive cobby buff; ex 3, hc, Reed, buff, fine type, col. and qual.; c, Gray. HEN (20): 1, Mason and Sanderson, yell., good size, typical, fine qual.; 2, Bell, large sized buff, capital col. and feather; 3, Priestly, cap mkd. yell., of nice size and col.; vhc, Marshall; hc, Page; c, Hall. CREST (11): 1, 3, Jas. Taylor, 1 heavily var., large bird, with a large, dense, well-shaped crest, claimed at catalogue price, £15. Good luck to the plucky buyer. 3, another good bird, only beaten by better ones; 2, 4, Dobson, 2 has a very large crest, with more droop than the winner, which gives it a narrower appearance; vhc, Tate; hc, Radley and Son; c, Dickenson Bros. C.B. (6): 1, 3, Radley and Son, great size, abundance of feather; 2, 4, Dobson, grand size and feather; vhc, Tate; hc, Jeffries. CREST, 1915 (9): 1 and bowl best young bird, Radley and Son, large, dense, well-shaped crest; 2, Jas. Taylor, just beaten in formation of crest; 3, Dickenson Bros., very promising; 4, Dobson; vhc, hc, Mrs. Taylor; c, Jeffries. C.B., 1915 (8): 1, Jas. Taylor, green, great size and length of feather; 2, Mrs. Taylor, grand young green, with any amonnt of feather; 3, Tate, little behind the others; 4, vhc, Dickenson Bros.; hc, Dobson; c, Gillespie. YORKS., YELL. (10): 1, Stewart, fine length, erect, grand col. and qual.; 2, Carlisle, plenty length, good feather and col.; 3, Taylor, rare size, good pos. and feather; 4, Tindale; vhc, Pyman; hc, Crawhall; c, Deighton. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Crawhall, grand pair for typo and qual.; 3, vhc, c, Barker, 3 scarcely so slim as leaders; 4, Wearmouth; hc, Carlisle. HEN (14): 1, Tindale, lengthy, upstanding yell., rare good type and finish; 2, Crawhall, bnff, grand shape and qual. of feather; 3, Pyman, very stylish buff; 4, Carlisle; vhc, Archbold and Lascelles; hc, Stewart; c, Barker. YELL., 1915 (13): 1, Leek, lengthy, good qnal. of feather, well up on leg; 2, Warren, smart and stylish, fine length; 3, Taylor, less size, bnt very typical; 4, Wearmouth; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Stewart; c, Wilson. BUFF (9): 1, Carlisle, very shapely, well up on leg, close boxy feather; 2, 3, Crawhall, slim and typical, grand feather and cond.; 4, Pyman; vhc, Taylor; hc, Johnson; c, Leek. NOV., CK. (29): 1, 3, Nattrass, buffs, grand length and qual., extra good feather; 2, Cleverley, rare length, good type and col.; 4, vhc, Warren; hc, Havis; c, Frost. HEN (16): 1, Leek, long, upstanding buff, good shape and feather; 2, Willis, buff, nice type and qual.; 3, hc, Leach, good length and pos., capital feather and cond.; 4, Cleverley; vhc, Studholm; c, Frost. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, 2, Mason and Sanderson, large yell. cinnamons; 3, Spoor, large massive green. SELL., 15/- (12): 1, Brown; 2, Holden; 3, Cattell; 4, Hay; vhc, Hngill; hc, Collins; c, Page. 10/- (16): 1, Wilson; 2, Botham; 3, Wilson; 4, Furness; vhc, Hngill; hc, Hcoper; c, Bailes. SCOTCH FANCY CK., A.V. (3): 1, Chapman, cl. buff, grand size, good shoulders and circle, gets head well down; 2, Willison, var. buff, nice size and good circle, hardly so well filled; 3, Chapman, var. yell., nice exhibit, position not so good. HEN (2): 1, 2, Chapman, cl. buff, nice head, good reach and circle; 2nd, varieg., larger, well filled shoulders, good depth of chest. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (17): 1, W. Hay, grand shape, fine qual. and col., good wings and tail; 2, Purvis, sweet exhibit, lovely taper; 3, Brown, tkd. on head, beautiful feather, nicely carried wings and tail; 4, Nicholson, nicely rounded, good back and wings, rather slimmer in build; vhc, Watson; hc, Johnson; c, Espie. BUFF (15): 1, Espie, sweet shape, featber waxy, nicely rounded wings and tail, well carried; 2, Purves, good, again nicely rounded wings and tail, neat, good qual. feather; 3, S. Wilson, grand type and qual., close feather; 4, W. Hay, very neat, good feather, slightly longer build; vhc, Beevor; hc, Nicbolson; c, Chapman. CL. OR TKD. HEN (25): 1, ex. 4, Espie, 1st, cl. buff, sweet shape, good back, wings and tail, lovely feather; 4th, similar build, wings not so good; 2, Smith and Son, sweet shape, mkd., fine qual. feather; 3, Purves, buff, grand type and qual., good back, wings, and tail; ex. 3, McLaughlin, mkd. one wing, lovely taper and grand feather; 4, S. Wilson, sweet shape, nice bead and wings; vbc, W. Hay; hc, Brown; c, Watson. VAR. (20): 1, 3, Nicholson, 1st, yell mkd. eyes, wings and cbeek, grand type and qual.. 3rd, cinn. mkd. yell., mkd. eyes and wings, will improve; 2, W. Espie, mkd. eyes and wings, not the size of 1st but sweet; 4, Smith and Son, buff cinn. mkd., sweet sbape and qual.; vhc, Farrar; bc, Dickinson Bros.; c, Brown. GREEN OR CINN. CK., YELL. (17): 1, Forrest, cinn., good type, excellent qual. and col.; 2, W. Affleck, green, nice type, good bead and green col. well defined markings; 3, Espie, green, good col. distinct markings, a bit longer tban 2nd; 4, c, Johnson, grand shape, good col. and qual; vhc, Lambie; hc, Blakey. BUFF (18): 1, Montgomery, good one all over, type and col. all there; 2, Forrest, cinn., good sbape, grand wings and tail; 3, Johnson, green, rich col., nicely pencilled, larger than 1st; 4, Nicholson, cinn., beautiful sbape and qual.; vbc, Render; bc, Espie; c, Cbapman. GREEN OR CINN. HEN (17): 1, W. Affleck, green, sweet shape, good ground colour, nice condition; 2, Farrar, nice quality and colour, hardly the type of 1st; 3, Montgomery, good taper, nice wings and tail, not quite tbe col. of 1st; 4, Espie, good col. and qual., wanting a little in front; vhc, Johnson; hc, Montgomery; c, Cbapman. BORD. CK. NOV. (32): 1, M. Forster, mkd. eyes and wings, grand shape, lovely feather; 2, T. Davison, cl. buff, good head, nice feather, not quite the taper; 3, Holand, cl. yell., nice shape, col., and qual., longer; 4, Render, tkd. on head and back, waxy feather, nice wings and tail; ex. 3, Sewell; ex. 4, G. Wilson; vhc, Heslop; bc, Nicholson; c, Jerden. HEN (27): 1, 4, N. Jerden; 2, ex. 3, T. Render; 3, A. Affleck; ex. 4, M. Forster; vbc, G. Wilson; bc, T. Young; c, J. Cruddace. A really beautiful lot, all the winners close together, and tbe extra prizes well deserved. HYB. CAN-BULLF. OR CL. MULE (7): 1, and cup, Maddison, both cl. Goldf. Mules, much improved with an adult moult; 2, 4, Dr. Wilson, good Goldf.-Siskin, shown in grand order; vhc, bc, Harkass; hc, Hearfield. LIGHT MULE: 1, 2, 3, Maddison, Goldf., Greenf. and Linnet Mules, all very lightly mkd.; 4, Bowerbank Bros.; vhc, Dr. Wilson. DK. (7): 1, Dr. Wilson, buff Greenf., rare size, very tight feather, in top cond.; 2, Bowerbank Bros., yell Goldf., good size and col., rather slim; 3, vhc, Aston, 3 yell Greenf., good col. and cond.; 4, Maddison; hc, Hooper. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (12): 1, Woods, Bullf., plenty size, good shape, scarcely up in col.; 2, vhc, Almond, Goldf., good size, big rich coloured blaze, good tan and wings, too unsteady to do himself justice, which probably kept him back; 3, Bertram, F.M. Bullie, good size and shape, rich breast col., good wing bars, in shining cond.; 4, Nicholson; hc, Hearfield; c, Bearby. LINNET, F.M. (13): 1, 2, Maddison, 1 grand size, Nor. type, rich and level col., well mkd. front, very steady; 2, smaller, otherwise very similar; 3, Smailes, grand size, shows himself well, rather pale in col.; 4, Hetherington; vhc, Sergt. Forster; hc, Bertram; c, Wright. H.M. (12): 1, Muse, good size and shape, rich coloured breast, but not overdone in markings; 2, 3, Wright, 2 sound col., well mkd. front, needs a bit more polish; 3, very fine qual. and markings, paler in col.; 4, Stewart; vhc, McVay; hc, Petterson; c, Aston. GREENF. (4): 1, Stewart, hot col., tight feathered yell., in top cond.; 2, Nicholson, non-fed, fine size, shape and cond.; 3, Coulthard, very good, beaten in size; 4, Lambie. SISKIN, ETC. (22): 1, Johnson, Siskin, nice size and shape, good col. and mkgs., faint bib; 2, Nicholson, Lesser Redpoll, large and shapely, well tanned breast, in grand order; 3, Montague, Twite, good size and subs., dark col., decent mkgs; ex 3, vhc, J. Johnson, 3 Mealy Redpoll, fine size, well mkd., good cond.; ex 4, Stewart; hc, Wright; c, Patterson. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE (23): 1, Nicholson, Chaffinch, rare size, shape and feather, well forward in col.; 2, c, Sergt. Forster, very hot coloured Bramble, well spangled, tip-top cond., just wants a little more weight; 3, Dr. Wilson, Bramble, plenty size, cobby shape, not the rich col. of leader; ex 3, ex 4, Hooper, 3rd Chaffinch of good col. and cond., beaten size; 4, hc, Bertram; vhc, Bailes. A.O. HARDBILL (3): 1, Dr. Wilson, extra fine Meadow Bunting, in forward cond.; 2, Wilcock, massive Hawfinch, lacks the cond. of winner; 3, Gray, Hawfinch, bit unsteady. SOFTBILL (8): 1, Wright, yell. Wagtail, fine size and col., steady, well put down; 2, c, Montague, very fine Chongh; 3, Hooper, large Waxwing, scarcely the cond. of leaders; 4, Roper; vhc, Wright; hc, Grey. FOR., LARGE: 1, Johnson, Ceram Lory. SMALL: 1, 4, vhc, Almond, pair of Grassfinches, in perfect feather and cond; 2, Petterson, Whydah, in full plumage; 3, Johnson, really good Parson finch.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Eighth annual show of the Burton-on-Trent C.B.S., Oct. 23, Victoria Hall, High Street, a room well adapted for holding an exhibition of cage birds, being of good size, warm, and free from draughts, and well in the centre of the town. Taking into consideration the prevailing conditions, visitors were fairly numerous, and the entry was a splendid one, being quite up to previous shows, while the quality was grand. The 11 classes of Norwich contained some charming specimens for both type and quality, and to this section went the coveted special for best bird in show, a very handsome bowl. This was awarded to the Yellow bird exhibited by Mr. Elliott, a bird of grand shape and size. The Yorkshire classes were grandly filled, and made a very pleasing display. One bird which stood clear away was the winning Yell. ck. The entry in the British classes was just about what we have seen at Burton for the last few years. Several old faces were again to the front, getting additional honours to their already long list of wins. The arrangements again were capital, the exhibits being splendidly staged, so that every bird could be seen at a glance. A special word of praise is certainly due to the excellent set of stewards. No society could wish for a better lot, each one taking great interest in his duties and sticking to it throughout the day, and no stone was left unturned. An early start was made with judging, which was got through in good time. Catalogues were on sale with awards a very few minutes after the slips were handed in. The Society has a splendid secretary in Mr. A. Wood. Mr. Shirley won special for best non-member's bird, and Mr. Glover took Sandiford's Cup. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Gough and Loach, lovely shape, splendid col. and size, good broad bead, grand qual. and feather, in fine cond., wins in a good class; 2, Elliott, grand shape, size, and qual., nice body, very cobby, nice tone of col., hardly ready yet; 3, Ford, very nice size and shape, again bardly fine yet, neat bead, good neck, well carried wings and tail, just wants another few days; vhc, Wood; hc, Hathaway; c, Bond. BUFF (7): 1, Hatbaway, very sbapely and typical, well across the perch, nice wide bead, good neck, lovely col. and qual., in lovely bloom; 2, Shirley, good shape, size, and qual., at time of taking notes was looking very thick, nice head, good feather; 3, Garfield, very pale col., nice shape, well across perch, good head and neck, rare body, capital feather and qual., splendid bloom; vhc, Judd; hc, Wilcox; c, Buxton. MKD. YELL. (6): 1, Emery, eye and wing mkd., lovely col. and qual., nice body, very sbapely, rare wings and tail, good head, feather, and cond.; 2, Wood, wing mkd., grand shape, neat body and head, well filled in neck, grand col. and qual., close up; 3, vbc, hc, Hathaway, very nice team, hot in col., but just a wee bit on small side, all in fine cond. BUFF (11): 1, 2, vbc, Hathaway, beautiful team, sbown to the moment, leader bead and neck mkd., very hot col., grand shape, 2 Varieg., grand shape, nice hot rare col. and cond., very close up; 3, Elliott, beautiful col. and sbape, head and wing mkd., champion size, grand feather and bloom; c, Sbirley. HVILY. VARIEG. OR GREEN (4): 1, Bastock, Yell. Varieg., grand size and shape, good neck, hroad head, rare feather, well staged; 2, Hathaway, Yell. Green, model for shape, nice size, grand feather and cond., beautifully shown; 3, Elliott, Hevy. Varieg., grand col., rare shape, neat bead, very close up, splendid feather; vhc, Mason. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Bastock, Cl., A1 feather and shape, very good body, rare bead and size, nicely carried wings and tail, beautiful tone of col., wing mkd.; 2, Harwood, nice shape, good head, monster for size, bnt hardly ready yet, will be lovely col. and qual.; 3, Emery, good bodied Cl., nice shape, smart appearance, good carriage, in fine bloom; vhc, Hawksley; hc, Hathaway; c, Wilcox. BUFF (14), very good class: 1, Wood, nice Cl., grand shape and bloom, good broad head, nice body and size, splendid feather and qual., looking just a bit down; 2, Gough and Loacb, beautiful cobby shape, lovely col. and qual., well across perch, very, very close up, faultlessly shown; 3, Hathaway, well mkd., very typical shape, nice body, rare size, grand col., nicely carried wings and tail; vbc, Shirley, grand col. and shape; bc, Drakeley; c, Wilcox. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, 2, Elliott, head ticked, very bot col., good body and sbape, nice head and neck, in grand feather and cond, 2 nice shape, good head, very fine featber, lovely col. and qual., close up; 3, vhc, Hathaway, two very smart Clears, nice feather and style, very good shape, capital size and qual.; bc, Emery; c, Gough and Loach. BUFF (13): 1, Judd, beautiful Cl., cobby shape, nice broad, well filled-in head, thick neck, rare feather and qual., splendid bloom; 2, Elliott, well modelled body, rare feather, lovely col. and qual., beautifully frosted, grand size, close up; 3, Draper, Varieg., smaller size, but grand body and shape, nice neat head, capital feather and bloom; vhc, Hulse; hc, Hatbaway; c, Johnson. UNFLIG. HENS (22), grand class: 1, Godley, Cl. Buff, lovely shape, size, and qual., well across perch, beautifully carried wings and tail, nice, well filled-in head and neck, A1 cond.; 2, Emery, Cl. Yell., lovely col. and qual., nice shape, good size and body, splendid front, grand feather and cond.; 3, Hathaway, Varieg. Buff, smart and typical capital col. and qual., spotlessly shown; vhc, Draper; hc, Garfield; c, Elliott. NAT. COL. (4): 1, Cox, Green, nice shape and size, good feather, qual., and bloom; 2, Bond, eye and wing mkd. Buff, rare shape, lacks qual.; 3, Judd, Varieg. Yell., on small side, nice shape, good feather; vhc, Emery. £2 PAIRS (10): 1, Mason, capital pair Clears, easy win; 2, Moores, good well matched pair; 3, Judd, capital Green and Cl. Buff, rare feather; vhc, Johnson; hc, Draper; c, Elliott. NOV. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Westwood, lovely shapely Cl., very taking style and shape, nice size, good head and neck, rare body, beautiful col., in rare cond.; 2, Fessey, capital Cl. of lovely qual., but much smaller in size, grand shape, goes about cage lovely, hard to find fault with bar size; 3, Muddiman, also Cl., grand shape, nice body., qual. and body, rare feather and cond., well staged; vhc, Fox; hc, Steele; c, Twells. BUFF (16): 1, Leese, beautiful hot col., clear, nicely frosted, grand shape and size, nice body, lovely carried wings and tail, well staged; 2, Hewitt, Cl. of grand qual., nice bead and neck, splendid feather and bloom, nice wings and tail, good front; 3, Green, nk. and wing mkd., hot col., good body, capital shape, nice feather and cond.; vhc, Watts; hc, Fessey; c, Westwood. HENS (15): 1, Steele, nice Cl., not at all large, but grand shape and qual., nice head and body, grand feather and cond., splendidly staged; 2, Johnson, Cl., grand col. and shape, nice feather and qual., rare head, well carried wings and tail, A1 cond.; 3, Hewitt, Cl. pale col., grand shape and size, nice qual., stands well, in capital feather, nicely staged; vhc, hc, Westwood; c, Muddiman. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Sandiford's sp., Glover, very hot col., nice body, good broad head, well fitted on neck, lovely feather and qual., in grand order; 2, 3, Leese, two really lovely Clears, we liked 3 very, very much, a bird of grand shape and col., faultlessly shown, good as any; vhc, Glover; c, Johnson. BUFF (18): 1, Morrell, eye and wing mkd., nice col. and body, rare shape and cond., lovely qual. and size, nice head and neck, wins good class; 2, Fessey, eye and wing ticked, grand shape and cond., nice col. and size, grand qual., in rare feather; 3, Bowden, wing mkd., grand shape, nice feather, splendid qual. and cond., close up; vhc, Herbert; hc, Watts; c, Glover. YORKS. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Hynes, one of the best Cls. we have seen for many days, also faultlessly staged, wings and tail carried perfectly, a model all over, wins easily; 2, Sharpe and Hibbitt, Cl. of good length and position, but not same style or qual. of leader, rare wings and tail, well staged; 3, Gibbons and Wakes, very pale col., good length, nice position, rare feather and qual., A1 shape and style; vhc, Dykes, grand eye and wing mkd., looking very soft; hc, Brewin; c, Young. BUFF (10): 1, Dykes, lovely Cl., grand shape and position, neat head, nice wings and tail, in splendid feather and bloom; 2, Price, grand Cl., but much stronger in build, nice style and position, rare feather and qual., nicely on legs, A1 bloom; 3, Cowley, rare Cl., not so lengthy and paler in col., good shape and style, well staged; vhc, Pygott; hc, Ramsden; c, Hymas. HENS (13): 1, Price, Cl. Yell., lovely style, length, and position, nice neat head, well filled in neck, very slim, rare form; 2, Dykes, Cl. Yell., grand shape, style, and position, very slim and upstanding, close up, very fit; 3, Pass, Cl. Buff, nice col. and shape, rather too strong in build, grand feather and qual., well staged; vhc, Hymas, lovely Cl. Yell., badly staged; hc, Hall; c, Cowley. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Hemmings, very hot col. Cl., nice shape, good head and neck, rather too wide in tail, good feather and qual; 2, Dykes, grand col. and shape, nice all over, in fact hard to find fault with, must have pressed very hard; 3, Hymas, lovely style and shape, nice col. and qual., grand position, very close up; vhc, Hall, hc, Cowley; c, Hawkesley. BUFF (14): 1, Pass, good lengthy Cl., rather strong in build, nice style and shape, neat head and neck, in lovely feather and bloom; 2, Dykes, good shapely, lengthy Cl., grand feather and cond., nice body, good upstanding position, close up; 3, Elkins, Varieg., good shape, style and length, nice col. and body, neat head, well carried wings; vbc, Ramsden; hc, Price; c, Gibbons and Wakes. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, vhc, Gilbert, Crest, leading, in fine cond., grand headpiece, 2, 4, pointed Buff Nor., in lovely feather, grand col. and shape; 3, Wilcox, White Canary, nice col. and shape, rare cond.; vhc, Wilson; c, Wilmot. GOLDF. (6): 1, Hayter, well known champion, looking as well as ever, hard to find fault with, wins well; 2, Canner, nice shape, good blaze, nice buttons, good col. and size, lacks finish to leader; 3, Tams, good stamp, nice head and blaze, good size, nice col. and cond.; vhc, Raby; hc, Pleasance; c, Harwood. BULLF. (7): 1, Cannon, grand shape and size, lovely breast and top col., good cap, nice featber and qual.; 2, Woods, another very similar, grand shape and size, good bloom; 3, vhc, Poole nice col., size, and shape, close up; hc, Bowridge; c, Chick. LINNET (11): 1, Strafford, grand size and shape, nicely pencilled, neat head, nice cobby body; 2, Lygott, good col. and shape, nice cobby body, well pencilled, in rare feather; 3, Tams, very nice shape and size, good col. and feather, close up; vhc, c, Bate; bc, Osborne. GREENF. (7): 1, Hayter, grand shape and size, nice col., rare feather and qual., in splendid cond.; 2, hc, Poole, rare shape, good size, nice feather, qual., and bloom; 3, Parlett, very good shape, nice col., looking thick at time of taking notes; vhc, Smith; c, Marello. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, Parlett, well-known Twite, grand shape and size, in lovely feather and bloom; 2, Pitchford, Redpoll, grand feather and cond., good size, very stylish; 3, c, Bowdidge, Redpoll, good size, nice qual. and cond., close up; vhc, Strafford; hc, Smith. BRAMBLE (12): 1, 2, Chick, Bramble leading, followed by very smart Chaff., both in lovely feather; 3, vhc, Smith, Chaff., grand shape and size, lovely feather and bloom, close up indeed; hc, Hawkes; c, Pitchford. A.O. HARDBILL (8): 1, Bull, well-known Hawfinch, looking better than ever, walk-over; 2, vhc, Chick, Yellow Bunting, grand shape, good size, capital feather; 3, Hayter, very taking Corn Bunting, in lovely cond., very good size; hc, Poole; c, Hawke. SOFTBILL (4): 1, Burrows, lovely Redstart, in perfect feather and cond., nicely shaped, good wing; 2, 3, Rent, Wryneck and Blackcap, both in fine feather and bloom, very good specimens; vhc, Hemmings. LIGHT HYB. (3): 1, 2, Gilbert, 5 nice light Canary Goldies, in beautiful feather; 3, Mallatratt, nice Varieg., good feather. DARK (3): 1, Parlett, noted Greenie Can., grand shape and size, in lovely feather and bloom; 2, Gilbert, Green Can., nice size, col., and sbape, lovely feather; 3, Mallatratt, Redpoll Can., good feather and shape, nice cond. A.O.V. (3): 1, Parlett, well-known "White Rose," needs no comment; 2, 3, Gibbert, Green Bullie, Chaff. Bramble, both in grand order. FOR. (3): 1, Laywell, Tricolor Tanager, beautiful col. and feather; 2, 3, Pitchford, Ruficauda Finch and Red-headed Finch in grand cond., CHAL. BOWL CLASSES, YELL.: 1, 3, Elliott; 2, hc, c, Emery; 4, vhc, Hathaway. BUFF: 1 3, Elliott; h, hc, Hathaway; 4, vhc, ch, Draper.

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CLUB REPORTS.

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PORTH AND RHONDDA VALLEY.

General meeting, Porth Hotel, Oct. 20; chair, A. H. C. Legg. Decided to hold an open show on Dec. 9, with prize-money on the sliding scale. Sec. was instructed to write to different firms of printers for quotations re printing of schedules and catalogues, also judges. New member proposed, W. Jones. We shall be pleased to see members turn up to give a hand to make our show a success.—J. H. Bevan.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting, headquarters, Marlboro' Hotel, Oct. 13. Final arrangements were made for young stock show, Nov. 13. Decided to add a selling class, fee 2d. per bird, to be returned in prize money. Entries close Nov. 10, next meeting night. Birds staged at 5 on day of show. Judge, Mr. J. Burke. Members please make a special effort to make the show a success, both by entries and attendance.—G. W. Bayliss, Assist. Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Meeting Oct. 18 we were favoured with a lecture by Mr. W. A. Cowgill, of Bradford, on Preparing for Exhibition; it was a very instructive lecture indeed. The lecturer dealt with the birds from the nest to the benching. There were many questions put to the lecturer, which he answered in very fine style, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Cowgill, to which he suitably responded. New members elected, R. Cheetham and W. Barker, making a total of 68. We are holding an open show this season on Nov. 20. Judge, Mr. E. Clegg, Dewsbury.—A. Lawford, Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Meeting, Oldham Hall, Oct. 14; Mr. J. Abbott, chair, and a fair attendance. 18 classes for Yorkshires were added to the schedule for the amateur section, and two classes for foul green hens in the champion section. One cup and 2 medals were offered and accepted. One new member was made. The chief item for the evening was a lecture on "Preparing Birds for Exhibition," by Mr. F. Handley. It was late when the chairman called upon the lecturer, but we thoroughly enjoyed the lecture, and Mr. Handley gave us many useful hints. Many questions were asked and suitably answered. A vote of thanks was unanimously carried, and Mr. Handley suitably replied.—T. R. Jones, Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Meeting headquarters, Crown Hotel, Station-street, Oct. 6, Mr. Broadhurst chair, and about 40 members present, the largest gathering we have had for some considerable time. New members elected: Messrs. Robinson, Savigar, and Roath; also nominated: Messrs. Camm, Salmon, and Nash. Decided to accept the patronage of the O.N.P.C., and to add classes for the Liverpool G.C.A. (Norwich Section) at our open show Dec. 1 and 2; otherwise same classification as last year. Decided to hold our open Roller show on Dec. 8 and 9. It is with regret we accept the resignation of our old sec., Mr. Jones, who is forced to resign on account of illness. We wish him a speedy recovery. Members please make a special effort to be present at next meting, Nov. 3, at 8, to make final arrangements for open and Roller shows.—A. C. Shirley, Sec.

BORDER FANCY C.C.

AN OPEN SHOW IN EDINBURGH.

A meeting of the local members of the Border Fancy C.C. was held at 142, High St., Edinburgh, Oct. 21, Mr. G. W. Brown presiding. The chairman explained that owing to the Scottish National Show being cancelled, the committee, with the promised support of a great majority of the members, had decided to hold a purely Border Fancy open show in Edinburgh, on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, and they had been called together that night for the purpose of discussing matters in connection therewith, and forming a show committee. After hearing the chairman's report it was agreed to go on with the show, all present agreeing to act on the committee, they having powers to add to their numbers. In order to relieve Mr. Smart, the club sec., who has little time at his disposal for work in connection with an open show, Mr. J. Lumsden, 13, George-sq., Edinburgh, was unanimously elected to the post of assist. sec. Agreed to fix the same classification as at the Scottish National, with an additional class for heavily variegated. Prize-money was fixed at 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry fee, 1/6. Agreed to fix on a membership fee of 1/-, which will entitle exhibitors to free admission to show and to compete for all specials other than those confined to members of B.F.C.C. Fanciers wishing to compete for B.F.C.C. specials should communicate with Mr. W. B. Smart, 13, High-st., Loanhead, who will send them all particulars of same. Agreed to secure the services of three judges for show. A number of the leading fanciers were nominated, and it is hoped we will be able to secure three of the foremost gentlemen in the Fancy for this show, which is expected to be the largest exhibition of the "Wee Gems" ever seen. After some discussion regarding the prize list and catalogue, the meeting was adjourned till Nov. 2, at 8, when the committee will be glad to welcome local members who are willing to assist and who may have been unable to be present at last meeting. It is hoped that all lovers of the popular Border will rally round their Edinburgh brethren at this time, give them support with specials and entries, and so assist in making the venture a success worthy of the Border Fancy Club. I will be glad to hear from anyone who may be interested in our venture, and shall be pleased to receive and acknowledge any special prizes which fanciers may wish to give.—Jas. Lumsden, Asst. Sec., 13, George Square, Edinburgh.

(Some Show Reports unavoidably held over.)

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.—St. Cuthbert's Church Hall, Nov. 12-13. Judges: H. W. Battye, T. Dixon, J. Maddison. 67 open classes: Nor. 11 (2 Nov., 1 Nat. Col.), Crests 9 (2 Nov.), Yorks. 12 (2 Nov.), Bord. 18 (2 Nov.), Cinn. 1, Liz. 1, Scotch Fancy 1, Self. 4, Mules 2, Brit. 7, For. 1. Ent. close Nov. 6, to G. Hayver, 1, Theresa St.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

RENEWED MOULTING (N.P., Tottenham).—The place to which you removed the bird was undoubtedly decidedly colder than that which he had previously occupied, and possibly the incidence of a cold spell of weather would intensify the condition, and this would quite suffice to set the moult in action again. Keep it now in a comfortable place, not necessarily very warm, but see that it is fairly equable and quite free from direct cold draughts. Then in addition to its usual seed diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake in which you have well mixed four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion, and sprinkle it with maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea and six drops dilute sulphuric acid. Continue this for a fortnight, and if the feathers have not quite ceased dropping by that time, substitute for the above medicine four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of steel, and dilute sulphuric acid, and give this every second day for a week.

CLAW AND CREST (A. B. C.).—(1) No. a bird which has lost a "toe-nail" would not be disqualified on the show bench, but the defect, if noticed, would tell against it, more or less, according to the keenness of the competition. I have known claws lost in this way to be reproduced again after a few months; possibly this may be the case with your bird. (2) Colour and markings are of very secondary importance in a stock bird for breeding Crests fit for show. Plenty of size and feather are much more essential; so, as the Crested cock is a yellow, you should get a buff hen to match him in other respects apart from colour. It will be of little importance whether she is ticked, clear, or even variegated, so long as she has plenty of head-gear and feather of the right sort, and size and substance. A nice short beak, thick and stout at base, giving a wide entrance, a broad skull, densely furnished with long, wide feather, which reaches to the tip of beak when turned over forwards, and showing a stop at the forehead, is the type to look

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Batlye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

for, and you need not allow colour or markings to weigh against these properties. But if you can get the necessary points in a clear buff hen which is bred from a clear-bodied, dark crested strain, then you might give the preference to such a hen, on the offchance of getting a clear-bodied, dark crest or two in the progeny. Unfortunately, there is in these days far too little attention paid to markings in this magnificent breed.

VARIED (Waterval, Boven).—(1) Yes, a young Roller cock that was not trained in song would evolve a type of song similar to that of untrained common Canaries, with this difference, that if he was bred off a well-trained stock of birds, his untutored performances would show an inherited tendency towards a rather better type of song than that of one that was of wholly untutored stock. (2) Hen Mules may sometimes be turned to account as "feeders," or foster parents, for rearing the young of other hens which fail from any cause to bring up their own young. Apart from this their use in the breeding room is nil. (3) A trained Roller which was kept in an aviary in company with, or in close association with, common singing birds would certainly lose much of its classical song, and drift into a corrupt type of song little better than that of a wholly untrained bird. Individuals, of course, vary in their susceptibility to corrupting influences, but sooner or later any trained bird would deteriorate under such conditions.

NERVOUSNESS (W. F. D.).—The behaviour of the bird is due to excessive nervousness. As it only commenced to act in this way three months ago you should consider whether you introduced a cat or dog about that time, which may be the cause of the display of terror when the cage is brought down. If this surmise is correct, the exclusion of the animal whilst the cage is being cleaned would suffice to stop the attacks. If not correct, then you must deal with it as gently as possible, but at the same time attend to it frequently, and endeavour to win its confidence, by frequent attention and gentle treatment. It would be well to gradually bring its cage into more prominence for a few minutes daily until it loses fear of being brought down. Medicinal treatment is of no use in such a case, but it may help matters to give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape only, and give all other seeds and foods as tit-bits separately, and generally on the occasions when you bring its cage into prominence for a minute or two. You may also add to its drinking 20 drops of fluid magnesia every third day for two or three weeks.

DIET FOR NORWICH (C. Cartwright).—An elaborate mixture of seeds such as you mention is certainly not the best staple for any Canary, as it allows of no material change in the diet if such is needed for any purpose, besides which it is wasteful and not always wholesome, as the birds frequently pick out the particular seeds they like best—not always the best for them—and scatter the rest about the cage floor. If the birds are breeding stock for next season, the best diet is the simplest—plain canary seed only. But if they are songsters they may have a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Beyond this give all other seeds and soft foods separately in small quantities, and at intervals of a few days, as you will have seen frequently detailed in these replies. You would doubtless find our Nutshell booklet, No. 5, on "The Canary," which our Manager would send you post free for 2½d., very useful.

MAKES SCRAPING NOISE (Roller).—This bird is undoubtedly more susceptible to cold than your other birds, and you would do well to move it to the cosiest part of your room, or take it for a time into a slightly warmer room; but do not overdo it, and be careful to see that it is not exposed to direct draughts, nor to fumes of burning lights in the evenings. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine and sweet spirit of nitre. This should set matters right. Do not trouble to look after mites in the bird's throat; so long as the cage is kept free from this pest you need not worry at all about the bird.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

HOW TO PAIR (L. Scott).—You can let your birds fly all together during the winter months, and then in the early spring separate them according as you wish to mate them for breeding. If you let the two hen Canaries, the cock Canary, and Linnet fly in one aviary, the cock Canary will be almost certain to pair with the two hens, so if you have any desire to produce Mules you must place the Linnet and one of the Canaries in a separate cage or aviary. For the present keep them as they are, and procure one of our books on Hybrid breeding. It will increase your knowledge of the subject, so that you will know how to proceed in the spring.

BIRDS DYING (Greeno).—I presume your birds were freshly caught, and that you obtained them direct from the dealer. If this is so your treatment was not quite what it should have been. To be successful with freshly caught birds requires a little management on the part of owner. In the first place I presume you had no evidence as to where the birds were caught, nor upon what food they had been living; therefore, you should have supplied them with a little soaked seeds, such as teazle, rape, and canary, or, what would have been still better, you should have placed a handful in a damp corner until it commenced to germinate. In dealing with new purchases, it is always as well to give them an aperient when you have had them a few days, because when these birds get well on to seed they generally put away rather more than is good for them. Before you get any more I would advise you to send to this office for the Nutsbell booklets on the Bullfinch and Linnet. Follow out the treatment advised in them, and I have no doubt you will be more successful next time.

WINTERING FINCHES (W. H. Hurst).—Yes, you could certainly keep the two old birds all the winter in your large flight, providing it is not exposed to very rough weather, and that you could give them just a little protection if we should have an extraordinary severe spell. A piece of tarpaulin or a couple of sacks thrown over them just at that time would be quite sufficient; also see that the top perch is in a sheltered position, as this is the one usually selected by them to roost on. (2) There is no reason why you should not put your two Finches in also, but I would strongly advise you to get them fairly steady first or you will have a difficulty with them in the spring. They will probably be just as wild as though fresh caught.

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Coges" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

SEXING FINCHES (F. L. Rymer).—Your birds are certainly late in moulting, or their blaze would be sufficiently marked to assist you in sexing them. Your best guides would be the following: The cock has a more snaky head than the hen, the beak long and pointed and somewhat thick at the base. Open the bird's wings and examine the butts carefully; if you notice any very black or greenish-black feathers it is a good sign. Lift up the breast feathers with the forefinger or a lead pencil. Here a cock should have a decided tinge of yellow. A good hen may have one of these points, but if you have a bird with all of them you may be pretty certain that it is a cock. The style and carriage of the bird should also assist you.

TREATMENT OF STARLING (Starling).—As a rule this bird is not a difficult subject to manage. He will eat almost anything that any other Softbill will, but if fed for any length of time on a high-class diet he will starve rather than eat meaner food. His stock food should be fairly plain but nutritious, such as broken puppy biscuits, soaked in hot water or gravy. For a change you can give him a feed of soaked "Melox" or best quality chicken meal, with a spoonful of meat meal added. In addition to this, he should have scraps from the table, such as boiled potato, suet pudding, rice pudding, bread and milk, and occasionally a little lean meat. Give him a bone with a little meat left on it; he will amuse himself for quite a long time. In addition to the above he should be supplied with whatever insects or grubs you can obtain for him. Have you our Nutshell No. 26 on feeding Softbills? If not, I would advise you to get it. The cock bird is not so boldly spangled as the hen, and his plumage is darker and more glossy, particularly in the spring. If you have a suitable aviary, I see no reason why a pair should not breed; they are, as a rule, very prolific. If you intend to have a try you should obtain a mate for your bird as early as possible and let them fly together all the winter.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

A FEATHER PULLER (Greenway).—Bathe it several times a week with a tepid quassia solution. So long as the bowels are not watery loose, put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia into the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days just colour the water with chemical food. Keep up a continuous supply of the seed mixture, and when you give boiled rice or maize lightly dust same with flowers of sulphur. Also give ripe fruit freely, and such extras as nuts, pieces of stale bread, biscuits, plain cake. Once the habit of feather pulling becomes fixed it is seldom entirely given up, and I have seen specimens almost nude, yet healthy withal and good talkers. Persevere with the treatment, and even if a cure cannot be effected, this annoying vice may be mitigated, but keep the hope of a cure in front of you. A bird so afflicted, that is tame, etc., should be kept where you can, more or less continually, keep it interested and active—liberty outside its cage, etc., all will help to keep its activities in other directions and away from its plumage. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or animal food of any kind.

ZEBRA FINCHES IN A CAGE (F. E. N.).—To say that this popular species will breed in a cage is not correct, for many have been so bred, and to say that they will breed as freely in a cage as they do in an aviary is equally incorrect; at the same time, once you have got a pair to settle down to nesting, as you are giving them an ample dietary, and they should have reared; nevertheless, I do not think Zebra Finches are quite happy in a double breeder for nesting purposes; they build rather a bulky domed nest. If you give them an

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Coges, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigors," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

ordinary open box nest or pan they will roof it in, and in the ordinary breeder this is too close to the bottom of the cage, and also too near the front. Occasionally a pair will turn up that will refuse to breed. If you make a cage, say, 30ins. long, 18ins. deep, and 24ins. high, you should have a good prospect of success. Fix a wire flowerpot basket up near the top of one back corner, and in the other corner a small box about 9ins. square all ways, with a small hole (1½ins. dia.) near the top of one side, this hole to face the light, screening both, receptacles with a heather spray, you will have done all you can to make success probable. I may say young are thrown out of the nest at times in the aviary. Grass and hay will suffice for nesting material. Push a little hay in the wire basket roughly, so as to indicate its purpose. Bengalese, because they are in a cage, should not continually lay shell-less eggs, it's a case of weakness, but Bengalese are a domestic species called into being by the crossing of two nearly-related species, in the far past, and are very irregular as to nesting, incubating, etc., but they have been bred in a cage, also successfully crossed with others of the Mannikin group. You must keep the new arrivals warm, not too many in a cage; give them chilled water at first, soft water if possible. Introduce the bath carefully, not allowing them to get too wet at first.

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

W. Wells.—We are making investigations into the subject of your letter, and will deal with the matter after these have been concluded.

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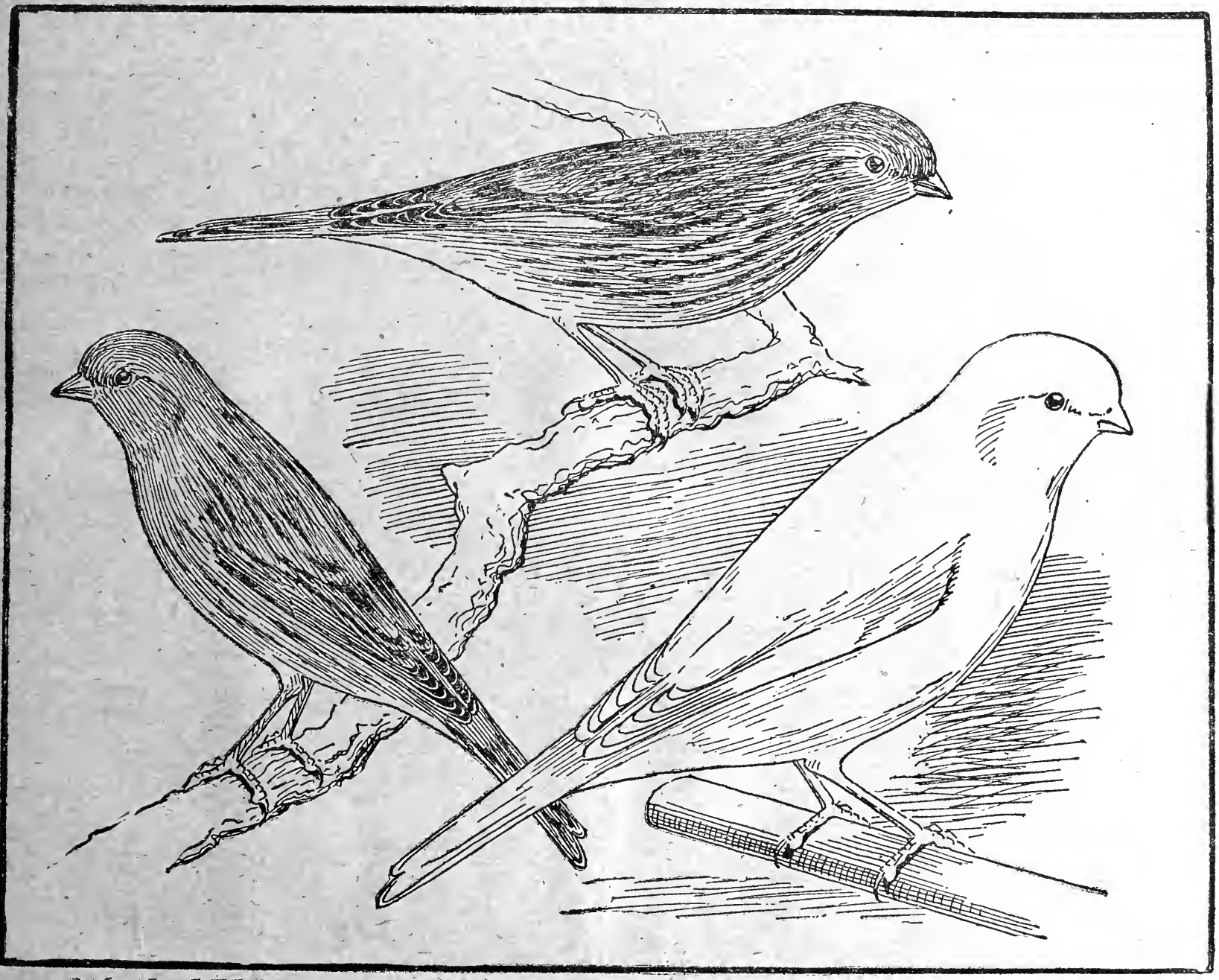

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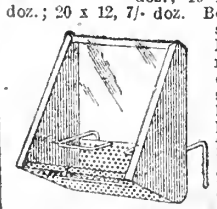

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Norwich.

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J. C. BARNES, Norwich and Yorkshire specialist. Winner of numerous silver cups, medals, etc.; well-known strains. Better blood unobtainable. Grand specimens to spare; both varieties; reasonable; approval; inspection cordially invited; inquiries solicited; stamp: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

J. HODDER, breeder of high-class Norwich, winner of championships; good birds from 7/6 upwards; approval; stamp: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

FRANK F. LAWSON, Norwich Specialist, 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle, one of the best exhibition strains in the Fancy. Stock birds from 10/- each. Pairs from 20/- upwards. Stamped inquiries solicited.

N LEESE, breeder of Norwich, winner of Crystal Palace diploma and silver medal, Horticultural Hall diploma, silver rose bowl, gold medals, etc.; a few good birds ready now; approval: N. Leese, 30, Alexandra-rd., Normacot, Staffs.

A FEW Norwich for sale, cheap, large birds, both sexes; inspection invited: Henson, 357, Bradford-rd., Manchester. (31)

FLEET, breeder and exhibitor, of high-class Norwich; few good specimens to spare: 16, Kings'-rd., Upton Park. (32)

FORTY pairs grand typical Norwich from 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 25/- pair; inspection any time: Dawson, 689, Duke-st., Glasgow. (23)

NORWICH non-flighted, 10 pairs at 7/6 per pair, bred from winners: Di. Williams, 12, Rosevean-rd., Penzance, Cornwall. (20)

A PAIR large, clear, healthy Norwich, for sale, cock in full song, 10/-: Aldridge, Fetcham Downs, Leatherhead, Surrey. (28)

NORWICH, yellow and buff, both sex, from 7/6; also Crests and Crestbred, 7/6: Robertson, 8, St. Matthew-st., Dundee. (37)

TWO pairs of Norwich, 10/6, 12/6 per pair; two Roller hens, 5/-; or offer for lot: P. Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton. (39)

NORWICH cock, 1915, hen 1914, and breeding cage complete; bargain, 10/6: Peters, 45, Belton-rd., Forest Gate, Essex. (35)

D. DEVOY, high-class, typical, Norwich cocks, 10/-, yellow and buff hens, 10/- each, pairs 20/-: 23, George-st., Stranraer. (25)

ONE pair Norwich and a few unflighted cocks for sale, decent birds; approval, deposit reasonable: Wilson, Baker, Banchory. (31)

FOUR pairs large typical Norwich and 2 pairs Yorks, £3 10/-; quick bargain; colour-fed: Flatt, 5, Bramford-lane, Ipswich. (31)

THREE 1915 buff green Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; good sized birds; approval: McNaughton, Weald College-rd., Harrow Weald. (36)

NOTICE, grand buff cocks, 1914, 15/-, £1; few unflighted cocks, 7/6, 10/-; approval: Bond, 87, Uxbridge-st., Burton-on-Trent. (28)

THREE hen Canaries, 1 yellow, 2 variegated, 1 Norwich cock in song, cheap lot, 11/-: P. Owen, 19, Lower Bar, Newport, Salop. (37)

EIGHT pairs large Norwich, buffs and marked, 8/6 pair, worth double; £3 lot to clear: Wheeler, Griffin Wood, Epping, Essex. (37)

TICKED yellow Norwich cock, winner, 15/-, also typical pair 15/-; approval, deposit: A. Armistead, Daisyfield, Bury, Lancashire. (35)

LADY MURIEL DIGBY has good Norwich cocks, also light and dark cock mules, lovely songsters: Chalmington, Dorchester, Dorset. (28)

CLEARING all my Norwich, colour-fed, typical birds, cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/-; approval: Hepwood, Albrighton, Wolverhampton. (32)

WILLIAM PHIPPS for splendid typical massive Norwich; winner over 100 prizes, also cup; approval: 16, Millplatt-av., Isleworth. (1)

PRIZE and prize-bred Norwich cocks and hens from 7/6; 1914 and 1915 bred; approval: Handley, Coach Builder, Lynn-rd., Walsoken, Wisbech. (31)

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries, few good pairs, colour fed, from 10/6 pair; also single birds; cheap; approval: Webb, 22, Frederic-st., Luton. (32)

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich, for song or show, cocks 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each, matched pairs 6/-; approval: McKeand, Seabrigbt, Castle Douglas. (29)

FOR sale, about 20 unflighted yellow and buff cocks, also a few unflighted buff hens; approval, stamps: F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark-st., Burnley. (33)

FEW smart typical birds, cocks from 10/6, pairs from 15/-; all clean moulted and healthy; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (11)

LARGE colour-fed Norwich, for show or stock; state wants; approval; also breeding cages on sale: Mrs. Roberts, Stannahey, Newton-drive, Blackpool. (38)

WINNING Norwich, bred from Plymouth winners, including winning non-flighted, prices from 3/6 to £2: Andrew, Whitemoor, St. Austell, Cornwall. (31)

NICE typical Norwich, 10 cocks and hens, yellow and buffs; see "Cage Birds" report Oct. 23, Clapham Show: W. H. Gardner, 52, Maxted-rd., Peckham. (37)

MR. ECKERSLEY has a few unflighted and year-old birds of rare type and quality now ready; write early: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (7)

FIFTY-SIX high class Norwich Canaries, aviary bred, Clears and Variegated, 7/6 pair; terms for dealers: W. Turner, The Ashells, Quorn, Loughboro'.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, good size, type, quality, cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/- upwards; fit for show; colour-fed; approval: Grout, 64, Hughenden-rd., Norwich. (34)

YELLOW cock, two buff hens, shape, size, and feather, grand, 17/6 to clear, and what offers for twice H.M. Goldfinch: Goldsmith, Gillingham, Dorset. (27)

GRAND year old buff Norwich hen for sale, fit for immediate show, 35/-; inspection invited: J. and J. Hopkins, 9, Crompton-avenue, Brcightmet, Bolton, Lancashire. (32)

GIVING up, grand yellow cock, winner, 20/-; splendid buff, winner, 20/-; others from 7/6; write particulars; approval anywhere: Salter, 32, Grosvenor-rd., Rugby. (31)

SEVERAL high-class birds for sale, good size and type, from winning stock, no fancy prices; state wants, reasonable approval: Kerr, Richmond-rd., New Barnet.

TWO exhibition Buff Norwich cocks, ready for exhibition; approval, £1 each; also yellow hen, can win (N.F.) 15/-: Mr. Pedder, 149, North-st., Luton, Beds. (32)

GOOD yellow cock, 15/-; clear buff hen, 7/6; marked ditto, 7/6; trio, 25/-; approval willingly, "C.B." deposit system: Daw, 53, Douglas-rd., Maidstone, Kent. (34)

THREE cocks, 4 hens; also Yorkshires, 5 cocks, 5 hens, clean and healtby, 3/- each to take the lot; two double breeders, 2/- each: Rogers, Manor Cottage, Brackley. (36)

CLEAN, healthy Norwich colour-fed and natural colour cocks, 5/- to 10/6; hens, 3/- to 7/6 (Thomas's strain); approval: Ruecroft, Beamish-st., West Stanley, Durham. (10)

GRAND size, colour, typical yellow and buff cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, fit for any company; also hens from 5/-; cash, deposit: Girling, Confectioner, 22, Neusum-st., Norwich. (37)

SPLENDID lot of young Norwich cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, and 15/- each; hens 3/6 upwards; cash or easy payments; stamp reply; Rossell, 85, Whitton-rd., Hounslow, Middlesex. (29)

NORWICH Plainheads, large, healthy, 1915 bred, colour-fed and natural, buffs and yellows; cocks from 10/-, hens from 4/-: Lascelles, Roborough, Valley-rd., Streatham. (30)

BUFF Norwich cock, third Preston, fifth Accrington only times exhibited; splendid stock birds, 45/-; also few 1914 and 1915 Norwich; approval: Stuttard, 23, Perth-st., Accrington. (27)

GOOD Norwich for sale, cocks and hens, yellows and buffs, cocks, 6/- to 15/-; hens 3/- to 7/6, MacAndrews' strain; approval: R. Bailey, 222, Warrington-rd., Glazebury, Nr. Manchester. (33)

MR. ARTHUR WICKS, Norwich, offers reliable first-class Norwich Canaries, natural cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; pairs well matched 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; approval. (33)

HAVE you read report of L.P.O.S. Show? I have a few to spare related to my winners, which I bred myself; stamp reply; approval; see Borders: G. W. Saunders, Thursley Hall, Haslemere, Surrey. (33)

R. SMILLIE has a few grand stock birds to part with from winning strain (Grewar's) yellows and buffs, cocks and hens, 10/- upwards; approval, stamp: Valley-view Cottages, Cowdenbeath. (12)

TWO extra large Buff Norwich cocks, prize winners, for sale, £1 each, on approval; wanted two yellow or ticked unflighted hens, suitable for show or approval: J. S. Bateman, 12, Greaves-st., Todmorden. (35)

INIMITABLE bargains in champion Norwich Plainheads; over sixty for sale, all 1915 bred, and comprise, among others, Clear Yellow cock, good type, quality, good head, chest, price 11/6; large Ticked Yellow cock, can win, very promising, lovely head, stout, grand feather, only £1; marked Yellow cock, beauty, full of quality, price £1, giving him away; large bold Clear Buff, can win at good shows, grand head, neck, chest, close feather, 21/- worth £2 2s.; massive marked Buff cock, really grand all round Norwich, price 15/6; marked Yellow hen, 10/6; Clear Yellow hen, 15/6; another 11/6; monster marked Buff hen, large head, neck, chest, price 12/6; clinking Clear Buff hen, topper, no mistake about it, price 15/-; champion Clear Buff cock, also Clear Buff hen, can win champion classes, £2 2s. each; above in grand condition, through moult; approval, cash or deposit; note, none better obtainable anywhere; numerous winners sold annually: George Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton, Lincs. (24)

JAMES STARK, absolute winner of the Norwich Amateur Challenge Cup; offers yellow cock natural colour, local prize winner; price 40/-; several nice hens, from 10/6; stamp, 110, Oak-st., Norwich. (35)

F. J. LACCOHEE has for sale exhibition and stock Norwich, of size, type, quality, from 10/6; no rubbish sent out; all birds sold guaranteed bred from good winning stock; state wants; approval: 92, St. George-st., Norwich. (38)

CHAMPION Norwich for sale, all bred from McAndrews championship Palace winning strain, some grand birds for sale; approval, cash or deposit; stamped enquiries solicited: G. Johnson, 4, Shaw-st., Wigan. (23)

F. W. LAIDLOW, winner of N.N.F.C. champion points trophy, also young bird cup, has buff cocks, yellow and buff hens for sale, bred from winners; prices reasonable; approval, stamp: 55, Colston-st., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (32)

GRAND unflighted yellow Norwich cock, good head and neck, bred from massive stock, make winner, only 12/6; with lovely buff hen to match, 5/6; a bargain, 16/6 the pair to clear; 6 days' approval, cash or deposit editor: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (38)

ALEX. G. FORREST, Solicitor, Perth, can still spare a few plainheads, including three buff cocks, all brothers of unflighted yellow 3rd Lochgelly, 20/- and 25/- each; also yellow cock, brother of unflighted yellow hen, 1st Carlisle last week, 30/-; also two typical buff hens, 25/- and 30/-; enquiries invited. (36)

E. BAKER'S high-class Norwich, as follows: Grand large yellow hen, rare head, good wings and tail, £1 5/-; massive short stout buff hen, good wings, short tail, 12/6; another, 10/-, smaller; rich coloured buff cock, grand head, body, wings and type, 17/6, mated with variegated yellow hen, £1 10/- pair: E. Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (34)

Where They Are!

As I hold the stock I offer, you can with the utmost confidence send for any of the following on approval, or come and inspect; one and all you will find reliable bargains. Cocks or hens, colour fed, these birds can be seen or particulars given, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; pairs, correctly matched to produce best results by me personally, 15/- to 70/-; other good, honest Norwich at following prices: cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; pairs matched to produce best results, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6. Cages, to hold one bird, 3d.; to hold 2 birds, 4d.; for all others see detailed current price list; easy payments by joining my original bird club; distance no object: W. Rudd, the Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDER'S CARD

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England. Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show, 1913. (1810)

HENRY NEVE, Roller Specialist. All birds bred from prize winning specimens of high rank; full particulars free: Heathfield, Sussex. (100)

ROLLER cocks, in full song, 3/9, 4/9, 5/9, 7/9; hens, 2/-: Ross, Aviaries, Forres N.B. (36)

HIGH-CLASS Glucke, Randall and Walton, 10/6, 8/6, 7/6; hens 3/6, 2/6; approval: Lloyd, 140, Gresty-rd., Crewe. (495)

1915 Rollers, cocks, 5/6, 6/- each, just on song, hens 2/-: F. Burden, 58, Hall-st., Blakenhall, Wolverhampton. (31)

BEST quality rape for Roller fanciers, prices 5/- per stone, 35/- cwt., samples sent: Ives, 85, Legsby-ave., Grimsby. (25)

ROLLERS, 1915 clear buffs, yellows and variegated; cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/-: Lascelles, Roborough, Valley-rd., Streatham. (36)

FOR sale, 1 cock and 5 hen Rollers, all B.R.C.C. rung, will accept 25/- to clear: Portlock, 8, Combe-st., Cleethorpes, Lincs. (39)

NOTICE, grand lot Rollers, cocks 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each; matched pairs, 5/6; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (29)

BEAUTIFUL young Seifert Roller cock Canaries, singing nicely, accept 4s. 6d. each: Miss Jones, Harlech House, Aberystwyth, Wales. (38)

DEEP Glucke Rollers, contest strain, B.R.C.C. rung, cocks from 15/-, hens 3/6; sale or exchange: J. Jones, 15, Princess-st., Bilston. (29)

DEEP glucke Rollers, P.R.C.C. cock, from 7/6, hens 3/-; approval; few song cages, 1/3: Earnshaw, Breeder, 51, Rook-st., Nelson, Lancs. (16)

GRAND selection of Roller Canaries, cocks on full song, 4/6 and 5/6 each; hens, 2/- each; safely packed for any distance: Seedsman, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (37)

EXTRA fine lot of Roller cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 and 15/- each, hens 2/6 upwards, cash or easy payments; stamp reply: Rossell, 85, Whitton-rd., Hounslow, Middlesex. (29)

ROLLER, cocks, full song, 6/-, 7/6; hens, 2/6; few suitable schoolmasters, 10/6, 15/-; and one specially good one, £1: Standard Aviaries, Newton Heath, Manchester.

GRAND cocks, well on song, 6/6, 7/6 each; hens, 1/6, 2/6; fancy hanging cages, new, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/6; box cages, 2/6; exchange Yorks, Norwich, etc.: Broadbent, 355, London-rd., Sheffield.

E. STANTON, Cycle Stores, Alcester, member of B.R.C.C., has a few young prize-bred Rollers for sale; prices from 10/6 and 12/6 each; a pair 12/6 and 15/-; particulars, testimonials; cash or deposit. (27)

SCHOOLMASTERS for disposal, pure Randalls, glucke and water glucke B.R.C.C. rung, perfect health; one at 25/-, and 3 at 30/- each; bargains; one scored 22 points at Bolton Show: Howard Ryder, Clothier, High-st., Stourbridge. (33)

HIGH-CLASS British Rollers. From the best strains in England; cocks, on grand song, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; cocks, with extra deep tones, 8/6, 10/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/- each, or 18/- a dozen; approval, cash or deposit: Day, The Aviaries, 77, Porter-st., Hull. (37)

TO ROLLER BREEDERS

I am open to buy any quantity Rollers, cocks or hens, will give good price for good birds and will deposit cash; send particulars: Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queensbury, Bradford. (5)

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Wanted, large and small quantities of Rollers, trained and untrained; genuine business meant; state quantity and price: Cundall, Tyson-st., Halifax. (17)

J. SANDIFORD'S
BRITISH BRED ROLLERS

Foulds' championship strain, also others trained under Randall's; price 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-; 100 trained, all guaranteed, and on approval, hens 2/-, 2/6, and 3/6 each; best lot of Rollers in England; Roller box cages 2/6 each, with shutters, 3/6 each. Established 50 years. Catalogue post free: Sandiford, Canary Breeder and Judge, Preston.

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YELLOW Scotch Fancy cock, an extra good bird, buff green hen, £1 the pair: H. Brown, Lundin Links, Fifeshire. (35)

Yorkshires.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

MESSRS. AMBLERS, Yorkshire specialist; winners thousands of prizes leading shows; many championship Crystal Palace, including championship last Palace show; not being able to exhibit owing to illness can supply wonderful good exhibition and stud birds; reasonable; approval: Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorks. (461)

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ERNEST CHESHIRE, 34, Crawford Street, Bradford, breeder, exhibitor, and exporter of high-class Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries. Aviaries are stocked on the shortest notice.

L. DYKES, the present-day champion (see show reports), breeder and exhibitor of the finest Yorkshires that have ever graced the show bench. Some grand birds for sale for show, or stock birds to breed them; prices reasonable; state wants; satisfaction assured; reliable aviaries: 16, Shannst., Bolton Woods, Bradford. (496)

J. TAYLOR, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford, breeder, exporter and exhibitor of high-class Yorkshires and Norwich; show and stock specimens now ready; illustrated price list post free; usual seven days approval.

YORKSHIRE cocks, good singers, this year's birds: 22, Montrell-rd., Streatham Hill. (39)

YORKSHIRE Canaries, prize-bred, on song, cocks 8/-, hens 3/-: Draper, 47, Palmerston-st., Battersea Park-rd. (15)

BEAUTIFUL Yorkshire cocks, in full song, 6/6 and 7/6: W. Sprake, Tarampa, South Pothertón, Somerset. (33)

HIGH-CLASS unflighted Yorkshires, long, slim, colour-fed cocks, 6/-; hens, 4/-; own breeding: Barfe, Pateley Bridge. (8)

TICK yellow, clear buff cocks, green and cinnamon marked hens, £6 lot: Audrew, Whitemoor, St. Austell, Cornwall. (31)

TWENTY pairs slim Yorkshires, grand quality, from 15/-, 20/-, 25/- pair; approval: Dawson, 689, Duke-st., Glasgow. (38)

MAGNIFICENT yellow Yorks. cock and buff hen, Ogden strain, 50/-; or exchange for Crests: Pitt, Chemist, Barnstaple. (29)

FOR sale, Yorkshire cock Canaries, 7/-, 8/6 each; travelling cage, 3d.: Sam Hughes, 71, Grosvenor-rd., Pimlico, London. (32)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, show or stock birds; cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-: Robertsbaw, 59, Hammond-st., Halifax. (37)

GRAND lot high-class Yorkshire cocks, splendid songsters, 6/6 each; must clear: G. Tolley, Highlands, Woldingham, Surrey. (39)

HIGH-CLASS yellow hen, winner first prize, 15/6, buff cock, winner first, special, 17/6, cards sent: Davies, Ferndale, Craven Arms. (29)

HIGH-CLASS colour-fed Yorkshires, show or stock; cocks from 7/6, hens 5/6; approval, deposit: Sutcliffe, 46, Hammond-st., Halifax. (37)

FOR sale, lengthy buff and yellow Yorkshire cocks, 9/-; hens, 6/- each; 1915: M. Cobley, 69, High-la., Shorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (37)

CLEARING out; several good Yorkshires from first-class strain; cheap; approval; state wants: Brooks, 2, Devonshire-rd., Horsham. (33)

YORKSHIRES, fair good birds for sale, cocks 5/6, hens 2/6; also Norwich, same price; bred 1915: Scott Thompson, Glanton, Northumberland. (36)

TO dealers. 20 pair of good large colour fed Yorkshires, clean and healthy, £8 the lot: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (38)

THREE exhibition Yorkshire cocks, three show cages and case, 40/-, or sell separately; approval: Hugh Clunas, Lethen-rd., Auldearn, N.B. (29)

NOTICE, grand Yorkshires, for show or stock; prices low; state wants; approval: deposit: Arthur Radley, 57, Lidget-st., Lindley, Huddersfield. (34)

CLEAR yellow cock, buff hen, 10/6; variegated cock, grand songster, 10/-: large clear buff Norwich pen, 6/-: Hoye, Bedford-rd., Hitchin, Herts. (34)

NOTICE, grand lot Yorkshires, for song or show, cocks, 3/-, 5/-, 7/6 each, matched pairs, 6/-; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (29)

YORKSHIRES, from first rate strain, in pairs or singly, hens 3/6 to 7/6, cocks 6/- to 10/6 each; approval, anywhere: J. B. Lenton, Market Deeping.

YORKSHIRES, grand unflighted marked Buff cock, 12/6, good stock bird; week's approval; own breeding; no dealers.—Williams, 862, Penistone-rd., Owlerton, Sheffield. (11)

MR. STUART has for disposal several excellent Yorkshire Canaries for showing, from £2, also good stock birds, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, and £1: 14, Shepherds Bush-green, W. (22)

EIGHTY classical Yorkshires for disposal, prices very low; exchanges considered: wanted, Foreign, gramophone, typewriter, anything: Beaumont, Nethercyde, Ripponden. (37)

EXHIBITION 1914 Yellow York. cock, Crawhall's direct, cost £3; Buff 1914 hen, Dyke's direct, cost £1; accept £2 the pair; great bargain; approval: Dicks, Newcastle, Emlyn. (19)

EXHIBITION Yorkshires, colour-fed, long typical young birds; cocks, 10/-; hens, 5/-; home any evening, all day Saturday, Sunday: Breeder, 222, Ribblesdale-rd., Streatham. (33)

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, six times shown; he got 4 1sts, 2 2nds; his last win was at Doncaster Inter-League Show, Oct. 30, 1915; best offer: H. Middleton, Hemsworth, Wakefield. (34)

MAGNIFICENT lot of young Yorkshire cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 and 15/- each, hens 3/6 each, upwards; cash or easy payments; stamp reply: Rossell, 85, Whitton-rd., Hounslow, Middlesex. (29)

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshires, cocks from 7/6, hens 5/- upwards; matched pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; large stock cocks from 15/- to 30/-; approval, deposit: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (38)

EXTRA GOOD

value in Yorkshire cocks at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Very smart lengthy hens at 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. Pairs matched to breed winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- per pair. All cocks on song, and 200 to select from in clears, ticked, green marked and cinnamon marked. Colour fed and natural colour, Exhibition cocks and hens at 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards that can soon win their cost. State wants. Also large stock of Norwich and Crests. Easy payments taken for show birds, and birds sent off at once, on receiving first payment. State wants, and send for particulars post free. Show birds at 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each. Cocks or Hens. Over 100 winners supplied last season. Illustrated price list post free. Travelling cage 3d. extra. Seven days' approval.—**J. TAYLOR, 36, Aireville Road, Frizinghall, Bradford.**

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YORKSHIRES. Cups, medal and prize-winners; now ready for bench; good lengthy flights, neat carriage; see Plymouth report; prices reasonable: Craven, Yelverton-terr., Plymouth. (4)

PURE pedigree Yorkshires, strictly our strain, one of the best in Fancy, own breeding only, guaranteed; thirty only, 12/6 up.; cash or deposit: Nattrass, Raby-avenue, Bishop Auckland. (28)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and Norwich from my noted strain; cocks at 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- upwards; hens at 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; on approval: E. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (17)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, for exhibition and stock, birds, none better; cocks in full song, 6/6; sure winners, 10/6; hens, 5/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury, Yorkshire. (4)

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W. EVERETT, Bagden Hall, Huddersfield, can spare a few champion Yorkshires, cocks or hens, exhibition or stock birds, from 10/- upwards; see reports Skelmanthorpe, Hanley, Oxford, York shows; approval: deposit. (35)

GENTLEMEN! I have some of the best Linnets in Yorkshire for show or contest, 1/6, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, fit for the keenest competition; others, 6d. each, 4/- dozen; will exchange British for Canaries or Mules: Ingram and Sons, Bird Catcher, 54, Goulton-st., Hull. (36)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, unflighted yellow or buff hens, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-; unflighted yellow or buff cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; large stock birds, 20/-; two 30/- each; matched pairs, to breed winners, at 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards; approval, deposit: Beaumont, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, nr. Huddersfield. (38)

GRAND upstanding cinnamon marked buff cock, good position, and over 7 inches long, 1915 bred, a grand stock bird, only 10/6; with lovely unflighted clear yellow ben to match, 6/-; a bargain, 15/6 the pair; 6 days' approval; cash or deposit editor: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (38)

GRAND unflighted clear yellow Yorkshire cock, good length and position, can win small shows, only 10/6; lovely green marked buff hen to match on, 6/-; sure to breed winners from this pair; 15/- the pair, worth double; 6 days' approval, cash or deposit editor: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (38)

YORKSHIRE Canaries, 1/1½, by H. W. Battye (Past President of the Yorkshire Union); absolutely the best handbook dealing with the Yorkshire and its sub-varieties. Contains complete instruction upon pairing, breeding, moulting, and successful exhibiting; also how to treat in both health and disease: CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires for sale: cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6, matched pairs 10/6; noted winner, 1st, special Bournemouth, 20/-; clear buff cock, 1st, special Southampton, 40/-; clear buff cock, winner "Cage Birds'" diploma, 35/-; clear yellow hen, 1st Southampton, 20/-; buff hen, winner Welsh National, 40/-; many other winners for sale, cards sent: C. Egerton, 252, Priory-rd., Southampton. (35)

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CHESTER

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GRAND OPEN SHOW

Under the patronage of S.B.F.C. and G.C.A., Nor. and York. Sections.

NOV. 13th

Judges, Mr. H. W. Battye and Mr. Jos. Guy. 47 Classes. Numerous Specials, including 2 Cups to be won outright. Prize money, 10 entries, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-; 20 entries, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-, 2/-; 30 entries, 14/-, 7/-, 4/-, 3/-, 2/-. Exhibitors who desire to have birds held over till Monday can do so on notifying Secretary, with entries. Quick direct train service to all parts. **Entries close Nov. 6.** Schedules now ready from—**L. Cavanagh, "Berwyn," Vicar's Cross, Chester.**

MARGATE

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbit, and Cage Bird Show, Nov. 24th and 25th; open to all England. Judges: Messrs. P. Harrower (Pigeons); Geo. Gardner (Cage Birds). Four cups, rose bowl, silver spoons, 8 silver medals, and over 50 other specials. **Entries close Pigeons, Nov. 13th; all others Nov. 17th.** Schedules now ready. **E. W. Horne, Ellington Avenue, Garlinge, Westgate-on-Sea.**

HETTON-LE-HOLE Btm., C.B., and Pgn. Soc. Show, **SATURDAY, Nov. 20th, 1915. Entries close Nov. 13th.** Btm. judge, R. Stainthorpe; C.B.'s, A. J. Notley; Pgns., J. Tubman. prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. Schedules apply—**Notley, 1, Minor St., Hetton Downs, Durham.**

DARLINGTON & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Great Open Show, **Nov. 27, Co-operative Hall, Priestgate.** Grand classification and specials. **Judges:** Mr. W. A. Cowgill, Bradford; Mr. Marwood, Eaglescliffe. Schedules—**F. Stothard, 81, Beaconsfield St., Darlington.**

ARDWICK

And Manchester Dist. C.B.A. 2nd Annual Open Show,

November 13th

Patronage N.P.C. and L. and L.F.A. Judges: J. W. Metcalfe and C. Houlton. If not had a schedule, apply—**J. Spencer, 193, Palmerston Street, Beswick, Manchester. Entries close Nov. 8th.**

CARDIFF NOVEMBER 17th & 18th

See Review of Schedule, this week's "Cage Birds." Silver Challenge Cup each section; Challenge Bowl for best Canary bred 1915; 10/6 most points in Mule Section; 5/- for best Light Mule; 5/- for best Dark Mule. Judges: J. H. Payne, Esq., J. H. Roe, Esq. **Entries close Nov. 10th. E. Thomas, 48, Craddock Street, Cardiff.**

HALIFAX O.S. 26th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19th and 20th

Judges: Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford), and Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield).

22/- per CLASS. NO SLIDING SCALE.

33 classes, 1/6 entry. Schedules from **Mr. H. Clegg, 15, Melrose Street, Lee Mount, Halifax.** Show room, Friendly and Trades' Hall, Halifax. **Entries close November 16th (first post).**

HALTWHISTLE

November 19th & 20th

Judges: Messrs. Wm. McMillan, Thos. Dixon, and J. Maddison. Under the patronage of the B.F.C.C., N.B.F.C., N.N.P.C., N.Y.C.C., and N.B.M.F.B.C. 15 Border Classes (3 Novice), 8 Norwich (2 Novice), 7 Yorkshire (2 Novice), 7 British, 2 Mule and Hybrid, and 2 Foreign.

Entrance Fee, 1/6; Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY, NOV. 15th.

Schedules from—**Wm. TALLANTYRE, South View, Haltwhistle.**

The Great Welsh Show

SWANSEA NOVEMBER 25th

Judges: Messrs. H. W. Battye and Chas. Houlton. **Lancs. classes, 6 Norwich, 5 Yorkshire, 10 Borders, 5 Miles, 16 British.** Specials galore, including 10/-cash best Bunting. Send for schedule if not already received one. **Secretaries, D. P. Rees and Alf. Hitchings,** 80, Mysydd Road, Landore, Swansea.

READING

C.B.S. Fourteenth Annual Open Show, Palmer Hall,

Wednesday, Nov. 17th, 1915.

Judge, H. Norman, Esq. The most central show in the South (three railways). 25 Open classes: 5 Norwich, 5 Yorks., 2 Border, 1 A.O.V., 1 Goldfinch, 1 A.O.V. British, 1 Mule, 1 Hybrid, Selling £1, Selling 12/6, 6 Foreign under patronage of F.B.E.L. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, with 2/6 cash specials in all classes; 10/- cash special most points in Foreign classes. Entrance fee, 1/6 per cage. **Entries close Friday, Nov. 12th.** 1d. on every entry goes to Care and Comfort Committee for the Wounded. "Help us" to "Help the wounded." Schedules from—**O. C. Smith, Hon. Sec., 73, Audley Street, Reading.**

COWDENBEATH

C. B. S.

Our Fourth Annual **Open Show** will take place in **Drill Hall, Stenhouse St.,** on

SATURDAY, 20th NOV.

Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry money, 1/6 each bird. Also a Special for every best bird out of money. We have one of the most Central Stations in Fifeshire, which will suit all exhibitors. We have also good classification, 95 classes in all. We are also giving all surplus of show to the comforts of our soldiers on Active Service, hoping this will meet the approval of the Fancy. Schedules from—**A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place, Cowdenbeath.**

KIDWELLY, CARM.

Open show Cage Birds at Town Hall, Kidwelly, **Wednesday, Nov. 24th.** Affiliated to the South Wales and Monmouthshire Federation. Full prize money guaranteed, and will be paid within 5 days of show. Judge, S. J. Nicholas, Swansea. **Entries close Nov. 20th.** Schedules—**C. Price, Hon. Sec., Velindre Cottage, Kidwelly.**

Blaenavon

C.B.S. Open Show, Thursday, Nov. 25th.

39 Classes, 8 Novice Classes. No cancelling, no amalgamation. Judge: John Robson, London. "The" only open show to be held in Monmouthshire this year. Now, Fanciers, help to keep the Fancy alive. Write at once for schedule. **George Broome, 82, King Street, Blaenavon.**

CLYDEBANK

and Dis. C.B.C. 5th Annual Show will be held in **Lesser Town Hall, Clydebank,** on **Sat., Nov. 27.** Doors open at 1 p.m. Admission 4d. 10 open classes: 4 Nor. 4 Bord., and 2 Brit. (Goldf. and Lin.), for members of Dumbartonshire Clubs. Schedules from—**Wm. [illegible], 52, Second Avenue, Clydebank.**

DORCHESTER

and County of Dorset Fanciers' Society. Membership radius 30 miles from Dorchester. Fourth Members' Annual Show on **Dec. 2nd, 1915,** at Dorchester. **Entries close Thursday, Nov. 18th.** Thirteen classes for Cage Birds. Prizes and specials. For Schedules, etc., apply **J. J. Thompkins, Hon. Sec., 18, Durngate St., Dorchester.**

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Annual **Open Show** of **Canaries** will be held on **Saturday, November 20,** in the **St. Peter's Street Assembly Rooms, St. Peter's Street,** under the patronage of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S., the Y.C.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C., and the C.M.Y.C.C. **Judge,** Mr. E. Clegg, of Dewsbury. **Entries close Tuesday, November 16th.** Schedules from—**A. Lawford, Sec., 14, Poplar Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.**

DARTFORD

NOV. 23 and 24

12 Open Classes. Schedules ready.—Apply, H. Winton, 198, Lowfield Street.

COCKERMOUTH

10th Open Show, Nov. 27th. Judges, Mr. P. J. Davies, Millom, Canaries; Mr. Geo. Wilson, Frizington, British and Foreign. Schedules, **John Jackson, Hon. Sec., 14, Crown St., Cockermouth. Entries close Nov. 13th.**

O.I.C.U.R.

Looking for the 9th Annual **Open Show** of the **Coventry Godiva C.B.S.,** to be held at the **Sydenham Palace, Coventry,** on **Nov. 27th.** Finest room in the kingdom; novices specially catered for. Full prize-money guaranteed in novice classes. **Judge, H. W. Battye, Esq.** Schedules from—**F. A. Green, 54, Camdon Road, Coventry.**

BRISTOL

December 1st & 2nd

Classification—See issue Nov. 20th.—**G. T. H. Maggs 9, Trinity Street, Newtown, Bristol.**

SALE & DISTRICT

Cage Bird Society. Open Show,

December 10th & 11th

Special classification for British. Get a schedule from the Show Manager, **Wm. Middleton, 26, Northenden Road, Sale,** or **H. Whitney, Brook Street, Sale.**

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All matter *intended for publication must be written or typed on* **one side** *of paper only, and must reach us not later than the first post on Tuesday if insertion in the next issue is desired.*

Twitterings.

Prize-money for Burton show has been paid out, writes Mr. A. Wood; anyone overlooked should apply to the sec.

Mr. D. Hamilton writes that he has bred 100 young birds, not 10 as stated in his advertisement under Border Fancier last week.

We hear that all claims, tradesmen's accounts and prize-cards in respect of Liverpool show have been posted. Anyono overlooked should apply at onco to tho Secs.

Despite a heavy loss on our open show, all prize-money and money specials woro paid within a week of show, writes Mr. J. A. Lees, Hon. Treas., Oxford C.B.S.

Mr. H. Best, hon. sec., Leeds Roller C.C., 5, Alma Place, Beckett Street, Leeds, writes that schedules for the open contest, Nov. 12, 13, aro ready, and a copy will be sent on application.

All birds were dispatched from Alfreton by 8.30 p.m. on Saturday night, and all prize-money was paid out on Nov. 2, writes Mr. G. Beardall, Sec. Any exhibitor who may have been overlooked please write.

I havo sold my yellow Norwich hen, 1st at Newcastle, to Mr. A. H. McLean, of Bonhill, Dunbartonshire, for £10, writes Mr. W. McGinn. This is the third Norwich I have sold for two figures, and I wish the purchaser every success.

Owing to a printer's error in our last issue, the wrong name and address appeared in tho advertisement beginning "Inimitable Bargains" under Norwich heading. This should have been G. Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton, Lincs.

Barrow C.B.A. Committee, writes Mr. D. McFarlane, hon. sec., has sent out this week over four hundred letters, each containing five tickets to secs. all over England, with the patriotic view of helping the widows and orphans of our heroes who have given their lives for King and country, and I hape secs. who have received these will do their best to help those in need. Everything is looking well for a great success.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Kent County (Gravesend and Northfleet F.S.).—Bat and Ball Rooms, Nov. 10-11, confined to Kent. Judge: A. H. Terry. 22 classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, Sell 3, Mules 3, Brit. 6. Prizes, 7/6, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-; fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 5, to T. Johnson, 197, Old Rd. West, Gravesend.

Cardiff (Glam.).—Carlton Hotel, Nov. 17-18. Judges: J. H. Payne, J. H. Roe. 65 classes: Nor. 16 (5 Nov.), Yorks. 17 (6 Nov.), Bord. 7 (1 Nov.), Sell 3, Mules 6, Brit. 12, For. 2, Stock 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 10, to E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.

Halifax O.S. (Yorks.).—Friendly and Trades' Hall, St. James's Rd., Nov. 19-20, under the patronage of the N.P.C. and the O.N.P.C. Judges: W. Mundell, H. W. Battye. 33 classes: Yorks. 15 (7 Nov.), Nor 10 (4 Nov.), Brit. 6, Sell 2. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 16, to H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.

Margate F. & F.S. (Kent).—Foresters' Hall, Nov. 24-25. Judge, G. Gardner. 19 classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Brit. 3, For. 2, Sell 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 2/-. Ent. close Nov. 17, to E. W. Horne, 6, Ellington Avenue, Garlinge, Westgate-on-Sea.

Cockermouth (Cumberland).—Drill Hall, Nov. 27. Judges: P. J. Davies, G. Wilson. 32 classes: Bord. 9 (1 Sell), Yorks. 7 (1 Nov.), Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell 2, Brit. 9, For. 2. Prizes and ent. fee not stated. Ent. close Nov. 18, to J. Jackson, 14, Crown St.

Glasgow C.B.A.—Albert Halls, Bath St., Nov. 12-13. Judges: J. M'Lay, W. Grewar, W. M'Millan, C. Martin, A. Watson, M. Craig. 76 classes: Nor. 20 (2 Nov., 2 Sell), Crests 5 (1 Sell), Bord 11 (1 Sell), Yorks. 10 (1 Sell), A.O.V. 1, Mules 7 (1 Sell), Brit. 19 (1 Sell), For. 3. Prizes, 12/-, 8/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 2/-. Ent. close Nov. 8, to W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital St., Glasgow.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—St. Thomas's School, Ardwick, Nov. 13. Judges: J. W. Metcalfe, C. Houlton. 40 open classes: Yorks. 10 (4 Nov.), Nor. 11 (4 Nov.), Bord. 6, A.O.V. 1, Sell 2, Brit. 7, Mules 2, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 8, to J. Spencer, 193, Palmerston St., Beswick, Manchester.

Eastleigh (Hants.).—Council Chambers, Leigh Rd., Nov. 17-18. Judge, W. R. Miles. 46 classes: Nor. 14 (7 Nov.), Yorks. 14 (7 Nov.), Crest 1, Bord. or Rollers 1, Greens 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, For. 2, Brit. 7, Sell 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 11, to J. Alderslade, 64, Desborough Rd.

Chester.—Temperance Hall, George St., Nov. 13. Judge, H. W. Battye. 47 classes: Nor. 14 (4 Gr., 4 Nov.), Yorks. 14 (4 Gr., 4 Nov.), Bord. 9 (4 Nov.), A.O.V. 1, Sell 1, Mules 1, Brit. 6, Gift 1. Prizes according to entries. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close 1st post Nov. 7, to L. Cavanagh, "Berwyn," Vicar's Cross, Chester.

Tho Sheffield O.S. is getting so well known that four entries have been received from New South Wales for its show on Nov. 5-6. We hear by wire, just as we are going to press, that tho entry amounts to nearly 1,000.

We paid all prize-money out in four days, writes Mr. H. H. Mortimer, hon. sec. Abertillery C.B.S. Many exhibitors who visited tho show were paid on tho day of the show. Kindly thank all exhibitors who entered at our show for the support they gave us.

The winner of 2, vhc, and c, in the Unflighted Yellow Norwich class at Oxford show was Mr. A. Lewin, not Lewis as reported, and in Buff Green Border Hens at Liverpool Mr. J. Johnston, not Montgomery, was 1st and 3rd. At Burton show, 2nd in Goldfinch class, and 1st in Bullfinches, should read Camm, not Canner and Cannon, as printed.

Crest fanciers aro requested to note, writes Mr. W. Hutchison, hon. sec., that Glasgow and Dist. C.B.A. is under the patronage of S.C.C.C., and exhibitors competing for medal must show in club cages with regulation drinker attached. Entries to be marked "S.C.C.C." (omitted in schedules posted).

Owing to the Military having taken over tho village hall, writes Mr. J. Napier, hon. sec. Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S., we have been compelled at the last moment to transfer our show of Saturday to the United Free Church Hall, which is quite a good hall for a show, it being well lighted.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR CANARY BREEDERS.

WE wonder if Canary breeders have grasped the significance of the advertisements which appeared in our issue of last week asking for Canaries in any quantity for export.

The war has told hardly upon many classes of our countrymen, and there can be no doubt that among those that have suffered with the rest are bird-keepers in general. There is no cloud without a silver lining, however, and Canary breeders will certainly have justification for optimism. An opportunity without precedent is now before them. The trade in German-bred Roller Canaries is at an end for a long period, if not permanently, notwithstanding the statement in a London newspaper that the traffic is still being carried on via Holland, and a boundless prospect is opened up in connection with the supply of English Canaries, Rollers or others, to the United States. Wages in America are reckoned by the dollar, and in many cases a United States citizen, earning, as he does, dollars to the English worker's shillings, spends them with about the same degree of respect for their value.

The American demand for English Canaries has always been large, and it will now be multiplied in its extent. If our breeders do not rise to the occasion they will have only themselves to blame. We think there is little fear of such a contingency, and we are looking forward with full confidence to a period of prosperity for our English breeders who are able to grasp the opportunity now being presented to them.

Since going to press with schedule, writes Mr. J. Jackson, Sec. Cockermouth F.S., we have appointed Mr. G. Wilson, Frizington, to judge British and Foreign Birds. Schedules will be sent to all last year's exhibitors. We have the patronage of B.F.C.C. and Cumberland and Westmorland Y.C.C.

The Sale C.B.S. will hold an open show on Dec. 10 and 11, writes Mr. Horace Widnes, asst. sec. Schedules will be sent to all who exhibited last year, and full particulars will be advertised in Cage Birds, as usual. Northern societies who have not fixed date should kindly take notice of dates, to avoid clashing.

Mr. Jas. B. Clarke, whose articles on wild seeds must have been of great value to many of our readers, writes as follows:—"I am at present stationed at the Bridge of Earn, and as I cannot get Cage Birds I should be greatly obliged if any of your readers would kindly send any of their old copies to me at 5, Robertson Street, Dundee, or addressed Pte. Jas. Clarke, No. 4246, Company A, 3.4 Black Watch Royal Highlanders, Bridge of Earn. There are many fanciers in our battalion who miss their Cage Birds."

Special arrangements have been made for collecting and delivering all exhibits arriving by rail for Eastleigh show, writes Mr. J. Alderslade, sec., 64, Desborough Road, Eastleigh, and they will be carted from and to the station free. We trust that fanciers will give us a bumping entry, as we are giving 30 per cent. of the gate for the wounded soldiers arriving at this station. There are at present over 500 here, and fresh arrivals are coming every week, this being a large receiving station. I shall be pleased to forward a schedule to any fancier who has not received one.

Schedules for Halifax O.S. Show are being sent out, anyone who has not received one should apply at once to the sec., H. Clegg, 15, Melrose Street, Lee Mount, Halifax.

All birds arranged for direct transit from Carlisle Show to Manchester Show were delivered in plenty of time for judging, writes Mr. F. Hayward, hon. sec., but part of Mr. Fairhurst's team, which were not sent direct, were delayed in transit, and were absent from judging.

I have taken over the secretaryship of the City of Birmingham C.B.S., writes Mr. A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham, and hope that fanciers will give me a good start by sending a bumping entry at our open show, Dec. 1 and 2. Our late sec., Mr. J. H. Jones, has been forced to resign on account of illness.

The Coventry Godiva C.B.S., writes Mr. A. Wright, Show Manager, has put on two classes for novice Norwich for the show Nov. 27, with full prize-money guaranteed independent of entries. Novices should see that the guarantors are not called upon, so that we can give more classes another year. Members have also decided against any sliding scale, and, as we have specials in galore, we are looking forward to a bumping entry.

THE D.C.M. FOR A MEMBER OF "THE POULTRY WORLD" STAFF.

IT is with great pleasure and no little pride that we learn that a late member of the staff of our sister journal, The Poultry World, has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for gallantry on the field of battle. We refer to Sergeant K. S. Bowron, who up to the outbreak of war was indoor advertising manager of "P.W."

Sergeant (then Private) Bowron was called to the colours on the fateful day in August of last year when Great Britain's ultimatum to Germany expired. As a member of that distinguished corps known as the London Scottish, he has played his part nobly in the stern work which has fallen to the lot of his regiment, passing unscathed through the historic charge at Neuve Chapelle which so stirred the pulse of the English-speaking race, and winning his way to the rank of Sergeant.

Unfortunately, in the recent conflict which brought him the medal coveted by all soldiers, two dum-dum bullets found billets in his shoulders, and Sergt. Bowron is at the moment invalided at an Edinburgh hospital, where our readers will be glad to know he is making very satisfactory progress towards recovery.

Enquiries made, as we go to Press, at the Headquarters of the London Scottish, confirm the good tidings. The officials there are naturally proud of the honour that has come the way of Sergt. Bowron, and, through him, to his regiment. We understand that the distinction was earned by the cool and capable manner in which he handled his platoon while under heavy fire.

We are sorry to hear from Mr. J. Duncan, Inverness, that his noted Thrush "Highland Queen" had its long journey to the London and P.O.S. show for nothing, as it was delayed in transit and arrived too late for competition. Mr. Duncan says "The bird arrived home safely, and we are not downhearted yet."

Mr. F. W. Jordan, hon. sec., Derby C.B.S., writes that the society is holding its 57th annual members' show on Nov. 13, at Normanton Hotel, Derby. The schedule contains 54 classes, 28 for young birds, 18 old birds, and 8 Brit. Two cups and seven medals are for competition. Mr. J. H. Roe is to judge, and the committee expect a record in entries.

I have had a successful first year as a Canary fancier, writes Mr. E. H. Simmons, Oxford, and have derived great help from Cage Birds every week, and also from "Canary Breeding for Beginners," for which many thanks. Next year I hope to try my hand at exhibiting.

An Address Wanted.

Will the querist who sent us a query last week over the nom de plume of "Jack Watford" please send us his correct address? A reply has been sent to the name and address given, and has been returned endorsed "not known."

Extra Specials at Cardiff.

Mr. Alf. Shellam is giving 10s. 6d. for most points in the Mule and Hybrid section at Cardiff Show, Nov. 17, 18, writes Mr. E. Thomas, sec., also 5s. for the best Light Mule and 5s. for the best Dark Mule. I received these specials too late to put in schedule.

Extension of Entries at Bradford.

It has been suggested to me, writes Mr. A. Simons, hon. sec. Bedford and Beds. C.B.S., that it may be inconvenient for some to get their entries to me by Saturday night, so I am accepting entries up to mid-day post Monday, Nov. 8. However, all who can get them in by Saturday should kindly do so, as it will be better for all concerned.

THE BIRDKEEPERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

Cage Birds League.

Mr. F. J. Harrison, local hon. sec. of Cage Birds League for Scarborough, is a signaller with the R.F.A.

Abertillery C.B.S.

Sir,—We have two members serving with the colours—Mr. W. Bowyer and Mr. R. Richards, both in the South Wales Borderers.

H. N. Mortimer, Hon. Sec.

Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.

Sir,—Pleaso add the name of Joseph McCrum to your long List of Honour. He joined the Army Service Corps last week, making the eleventh of our members to to enlist.

James Napier, Sec.

Lancaster C.B.S.

Sir,—It is with pleasure I acquaint you of the following members of our society who are serving. J. Bostock, late sec., wounded in France, now returned to Hythe; W. Wilson, late chairman, J. Taylor, C. Radcliffe, all in tho Royal Lancasters. Another of our members, Mr. Harrison, of Morecambe, has a son serving in the Motor Transport Service. We are holding our annual members' show as usual, Nov. 26 and 27, and hope to have a good time.

Choppington, Scotland Gate C.B.S.

Sir,—Three of my brothers are fighting—Private G. H. Seely, Northumberland Fusiliers, British Expeditionary Force; John Seely, and Thos. Seely, in the East Yorks. Regt., Dardanelles. I am the only one at home of the exhibitors who have for years been showing as Seely Bros. Another of our members—Private W. J. Thompson, Northumberland Fusiliers, has been to the Dardanelles, and is now at home wounded.

H. Seely.

North Manchester C.B.S.

Sir,—Thc members of the above society would be pleased to have their Roll of Honour in your valuable paper, Cage Birds. Corpl. F. Hall, 2nd Dragoon Guards; R. Evans, King's Own Scottish Borderers; F. Jackson, South-East Lancashires; J. Mather, 3rd Border Regiment; J. Cain, 8th Manchesters.

A. Colley, Sec.

(To be continued.)

SCOTTISH RED CROSS SHOW.

IN LIEU OF THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL.

THE cancelling of the Scottish National for the current year was a blow to the Fancy, not only in Scotland, but also over the border, and, as already published in your paper, an Open Show in Glasgow has been arranged to fill the vacancy. At a meeting on Nov. 4, the following officials were entrusted to carry out the work:—President J. F. Park; vice-presidents, Messrs. John McLay and A. Macleod; sec. and treas., R. Heggie, Stepps, Nr. Glasgow; assist. sec., W. Hutchinson, 167, Hospitalst., Glasgow, S.S.; show manager, F. Taylor; committee, Messrs. R. B. Gibb, A. Sloan, R. Jeffrey, Arthur Hunter, D. F. Webster, P. Houston, E. Barron, J. Sinclair, M. Craig, R. Hamilton, A. Chalmers, R. Martin, R. Watson, E. Taylor, Jas. Crone, T. Fraser, Geo. Smart, John Fulton, Wm. Steel, E. Steel, A. F. McLear, S. Woods, J. Pinnock, C. Martin, J. Sloan, Smith, McClymount, A. Steel, etc.; auditors, Messrs. Peter Thorn and John Young.

The new Central Halls, 25, Bath-st., have been secured, but not without difficulty. The managers granted same at a much reduced cost owing to the object being to Red Cross Fund. The officials are very fortunate to have such a hall for the occasion, it being well lit, both in day time and night time, also free from draughts, and is the most central of halls in the City for stations.

The patronage of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of Glasgow, has been given, and the Right Hon. the Countess of Glasgow is to open the Show on Friday, 31st December.

The classification has been adjusted and runs as follows, viz.:—Nor. 20, Crest 11, Border 13, Yorks. 12, Mule 10, British 20, and Foreign 7. Novice and selling classes have been provided in all sections. Mr. P. Arnott, of Alloa, the well known exhibitor of foreign birds, is to attend to the wants of the foreign section, and exhibitors may therefore send their most valuable exhibits without fear. Well known and competent judges have been selected, and these will be made known later in "Cage Birds."

Now, as this show is being run for one year only, and entirely for the Red Cross Society, the object in view being that a bed or beds be instituted in some hospital in name of the Cage Bird Fancy, it is to be hoped that all fanciers will do their best to make the show one of the best yet held, and a little help from all will see the object attained. It is to be hoped that if a bed or beds be secured that all fanciers' names will appear on the roll, and a little done by each will secure this honour.

Tickets at 1s. and 6d. each have now been issued, and if any one wishing to help in the cause by disposing of a few of them will drop a postcard to secretary and state the number required these will be sent by return. Donations, or specials will also be welcomed from any one.

Schedules will be posted early in December to all exhibitors at the Glasgow and District Show. Others wishing to patronise the Show please send a postcard at any time, and same will be attended to. This step has been taken owing to printed matter being so expensive at present, besides which lots of past exhibitors have joined His Majesty's forces, and others are engaged in Government work. A postcard will do all that is necessary, and it now lies with fanciers to make this a show above all shows.—R. Heggie, Hon. Sec.

Correspondence.

Midland Roller Canary Contest.

The Nationality of One of the Judges.

Sir,—May I as a Briton protest against the employment of a German judge? The Club is evidently ashamed to publish his name under your show advertisements, but it is mentioned under Club Reports. If the members of the M.R.C.C. are worthy of the name of Britons they would not only debar enemy alien judges, but all exhibitors with the faintest trace of enemy alien blood in their veins. If they are naturalised, so much the worse.

W. Wells.

[Upon receipt of this letter we communicated its purport to the hon. sec. of the Midland Roller C.C., and his reply is printed below.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

Sir,—In reply to yours of 21st inst. re the appointment of Mr. Jacquemin as a judge at the forthcoming Roller Contest of the M.R.C.C. As to the nationality of M. Jacquemin, although born in Germany, his parents and grandparents were *French*, and this fact no doubt was the reason of our authorities granting him exemption from internment. He was denationalised by the German Government twenty-three years ago, because he would not return to Germany to undergo the usual military training. It is quite evident from the above facts our authorities do not look upon him as an enemy alien, so your correspondent has quite overstepped the mark.

Our reason for appointing him to judge is his undoubted capabilities; he has judged at Roller contests held by every Roller Society in England and Wales for several years, and not only is he a very capable man, but also very popular with exhibitors. Why his name did not appear in the advert. of Cage Birds I cannot say, as I am under the impression it was sent on the copy for the same along with others. In our Club report of a month ago, which appeared in Cage Birds, he is down to judge along with Mr. Willows, the only two we at that time had fixed upon. I may mention we have had very great difficulty in getting judges, as the bulk of the prominent fanciers cannot afford to give the time from their business to go out judging. We have tried for months to get judges outside our own society, and have only been able to get one, viz., Mr. Tomlinson, so that our own members have had to come out to save the show from being abandoned. You can quite set your correspondent's mind at rest, as the authorities are quite satisfied as to the nationality of the gentleman in question, or he would not have been at large.

J. W. Thomson, Hon. Sec. M.R.C.C.

Will the Fancy Stand the Sliding Scale?

Sir.—Fanciers will stand the sliding scale if worked properly. Most exhibitors want to know what chance they have of paying expenses, and most societies limit their liabilities. They are willing to lose two or three shillings on a class. Most societies limit the entry to eight to carry full prize money, though, if there are seven they would still be getting a little over, but they lose a little on five. I think in cases where the entry does not exceed four, the society should add sixpence to each entry, and pay on the sliding scale. But one of the chief causes of short entries is cancelling of classes. When a fancier makes his entry, he makes it to suit his case or cases, and nine times out of ten the classes cancelled are those he thinks he has a chance in. He has to send empty cages and pay cost of carriage the same as if they were full, and this disgusts him.

Take Hanley as an illustration. Seven classes—four cancelled. I should have made a few entries but for this clause. I know four fanciers entered one each in Class 1. If they had worked on the sliding system there would have been something for visitors to see, without much cost to the society.

J. Bastock.

Moseley.

The Returning of Birds from Shows.

Sir,—In this week's issue of Cage Birds I notice Mr. Wm. Middleton giving his experience of railway bungling in regard to sending his birds to Liverpool show; now I would like to give a bit of my experience, and leave it to your readers to judge who bungled. I sent four birds to a show in the North of England, and took care to send them by Caledonian Railway. My reason for this is that the North British Railway refused to deliver my birds, and it would have meant a loss of time for me to leave work and call for them. My experience of shows is that birds at close of show are despatched by same railway as they come. Last Sunday I called at the Station for my birds and was told they were not there. I at once thought the show officials had kept them over till Monday, but imagine my surprise on Monday when I got a wire from railway office telling me to call for my birds. I did so, and found two of them just dying, and the other ones pretty soft. I don't know how long they were on the journey, or when they were sent off, but I think that if stewards had sent them by the right road there would have been no cause for complaint. I don't mention name of show, just to see if other exhibitors have had some experience.

D. Whitelaw.

Mr. H. J. Chick on Himself and Some Others.

Sir,—I have known Mr. H. Chick for 14 or 15 years as a noted British bird exhibitor and judge, and I am most surprised that anyone should try to run Mr. Chick down. I have shown birds on the same bench with him, I have shown birds under his judging, I have listened to his discourse or lecture on birds in Nottingham, and have never heard anyone speak disrespectfully of him, of his lectures, or his judging, but have always heard him highly spoken of as a good, honest, straightforward British bird judge. When a man can say openly what Mr. Chick has said, that he has never shown a borrowed bird. or a bird with stained plumage, there is not much wrong with that man. It is often the case that those who talk most have the least room. For the sake of the fancy, let all disputes drop; try to do good and not harm.

R. Holmes.

Moulting British Birds on Wild Seeds.

Sir,—Having read with interest the articles in your valuable paper, Cage Birds, as to the feeding of British Finches, I should like to add a few words if it would be of help to my fellow fanciers at this trying, and I may add expensive time for the bird fancier.

Mr. S. J. Nicholas referred, in Cage Birds of Oct. 9, to the value of wild seeds from the thrashing machine. I have kept every British Finch, from the Redpoll to the Hawfinch, have bred Goldie-Bullies, also Greenie-Bullies, and have kept my Hybrid pairs in vigorous health all the winter through entirely on seed from the threshing machine, with a few sunflower seed about twice weekly as tit-bits. But the fancier must make sure that he has a good sample before keeping his birds entirely on this diet, and a walk round the fields during the summer months will give the fancier some idea which farmer to visit when the threshing time comes. I have also found the wild seeds very beneficial for Canaries, giving them a handful in the flights twice a week after the moult; they seemed to take great delight in picking it over. My experience with British Birds is that if fed as near to their natural diet as possible they keep in better health and plumage than when fed on an artificial diet.

F. Groom.

Has the L.C.B.A. Been "Collaring" Dates?

Sir,—If you will allow me, I should like to reply to my friend Mr. Pretty's letter which appeared in last week's issue, although I do not know that the matter can be considered of general interest. Naturally one would not object to a reasonable protest, i.e., if these dates had been purposely "filched" or the protest had been couched in less offending terms. The only reason that a reply was made at all was to do away with such an impression. It is quite pardonable; in fact, one admires the Watford folk for highly valuing their fixture, but it is as well to also remember that conditions unknown to them influenced the unfortunate settlement of the time.

To be explicit, these dates were offered and accepted in June, and it was not until after this that I found that they were almost the same as those chosen by Watford. It is expecting a good deal for me to remember above all other items in a busy year that I should be judging at Watford a day or so before that time. At a later date I certainly did see Mr. Pretty somewhere, and under the circumstances I did advise him that January would be a better time, because I knew the bigger show, if held, would damage the smaller, and as January (the month in which their last show was held) proved a pretty successful time I thought that by doing this both would have better chances of success. Later, when I had been asked to act as show manager, I also did state in the course of correspondence with another esteemed Watford exhibitor that I might have to cancel my engagement; but I wished in any case to avoid doing so. Then when I had accepted the position of show manager I had hardly inserted the advertisement before I received notification from the proprietors of the Horticultural Hall concerning police regulations, which I immediately could see would probably cancel the show, and naturally under such indecisive circumstances I made no formal resignation of the engagement. Had I done so I should have been prepared to find them an efficient substitute, or pay them the amount of my fee.

I am quite willing to believe that Mr. Goodall did not wish to offend, because I have never known him willingly so to do, and I think Watford folk will believe me when I say that I have always had the greatest respect for their enthusiasm, a regard which I also know is shared by many other London fanciers. If they will only remove from their minds the impression that the committee of management wilfully rode over them I think there is nothing more to be said, and I think we all know each other well enough to believe that this little correspondence contains neither resentment nor bitterness.

Allen Silver.

Sir,—As Mr. Bunce and myself were the only two committeemen who visited Clapham show, I take it we were the two committeemen our friend Frostick was alluding to. If so, I should like to point out to him a little mistake he has made in his letter. In the course of our conversation I was asked what we were going to do about our show, and I said that as we could not fix our hall for another date, and, as the military authorities had commandeered all the halls in the town, we were compelled to cancel our show, which puts quite a different light on the matter. I am sure we all agree that the three clubs are deserving the thanks of all fanciers for trying to keep the Fancy going, but I am sure there is no small society that has done more to keep things going than Watford. A glance at the L. and P.O.S. catalogue will prove that 29 exhibits came from four members of the Watford Society. I may say I should not have written this letter, but as committeemen we have been placed in an awkward position. We trust that should our show be held, our friend Frostick will send us a good entry.

W. Buckingham.

Why Was Clapham Show a Failure?

Sir,—It is a matter of small moment whether my name is Smith or Brown, and it certainly behoves Mr. Hose to answer the questions I put to him. Should he fail, then the Fancy will answer them at their next venture. It is perfectly clear that what the London and P.O.S. could do toward helping the Fancy the Clapham people could have done had they the well-being of the Fancy at heart.

Londoner.

Sir,—Would "Londoner" please explain what he meant by saying he paid sixpence for "a piece of paper"? He has made a mistake if he is referring to the catalogue.

I held the gate from the time the show opened till it closed (or rather until the birds began to be packed up), and only absented myself a few minutes. I even had my tea brought to me, so that the other members of the show committee might not have to leave what they were doing to take my place; therefore I ask when and at what time "Londoner" paid the sixpence for the piece of paper. The catalogues were fourpence, and I do not think sixpence was demanded.

Perhaps "Londoner" was in a hurry to see how he stood on the cards, and did not stop to pick up his change, and I am sorry if there has been a mistake, but if "Londoner" would kindly send his or her name and address to our worthy sec., I am quite sure he would be only too delighted to refund the twopence; or if sent to me, I will forward two penny stamps.

"Londoner" must please remember that I am not a paid commissionaire, but a member, not only of the Clapham Committee, but also of the L. and P.O.S. Committee, and should be pleased to rectify any error (if there has been one made).

M. A. Feist-Madewell.

The Standardising of Show Cages.

Sir,—At a meeting of the Committee of the Brighton and Hove C.B.A., held Sept. 8, the question was raised as to the varieties of show cages, and the distinct pattern of show cage used by certain fanciers different to those in general use. After much discussion it was agreed to write the National British Bird and Mule Club Committee—the British exhibitors being the worst offenders—as to the adoption of a fixed pattern of cage for the exhibition of British birds, etc., and also to the Editor of Cage Birds, asking him to kindly publish this letter in the correspondence columns, inviting open discussion as to what means can be taken to standardize all show cages, say by the formation of a central committee of authority to which any club can be affiliated, they to have the power to adopt standard patterns of show cages for different varieties of cage birds. In this slack season and scarcity of open shows, it seems to be the time to move in this all important question.

Will H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.
Henry James, Vice-Chairman.
Charles P. Pearson, Chairman.

Hard Lines for the City and Suburban A.C.B.

Sir,—By an unworthy subterfuge the date of our show, which was booked since last February, has been taken from us. To avoid clashing with two neighbouring shows we have now decided upon Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 24 and 25, at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, as usual, and trust you will kindly make this known.

V. Wynn.

Novice Birds in Open Classes.

An Exhibitor's Straightforward Apology.

Sir,—I wish through the medium of your valuable paper to apologise to the other exhibitors in Classes 31 and 32 at the L.P.O.S. show for having, by a stupid mistake, entered my birds in these classes. I am no longer a novice. I did not know of my error till I received my catalogue, when I at once wired to the Hon. Sec. to disqualify them.

(Miss) V. Onslow.

Is the Southern Norwich P.C. to Live or Die?

Sir,—A meeting was held at the London and P.O.S. show to consider the present position of the club. After discussion it was decided to serve a requisition on the chairman (myself), calling for an extraordinary general meeting, and notice was given that a resolution would be moved that the meeting should reconstitute itself into the annual general meeting for 1914. It was fully recognised that the rules will have to be amended to meet the altered times, and members desirous of proposing an alteration of any rule or rules should communicate with me without delay.

The business of the meeting will be to appoint officers to carry on the affairs of the club till January, consider proposed alterations of rules, and any other business that members may bring before the meeting. Notice of meeting and copy of agenda will be sent to each member by post.

J. W. Ramsden.

11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.

The Scottish Plainhead Club Show.

Sir,—Kindly allow me to announce that the Club Show will be held at Cowdenbeath on Nov. 20, Mr. Fleming, Musselburgh, officiating. Eight classes, confined to rung birds belonging to members of the S.P.C., have been provided, and the club's gold medals are placed to this section. There is a very generous special list provided for the members of the S.P.C., and the novice members have quite a lot to themselves. The Cowdenbeath executive are also providing four open young bird classes, and for those members of the S.P.C. who are competing therein either with rung or unrung birds two good specials have been awarded. It is up to the members of the S.P.C. to support the show, as it is in the interest of a good cause. Anyone who fails to receive a schedule should apply to the secretary of the Cowdenbeath Society, whose address will be found among the show advertisements in Cage Birds. Now then S.P.C., all together.

E. Barron.

A British Bird Fancier in Khaki.

Sir,—Not having noticed my name on the Roll of Honour in your popular paper, Cage Birds, which I continue to take, I should like to mention that I enlisted in my old corps, the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, in which I am Battalion Sergt.-Major. I have now been in it for four months, and although I have had some very hard work to get through, I have never been happier since I donned the khaki. I would mention that I am at present on a few days' leave, and am stationed as below. If any Nottingham or Mansfield fanciers would like to correspond or visit me I should give them a most cordial welcome. There must be many Nottingham fanciers who know me well, and I feel I should still like to keep in touch with the Fancy and help fanciers in general as much as I can. I have decided to sell all my stock.

A. J. Marley.

Regimental Sergt.-Major,
K.O. Yorks L.I., Minden Barracks,
Clipstone, near Mansfield.

[Mr. Marley's stock is advertised in our columns this week.—Editor.]

THE BULLDOG OF BRITISH FINCHES.

By J. B. CAUNT (Beeston).

A well-known British bird exhibitor gives his idea of a perfect exhibition Hawfinch and how to obtain it.

NOTHING in the long list of British birds has captured my fancy and interest more than the "Bulldog" of British Finches, the formidable and kingly Hawfinch. If I remember correctly, my attention was first drawn to this bird by seeing the beautiful specimen exhibited by Mr. R. J. Howe, of Wellingborough. There and then I mentally vowed to obtain one, and one that would not only be a specimen, but, if possible, one that would be a superior of the grand bird which had first taken my fancy.

I may say that in those days there were not many birds of this species which could be compared one with the other, but, thought I, there are plenty flying, so I must get a number, make a selection, moult them, and gain experience in my endeavour to obtain all the necessary show points combined in the one individual bird. It is my purpose here to endeavour to give to the readers of CAGE BIRDS my own idea of a perfect Hawfinch and the way to obtain it.

As a beginning, the would-be possessor of an exhibition Hawfinch must train his mind and eye and fix well in his head what he wants. If he starts with a young bird from the nest, this must be a big one, that is, with plenty of width across the chest, a thick neck, head of a good size and width, and showing a tinge of golden yellow in ground colouring. In a cock bird the whole of the wing flights are black, while in a hen the inner feathers of the flights are grey, and this is the only deciding point of difference in a young bird.

Now we will go straight to the adult stage, and here I would say that a Hawfinch is not in perfect show form, i.e., in size, colour and distinction of markings, until it is at least three years old.

The Points of a Good Bird.

Shape and carriage should be the first points in making a selection. The bird should have a nice, well-moulded body, well filled-in back, and should stand on legs not too short or too long, the body ending in a tail which is very short in comparison with the tails of other Finches. The short, thick neck must carry a massive skull which, looking at the bird from the front, must be as wide as possible. It must show a good rise from the front to the back and continue wide until it meets the neck.

Do not be persuaded that a bird with a very big body, simply because it is a monster, is necessarily a good one; if it has a small, insignificant head and a thin neck it would be more after the ideal of a duck than a Hawfinch. I have seen birds of this nature on the show bench, and have heard remarks that they should have won because of their size; but size is not the only point necessary. It is size all over, combined with proportion, that is wanted on an ideal specimen.

Now as to colour and markings, I think I cannot too strongly impress that each individual marking must be as solid as possible in colour, the edge of each marking or colour not being lighter than the whole. The back of the bib must be very dense and solid, and its shape must be like the impression of one's thumb, and it must continue up the side of the beak right up to the eye. The beak should be short and thick, a long beak entirely spoils the expression of this noble bird.

The whole of the head and cheeks must be a rich solid chestnut in colour, such as some Canary enthusiasts would describe as "hot." If the bird is particularly good in this respect all the other colours on the body will be good also. The neck should be of a bluish grey, which should merge into the rich warm brown of the back.

The wing bar should be bold and well defined, and greyish in colour, the tail coverts ruddy brown, tail blackish brown tipped with white. The chest of the bird should be of a rich warm brown colour, showing slightly a pinkish change, and merging into a pure white at the abdomen. The feet and toes are of a warm bluish colour. The hen Hawfinch in colour is of a much paler shade all over and shows, as before stated, three or four grey feathers in her wing flights. The breast and under-parts are of a very pale brown.

To get the Hawfinch steady, continual handling should be the rule, and the confidence of the bird should be obtained by giving him a mealworm or two several times a day.

The Proper Kind of Cage.

The stock cage I prefer for a Hawfinch is about 14 inches long, 10 inches wide and 12 inches high. It should have a seed-hopper running along one end, and the wire front should be fitted with a door, in order that a bath may be given when necessary. The judicious use of the bath is very necessary to obtain that beautiful condition upon which keen exhibitors set so much value.

A good stock food for a Hawfinch is grey and white sunflower, sound Dutch hemp, clean and sweet, canary seed and linseed. Berries of all sorts may be given as they come into season, those of the mountain ash and hawthorn being a good natural colouring agent. To colour feed a Hawfinch artificially is, in my opinion, on a par with colour feeding a Greenfinch; the natural and lovely colour of the bird is altogether spoilt thereby.

British versus Foreign.

Some exhibitors have a fancy for Siberian Hawfinches, and these no doubt have the advantage of size. I have imported dozens of these directly, and find that usually they have a greyish cast about the feathers very similar to the Continental Goldfinch, and I think this tends to reduce that richness of colouring so very ideal in an exhibition specimen.

In giving my opinion of an exhibition bird I do not claim to have any monopoly of the knowledge of what an exhibition Hawfinch should be, and I would only state that in expressing my opinion I am giving the experience of one who is a British bird fancier for the love of the thing, and one who takes a special pleasure in rambling in the country and watching and noting British birds in their natural state. If any prospective keepers of the Hawfinch profit by the reading of this short article I shall feel amply repaid; anyway, I shall have the satisfaction that I have endeavoured to do my little bit for the Fancy generally.

FINE SHOW AT MANCHESTER.

The Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. held its 33rd Annual Show in the Co-operative Hall, Downing-street, Oct. 29 and 30, and, considering the present undecided state of affairs, the show can only be described as a pronounced success. Over 800 birds were on view, which, although not the number we are used to seeing at Manchester, must be considered satisfactory when we look at the reduced classification and other factors.

The position of Cottonopolis on the map is all on the side of success for the holding of a bird show. The city is what might be termed the pivot of the most important railways in the Kingdom, and is easy of access to any fancier, whether he resides in England, Wales, or Scotland. Then, again, being so central, the show generally gets its full share of visitors—an essential factor on the financial side. We noticed many fanciers from both far and near, including a good sprinkling of the gentler sex. We always think it augers well for any hobby when we can get the ladies interested, for, after all we may say or do, it is the hand which rocks the cradle that rules the dovecote.

The room is well lighted from above, and is spacious and lofty. The birds were staged on the three-tier system, which is advantageous in regard to space, but has its disadvantages when viewing the birds. One has to be a kind of a cross between a Guardsman and a Goliath when viewing the top row, without taking down the cage—and some fanciers object to handling them. Anyhow, the show was voted a success on all sides. Many were heard to speak in eulogistic terms of the management. Birds were packed up in good time, and everybody seemed to be so pleased with himself that we wondered if everyone had been successful.

We hardly like to mention the officials for fear we should not be able to do full justice to them. Keenness it is which makes the fancier, and it is no less keenness which makes an ideal secretary. Mr. Hayward is one of those gentlemen that has keenness written all over him. He has tact and capability—two essentials to the making of a good secretary. Everybody knows the old war-horse, Mr. Raynes, the Assistant Show Manager. We hardly like to say how long we have known him in an official capacity for the Manchester and N.C.O.S., and don't see how he is to be replaced. He is one of those unselfish fanciers who never begrudge another's success, and comes up smiling every time; and his unselfishness is only equalled in capacity by his efficiency and willingness to do the spade work. Mr. S. T. Oldham, so prominent just now in Hybrid and British circles, is the President; while Mr. E. H. Fulcher is the genial Chairman. They are supported very ably by a big committee of workers.

Among the notabilities present we spotted Messrs. Baker (Cowes), Hayter (Notts), P. Waring, A. Hirst, Dixon (Wigton), Tatman, Howe (Wellingboro'), Allison (Aberdeen), Yates (Chesterton), W. A. Bladon, Sam Cook, W. N. Turner, J. Critchley, J. W. Johnson, Whitney, Middleton, and many others.

Norwich were the feature of the show. They were not so numerous as usual here, no doubt owing to the N.P.C. patronage being given to Carlisle on the Thursday previous; but there were some real good birds benched by Messrs. Jones and Chester, Sam Cook, W. N. Turner, A. G. Smith, Stafford, Fielding, Green, and others. In Green Norwich, Messrs. Walker, Thornton, Lowe, and McAndrew were the chief winners.

British and Hybrids were fine, Mules especially so. Mr. Heggie, from Scotland, sent down a team of Hybrids, and captured everything possible with them. How do the Scotsmen do it?

We anticipated perfection from the British judge after the correspondence in the Press, but we have to admit a certain amount of disagreement with some of Mr. Chick's awards, notably in the Variegated Canary Hybrid Class and the Greenfinch Class. In the Hybrid Class he placed a Jonque variegated and a buff variegated in front of a perfect five-pointed Jonque Goldie; while in the Greenfinch Class he placed a big buff first, a bird lacking in symmetry, and with a frilled neck. We agree that size is essential in a British, but we think it should not be made the predominating factor at the expense of colour, shape, and quality, or societies could save judges' fees by borrowing a pair of scales and weighing the exhibits. The noted clear Linnet Mule "Perfection" had to stand down; but he is not in condition. His secondaries are not folded up, and when in thorough condition we think he would give the clear Greenfinch of Mr. Heggie's a good run. We had a talk with Mr. Whitney, the secretary of Sale, and we learned that his society had decided to run an open show on the dates vacated by the L.C.B.A. Perhaps fanciers will bear this in mind, and look out for the advert.

Sales were well up, especially in the selling classes, while the clear yell. Nor. of Messrs. Jones and Chester changed hands at catalogue price. The judges were: Lancs. and Liz., Mr. B. Clegg, in place of Mr. Barras, absent through illness; Nor., J. Beswick; Bords., Mr. Dixon; Yorks., Mr. Dykes and British, Mr. Chick.

Lancashires, although Manchester fanciers have always been the pioneers, did not come up to previous standards. We seemed to miss the giants in the Yellow Plainheads, which were the envy of the Yorkshire breeders, who were on the look-out for length. The Coppy seems to be taking everybody's fancy, to the detriment of the deep, long-sided birds we used to see. There seems to be too much of the Crest in the present-day Lancashire; if it is to be a Crest, let us have a Crest, but there was once known such a characteristic as quality. Fanciers go with the times, but are we improving this charming variety? We may be getting the depth, but are we getting too much length with it? Maybe the best were not on view owing to the late moult, or maybe their owners are on War work, but there is no doubt new blood is required. If exhibitors cannot support shows on their own midden, how can they expect outside shows to put classes on? We may be hitting hard, but the truth is better than a glorified report.

Lizards made a grand show, being very attractive to all visitors. We shall soon see new aspirants in this variety. No doubt the energetic push of the Sec. (Mr. J. Rukin) has had a lot to do with the success of this variety lately. He must have felt proud when he saw such specimens as were on view. Where does the magnificent "work" of a Lizard end? Looking at the wonderful clear cap, the perfect spangled back, and the choice facing at waist, there is no wonder the Lizard is a captivating bird. Mr. F. Hamer had quite a field day. It may not be good for the Fancy when one man is picking up all the spoils, but credit must be given where it is due. He who brings the exhibit to perfection is justly entitled to the honours he has won by careful study. Cannot Novice Classes be introduced in Lizard circles around Manchester? They have paid in other varieties; it is at least worth a trial.

Yorkshires made a wonderful show. It is a long time since we saw such classes at Manchester, and we are sure Mr. Dykes was in his element in picking them out. Mr. R. Heggie (Glasgow) put down a marvellous team, and picked up a few firsts. Some of the birds were a bit backward, but Messrs. Bulmer, Darlington, Henderson, and Crosby, and Potts staged some birds that will enhance their reputation. We noted many new names amongst the champions, which speaks well for the future of the Yorkshire.

Amateur Yorks. came up well in quality, but down in numbers; no doubt the late moult has affected them. Some of these exhibits would have given the champions a good run, so true were they to type. Size does not seem to be the main feature in Yorkies now—it is type and quality first, as it should be, but a good big one wants some stopping.

Yorkshire Greens were about the poorest lot we have seen out. There must be plenty of them at Liverpool, and good ones at that. Maybe there was a local show at Liverpool. Surely the Green men are not becoming home birds. There was a time when Manchester could bring out 120 in four classes of Greens. Mr. McDermott took three firsts out of a possible four, the odd one going to Mr. Jones.

The "wee gems" always seem to come out on top at this show; a specialist judge is engaged, and the Border men support him. The Greens took prior place, and a rare sight they were. The Tyneside men put down their usual teams, and honours were equally divided. Jimmy Johnstone taking the plums. Mr. Middleton, of Sale, staged a wonder of a buff cock. We saw many fanciers round this variety, and there should be plenty of sales in the near future. Quality was to the fore in the Clears. It is a great pity we cannot seem to get this characteristic in the Yorks. and Norwich to the same extent as in Borders. No wonder many take up the wee gems; they are very prolific, easily kept, and winners and stock birds can be bought at a reasonable figure. Mr. Nelson's buff cock was a spanker, and will be heard of again. Mr. Madagan put his usual well-known team out, and the exhibits of Messrs. Pennington and Egerton were worthy of their place.

Cinnamon Norwich were much down in numbers, but what were on show were a credit to their owners. We thought Mr. Godley's third yellow was about the best we have seen for some time; it is not a "big 'un," but for type and colour he will hold his own anywhere. Mrs. Tweddle had her usual winnings, while Messrs. Hartup and Smalley kept up their reputation.

LANCS. COPPY. CL. OR TKD. (8): 1, Jamison, buff grizzle coppy, monster, deep shoulders, long sided, very leafy feather, clear win; 2, 3, c, Fitton, buff cl. coppy, massive shoulders, neat coppy, well finished centre, fine cond., 3rd, yell., rare length of side, broad feather for a yell., very nice even coppy; 4, Collinge, buff grizzle coppy, not quite so well finished, will improve; vhc, hc, Redgard and Stanfield. PLAINHEAD (5): 1, 3, hc, Ridgard and Stanfield, buff cl., rare size, abundance of feather, broad skull, well flashed, full of true Lancs. properties, 3rd yell. cl., bit too racy for a Lancashire, rare size and grand feather; no 2nd or 4th awarded; vhc, Collinge; c, Fitton. BRED 1915 (4): 1, Collinge, buff Plainhead, abundance of leafy feather, rare thickness at top, very long sided, in nice form; 2 and 3 not awarded; 4 and hc, Fitton, buff coppy, well radiated from centre, quite covers beak, capital feather and plenty of it; vhc, Redgard and Stanfield. HENS (4): 1, Collinge, Plainhead, not a great specimen, but excellent feather, fairly broad shoulders, will improve; 4 and hc, Fitton, yell. coppy, nice droop, long sided, thick top end, well balanced wings; vhc, Jamison. LIZ. CL. CAP GOLD (5): 1 and vhc, Hamer, red hot, wealth of even spangling, nicely laced to vent, dark legs and toes; 2 not awarded; 3 and c, Barnes, not so distinct in rowing, lighter legs than winner, nice ground col.; hc, Hampshire. SILVER (5): 1, Hamer, rare spangling, teeming with work, nice size, full of qual, well put down; 2 not awarded; 3, Hordern, very near thing, only beaten lacing, perfect rows of even spangle; vhc, Barnes; hc, Hampshire; c, Mrs. Burgess. BROKEN CAP GOLD (7): 1, Hamer, like a ball of fire, rare finish, feathered like a Java, capital finish to each row of spangle; 2 and c, Hampshire, spangling stands out well, only beaten shape, nice legs and toes, put down in rare form; 3, Hordern, almost a self, topper for work, full of true Lizard properties, just a bit darker, in grand col.; 4, vhc, Barnes, wild, nice rows of even spangle when steady; hc, Redgard and Stanfield. SILVER (10): 1 and vhc, Hamer, like a silver cup for polish, well mooned, spangle almost perfect, in nice order, frosting very pronounced; 2, Rukin, exceptionally fine spangling, must have pressed hard; 3, Teasdale, fails col. and work to above, even work throughout, but small; 4, Hampshire, not the best of wings, otherwise shows nice even work, moves very free; hc, Bosworth; c, Barnes. HENS GOLD (11): 1, Howard, a gem of the first water, broken cap, a "hot un," put down in rare trim; 2, Hampshire, larger spangling, fails in col. of legs to winner, cl. cap, topper for qual. and style; 3, Ridyard and Stanfield, spangle runs into ground col. too much, or would be a good one; 4, Hordern, very smart, spangling neat and perfect, fails in col.; vhc, Rukin; hc, Bosworth; c, Teasdale. SILVER (9): 1, Hamer, clear cap, wealth of spangle, frosting perfect, nice dark legs and toes, well laced to vent; 2, Rukin, clear cap, wild, darker than 1st, will do better when steady; 3 and vhc, Barnes, cl. cap, rare work, well laced to vent, nice col. throughout, wants a bit more time; 4, Hordern, cl. cap, not so well finished in waist markings; hc, Hampshire; c, Howard. YORKS. YELL (33): 1 and 4, Heggie, a "hot un," streets ahead, straight as a rush, full of go, well filled in top, on its own, 4th rare pos., stands like a guardsman, neat wings and tail; 2 and hc, Kearns, nice wedge shape, but faulty wings, capital qual., rare top end for a yell.; 3, Bulmer, grizzle neck, rare length, neat head, shows nice shoulder; vhc, Potts; c, Knowles. BUFF (20): 1, Bulmer, cl., rare top end, boxy feather, well up on pins, full of swank, pipe tail; 2, Heggie, hotter, but not quite so stylish, showed a bit of waist feather when taking notes; 3, Spiby, not the length of winner, and wants a bit more behind, excellent top end and good feather, sweet bird; 4, Heggie, uneven mkd., rare length and style, well up on leg, long sided; vhc, Norton; hc, Wilkinson; c, Hibbert. HEN, YELL. (16): 1 and 4, Heggie, wing and neck mkd., flyer for style, round as a pencil, red hot, a hen to be proud of, 4th a "red hot un," full of style, gives the others a good run; 2, Wilkinson, grand wedge shape, nice gloss, rare length bebind, well balanced wings and tail, in nice order; 3, Darlington, wing and eye mkd., well up on leg; clear waist, round as a gun barrel; vhc, Knowles; hc, Potts; c, Doolcy. BUFF (14): 1, Darlington, wing and eye mkd., neat head, full neck, straight as an arrow, clear win to-day; 2, Heggie, bigger but not so neat, but a wonderful hen for the stud; 3, Henderson and Crosby, racy and well filled in, straight back, glorious wing carr., grand pair of pins; 4, Brown, well up on leg, clean at waist, full of swank, in grand form; vhc, Rothwell; hc, Broughton; c, Bulmer. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, Henderson and Crosby, a wonder for Yorks. properties, should make a name, straight as a rush and round as a bottle, wins; 2, Knowles, slimmer, fails at throat to winner, red hot, grand back and wing carr.; 3, Broughton, small but smart, gets up well, clean waist, neat legs, which it uses; 4, Darlington, mkd. wings and head, very racy, plenty behind, round head, good shoulders; vhc, Heggie; hc, Sharples; c, Norton. BUFF (13): 1, Potts, big, rare qual., long sided, round head, well balanced wings, shows plenty of daylight for a buff; 2, Heggie, good shape, nice qual., not a big one, but smart, all there for qual. and col.; 3 and hc, Doolcy, very racy, bit weak at neck, neat wing carr., full of swank; 4, Bulmer, bit boopy, otherwise grand bird, wants handling; vhc, Hibbert; c, Spencer. NORWICH. CL. YELL. (8): 1, oJnes and Chester, medium size, nice col. and qual., nice head, well filled neck; 2, Fields, Mr. Barker Clegg's ideal, grand bird, if a trifle more subs.; 3, c, Thorpe, nice type, con., and style, loses in qual.; 4, Hardman, rare head, nice round back; vhc, Huggins; hc, Howarth. BUFF (11): 1, Jones and Choster, nice shaped head, grand texture of feather; 2, Hirst, bigger, better col., equal in head, not quite the qual.; 3, Godley, massive head, beaten wing and tail; 4, Fielding, massive head, deep body and well-rounded back, trifle browy; vhc, Sharples; hc, Wareing; c, Turner. TKD. OR VAR. BUFF (9): 1, Cook, grand var., lovely round body, broad chest, short wings and tail; 2, Chilton, massive var., bit wide head, nice qual. and shape; 3, hc, Turner, var., nice round bodied bird, good head and type, well-filled neck; 4, Mattinson, eye tick; bigger, round body, very

metrical; vhc, Hirst; c, Jones and Chester. HEN, YELL. (11): 1, vhc, Smith, the noted var., giant head, wide and short body, lovely qual.; 2, Jones and Chester, var., very good hen, nice head; 3, Fielding, cl., hot col., neat, not the head; 4, Braybrook, eyes and wing mark, grand qual., grand entrance; hc, Hirst; c, Hartup. BUFF (12): 1, Stafford, massive hen, cl., big body, trifle long; 2, Hargreaves, var., lovely hen, better qual., equal in head, well-filled neck, grand col., not the size, we preferred; 3, Hartup, dark head and wings, very neat, nice type and qual., paler in col.; 4, Grewar, big, rare head and body, almost green; vhc, Sharples; hc, Cook; c, Thorpe. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, hc, Turner, well-known var., good wine needs no bush, wins Ramsdens; 2, Lee, very short-bodied cl., neat head; 3, Lingard, rare col., good head, and well-filled neck, not quite so deep in chest; 4, Hargreaves, monster, great head, grand qual., fat on chest spoils his symmetry; vhc, Sharples; c, Stafford. BUFF (16): 1, Fielding, beauty, nice head, short thick neck, and body well rounded, not a big one; 2, 4, Shilton, leader cl., nice bird, beaten in neck; 4th, var., paler in col., and smaller; 3, Allsopp, massive var., good shape and col., trifle browy, but managed to "push" himself in; vhc, Cook, grand cl., Carlisle winner, extra good; hc, Millward; c, Grewar. UNFLIG. HEN (9): 1, Turner well-known neck mark, grand head and body, trifle pale; 2, Cook, massive buff cl., big head, well-filled neck, grand qual. and col.; 3, Stafford, rare qual., not the size or type; 4, Huggius, cinn. mark, rare head, thick neck, extra qual.; vhc, Thorpe; hc, Fields; c, Mitchell. YORKS. GREEN. YELL. (8): 1, and hc, Jones, self, not a big one, but neat, rare pencilling and col., gets up well when handled; 2, Postlewaite, self, but stronger, rare cond., nice tone of col., markings well defined, close up; 3 and 4, Rogers, self, looks like the Liverpool winner, full of go, nice shade of grass green col., slimmer than 2nd, 4th bit down, but shows nice pencilling and col. when moved; vhc, Roberts; c, McDermott. BUFF (7): 1, McDermott, self, big strong exhibit, bit dark in col., nicely pencilled, gets up well; 2 and 4, Jones, self, very racy, neat head, long sided, stands on good legs, even shade of col, well put down, 4th self, neat and full of go, nice col. and markings, well carried wings; 3, Hickson, fine, rare qual., nicely pencilled on a grand ground col.; vhc, Roberts; hc, Rogers; c, Postlewaite. YELL. HEN (6): 1, McDermott, self, a big one, nice tone of col., even wing carr., markings a bit blurred; 2 and vhc, Jones, fine, nice qual. and cond., well up on leg, sweet expression, not a big one, but good; 3, Hickson, self, smart, a Yorkie throughout, good wing and tail, fails in col.; 4, Roberts, self, smart and neat, head and neck perfect, wings full of col.; hc, Postlewaite. BUFF (5): 1, McDermott, fine tail, nice size, well up on leg, shows nice tone of col. and pencilling; 2 not awarded; 3 and c, Hickson, self, grand pos. and col., wedge shape, plenty of leg, which she uses; vhc, Rogers; hc, Roberts. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Walker, light throat and underneath, rare massive head, qual., and col.; 2, McAndrew, self, grand head and type, only beaten size; 3, c, Handley, self, grand shape and col., not quite so well filled in neck; 4, vhc, Pugh, light throat, nice col. and type; hc, Raynes. BUFF (16): 1, McAndrew, rare head, neck, body, and type; 2, Bruce, self, very similar, only beaten size; 3, Pugh, rare depth, short body, beaten qual.; 4, Handley, light throat, rare type and qual., grand head and neck, we preferred; vhc, Thornton; hc, Fields; c, Hayward. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Thornton, self, excelling in Nor. properties, short and deep; 2, McAndrew, light throat, not so typical; 3, Bruce, light throat and tail, hardly so deep in body; 4, vhc, Walker, fond tail, grand body and type; hc, Handley; c, Pugh. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Lowe, nice hens of good type and qual.; 3, Hargreaves, light throat and tail, hardly so deep; 4, McAndrew, beauty, grand shape, qual., head, and neck, probably an unflighted, we thought best in class; vhc, Pugh; hc, Raynes; c, Walker. BORD. YELL. 12): 1, 2, Johnston, wonder for col., neat head, shows just a nice shoulder, well balanced wings and tail, easy win; 2, similar type and col., not quite so jaunty, but a good one; 3, Collier, hit weak at top, rare col. and cond., moves well; 4, Affleck, sweet head, nice contour, grand tone of true green col.; vhc, hc, Middleton; c, Colbeck. BUFF (9): 1, c, Middleton, well moulded buff, full of col., nicely drawn, stands at correct angle; 2, 4, Johnston, similar build, beautiful contour, very jaunty; 4, topper for col. and markings, superior finish, faultless cond.; vhc, Greenwell; hc, Whitelaw. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Johnston, a marvel of a lady, a real wonderful col., rare type, about the best we have seen; 2, c, Montgomery, another good one, not disgraced, full of style, markings well defined; 3, vhc, c, Middleton, sweet contour, grand col., not quite up to winners, moves very frecly; 4, Affleck, charming tone of col., hoxy feather, takes her perches well. BUFF (7): 1, Johnston, nice type and cond., full of go, well braced wings and tail, clean cut, very jaunty; 2, hc, Montgomery, stylish, well pencilled, lacing runs well down waist, neat head, fails col. to winner; 3, c, Middleton, rare qual. and style, correct angle, nicely carried wings and tail; 4, Greenwell, smart, neat pencilling and col., bit strong; vhc, Collier. CINN. (7): 1, c, Middleton, yell., wonder for true cinn. col., shone like burnished gold, easy win; 2, Colbeck, buff hen, marvel for style, charming feather, well staged, should win in a hen class; 3, Willaston, grand coloured yell., bit strong, stands at nice angle, sweet head and well-cut away; 4, vhc, Clare, yell. hen, daisy for type, full of swank, very jaunty, well put down; hc, Whitelaw. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Nelson, feathered like a Java, neat head and neck, wings perfect, staged to perfection; 2, Madagan, stronger, wonder for col., well braced wings, full of go, marvel for qual., must have pressed hard; 3, Moore and Son, grizzle cap, rare type and qual., neat head and grand carr.; 4, Drinkwater, clean cut as a cameo, faultless feather, grand head and wings, well staged; vhc, Garbutt; hc, Royle; c, Pennington. HEN (5): 1, Madagan, very taking lady, moves freely, charming feather, clean cut avairy; 2, not awarded; 3, Garbutt, paler in col., but very natural, marble head, moves well, just fails in qual.; vhc, Drinkwater; hc, Moore and Son; c, Royle. CL. OR TKD. BUFF (9): 1, spl., Nelson, wonder for qual., rare col., neat head and just shows a bit of shoulder; 2, Egerton, nice outlines, capital round head, well carried wing and tail; 3, Madagan, in rare trim, full of swank, nice feather and very compact; 4, McLoughlin, nice type and qual., neat wing and tail, bit unsteady; hc, Willison; c, Moore and Son. HEN (11): 1, Pennington, feathered like wax, marble head, nice tone of col. for a hen, clean cut away; 2, 3, Nelson, all there for qual., well braced wing and tail, carried perfectly, only beaten head properties; 3, good type and feather, moves very freely, good outlines, put down in form; 4, McLoughlin, bit stronger, sweet expression, very compact throughout; vhc, Madagan; hc, Clare; c, Royle. UNEVEN, ETC. (6): 1, Egerton, almost even mkd. yell., charming exhibit, glorious type and qual., good win; 2, Pennington, buff, not so far behind, rare feather and cond., closely packed wings; 3, Leigh, var. yell., close feather, sweet expression, just fails wing carr.; 4, vhc, Colbeck, var. yell., real good one, but marking against it, shown in capital trim; hc, Royle. CINN. YELL. (5): 1, Smalley, massive head, grand body, teeming with true cinn. col., will improve, but at present in bad feather; 3 and hc, Mrs. Tweedle, good big one, but again poor feather, plenty of good col., but might have given way to; vhc and c, Godley, rare qual., a full 50 points for col., we thought quite an easy win, an out and out "good un"; hc, Mrs. Tweedle, longer, rare col., might have been further up, rare / qual. for a / "big un." BUFF (6): 1, Hartup, rare bouncing exhibit, in grand form, fair Norwich shape, shown to perfection; 2, vhc, Mrs. Tweddle, even richer in col., clean cut away behind, well laced at waist; 3, 4, hc, Godley, larger, but not quite qual., rich copper col., 4, paler in col., nice silky feather, will improve. HENS (5): 1, 3, vhc, Godley, yell. leading, grand col., a rare lady, and she knows it, shows remarkable sheen; 3, buff, nice tone of col., cobby, and moves well, rare head and neck for a cinnie; 2, Smalley, yell., not quite col. of winner, sweet carr. of wings and tail, well put down; 4, Hartup, red hot, just pinched at top, grand wings and rich copper col. SELL 30s.: 1, Wallwork; 2 Rev. Gaul; 3, Millward; 4, Jones; vhc, Field; hc, Mattinson; c, Sykes. 20/- (20): 1, Watts; 2, Radford; 3, Sykes; 4, Jones; vhc, Hartup; hc, Knowles; c, Bowden. 12/6: 1, Collingo; 2, Appleton; 3, Fielding; 4, Raynes; vhc, Smith; hc, Norton; c, Mattinson. CL., ETC., HYB. (4): 1, Heggie, cl. Greenf.-Can., good size and qual., pale col.; 4, Martin and Archer, cl. Linnet "Perfection," not in show condition, secondaries down; vhc, hc, Hubbard. UNEV. CAN. HYB. (6): 1, Heggie, lightly marked Greenf.-Can., nice col., size, and shape; 2, Martin and Archer, var. Goldie, a Jonque, nice cond. and size; 3, vhc, Oldham, rather heavy mark Goldie, big bird and good col.; vhc, a grand five-pointed Goldie, rich col., and in beautiful condition; 4, Wilson, heavy mkd. buff, big bird also; hc, Sharples. DARK CAN. HYB. (11), 1, 2, Heggie, Jonque Greenie and Jonque Goldie, both perfect in col., size, and shape. 3, vhc, Oldham, good-coloured Siskin-Can., rare size; 4, Martin and Archer, grand Linnet-Can., good size, shape, and col.; hc, Dixon; c, Walsh. A.O. DARK (6): 1, 4, Whitney and Son, massive Greenie, and Linnet, great size and shape, nice type and cond.; 2, 3, Dixon, Goldie and Linnet, named, the Linnet rather too wild; vhc, Brown; hc, Larder. HYB. INCL. CAN.-BULLF. (8): 1, 3, Wilson, Canary-Bullie leading, well known, very hot col.; 3rd, Linnet-Bullie in nice cond.; 2, Martin and Archer, Chaffinch-Greenf., noted bird in beautiful cond.; 4, Brade, Greenf.-Bullf., nice size and col.; vhc, c, Hubbard; hc, Booth. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (13): 1, Woods, Bullf., a beauty, grand breast and back, nice bold head; 2, Hayter, grand Goldie, nice face, good breast col.; 3, Martin and Archer, Bullf., loses in boldness in head and shape to 1st; 4, Brade, Goldf., grand bird, but hardly the width of face of 2nd; vhc, Walkden; hc, Davis; c, Teasdale. LINNET (12), grand class: 1, 2, Oldham, beauties, grand shape and col., nice broad, bold heads, markings perfect; 3, Wilson, larger, rare good tickings, hardly the col.; 4, Brade, similar to 3rd, mass of ticks, rare bold-looking, cone-shaped bird; vhc, c, Holt; hc, Davis. SISKIN, ETC. (20): 1, Oldham, Twite, grand markings, exquisite col.; 2, Hayter, giant Mealy Redpoll, grand col. and cond.; 3, Martin and Archer, Siskin, grand col. and bib, nice head; 4, Whittick, Lesser 'Poll, nice marks and col.; vhc, Barber; hc, Booth; c, Daley. A very interesting exhibit in this class was marked wrong class by the judge. It was very much like a Siskin, had a dense black cap and bib, body colour, and actions of a Siskin, but had a black tail. A Siskin has a yellow tail. Perhaps the exhibitor will tell us how it was caught, and where, and any other particulars. GREENF. (9): 1, Fletcher, massive bird, in good cond.; 2, Tams, better col. and shape; 3, Teasdale, little to choose; 4, Austin, a bird we liked; vhc, Hill; hc, Holt; c, Leigh. BRAMBLE OR CHAFF. (13): 1, Oldham, very nice Bramble, nice head and back markings, good col.; 2, Rothwell, Chaffinch, nice size and shape; 3, Wilson, not the size of first Bramble, good col.; 4, Pitchford, Chaffie, good size and better col. than 2nd; vbc, Walsh; hc, Barber; c, Dixon. A.O. HARDBILL (5): 1, Fairhurst, big Hawfinch, nice col. and bib; 2, Johnson, the noted Yellowhammer, grand chestnut breast; 3, Marello, Yellowhammer, clearer head, nice v. and cheek marks, not the col. SOFTBILL, SMALL (6): 1, Gregory, 'Gale, in beautiful cond.; 2, 3, Sharples, Tree Pipit and Nuthatch, two fine exhibits; 4, vhc, hc, Colton, grand Robin, shown in good style. LARGE (4): 1, Walsh, beautiful Thrush, a mass of markings, great size; 2, Sharples, Missel, giant, in good cond.; 3, Hubbard, Hoopoe; 4, Colton, Thrush. FOR., SMALL (6): 1, Sharples, we missed; 2, 4, vhc, Hubbard, Bishop and White Javas; 3, Colton, Orange-cheeked Waxbills; w.c., Shaw. LARGE: 1, 4, Sharples, we missed; 2, hc, Pitchford, Waxbill; 3, vhc, Hubbard, Parson-finches; c, Marello.

AMAT., YORK. YELL. CK. (14): 1, Hallworth, cl., long racy exhibit, well filled in top, perfect wing carr.; 2, Tansey, var. yell., red hot, nice pair of legs, grand outlines, neat head and well filled in neck; 3, J. Green, just droops tail a bit, grand top end, full of go, well staged; 4, Whittle, very racy, shows just a small frill, wants time, will improve; vhc, Bamford; vhc, Walkden; c, Collier. BUFF (11): 1, Hitchen, varicg., topper for style and cond., long sided, grand wing and pipe tail; 2, Hallworth, cl., well up in legs, capital back, racy for a buff, round as a pencil; 3, vhc, J. Green, full of go, but has a habit of crossing wings, otherwise nice exhibit; 4, Housey, rare wedge shape, clean cut, well carried wings, erect and fearless; hc, Wilkinson; c, Bird. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Tansey, a gem, leads class well, long, well drawn, plenty of leg, rare outlines, straight as a rush; 2, Aldridge, wing mark, bit square at shoulder, shows touch of Belgian, rare stock hen, full of go; 3, Hird, very racy, neat head and neck, balanced wings and tail, showy hen; 4, Burke, very slim, not quite the qual., smart appearance; vhc, Radford; hc, Appleton; c, Taylor. BUFF (6): 1, Taylor, a wonder, good enough for the open, grand character, shown to perfection, plenty of leg, which she uses; 2, Hird, eye and wing mkd., topper for qual., rare wedge shape, in good order; 3, Aldridge, rare length, well braced wings, round as a bottle, very fearless; 4, Tansey, erect and bold, smart appearance; vhc, McTurk; hc, Collier. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, Burke, rare pos., correct angle, plenty of leg, wedge shape, in grand trim; 2, Tansey, charming feather, silky appearance, grand outlines, straight as a gun barrel, will improve; 3, c, Walkden, red hot, grand front, neat head and neck for a yell., full of swank, nicely staged; 4, Radford, paler in col., rare feather and cond., well carried wings and tail; vhc, Pickup; hc, Gilbert. BUFF (8): 1, Burke, grizzle wing, very pale in col., long sided, wedge shape, grand top end, good back view; 2, Green, rare qual. and cond., erect and fearless, shooty, perfect wing carr., good exhibit; 3, Brown, var., smart, well up on leg, clean waist, nice expression, correct angle; 4, Gilbert, not a big one, but smart, full of swank, well staged; vhc, Pye; hc, Aldridge; c, Hitchen. NOV. YELL. (20): 1, Green, big cl., wide head, grand qual. and type; 2, Bown, heavy mark, good col., massive, well-filled neck, penny in checks; 3, Bennett, big cl., rare head, neck, and qual.; 4, Leese, cl., fine texture of feather; vhc, Collier; hc, Ratcliffe; c, Rushton. BUFF (13): 1, Stuttard, great size, wide head, rare qual. and shape; 2, Marsland, neck mark, nice qual., loses in size and head points; 3, Green, var., equal in shape, hardly so chubby; 4, Lee, cl., nice qual., we preferred vhc, Barratt; hc, Ratcliffe; c, Webber. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Smalley, var., short or deep, grand qual.; 2, Leese, rare type, neck and head, beaten qual.; 3, Rev. Gaul, good head, well-filled neck, also beaten a little in qual; 4, Green, eye mark, nice shape, etc., not so big; vhc, Watts; hc, Bown; c, Ridgway. BUFF (9): 1, Marsland, neck and wing mark, qual. and typo all one could desire, good chest, head, and neck; 2, Collier, cap and tail mark, bigger, not the qual.; 3, Bowden, wing mark, rare head and qual., wings inclined to cross; 4, Steele, heavy mark, nice qual. and expression; vhc, Rev. Gaul; hc, Johnson; c, Webber. HENS, YELL. (10): 1, Leese, var., nice type and qual.; 2, 3, Watts, chest mark, lovely hen, not quite the size, but we preferred; 4, S. Green, rare qual., type, head, etc., only beaten size; vhc, Cundiff; hc, Bowden; c, Barratt. BUFF (14): 1, J. Green, well-known Liverpool winner, best hen in show; 2, Barratt, var., excels in head and silkiness of feather; 3, Steele, beautiful type, lovely qual, good 3rd; 4, Warburton, rare head, qual., and type, almost perfect; vhc, hc, Bennett; c, Marsland. HENS (22): 1, Stuttard, cl., yell., grizzle cap, rare type, deep chest, nicely-filled back; 2, c, Lee, cl. buff, similar style, beaten in head; 3, Leese, cl. yell., massive, rare head, neck, and body, beauty; 4, Catlow, var. buff, rare qual., nice type; vhc, hc, Bennett. BORD., YELL. (10): 1, 3, Stafford, cl., clean cut, well braced wings, capital qual., marble head, well staged; 3, clear, nice type and qual., correct angle, sweet head and nice contour; 2, Mrs. Higham, even mkd., daisy for type, in faultless form, very jaunty, runs winner very close; 4, vhc, Tranter, fout tail cinn., rare col. and cond., moves well, neat round head; hc, Eckersley; c, Pape. BUFF (9): 1, J. W. Johnson, smart exhibit, full of nerve, well braced wings, capital trim; 2, Tranter, var., beauty for type and qual., would do justice in the open, nice character; 3, vhc, J. Johnson, clear, topper for style, all there for qual., moves very well, quite a credit to owner; 4, Gill, cap mk. yell., not quite the qual., but grand type, well carried wings, in good trim; hc, Pape; c, Eckersley. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—AMAT. YORK., YELL. (5): 1, 3, Riley; 2, Drew; 4,, Tansey; vhc, Shaw. BUFF (5): 1, Drew; 2, Burke; 3, McTurk; 4, Riley; vhc, Shaw. 1915 YELL. (3): 1, Riley; 2, Drew; 3, McTurk. 1915 BUFF: 1, Tansey. YELL. HEN (4): 1, 4, Riley; 3, Lane; 2, Burke. BUFF HEN (7): 1, c, Riley; 2, Shaw; 3, McTurk; 4, Burke; vhc, Tansey; hc, Drew. NOR. BUFF (3): 1, Dickinson; 2, 3, Lane. 1915 YELL. (3): 1, Dickinson; 2, 3, Lane. 1915 BUFF (3): 1, Dickinson; 2, Rhodes; 3, Bruce. YELL. HEN: 1, Lane; 2, Buckleton; 3, Bruce. BUFF HEN: 1, Lane; 2, Rhodes; 3, Dickinson; 4, Buckleton. A.O.V.: 1, 4, vhc, hc, Millington; 2, 3, Lane. HYB., LIGHT: 1, Bruce. DARK: 1, Green. GOLDIE OR BULLIE: 1, Green. LINNET: 1, Strafford. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Green; 3, Bruce; 4, Strafford.

CARLISLE.

A GRAND SHOW OF NEARLY 800 BIRDS.

Favoured with a record entry, and a collection of the best birds of their respective varieties, the seventh annual show of the Border City Ornithological Society was held Oct. 27 and 28. The Kings' Hall, in which the show is held, is in every respect well adapted for an exhibition of cage birds, being well lighted from the roof, easy of access, and roomy, all birds being nicely staged at a convenient height for seeing, and well looked after by an efficient committee of well-known fanciers, consisting of the following: Messrs. Jos. Robson, R. Thomlinson, T. J. Robson, R. Macartney, Fred. Bell, J. Robson, junr., T. Johnstone, H. C. Palfrey, with Mr. G. Davidson, treas., Mr. G. Higgins, chairman, and the ever obliging Mr. J. C. Bell, sec., to whom our thanks are due for the courtesy rendered, and the prompt manner in which all requests were met.

Borders (judged by Mr. Thos. McCreadie) led the way, and as might be expected, here on the Border, with a liberal classification, turned up well. An average entry of 17 per class over the 18 classes provided speaks well for their popularity, and also demonstrates that when well catered for, an entry satisfactory to the promoters generally results. The winner of the Border C.C. medal was Mr. G. Bennet, with a ticked buff, a typical little beauty.

Norwich, handled by Mr. J. Robson, averaged just under 12 per class. The patronage of the W.P.C. was given, and several of the leading exhibitors of this variety were competing, and type and quality were well represented. The winner of special best bird was found in this section, an uneven yellow cock, owned by Mr. W. Crawshaw.

Yorkshires had the patronage of the Y.C.C., N.Y.C.C., and the C. and W.Y.C.C., and a fine collection of representative specimens from most of the leading exhibitors of the bird of position graced the benches. This section was also judged by Mr. J. Robson, and drew an entry of 124 in 11 classes, birds of wonderful type and feather being in every class.

The Hybrid section was really good, all the choicest specimens of the respective blendings being on view. A rarity appeared in this section, catalogued as "Song Thrush-Blackbird, first time seen on the show bench in England." However, it failed to score. If as described, the bird appeared to us to have inherited largely the Thrush characteristics, being very similar in shape, colour, and markings.

British also were good, the winners well selected, and put down in beautiful order, while Foreign were a small but beautiful collection, the colours and condition of the majority of the exhibits being unsurpassable. This section, and the British, were judged by Mr. J. Nicholson; Hybrids by Mr. J. Robson.

BORD. CL. OR INVIS. TKD. YELL. CK. (22): 1, Crabb and Finlayson, fine type, rare qual., neat all over; 2, Young, similar type, fine qual. and carr.; 3, Rintoul; 4, Shackley, both grand type and qual., well shown; vhc, Wilson; hc, Sprott; c, Brockie. HEN (31): 1, Calderwood, fine qual., rare type and order; 2, H. Bennet, close up, similar qual.; 3, Navin, neatly made, good qual.; 4, J. S. Wilson, fine type, well balanced; vhc, Craig; hc, Brockie; c, G. Paterson. BUFF CK. (31): 1, Craig, typical, fine order, grand feather; 2, Moesie, close up, beautifully feathered; 3, G. Bennet, fine shape and qual.; 4, Nicholson, well put down, typical and good; vhc, Espie; hc, Robertson; c, Broadfoot. HEN (29): 1, Craig, well tapered, fine qual., neat and good; 2, G. Bennet, fine model, close fitting coat, like silk; 3, J. S. Wilson, well made, good shape and qual.; 4, Paterson, very taking exhibit; vhc, Rintoul; hc, Dunlop. EVEN MARK (7): 1, Crabb and Finlayson, buff, uneven wings, good eyes, nice type and qual.; 2, vhc, hc, Nicholson, yell. leading, nice order, good marks; 3, Robertson, fails in wings, nice type; 4, McVittie, buff, fair markings, good type; c, Connochie. UNEV. OR VAR. YELL. CK. (15): 1, 4, Nicholson, Cinn. mark leading, good qual. and shape, trifle large, latter nice markings, good qual. and shape; 2, J. S. Wilson, well mkd., fine shape, good feather and col.; 3, Patterson, 3-pointed, good type, fine feather; vhc, Lawson; hc, Bennet. HEN (11): 1, Nicholson, fine type, good qual.; 2, Patterson, eyes and back of head mark, nice qual. and type, neat; 3, Hyslop; 4, Geddes, both fine feather and good type; vhc, Dunlop; hc, Affleck; c, Crabb and Finlayson. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Rintoul, eyes and wings mkd., fine col. and qual., rare shape; 2, J. W. Wilson, taking exhibit, bonny feather; 3, c, Jones, close up; 4, Dockerty, neat bird; vhc, Nicholson; hc, J. S. Wilson. HEN (16): 1, Craig, fine shape, silky feather; 2, Young, neat and good; 3, Calderwood, fine shape and cond.; 4, Robertson, nicely tapered, good qual.; vhc, Espie; hc, Gill; c, H. Bennet. TKD. (7): 1, G. Bennet, buff, tkd. neck, nice type and feather, beautiful outline (medal winner); 2, Young, yell., wing tkd., behind in head, sweet otherwise; 3, Aitchinson, buff, beautiful type and feather; 4, Sprott, yell., tkd. neck, nice bird; vhc, J. W. Wilson; hc, Watson; c, Morgan. GREEN OR CINN. YELL. CK. (21): 1, Espie, green, fine shape and col., well burnished; 2, hc, J. W. Wilson; 4, Affleck, both Greens, nicely laced, good shape; 3, Johnstone, Cinn., fine shade, neat shape; hc, Reid; c, Brown. BUFF (15): 1, Reid, fine shape and feather, taking col.; 2, Smith, neatly drawn, good in feather; 3, Nicholson, well put down, neat; 4, Render, close up; vhc, Fox; hc, Cossar; c, Affleck. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Lawson and Son, green, fine shade, nice markings; 2, Heslop Bros., green, well drawn, neat and in capital order; 3, J. W. Wilson, Cinn., nice exhibit, fine shade; 4, Espie, green, good shape, fine tone, nice feather; vhc, Affleck; hc, Farrer; c, Johnstone. BUFF (15): 1, Johnstone, neat shape, good feather, correct pose; 2, hc, Hyslop Bros., very well feathered, neat shape; 3, Reid; 4, J. W. Wilson, two sweet birds, fine shape; hc, Farrer; c, Espie. PAIRS (7): 1, Watson, clears, fine pos. and qual.; 2, Gill, uneven yell. ck. and cl. buff hen, well matched, fine qual.; 3, Jones, yell. ck. and Cinn. mark hen; 4, T. Johnstone, clears; vhc, Higgins; hc, Morgan; c, Macartney. COCK, NOV. (18): 1, Sprott, fine shape and qual., neat and good; 2, Macartney, very sweet, in fine cond.; 3, Sloan, neat, fine shape; 4, vhc, Cossar, very little behind, neat and well drawn; hc, Sewell; c, Heslop. HEN (13): 1, 2, Heslop, uneven buff and eye mark, both in fine order, neatly tapered; 3, Sloan, cl. yell., good type, nice qual.; 4, Lennox, Cinn. mark, nice order, good qual. and type; vhc, Cruddas; c, Sewell; c, Macartney. SELL. (15): 1, G. Bennet; 2, Hume; 3, Gill; 4, Robertson; vhc, Cubby; hc, Watson; c, Lawson and Son. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 3, Crawshaw, both fine shape and col., good in qual.; 2, Mitchell, grand col. and shape; 4, Bell, fine shape, good order; vhc, Young; hc, Black; c, Wilson. HEN (16): 1, Lawson, fine head, good pos., sound col.; 2, c, Crawshaw, rare size and shape, good col.; 3, Allison, good shape and feather, fine head; 4, Hirst, good bird, fine shape and size; vhc, Spencer; hc, Young. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Paling, beautiful col., fine qual., rare shape; 2, Stephenson, similar in properties, does not show so well; 3, Crawshaw, tkd. on head, fine bouncing bird, rare shape; 4, Hirst, good col., rare shape, just behind in size; vhc, Lawson; hc, Holden; c, Kaberry. HEN (9): 1, 3, Lawson, fine shape and feather, good col., smooth and well shown; 2, Jeffries, stouter than winner, rare feather; 4, Cook, fine col. and shape, rare head and neck; vhc, Hector; hc, Kaberry; c, J. S. Wilson. UNEV. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Crawshaw, sp. best in show, fine bouncing fellow, wonderful feather and shape, rare head and chest; 2, 3, Cook, two fine birds, well up in Norwich properties, having size, shape and qual.; 4, Davidson, good stamp; vhc, Allison; 6, Calderwood; 7, Young. HEN (8): 1, Lawson, wings, tail and eyes, fine shape and size, good head and col.; 2, Hirst, heavily variegated, rare shape, good feather and cond.; 3, Blease and Son, 4 mkd., good stamp, fine cond.; 4, Crawshaw, grizzle head, capital shape and feather; vhc, Bell; hc, White; c, Renwick. BUFF CK. (13): 1, vhc, Crawshaw, rare shape, well feathered, good stamp; 2, Cook, close up, fine head and good pos.; 3, c, Lawson, rare col. and feather; 4, Bell, good one; hc, Allison. HEN (8): 1, Stephenson, good type, rare feather, good head; 2, Lowrey, good one, close up; 3, Jeffries; 4, Crawshaw, very little betwixt them, fine position and feather; vhc, Bell; hc, Blease and Son; c, Calderwood. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (9): 1, vhc, Lawson, fine stamp, grand order; 2, 3, Crawshaw, topping birds, good col. and feather, fine shape; 4, Aviton, nice shape, good head and neck; hc, Forrest; c, Mitchell. HEN: 1, Forrest, bouncing bird, good head, capital shape; 2, hc, Crawshaw, another fine one, in grand order; 3, Allison, shape and well feathered; 4, vhc, Mitchell; c, Lawson. BUFF CK. (15): 1, Cook, fine bouncing bird, good col. and cond.; 2, Hirst, deep chest, good head and neck; 3, Stephenson, fine shape and feather, well balanced; 4, c, Tose, rare stamp; vhc, Gardiner; hc, Blease and Son. HEN (14): 1, 3, Crawshaw, fine type and qual., good heads and chest, little betwixt them; 2, Cook, not far behind winner; 4, hc, Mitchell, again a fine typical bird, well made; vhc, no name; c, Gardiner. A.V. NOV. (10): 1, 2, Spencer, fine birds, good order; 3, 4, J. B. Bell, good heads and finish; vhc, Mitchell; hc, no name; c, White. SELL. (17): 1, Calderwood; 2, Lawson; 3, Renwick; 4, Davidson; 5, Renwick; 6, 7, Bell. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CL. (9): 1, Heggie, fine pos., grand col., neat head, well drawn, clever wings; 2, Dykes, little paler in col., fine pos., racy, well carried wings and tail; 3, Dr. Craig, fine type and pos., rare qual.; 4, Ogden Bros., another good

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BUFF (12): 1, Crawhall, slim and well feathered, neat head and wings; 2, Craig, fine qual. and type, well braced; 3, Towers, reachy, in fine order; 4, Mason, good pos., fine feather; vhc, Heggie; hc, Macready; c, Morrison. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (14): 1, Towers, fine stamp, well drawn, lengthy and nicely rounded; 2, Harrison, Cinn. mark, capital qual. and pos.; 3, Dykes; 4, Hartley, cleurs, good reach, straight and well shown; vhc, Heggie; hc, Tweedie; c, Crawhall. BUFF (11): 1, Towers, fine typical specimen; 2, Ogden Bros., close up; 3, Hartley, rare stamp and qual., well drawn; 4, Crawhall, fine qual. and pos.; vhc, Deighton; hc, Coulson; c, Stewart. HEN (11): 1, Dykes, beauty for feather and type; 2, Hutchinson, good qual., well drawn; 3, Towers, shapely, in fine order; 4, Craig; vhc, Heggie; hc, Crawhall; c, Tweedie. NOV. (11): 1, Wulkden, stylish, good qual.; 2, Palmer; 3, 4, Smith, all nice qual., well drawn and nicely staged; vhc, Barric; hc, c, Ferguson. SELL. (7): 1, Wells; 2, 3, c, Bell; 4, Pearson; 5, Todd; 6, Wear. CL., ETC., HYB. OR MULE (13): 1, Heggie, cl., Greenie, oft described; 2, Dr. Wilson, Greenie-Chall., another well known, in fine order; 3, 4, Maddison, both cl. Goldie-Can., in beautiful order; vhc, Melvin; hc, Johnstone; c, Palfrey. BULLF. HYB., incl. CAN. BULLF. (8): 1, 3, Graham, both Redpoll-Bullf., leader fine type and feather, good col., parentage well defined, latter not far behind; 2, hc, Wilson, Can.-Bullf., well known; 4, Heron, Goldf.-Bullf., fine bird, good col., shapely; vhc, Dale; c, Campbell. UNEVEN (11): 1, McQuiston, variegated Goldie, fine face and col., in rare order, good size; 2, Heggie, Greenf., fine order and good shape; 3, 4, c, Maddison, leader lightly mkd. Linnet; 4, Goldf., both in fine order, capital feather; vhc, Dibb; hc, McVittie. A.O. HYB. (11): 1, McQuiston, dark yell. Goldf., fine face, good size and col.; 2, Renwick, Bonnie Siskin, fine shape, col. and markings; 3, 4, Heggie, Greenf. and Goldf., capital specimens; vhc, Bowerbank Bros.; hc, Wilson; c, Macready. GOLDF. (9): 1, Bell, nice size and shape, fine, well cut blaze, good markings; 2, 3, Almond, leader nice shape, blaze nicely cut, rather pale col. yet, latter finely made, but unsteady; 4, Brown, nice face, not in tip-top order yet; vhc, Blakely; hc, Raine; c, Fairhurst. BULLF. (10): 1, McQuiston, fine cond., nice size, good, well defined cap, rich col.; 2, c, Dale, not quite the col. of leader, shapely; 3, Sykes, fine size, good colours, well defined; 4, Conkie and Loudon, close up; vhc, Barkass; hc, Woods, GREENF. (12): 1, Fairhurst, "Northern Star," well placed; 2, Calder, fair size, good shape and col.; 3, Macpherson, nice size and shape; 4, Sykes; vhc, Raine; hc, Melvin; c, Davidson. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE (13): 1, 2, Sykes, Chaff. and Bramble respectively, fine pair, good and well defined markings, rare size, and in fine order; 3, Wilson, Bramble, in fair form, but deficient in tail; 4, Macpherson, Challinch, nice colours and steady; vhc, Fairhurst; hc, Renwick; c, Foster. LINNET (11): 1, 2, McQuiston, fine col. and markings, rare sheen and finish, latter slim; 3, hc, Woodhouse, stouter bird than winners, lacks the polish; 4, Wright, similar to 3rd; hc, Buchanan; c, Johnson. SISKIN, ETC. (15): 1, Conkie and Loudon, Twite, fair size, col., and marks, rare order; 2, McGavin, rich col., nice shape and size, faint bib; 3, Sykes, Twite, fine size, good marks and cond.; 4, Palfrey, Lesser Redpoll, good col. and cond.; vhc, Calder; hc, Dale; c, McQuiston. A.O.V. (5): 1, Sykes, Hawfinch, fine shape and markings, nicely cut bib, very steady, 2, 4, McQuiston, Corn Bunting and Hawfinch, both fine shapely birds; 3, Wilson, Meadow Bunting, fine order, pleasing exhibit; vhc, Erskine. HEN (7): 1, Conkie and Loudon, Corn Bunting, nice size and cond., well mkd.; 2, Montague, Thrush, steady and nicely shown, fine col. and markings; 3, 4, Forster, Bramble and Bullie, well shown; vhc, McQuiston; 6, Lockhart; 7, Barkass. MACAWS, ETC. (4): 1, Gardiner, Electus Parrot, fine cond.; 2, Arnott, Black-faced Lovebirds, in lovely order; 3, Slack, Bloodrumps; 4, Macready, Hanging Parrakeet. BUDGERIGARS, ETC. (4): All to Mrs. J. Bell, nice exhibits, 3rd Greyheaded Lovebird, others Budgies. AVADAVATS, ETC. (7): 1, 3, 4, Arnott, Cordon Bleus, St. Helena Waxbills, and Steel Finch, in order named; 2, 7, Almond; 5, Christer; 6, Clark. A.O.S. (7): 1, 2, Arnott, Yellow-winged Sugar-bird and Maroon Tanager, lovely colours and cond.; 3, Davidson, Gouldian Finch, fine order; 4, 5, Almond; 6, Christer; 7, Campbell. GIFT (8): 1, Higgins; 2, Pearson; 3, Lawson; 4, Watson; 5, Macartney; 6, Robson; 7, Davidson.

YORK.

Seventh Annual Open Show of York C.B.S., held Oct. 20. An entry of over 300 was obtained, the officials considering this most satisfactory, under the existing circumstances. The Ebor Hall, in which the exhibits were staged, is of a very suitable description, well lighted, lofty, spacious and cosy, absolutely void of draughts, and beautifully decorated. The staging of the specimens had been well thought out, and those responsible for this neat arrangement are worthy of being highly congratulated. The President is Mr. A. Richardson, and Chairman, Mr. B. Marshall, a brace of greatly-esteemed officials. The Show Committee consisted of Messrs. B. Marshall, A. Humphries, Robinson, Carolin, Sissons, Campling, Jefferson, and King. Most are well known and practical fanciers, and all worked like Trojans for the welfare of the show. Mr. V. G. F. Zimmerman, the Sec., is most courteous and energetic, and although quite a novice as regards secretarial work, frames like an old hands. In V. G. F. Z. the Yorks C.B.S. possesses one of the right kind to steer successfully the Society and its shows.

Quality throughout was superb, comparing favourably with the best, and beating many past shows that have been held since Dick Turpin's noted ride to this famous Cathedral city. Norwich were truly a splendid collection, type, colour, quality, and substance all being present. What gems to be sure were the yell. mkd. neck cock, owned by Mr. W. A. Wilson; the mkd. buff cock, which is a topper, the property of Mr. D. Hunter; and the var. yell. unflight., that, with luck, should have a future, put down by Mr. A. Humphries.

Yorks. found many admirers, and well they might, undoubtedly a very fine and characteristic display did the "slim and lengthy 'uns" make. Eye-openers were those of Messrs. Dr. W. Craig, L. Dykes, J. Thomas, A. W. Hartley, and A. Price. Amongst the novices fine exhibits were put down by Messrs. F. E. Richardson and A. Cass.

British were voted a superb lot; certainly our "national songsters" did themselves credit. The rattling Goldie (Mr. W. Hearfield), the finely-pencilled Linnet (Mr. S. Wetherell), the richly-coloured and well-marked Twite (Mr. R. Parlett), the delightful Challinch (Mr. W. Woods), the majestic and magnificent Hawfinch (Mr. H. E. Shorney) were all specimens far above the ordinary, and many envious eyes were cast on these beautiful creatures. Foreign gave a little tone, and selling classes provided the bargains. The show in every detail was managed most excellently, and a good attendance of visitors patronised the venture. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and his placings were well received.

YELL. NOR. (11): 1, Wilson, mkd. cock, bouncer, marvellous qual. and col., lovely shape and carr., will do some winning, gem; 2, vhc, Humphries, mkd. wing and head, capital shape and subs., A1 qual., and ablaze with col., very close up; 3, Thomas, mkd. head, nice feather and col., rare size, longer in barrel, wings, and tail, yet most pleasing; hc, Brown; c, Livingstone. BUFF (12): 1, Hunter, mkd. wings and eye, possessing superb feather, topper for type, red hot in col., delightful carr., eye-opener; 2, Thomas, mkd. wing, more subs., exquisite col., shapely head, neck, and chest, bit slack behind, requires a little more time to brace up; 3, Thomas, mkd. back, rare size and shape, A1 col. and feather, good carr., well worth its place; vhc, Potter; hc, Parlett; c, Humphries. YELL. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF (8): 1, Wilson, thigh tkd., round as a ball, magnificent feather and col., neatly frosted, rare size, most charming; 2, Thomas, cl., lovely shape, feathered to perfection, capital col., clean cut, beaten in size only, beauty; 3, Humphries, mkd. wing and head, richly fed, and delightfully clothed, sweet head, expression, wee bit longer in build; vhc, Robinson; hc, Matthewson; c, Livingstone. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, Humphries, lightly var., delightful symmetry, superb qual. and col., fine subs., jaunty carr., exceedingly promising; 2, Brown, massive cl., bold head and neck, broad and deep front, superior feather and col., shade long in body, neat carr. of flights, close up; 3, Brown, cl., immeuse subs., nicely fed, silky texture of feather, sweet head character, good chest, again wee bit long; vhc, Wright; hc, Harland; c, Hunter. BUFF (6): 1, Wilson, cl., ablaze with col., slashing qual., true type and good size, clean cut away, should be heard of again; 2, Tose, lightly var., tight as wax, red hot, shapely, capital size and carr., not far behind; 3, Carolin, cl., a bouncer, good in shape and feather, nice col., bit sour in head, yet a choice exhibit; vhc, Brown; hc, Hunter; c, Robinson. UNFLIG. HEN (15): 1, hc, Thomas, bewitching cl. yell., well up in size, captivating shape, delightfully gowned, with rich col.; 2, Harland, charming var. yell., sweet shape, nice subs., lovely feather and col., graceful movement, gem; 3, Hunter, cl. buff, cobby, cap. feather, nice col. and mealing, good shape and carr., worth her place; vhc, Humphries; c, Brown; No. 8, W.C., a cock. NOR., NOV. (15): 1, Hennon, magnificent cl. buff, for shape, size, col., and qual., all one could desire, quite capable of winning in the upper circles; 2, Mrs. Stamp, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, full of qual., teeming with col., nice outline, good size, clean cut, very bonny; 3, Varley, cl. buff, wonderful subs., A1 col., silky, but rather free in feather, still a good one, valuable for stock purposes; vhc, Conway Bros.; hc, Carolin; c, Boddy. HEN (12): 1, Hennon, finely shaped cl. yell., superb feather and col., well up in size, carries herself delightfully real charmer; 2, Hennon, lightly var. buff, tight as wax, capital shape, rich undercol., not of the biggest, but of the best; 3, Boddy, typical cl. yell., rich in col. and silky in texture, not the subs. of winner, but a real good Nor., in the pink; vhc, Conway Bros.; hc, Parviss; c, Lieut. B. Drew. YORKS., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Dr. Craig, cl., marvellous length, very slim, as straight as a pencil, not a feather wrong, lovely col., clever legs, a knockout; 2, Simeson, mkd. neck and eye, full of style, stands like a Guardsman, capital length, best of backs, flights, and tail, another real topper; 3, vhc, Marsh, mkd. wing, red hot, superb col. and feather, sweet expression of head, rare length, bit down or might have won; hard lines; hc, Veitch; c, Smith Bros. BUFF (14): 1, Dr. Craig, cl., a picture, smooth as polished marble, true pos., rare length, beautiful back, perfect wing carr., pipe tail; 2, Hartley, mkd. wing and eyes, stands delightfully, rattling length, capital feather, and col., clever legs, close up; 3, vhc, Thomas, lovely cl., straigbt, good length, tight as a Java, nice back and wing carr., neat and stylish; hc, Dykes; c, Price. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Dykes, exquisite cl., slim and upstanding, perfect feather, grand col., rare length, full of true character; 2, Dr. Craig, cinn. mkd. wings and eyes, superb feather and col., capital pos. and length, nice back and wings, neat tail, gem; 3, Price, cl., fine length and pos., A1 feather and col., stands nicely, not so sweet in head character as might be, yet good 3rd; vhc, Watts; hc, Campling. BUFF (10): 1, Thomas, cl., delightful outline, well filled in, rare length and qual., full of style, and on rare legs, beauty; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd. wings and eyes, feathered to perfection, sweet head expression, nice length, capital back and wing carr., bit down or might have won; 3, Smith Bros., cl., straight, capital length, A1 feather, full of style, clever legs, capable of beating more than beats her; vhc, Dykes; hc, Moffatt; c, Simeson. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Dykes, gem of a cl., slim and upstanding, very lengthy and leggy, richly fed, best of feather, should make a name; 2, Watts, cl., rare stand and length, good col., nice head and neck, well filled in back, capital wings and tail, scarcely qual. of winner; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd. wing and eyes, red hot, superb qual., good length, not quite so upstanding, appeared nervous somewhat, more cage practice required; vhc, Hutchinson; hc, Smith Bros.; c, Hartley. BUFF (12): 1, Hartley, grizzled tail, tight as box, grand type and length, well on leg., read model, staged to the moment; 2, Dykes, sweetly-moulded cl., good feather and col., lengthy and leggy, in the pink, and pressed hard; 3, Simeson, mkd. head, capital qual. and col., good pos. and length, well on leg, beaten a little in style; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Carlisle; c, Yelland. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Price, delightful cl. yell., rare length and pos., perfect wing carr., pipe tail, full of nerve, gem; 2, Dykes, richly-coloured cl. buff, slim and lengthy, stands finely, possessing the characteristic swagger, very close up; 3, Carlisle, cinn. mkd. wings and head, exquisite qual. and col., good length and pos., leggy and well shown; vbc, Sutcliffe and Son, hc, Thomas; c, Hutchinson. NOV. (16): 1, Richardson, smart and grandly-shaped cl. yell., well clothed and richly fed, nice leg., full of style, good one; r, hc, Linfoot, buff, grizzled tail, most promising, A1 pos., rare back, wings, and tail, clever legs, take care of him; 3, Stirk, cl. yell., wonderful length, superior feather, might have better head, lovely tapering body, neat back flights and tail, worth its place; vhc, Cliff; c, Cross. HEN (8): 1, Cass, cl., yell., smooth as glass, nice length and pos., well-filled back, neat carr. of flights and tail; 2, Cross, smart and stylish cl. buff, A1 qual. and col., good length and well on leg, pressed for 1st; 3, Cliff, very neat cl. yell., slim, capital pos., good qual. and col., well on leg, shade shorter; vhc, Blackburn; hc, Richardson; c, Linfoot. GOLDF. (7): 1, Hearfield, well up in size, grand qual. col. and shape, wide, rich, and well-cut blaze, neat bars and buttons, in capital trim; 2, Haigh, good col. and feather, shapely, rare size, bold and rich in blaze, not quite so neatly cut underneath, capital bars, and well buttoned, close up; 3, Allen, shapely, nice subs., good in feather, not quite ready; vhc, Dr. Wilson; hc, Smedley; c, Fowler. LINNET (5): 1, Wetherell, rare shape and size, capital qual. and polish, profusely and distinctly pencilled, in fine fettle; 2, Parlett, better col., good shape, not the size or polish, nice markings, will improve; 3, Hunt, capital col. and feather, nice shape and size, well pencilled, wants steadying; vhc, Gray; hc, Anderson. BULLF. (10): 1, Woods, wonderful size and shape, smooth as wax, beautiful cap, lovely breast col., living picture; 2, Woods, again one of the right stamp, equal to winner in every respect, pity there were not two 1sts; 3, Wilson, bigger still, shapely, nice qual., neat cap, breast colouring not quite so rich, still a beauty; vhc, Dr. Wilson; hc, Wilkinson; c, Anderson. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, Parlett, magnificent Twite, rare size and shape, delightful polish, lovely col., beautifully mkd., steady as a top, real gem; 2, Hunt, Siskin, good size, and shape, A1 col., smooth, neat head character, well mkd., good 2nd; 3, Gray, Redpoll (Lesser), sweet shape, grand col. and qual., nicely mkd., well shown; vhc, Todd; hc, Haigh; c, J. Wilson. GREENF., ETC. (11): 1, Woods, Chaffinch, wonderful size, best of shape, magnificent col. and qual., shows for all it is worth, topper; 2, c, Chick, Bramble, rare size and shape, rich in col., smooth as wax, grandly mkd., in perfect trim, pressed strenuously; 3, Haigh, lovely Greenf., good subs. and feather, rich col., capital shape, worth its place; vhc, Macphersou; hc, Forster. HEN (14): 1, c, Caunt, grand Hawfinch, rare subs. and shape, capital col., well-cut bib, put down in fine style; 2, Dr. Wilson, Bramble, well up in size, not a feather misplaced, good in col. and markings, well shown; 3, Chick, Yellowhammer, lovely col., nicely mkd., good shape and size, in nice order; vhc, Forster; hc, Parlett. A.O.V. (10): 1, Shorney, Hawfinch, magnificent shape and size, delightful col. and qual., grand bib, in rattling cond.; 2, vhc, Medley, Blackcap, in fine form, good in size and col., lovely head character, benched in up-to-date fashion; 3, c, Chick, Yellowhammer, splendid shape and size, rich col., slashing head points; hc, Dr. Wilson. MULE OR HYB. (13), Good class: 1, 2, Parlett, the noted "White Rose," needs little comment, a unique specimen, and a study; 2nd, yell. Greenf.-Can., the old warrior, looking as well, if not better, than ever, a wonderful bird; 3, Taylor, very choice Linnet-Bullie, rare size and shape, magnificent col. and qual.; vhc, hc, c, Dr. Wilson. FOR. (10): 1, Woods, topping Bullie, would be hard to locate a finer specimen, (A1 all through, found many admirers; 2, Bulmer, Black-headed Gouldian, appeared to feel the cold, bit down or would have won; 3, c, Sissous, pair of good Budgies, in the pink of cond., and nicely staged; vhc, Zimmermann; hc, Jefferson. SELL 10s. (8): 1, 3, Robinson; 2, Moffat; vhc, Anderson; hc, Linfoot; c, Zimmermann; hc, (10): 1, Matthewson; 2, Shorney; 3, Moffat; vhc, Shaw; hc, Simeson; c, Robinson. 30s. (10): 1, 3, Brown; 2, Sutcliffe and Son; vhc, J. Wilson; hc, Simeson; c, Zimmermann.

LONDON AND P.O.S.

A Fine Show of Over 600 Birds.

The Autumn Show of the L. and P.O.S. was held at the Lambeth Baths on Oct. 27 and 28. The building is a grand one for a big show, well warmed and lighted both by day and night. The birds were arranged around the big bath, and in a tier down the centre, and made quite an imposing display. The entry was a very fine one of over six hundred birds, and made one of the best autumn shows the Society has ever held. Birds were sent from all parts and arrived well up to time, excepting five consignments, which unfortunately did not arrive until midday, and were therefore too late for judging. Probably these were not dispatched very early, as other long distance ones were well up to time, the Committee having made arrangements to clear the receiving depots over night.

The Norwich section was a grand one and included some very fine specimens, Mr. G. W. Saunders, of Haslemere, securing the cup with a lovely yellow of wonderful quality. Other exhibitors were Messrs. Spillman, from Devonshire; Rippon, Chelmsford; Miles, Chichester, Hodder and Martin, London; and other well known lovers of the chubby ones. The Novices staged some toppers, Mr. Head's buff being much admired, as was also his winning hen.

Yorkshires were a grand lot, some of the Yorkshire men sending down some lovely specimens; but the Southern exhibitors did well, Mrs. Holliday winning in clear buffs and Mr. Green in marked birds. Mr. Ayres also staged a couple of winners. Mr. Broad, of Borden, sent in some lovely Crests and C.-B.s, winning in both classes, as did Miss Onslow, of Bournemouth, in the Novice section. (A letter from Miss Onslow referring to these is published in our correspondence columns.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.) The Hybrid, British and Foreign classes were very well filled, although many birds are not yet fit, and the collection was a good one. Mr. Francis won the Members' Cup with his well known Linnet.

The management was all that one could desire, Mr. Huggins, the new Show Manager, taking hold with both hands and keeping a tight grip of everything all through. The society is fortunate in possessing young blood to step into the breach at such a time as the present. The worthy Chairman, Mr. Crabb, lent valuable assistance, as did also Messrs. Ramsden, Day, Clarke, Fairman, Burt, Silver, and Harris, Madame Feist-Madewell and Mrs. Harris.

The Members' Yorkshire Cup was won by Mr. Dykes; Crest Cup, Mr. J. Broad; Hybrid Cup, Mr. E. J. Lamb; Foreign bird up, W. Buckingham; Abrahams' Memorial Trophy, for rarest Foreign bird, Allen Silver; trophy best Australasian bird, Mr. Frostick.

The judges were: Messrs. Heath, Canaries, except Novice Norwich; Ramsden, Novice Norwich (in place of Mr. Hodder who was indisposed); Norman, Mules and British; and Watts, Foreign. There was a capital attendance of visitors, and over £25 worth of birds was claimed, the highest price being £10 for a C.B. hen.

Mr. HEATH'S CLASSES.

NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, Saunders, lovely bird all round, beautifully moulded and balanced, full head and cheeks, splendid wings, neat tail, sound col., full qual.; 2, Martin, similar, hotter in col. although scarcely so fine in feather, capital shoulders and back, neat wings; 3, Hodder, big bold bird, grand head and cheeks, good front, neat wing, sound qual.; vhc, Miles; hc, Hutton; c, Taylor. BUFF (17): 1, Spillman, neck tkd., wonderful type, rare bold front, full head and neck, grand short wings, sound rich col. and qual.; a real Norwich; 2, Hodder, bit more massive, but scarcely so clean cut, deep chest, short wings, good head and neck, a bonny bird; 3, 4, Noyce, wonderful head, good checks, a wee bit light in body, but full of qual.; vhc, Laccohee; hc, Saunders; c, Hutton. MKD. OR VAR. (12): 1, Spillman, very fine back mkd., good size, nice bold front, full head and neck, capital wings grand depth of col., very fit; 2, 3, Hodder, big buff, rare subs. grand head and neck, good back, closely packed wings, A1 qual., rare stock bird; 3, cheek and wing mkd. yell., grand size, full head and neck, bold front, grand wings, full of qual.; vhc, Griffin; hc, Cook; c, Cole. HEN (21): 1, 4, Martin, very smart lady, good size, bold front, full head and neck, neat wings, A1 qual.; 2, Saunders, good buff, rare subs., neat full head, short neck, grand wings, tightly braced, wonderful qual.; 3, Spillman, very typical, beautifully balanced; sound rich col., good back and wings, shows well, full of qual.; vhc, Curtis; hc, Cole; c, Miles. UNFLIG. (23): 1, Saunders, nice buff, neat head and neck, shade light in body, but lovely qual., grand wings, A1 col.; 3, Lovegrove, similar, rare qual., clean cut, a shade light in build, grand col.; 2, Rippon, good yell., capital size, clean cut, shade long on wings, but grand col. and qual.; 4, Sears, bonny yell., rare sub., good full head and neck, rare chest, capital wing, sound rich col., A1 qual.; vhc, Martin; hc, Hutton; c, Spillman. YORKS., CL. YELL. (12): 1, Dykes, grand length and style, good pos., neat head, grand back and wings, well up on legs, lovely qual.; 2, Fulford, another beauty, fine length, grand pos., good shoulders and back, capital wings, A1 qual., sound col.; 3, Holliday, smart and upstanding, lovely head and neck, rare length of wings, well up on leg, just a suspicion of frill, but lovely qual.; vhc, Clarke; hc, Greenslade; c, Buckingham. BUFF (12): 1, Mrs. Holliday, beauty for length and style, grand pos., neat head, capital shoulders, good length of wing, neat tail, rare qual. feather; 2 Clarke, fine length, clean cut, grand shoulders and back, good wiugs, rich col.; 3, Fairman, shade small, equally good on points, rather tighter packed, full of qual., grand pos.; vhc, Fulford; hc, Hall; c, Buckingham. VARIEG. (13): 1, Green, head and wing mkd. yell., fine length, lovely head and neck, nice bit of shoulders, grand wings, well up on legs and clean cut, hot col.; 2, Ayres, head and wing mkd., nat. col., good size, nice length of wing, good pos. and style, A1 qual.; 3, Fulford, smart 3-pointed, stylish and typical, nicely braced wings, sound col., well up on legs, A1 qual.; vhc, Buckingham; hc, Clarke; c, Hall. HEN (15): 1, Ayres, fine bold cl., grand length and beautifully cut away, neat head and wings, nicely moulded, sound col. and qual.; 2, 3, Fairman, scarcely so hot in col., but lovely type and style, nice head and shoulders, good length of wing, capital pos.; A1 qual; 3, good col., nice taper, good shoulders and back, neat head, grand qual. feather; vhc, Greenslade; hc, Dykes; c, Wilcock. UNFLIG. (15): 1, Ayres, fine length and style, neat head, grand shoulders good pos., beautifully drawn, fine wings and tail, sound col., a lovely yell.; 2, Wilcock, very smart buff, fine length, stylish and typical, neat head and shoulders, good back and wings, A1 cond.; 3, Clark, grand bird for length and style, good head, neck and shoulders, fine length of wings, A1 qual. of feather; vhc, Mrs. Holliday; hc, c, Last. CREST (5): 1, 2, Broad, magnificent exhibit, plenty of subs., grand crest of fine size, beautifully drooped all round, well filled in at back and nice centre, scarcely finished yet, but wins; 2, good green, fine size, capital head, nicely formed, good droop, well filled all round; 3, Bale, good grey, fine size, neat, well formed crest, nicely radiated from a good centre, lovely qual. feather; vhc, Guy; hc, Gale. C.B. (15): 1, 2, Broad, nearly green, immense size, wonderful head, very massive and well packed, grandly domed and splendidly lashed; 2, fine variegs., good subs., grand head, lovely shape, well domed and packed, beautifully lashed, grand qual.; 3, vhc, Bales, cl. fine size, good head, well lashed with fine length of feather; hc, Gale. BORD. YELL. (16): 1, vhc, Bennet, rare type and style, jaunty carr., clean cut, lovely qual. feather, very fit; 2, 3, Last, shade larger and hotter col., but not so sweetly moulded, grand head, good wings and tail, and sound qual.; 3, wing mkd., very typical, clean cut, jaunty style, good head, sound col. and neatly feathered, will improve; hc, Claydon. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Last, lovely exhibit, grand shape, beautifully balanced, nice boxy feather, nice head and wings, splendid action, sound col.; 3, good one, not quite so nicely filled in front, but clean cut and jaunty, grand wings, A1 cond.; 2, vhc, Bermet, scarcely so rich in col., but beautifully moulded, neat head, wings tightly braced, lovely qual.; hc, Steel; c, Clayton. A.O.V. (11): 1, Adams, grand yell. cinn., very bold, full fronted bird, grand subs., sound rich col. throughout, fine fettle; 2, Wilson, scarcely the substance, but grand col. and qual.; 3, Steel, big bold Scotch Fancy, fine reach and shoulders, very nervy. NOV., YORKS. CL. YELL. (15): 1, Neighbour, smart upstanding bird, fine length, good shoulders and back, neat head, nice length of wings, rare qual.; 2, Colin Brown, grand length and style, well up on leg, good wings, neat head and shoulders, lovely qual.; 3, Huggins, shade smaller, but very smart and typical, nice length of wing, good pos., capital col. and qual.; vhc, Knight; hc, Hawick; c, Johnston. BUFF (15): 1, Gilbert, neck tkd., good length, well cut away, good length of wing, sound legs, rare qual.; 2, Huggins, good pos. and style, well up on legs, very clean cut, well braced wings, A1 qual.; 3, Bramwell, sweet and typical, scarcely so clean cut, good head and shoulders, smart wings capital qual.; vhc, Littlechild; hc, Johnston; c, Neighbour. VARIEG. (11): 1, Ratcliffe, wing and head mkd. yell., smart, clean cut bird, good head and shoulders, well filled back, sound col., A1 qual.; 2, Ramsey, head and wing mkd., stylish and typical, well up on leg, grand wings, A1 col. and qual.; 3, Brown, variegs. buff, grand size, rare length of wing, A1 pos., neat head, just a suspicion of frill, but still a good one; vhc, Huggins; hc, Andrews; c, Knight. HEN (14): 1, Neighbour, lovely variegs., sweet type, clean cut and smart, neat head, well braced wings, A1 col., good pos.; 2, Frisby, fine bold cl., grand length, good head, nice shoulders and back, capital wings, A1 qual.; 3, Stuart, variegs., fine size and length,

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smart and upstanding, nicely moulded throughout, grand wings, neat tail, sound cond.; vhc, Howick; hc, Stevens; c, Littlechild. UNFLIGHT. (12): 1, Ratcliffe, lovely mkd. yell., sweet type, clean cut, well up on leg, good head, neck and shoulders, well braced wing, sound cond.; 2, Melhuish, big bold bird, grand length, nice head, good shoulders and back, capital length of wing, fine col.; 3, Huggins, smart yell., scarcely at its best yet, but capital type and style, good pos., smart wings; vhc, c, Neighbour; hc, Stoten. NON-FED (6): 1, Stoten, good yell., nice type, neat head, well filled shoulders and back, capital wings, A1 qual. and col.; 2, Miles, not quite so big, but very smart and stylish, neat head, good shoulders and back, smart wings; 3, vhc, Mason, neat onc, good type, nice bead, capital shoulders and wings, A1 qual.; hc, c, Lowe. NOV. CREST (5): 1, Miss Onslow, grand clear body D.C., line size, good bold crest, well filled and spread beautifully drooped, good centre; 2, Classey, rare size for a youngster, lovely Grey Crest, well spread, nicely filled, good droop and centre, quickly claimed; 3, Ward, good variegd., neat crest, well filled at back, good centre, nicely drooped; vhc, Mrs. Pope; hc, Haigh. C.B. (5): 1, 2, Miss Onslow, grand green, pure size, good bold head, well packed and domed, nicely lashed, grand qual.; 2, lightly mkd. bird, with good broad skull, well packed and lashed, grand qual. feather; 3, Ward, big variegd., good head, well packed with feather, nicely lashed and domed, rare qual.; vhc, Small; hc, Mrs. Pope. BORD., YELL. (12): 1, Kybert, smart bird, capital type, stylish and jaunty, clean cut, neat wing carr., nice pos.; 2, Hutchinson, beautifully moulded, neat head, well filled back, capital wings, sound cond.; 3, Onslow, lovely head tkd., capital type, very stylish and smart, shade small, but A1 qual.; vhc, Joplin; hc, Potten; c, Humphries. BUFF (8): 1, Humphries, nice size, very jaunty and free, capital head, neat well fitting wings, clean cut and grand qual.; 2, 3, Hutchinson, beautifully moulded, good head, well filled back, sound wings, grand cond.; 3, Joplin, beauty, lovely type and style, good pos., neat head, smart wings, A1 qual.; vhc, Onslow; hc, Hewett. CIN. OR GR. (5): 1, Hewett, lovely buff, very sound col., good size, nicely pencilled, shapely and smart, grand qual.; 2, Onslow, capital yell., typical and clean cut, good back and wings, rich col. throughout, A1 qual.; 3, Daw, lovely buff, scarcely so rich in col., but grand qual., very shapely well packed wings, richly laced; vhc, Fisher; hc, Kybert.

Mr. RAMSDEN'S CLASSES.

NOV. NOR., CL YELL. (7): 1, vhc, Harris, grand bold bird, lovely type and style, full front, good head and cheeks, well across the perch, lovely qual; 2, Littlechild, very nice, fine size, good head with chest clean cut, very hot col., sound cond.; 3, hc, c, Burt, neat, nice type, good head, capital front, neatly cut away, sound qual. BUFF (12): 1, Head, good size, very typical and short, nicely moulded, grand head, back and wings, full of qual.; 2, Ratcliffe, similar, but scarcely the cond., nicely moulded, good wings, full head and neck; 3, Dumbledon, bonny, grand size, typical, stands well, lovely back and wings; vhc, Gedge; hc, Harris; c, Kerr. VARIEG. (7): 1, Burt, honny wing and head mkd. yell., wonderful subs., big, bold head, good back, sound, rich col., nice qual; 2, Bailey, bold front., grand type, neat head, good back and wings, sound col. and qual.; 3, Deane, rather heavily mkd., fine size and type, bold, full front, good head, very rich col.; vhc, Trusett; hc, Kerr; c, Bonniwell. HEN (18): 1, Head, lovely short buff, good size for a lady, full head and neck, bold deep chest, beautifully cut away, quite a Norwich; 2, Burt, big bird for a hen, some doubted the sex, bold front, grand back and wings, hot col.; 3, Paterson, lovely qual. buff, good size and type, fully moulded and filled in, clean cut to a good tail; 4, Gedge, another big yell., wonderful subs., grand head, full front, sound col.; vhc, Ratcliffe; hc, Kerr; c, Bonniwell. UNFLIG. (14): 1, vhc, Bailey, grand yell., good size, very shapely, good head, nice depth of chest, clean cut, sound col.; 2, Paterson, lovely buff, nice bold bird, neat head, well filled neck, capital back and wings, rich col.; 3, c, Ratcliffe, wing mkd. yell., shade longer, but grand qual. and col., neat head, capital wings and tail; hc, Kerr.

Mr. NORMAN'S CLASSES.

HYBRIDS, LIGHT (8): 1, 3, Page, beautiful Goldf.-Can. leading, nearly cl., fine size and shape, good blaze, nice tone of breast col., A1 qual., sound cond.; 3, another nearly cl. Goldie, quite as good as winner, though scarcely so forward, capital flush on face, sound qual.; 2, Perks, nice, lightly mkd. Greenf.-Can., nice size, very shapely, good rich wings, capital cond.; vhc, c, Trusett; hc, Ramsey. DARK (10): 1, c, Lamb, capital Goldf.-Can., pure size, capital shape and style, densely mkd., good wings, full of qual., very rich col.; 2, hc, Andrews, grand Redpoll-Can., wonderful size for the cross, bold, good style, nicely mkd., sound col., in fine cond.; 3, vhc, Taylor, bold Siskin-Can., nice size and shape, good cap and wings, sound, rich col. throughout, lovely qual. A.O.S. (8): 1, 2, hc, Lamb, well-known Chaffinch-Greenie leading, fine size, very shapely, grand depth of col., beautifully mkd.; 2nd, the Clapham winner, shapely, good col. and cond.; 3, Andrews, lovely Redpoll-Greenf., nice size, good hold head, beautifully mkd., lovely cond.; vhc, Collins; c, Meek. GOLDF. (14): 1, Burr, grand hold bird, rare width of face, scarcely fit yet, but coming well up in col., good deep chestnut and capital wings; 2, Collins, hardly so wide in face, but a good, all round bird, capital breast col. and wings, should do well later; 3, c, Prior, neat head, rich chestnut and capital wings, not fit yet; vhc, Mays; hc, Simmonds. BULLF. (9): 1, Beard, good size, nicely polished cap, neat bib, well filled neck, good depth of body, grand tone of col., A1 qual.; 2, Shipton, lovely hen, very shapely; sound, rich col. throughout, good hold head, grand wings, sound cond.; 3, c, Mays, scarcely fit yet, good rich col., big hold head, grand wings; vhc, Tapper. LINNET (9): 1, 2, vhc, Francis, grand size, richly pencilled throughout, nicely proportioned, bold head, sound col., in fine fettle; 2, good one, but scarcely so richly mkd., shapely, nice style, plenty of subs., good wings, sound cond.; 3, Prior, not ready yet, but a good one, very shapely, richly mkd. and good col.; hc, Burr. SISKIN, ETC. (16): 1, 3, Offord, lovely Siskin leading, grand hold shape, neat head, lovely rich col., well mkd. wings, and splendidly laced, in the pink; 3, lovely Twite, not particularly large, but very shapely, nicely proportioned, well laced throughout, rich col.; 2, 4, Francis, grand Lesser Redpoll, fine size, tight as wax, good tone of col., capital bib and wings; 4, another good Siskin, scarcely the body of winner, but grand cap and bib, sound cond.; vhc, Silver; hc, Johnson; c, Green. GREEN F., ETC. (13): 1, Prior, magnificent Bramble, perfect, wonderful size and col., richly mkd., well laced back, very fine cond., a real beauty; 2, 3, vhc, Francis, good col. Chaffinch, fine size, neat cap, good wings, sound, rich breast, shapely and well put down; 3, another grand Bramble, nearly the size of winner, grand shape, good depth of col., scarcely so richly spangled, but a good one; hc, Vale; c, Offord. A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, Francis, magnificent Corn Bunting, wonderful size, very shapely, beautifully mkd. throughout, in very fine cond.; 2, very fine Hawf., grand, shapely bib, good bold head, capital wings, wee bit down in col., but A1 cond.; 3, Simmonds, sound Yellow Bunting, fine size and type, neatly mkd., rich col., nicely laced; vhc, Burr; hc, Pearce; c, Mays. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (18): 1, Frostick, very fine Blackbird, shapely and good style, grand depth of col., very steady, well shown; 2, Lott, bonny Thrush, grand hold bird, with a wealth of markings, good wings, nice bold style, A1 cond.; 3, vhc, hc, Simmonds, Blackbird, pure big bird, scarcely the depth of col. of winner, but a good one. INSECTIV. (17): 1, 3, Frostick, lovely Dartford Warbler leading, a beauty for col. and plumage, charming exhibit, well shown; 3, lovely Wren, real gem for size and cond., sound col., in fine fettle; 2, Taylor, fine bold Chough, grand size and shape, good sound col., plenty of polish, in the pink; 4, hc, c, Puck, grand 'Gale, nice size and shape, rich col., fine cond.

Mr. R. J. WATTS'S CLASSES.

LOVEBIRDS (11): 1, 3, Shipton, grand pair of Yellow Budgerigars leading, beautifully matched, grand col., very fine cond.; 3, pair Green Budgerigars, fine size, very richly coloured and spangled, lovely cond.; 2, hc, c, Silver, lovely pair Blue-winged Lovebirds, grand col., in the pink of cond.; vhc, Huggins. PARROTS (11): 1, vhc, c, Frostick, grand hen Electus, magnificent bird, choice combination of colours, in wonderful condition; 2, Lovell Keays, lovely pair Red-faced Lovebirds, absolutely faultless in plumage, beautifully matched, lovely col.; 3, Wade, very fine Crimson-wing, good bold bird, grand depth of col., fine fettle; hc, Silver. CORDON BLEUS, ETC. (15): 1, vhc, hc, c, Silver, pair Avadavats leading, very richly coloured, in perfect cond.; 2, 3, Buckingham, nice pair of Cordons, well matched, pure depth of col., in pink of cond.; 3, lovely pair, Golden-breasted Waxbills, good size, shapely, sound cond.; vhc, c, Lovell Keays. JAVAS, ETC. (13): 1, 2, (hc 2) vhc, c, Silver, good pair Tri-colour Mannikins, beautifully matched, grand size, A1 cond.; 2nd, grand White Javas, tight as wax; 3, Buckingham, beautiful pair of Silverbills, in the pink of cond. SEEDEATERS (15): 1, Buckingham, lovely Queen Whydah, good, sound col., in perfect plumage; 2, 3, hc, Lovell Keays, Black-cheeked Waxbills, grand birds, beautifully mkd., lovely plumage; 3, beautiful Fire Finch, charming bird, sweetly coloured, very fine cond.; vhc, hc, c, Silver, charming Ultramarine Finch, a very rare exhibit. INSECTIV. (10): 1, 3, Lovell Keays, charming Purple Sugar-bird, magnificently coloured plumage, grand cond.; 3rd, Australian Zosterops, beautiful pair, grand order; 2, Frostick, very fine Yucatan Jay, with Jay like head, dark to shoulders, and blueish back, in lovely cond.; vhc, hc, Silver; c, Wade. NOV. BULLF. OR GOLDF. (4): 1, vhc, c, Madame Feist Madewell, lovely hen Bullf. leading, grand size and shape, full hold head, sound col. throughout, fine fettle; 2, 3, Carter, ck. Bullie, nice size and shape, good rich breast col., capital wings, A1 cond.; 3, another good Bullie, scarcely so rich in col. A.O.S. (6): 1, Madame Feist Madewell, very fine Crosshill, nice size and col., fine cond.; 2, Pettit, good Corn Bunting, nicely mkd., fine cond.; 3, hc, Deane, capital Chaffinch, sound, rich col., good shape, fine fettle; vhc, Street. HYB. (7): 1, vhc, c, Carter, lovely varieg. Goldie leading, nice size and shape, good flush of col., sound cond.; 2, hc, Snow, fine dark Goldie, good, shapely bird, fine size, nice col.; A1 cond.; 3, Haigh, lovely Goldie-Bullie, not ready yet.

(Many Show Reports unavoidably held over.)

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Singing Contests.

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CASTLEFORD.

Open sing, Oct. 30; about 50 or 60 members and friends entered 74 birds to sing for 5 very good prizes. We had birds from most of the leading Linnet clubs in Yorkshire, thanks to the valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, but the weather was bad, and it grew dark before half of the birds were through, so the singing was not up to the usual standard. 1, J. Williams; 2, Longfield; 3, Scott; 4, W. Nelson; 5, Liversidge and Plows shared. Next week will be a members' sing; anyone wishing to join may do so. Open sings every week.—W. Dobson.

KIPPAX.

Kippax Linnet Club members visited Clarence Hotel Linnet Club, Leeds, Oct. 23, to sing with the Clarence Club for two medals and six money prizes, for time and quality. Five of the prizes went to Kippax members. Quality: 1, Cooper; 2, Chippendale; 3, Binns. Time: 1, Cooper; 2, Collinson; 3, Wallis. Judges for quality: T. Summers, P. Madden. Minute man, S. Butterfield; Time-keepers and tappers for time, Messrs. J. Wallis, R. Plows, W. Perkin, W. Nelson. 43 birds entered and only three minutes time was allowed each pair. General meeting of Kippax Linnet Club, Nov. 6, at Headquarters.—R. Plows, Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality singing, Old Bird House, Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe, Oct. 30; 15 birds sang. 1, King; 2, Hullen; 3, Green. Oct. 31; 19 sang for 3 good prizes. It was quite a delight for the judges and friends to listen to such beautiful singing. 1, Hullen; 2, Binns; 3, Green. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton, J. Sellers.—C. Clayton.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Oct. 30; 16 birds sang.—1, H. Wigfield; 2, T. Chippendale; 3, Wharam. Judges, Messrs. P. Maddan and J. Hutchinson. Oct. 31; 18 birds sang. 1, H. Wigfield; 2, W. Lipman; 3, shared, Wharam and T. Chippendale. Judges, T. Summers and P. Maddan.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Quality Linnet singing, Glassmakers' Arms, Greyhound-place, York-rd., Oct. 30, 26 birds: 1, 2, G. Hirst and Lacey shared; 3, 4, G. Hirst and E. Stansfield shared. Oct. 31, 26 birds: 1, Lacey; 2, Howarth; 3, 4, G. Hirst and T. Hirst shared. Canary match, Oct. 31, was a great success, some splendid singing was heard. 14 birds; 1, Johnson; 2, Pratt; 3, Gomersal.—E. Stansfield, Sec.

Leeds Quality Linnet Singing Club.—Match, at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, Oct. 31. Some classical singing was heard, and appreciated by a company of well known old fanciers. 16 birds competed: 1, J. Chippindale; 2, C. Lorlman; 3, Bob Dearlove. Judges: N. Solloman, A. Lorlman.—F. Turner, Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing. Oct. 30; 14 birds sang: 1, Buttery; 2, 3, W. Sissons; 4, consolation prize, W. Sissons. Judges, Hayes and Topping. Oct. 31, 15 sang: 1, Buttery; 2, 3, W. Sissons; 4, consolation prize, Chippindale. Judges, Naylor, Crane, and Hayes. Roller contest, Oct. 31, 12 birds sang: 1, Rogers; 2, Stead; 3, S. Johnson; 4, consolation prize, Stead. Judges, Grant and Naylor, Hon. Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Open Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horse fair, Oct. 24, 15 entered, 4 minutes' time singing: 1, 2, 3, Pugh. Open contest, Oct. 31, 22 entered, 3 minutes' time singing: 1, Jones; 2, Pugh; 3, Blackshear. Don't forget members and intending members it is our first Club Sing next Saturday, Nov. 6; look out for date of our copper kettle sing, which will appear in "C.B."—S. Pugh, Sec.

Club Reports.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Headquarters, "Seven Stars," St. Johnst., Wolverhampton, Mr. Willows presiding over a fair attendance. Correspondence was read from various intending exhibitors. One from CAGE BIRDS concerning one of our elected judges. A reply to this I hope will be in CAGE BIRDS this week's issue. Final arrangements were made for the show.—J. W. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

STANLEY (Empire) F.F. & C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 31, Mr. R. Part chair, and a good turn up of members, a lot of business was got through. Specials turned up fairly well. Will all members get as many specials as possible and bring them next meeting, Nov. 14? I will take Pigeon entries at Club Room between 6 and 7 on Nov. 7. Please oblige by fetching the same at the above time.—R. Hutchinson, Sec.

PORTH AND RHONDDA VALLEY.

General meeting, Porth Hotel, Oct. 27. Chair, Mr. Legg. Decided to accept Spratts' offer re printing of prize cards, and Percy Phillips for schedule. The sliding scale for open show to be: 1st 50 per cent., 2nd 25 per cent., and 3rd 12½ per cent. Judges: T. L. Castree and E. J. Davies; birds to be benched by 9.30 on morning of show. Mr. J. Challenger was nominated show manager.—J. H. Bevan, Sec.

LONDON AND P.O.S.

Meeting, Raglan Hotel, Aldersgate-st., E.C., 21st Oct., there was a good attendance, and a most interesting evening was spent in a judging competition for Yorkshires, Norwich, and British. Mr. T. Heath was final judge; Madame M. A. Feist-Madewell won the silver medal presented by the society; she was the only competitor who placed the winning bird in each class correctly. Will all members who had tickets for the Autumn Show kindly settle for the same at their very earliest convenience.—H. L. Huggins, Hon. Sec.

WELSH CAGE BIRD CLUB.

Annual General Meeting, Ship and Bell, Merthyr, Nov. 1, Mr. G. T. Jones, presiding. Decided not to alter rules, also not to alter the name of the Club, but wherever our patronage is given it will only apply to the Canary section unless we obtain British bird members. At shows held under our patronage, two club medals will be competed for amongst our members, for most points with three highest birds, one for champions, and one for novices, no member to win more than one throughout the season. The first show to receive our patronage is Cardiff. Our rules, etc. do not appear in the schedules, as our meeting was held too late. Members please note this, and remember that points count at Cardiff. Officers were elected and cups and medals were presented to last season's winners. Will members in arrears please send subs. without delay.—A. E. Brown, Hon. Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Special meeting, Oct. 25, Mr. F. S. Whetton presided over a good attendance. We were pleased to see a few of the old school at the meeting and are grateful for their promises of help. Resolved that Mr. E. J. Banks, Mr. P. Braile, and Mr. E. J. Davies purchase the challenge bowl for the best young Canary bred 1915. Unanimously agreed that the bowl should be called the Carlton Challenge Bowl. Mr. Alf. Shellam promised 5s. for the best light mule, also 5s. for the best dark mule, also the 10s. 6d. specials for most points in the Mule and Hybrid Section Open Competition; Messrs. Wiseman, Dare, Pearc, and the Rev. C. B. Jolliffe and F. Howard volunteered to act as judges' stewards, and a number of the members promised to act as packers, etc. Mr. A. Dare volunteered to act as a night steward. Resolved that we pay the night stewards; if any member can come as a night steward please let me know, we want three more. I appeal to members to see to this part of the show work. If any member has sold all tickets let me know, I will send a few more on. It is up to the members to make this charity show a huge success. This can only be done by every member doing his share of the work.—E. Thomas, Sec.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

Meeting, Cairns Memorial Hall, Gorgie-rd., 19th Oct., a good turn out present; Mr. G. Staines, chair. Mr. Watson referred to the sad loss one of our members, Mr. Wm. Thomas, had sustained by the death of his wife, and it was unanimously agreed that the Sec. write a letter of sympathy and condolence to Mr. Thomas and family. Reply from Sec. of Edinburgh Western, re staging for Annual Show, was considered, and it was agreed that we get loan of staging, etc., at the price mentioned in letter. Agreed to get catalogues for Annual Show printed in Dalkeith, as per quotation received from Mr. Aitken. A short discussion took place in connection with a Canary-Bullie reared by one of our members, as to which class he should show it in at the Annual Show. Decided that the bird be shown in the Hybrid class. The following members were appointed to buy specials for show: Messrs. Adams, Russell, Watson, Stormont, and the Sec., the place of purchase to be settled at next meeting. Prize winners at Table Show, Mr. A. Thomson judge. Nor. Yell: 1, 3, Staines; 2, 4, Huster; 5, Morrison. Buff: 1, 2, 4, Muir; 3, 5, Morrison. Crest or C.B.: 1 2, Morrison. Yell., Bord.: 1, 2, 4, 5, Muir; 3, Brast. Buff: 1, 3, 4, 5, Brast; 2, Muir. A.O.V. Can.: 1, Watson. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Staines; 2, 3, Watson; 4, Adams. Mr. Thompson was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for the services he had rendered.—J. C. Charlton, Sec.

HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Meeting, Spencer Hall, Oct. 25, Mr. R. T. Dann, chair. The business of the evening was a washing demonstration by Mr. W. Knight, and the fact that all birds washed took to the sticks without skulking on the bottom of the cage proved the quality of the entertainment. Mr. Knight received a hearty vote of thanks from all present. At a committee meeting preceding we arranged schedule for our autumn show, Nov. 19 and 20. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. Three silver cups and a goodly number of other specials to be competed for.—J. Hyde, Hon Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Oct. 30, Old Boar's Head, Manchester, Mr. Wareing presiding over a largely attended meeting. All were very pleased to see Mr. Percival again in attendance. Four new members were elected; patronage was given to the Wigan Roller Club; several money specials were given, also two cups for young bird classes. The club will offer a cup as first special in four classes. Schedules for open show are expected in about a fortnight. Judges appointed: Messrs. Wareing (Bury), Massey and Kilshaw (Bolton), and Lyons (Blackbury). Trusting our annual show will prove as successful as the last one.—J. T. Smith, Sec. pro tem.

DARLINGTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 30, Mr. Cartwright, chair, and a good number present. It having been decided to join the N.Y. and S.D. Federation to further the interest of the cage bird fancy, and to avoid clashing of dates, we regret it is too late to alter our schedules in accordance with Federation classes, as they are already printed, but we trust they will give us all the support possible. We have a liberal classification and fine list of specials, and beg to call the attention of fanciers, especially those in the North, that this is an entirely new society, and the only one in Darlington. We have a membership of 31, and are all enthusiastic and progressive fanciers. There seems to have been some misunderstanding; schedules are now ready. Judges, Mr. Cowgill, Bradford; Mr. Marwood, Eaglescliffe.—F. Stothard, Sec.

RICHMOND (Surrey) C.B.S.

Meeting St. John's Hall, Richmond, Oct. 25, Mr. W. Phipps chair, and a good attendance. Final arrangements for annual show completed. It is to take the form of an evening show, in the embroidery room, St. John's Hall, and a schedule of 35 classes was arranged. Special prizes were given by Messrs. W. Rudd and Co., Osborne and Young, W. Phipps, and G. Birch. Two of our lady members also gave specials, Miss Squires 3 half-crowns and Mrs. Eagle 2s. 6d. Messrs. Sandiford and Son presented the society with a gold centre medal, to be competed for by birds fed on their Royal Red Feed. The show will open at 7 p.m., and admission will be by catalogue, price 3d. each. Mr. J. Robson judge. Visitors are heartily welcomed, and anyone wishing to become a member may do so by applying to the assistant sec., Mr. Parmiter, who will be at the desk as usual. I hope members will give the club their fullest support.—G. Birch, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (East End)

Meeting Oct. 27, at Mr. G. Armstrong's, tobacconist, Shields-road (the military having suddenly taken possession of our usual meeting place, Hall's Cafe, and no word having been sent to me, we were at a loss what to do until Mr. Armstrong kindly volunteered the use of his saloon, which we gladly accepted). Mr. MacPartling chair. Two new rules were drawn up for our show—(1) That there be no cross entries allowed; one bird, one entry. (2) Relating to novices; a novice is one that has never won a first prize in open competition, or three firsts in open novice competition in connection with our show. A novice is one who has not won a first in open members' classes, or three firsts in novice members' classes; to take effect from this year. With a handsome donation from Mr. A. J. Haggie it was decided that we buy a silver cup for best young bird bred by a member, to be won twice in succession, or three times in all. Resolved to hold a special meeting at Mr. Armstrong's Saloon, Shields-road, Nov. 10, at 8, to allot the many specials we have received. Members please note. Other business having been got through, a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—J. W. Coutts.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alfreton.—Nov. 13, Red Lion Hotel, 6.30. Fixing date of supper and other important business; also fixing of specials won at annual show.—G. Beardall.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Mr. Hanagan's, 6. To see if the show has to go on this year.—W. Thompson.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 7.30. Annual show business; final arrangements. Will Mr. W. Blunt kindly send me his present address.—E. Johnson.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—Nov. 10, Headquarters, 8. Committee meeting; arrangements for members' show in December; cup competitions, etc.—Will. B. Gibb.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Nov. 9, Joiners' Arms, 8. Open show business.—J. Kilshaw.

Barry F. and F.S.—Nov. 13, Headquarters, committee, 7.15, general, 8.—H. P. Thomas.

Beamish C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Bird Inn, 7. Paying prize money; annual show; and other business.—J. H Elliot.

Bedford and Beds. United C.B.S.—Nov. 8, 19, St Mary, 8. Final arrangements annual show. — A Simons.

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City and Suburban A.C.B.—Nov. 8, Church Institute 60, Paddington St., W., 8. Wnshing exhibition and competition. Judge, Mr. J. Oldaker.—V. Wynn.

Clydebank C.B S.—Nov. 11, 18, Kilbowie Rd., 7.45. Completing arrangements for annual show.—Wm. Kane.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. To select specials for the open show.—Smith and Lees.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Open show business; very important. Subs. due.—F. A. Green.

Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.—Nov. 10, Alexandra Hotel, Penge private entrance, 4. Members' annual show; all welcome. Admission by catalogue, 3d. each. Kindly send entries early. Entries close Nov. 6. W. D. Fryett.

City of Birmingham C.B S.—Nov. 6, Crown Hotel, Hill-st., Members' show, open at 4. Entries accepted up to 2 o'clock day of show.—A. C. Shirley.

Dunton C.B.S. Nov. 9, Silver Springs, 8. Subs.; final arrangements for annual show; any other business. A. Wright.

East Ham F.S.—Nov. 18, Earl of Wakefield, 8. General business re annual show, appointing stewards, etc. Attendance essential.—W. A. Harwood.

East Ham C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Town Hall, 8. Annual show business.—F. Onslow.

Glasgow West of Scotland.—Nov. 6, Nelson Temp. Hotel, 7.30. Final show arrangements and issue of schedules.—W. Hutchison.

Glasgow and Western Counties' Club.—Nov. 6, 122, Ingram-st., 7. Club show business.—J. H. Adams.

Guiseley Yoadon C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Regent Hotel, 7. Business important.—W. Rose.

Hackney, Stoke Newington F.A.—Nov. 8, Headquarters, Amethyst Club, 8.30. Re annual show. Entries close Nov. 8.—R. W. Ford, junr.

Holytown, New Stevenston.—Nov. 11, Masonic Hall, 7.30. Show business.—J. Lamb.

Halifax O.S.—Nov. 6, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Members' meeting; annual open show arrangements; schedules will be ready.—H Clegg.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Queen's Head Inn, 7.30. Classes for annual show and other important business.—R. H. Dixon.

Huddersfield O.S.—Nov. 8, Headquarters, 7.30. Open show business; important.—A. Lawford.

Keighley C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Stewards for show. C. W. Town.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Nov. 11, Oldham Hall, 8. Novice night show, all classes; British open; novice to judge Canaries and Mr. Wilkins British. Local fanciers cordially invited.—T. R. Jones.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Nov. 6, Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30. Final arrangements for open show; taking entries, and appointing stewards.—H. Best.

Leyton C.B.A.—Nov. 6, Parish Hall, Church Road, Grange Park Road. Annual members' show. Judge, Mr. Robson. Open to the public at 3.—A. W. Farmer.

Leeds C.B.S.—Nov. 6, St. George's Schoolrooms nr. Infirmary, St. George's St. Members' show; birds staged at 2.30; show opens 4.30. Judges, Messrs. S. Wilcock and T. H. Inman.—E. Norton.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Nov. 13, Mr. Haggarty's, Charing Cross, 7. Annual Social and distribution of prizes.—T. J. McGregor.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Masons' Arms, 7. Balance sheet and payment of prize-money; election of office-bearers.—W. B. Smart.

Llanelly C.B S.—Nov. 6, Greyhound Hotel, 8. Prize-money of local show to be paid at this meeting; also to decide whether we carry on open show.—D. H. Davies.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Final arrangements for annual show, —H. Hoyle.

Leigh C.B.S.—Nov. 10, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Schedules and entry forms for old show, any other business.—R. Charleson.

Newcastle-on-Tyne East End C.B.S.—Nov. 10, Mr. Armstrong's, Tobacconist, Shields Road, near Heaton Road, 8. Special meeting to allot specials to classes, and elect stewards for show.—J. W. Coutts.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—Nov. 10, Mechanics' Institute, 8.30. To receive entries for amalgamated members' show and make final show arrangements.—J. G. Royce.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—Nov. 10, Shields Cafe, Big Market, 8. Table show, 3 classes in each section. Judge, Mr. F. Laidlow.—R. Tindale.

Oldham C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Schedules are now ready; entries close Nov. 9; show to be held at Headquarters, Nov. 13. Judge, F. Wilkinson, Manchester.—G. Mills.

Openshaw Gorten C.B.S.—Nov. 10, Alhambra Club Room, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. Annual show business; schedules ready, etc.—A. W. Newton.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Granby Hotel. Members' show; judge, Mr. L. C. Casey, Bradford. Birds staged at 3.—W. Jagger.

Queen's Park C.B.C.—Nov. 6, Emanuel Hall, Harrow Road. Annual show; admission 3d., 2 to 9. Sale of gift birds by auction at 8.30.—W. J. Ratcliffe.

South Moor.—Nov. 6, Oxley's Hotel, 6.30. Annual meeting; election of officers and payment of prize-money.—G. F. Bates.

Scwerby Bridge C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Wharf Hotel, 8. —G. Mitchell.

South London Columbarian F.A.—General meeting; discussion of annual show and election of stewards for same. Will all members attend.—J. Luckham.—(Date, time and place not stated.—Ed.)

Swansea C.B.A.—Nov. 6, Headquarters, 8. Selection of stewards for open show.—D. P. Rees.

South Shields.—Nov. 16, Cyprus, 7. Show business. —W. L. Smith.

Sale C.B.S.—Nov. 10, Excelsior Club, Tatton Road, 8.30. Open show business; balancing of accounts; intending members please attend.—H. Whitney.

Windhill C B.S.—Nov. 6, Blue Bell Hotel, 6.30. Final arrangements for open show, Dec. 4th. All members requested to attend this important meeting.—J. Taylor.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Horse and Groom, 6. 2nd old bird show. Judge, Mr. J. Horsfield.—W. Chapman

West Stanley Victoria F.F. and C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Club Room, 1. Owing to South Moor Social Club show I will have to have the meeting at 1 o'clock; please all attend.—R. Hutchinson.

Wigan C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Legs of Man Hotel, 7. Final arrangements for old show.—E. Ball.

York C.B.S.—Nov. 10, All Saints' Schoolroom, 1. Members' show; birds staged 6.30. Entries close Nov. 6.—V. G. P. Zimmermann.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

MATING BROTHER AND SISTER (W. D. W.).—The chances are all in favour of material harm accruing to your stock from mating brothers and sisters. It is the closest possible inbreeding, and should never be attempted unless the conditions are most exceptional, and the object in view renders it unavoidable. Even then one must be prepared to put up with a certain amount of physical degeneration in the young from such stock. When there is no more important object than the making up a pair of birds the practice is wholly reprehensible.

WHENCE THESE TROUSERS? (A. C. S.).—You omit to say whether the ragged feathering at the thighs occurs only with the birds of the season or are found on both young and adults. In the former case there is a possibility that the raggedness is due to a superabundance of feather, which would not show itself in the nestling plumage, but now the birds have moulted off the body feathers it is apparent. In the latter case, and to a certain extent in either case, the looseness will disappear more or less, and, perhaps, entirely, as the birds tighten up in feather after moulting, which they will still continue to do for a time. In addition to the staple diet, give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, linseed, and broken groats twice a week. In the drinking water add 20 drops of whisky, six of tincture of gentian, and four of tincture of steel every third day for a fortnight or so. Allow the birds to bathe quite freely, every day if they will do so, for a week or two. This should enable them to tighten up all right.

DOCK SEED (W. D. W.).—If they will eat it, you may quite safely give dock seed to Canaries as a wholesome change. My own experience is that they do not at all care for it, though some British Finches, and notably the Bullfinch, are extremely fond of it.

METHODS COMPARED (Second Year).—Your birds would certainly breed, and with a very fair chance of doing well, flying loose in the wired off portion of the room, but it is not possible to say in any particular case whether the system of breeding flying loose in this manner would be more successful than the ordinary plan of keeping the birds caged separately. In different hands, or even in the same hands at different times, either system might show better results than the other. In the case of the aviary the work of attention is reduced to a minimum, but that is about all the advantage that can be definitely said to be certain. With a stock of good feeding hens you should be able to show as good results from cage breeding and running one cock alternately with two hens as can be got by aviary breeding. Taken altogether, I think you should get the highest possible results by caging a hen separately in each of the six cages and working two cocks with them, and leaving the other two hens and the one cock in the aviary. In the latter case you should put up four or five nesting sites, but if you leave all the birds loose in the aviary put up at least twelve nesting places.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154. Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FLYING FEATHERS (A. J. H.).—As you seem satisfied that the bird is not exposed to any cold draughts, you should look carefully into the situation to see if it is subject to extreme or rapid fluctuations, either in response to changes of weather or between day and night temperature, and see also that it is free from damp. Either of these exciting causes must be removed as a preliminary to treatment before you can hope for success. Give a staple diet of a simple mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give separately every third day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and broken groats. On the intervening days give first a morsel of green food, or of carrot, boiled or raw, as a substitute, and next half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. In the drinking water add ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week, and after this give instead six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day until the feathers cease dropping. The song is not likely to return until the moulting is stopped, but should do so soon afterwards. As regards spraying I certainly do not advise you to do this. A better plan would be to keep the hen in the same room for a time in such a position that the cock could see her enjoying the bath, and offer him the bath daily, and remove the drinking water for an hour or so, and if the example of the hen does not induce him to bathe voluntarily let him go unwashed.

MAKES NO SOUND (Ayrman).—It is not at all unsual for the voice to be hoarse and somewhat indistinct when a bird is making its first attempts at singing after the moulting season, but this should gradually pass off and not increase. As it seems to have increased with your bird you should look carefully into its surroundings to see if it is exposed to such exciting influences as damp, cold direct draughts, or constant and extreme fluctuations of temperature. In either case the cause must be removed as a first step towards treatment. Keep it in a comfortable temperature, not necessarily overheated, but quite off the chilly cold side, and see that it is fairly equable. Do not allow it to hang over or very near burning lights in the evenings. In addition to the usual seed diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give a small spray of watercress. Also give the following concoction in place of pure water to drink two days in every three during the fortnight. Place a small teaspoonful of linseed in a teacup, add a piece of Spanish liquorice the size of a small hazel nut, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling. Fill cup with boiling water, stir until liquorice is dissolved, then cover and allow to stand until cold. Then strain off the clear liquor, add a teaspoonful of sweet spirit of nitre, and fill the drinker with this instead of plain water. It should come in full song soon after it is quite recovered from the effects of the moult and this trouble.

J. K.—Replied to by post.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

BREEDING IN AVIARY (Aviary).—Many Hybrids have been bred in aviaries with a mixed collection of birds. Your selection would scarcely do as it is, because you have an excess of cock birds, which would cause considerable fighting. The usual plan is to have more hens than cocks, and I would therefore advise you to procure another hen or take out the cock Greenfinch. If your object is to produce some mules, that is, crosses with Canaries, you would do far better with half-a-dozen hen Canaries and about three cock British birds. In mixed collections there is no certainty of parentage; the most forward cock birds are usually the ones the hens mate with. (2) Canary 8 parts, teazle 2 parts, rape 1 part. Give a little mixed seed or wild seed mixture three times a week, and

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERIST

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

sunflower on other days. Watch the Goldfinch and see that he gets his share, and if he does not thrive take him out and feed according to the instructions given in our Nutshell Booklet No. 1.

THRUSH WITH FRAYED TAIL (J. Smith).—I suspect that the cause of your birds being in bad condition is that you are keeping them in unsuitable cages, and that you omit to give them their daily bath; it also looks as though you are not feeding them quite correctly, but as you give me no information upon this subject I am unable to say precisely if it is so. The best advice I can give you is to procure our little booklet on the Thrush (Nutshell No. 4). It gives you full instructions upon feeding and keeping, and an illustration of the most suitable cage. You will then be able to judge for yourself if your housing and treatment are correct. If you are in any trouble with them afterwards I shall be pleased to advise you.

LINNET MOULTING WHITE (E. Somerfield).—Yours is quite an interesting case. I have known this to occur before with certain British birds, and it is not an infrequent thing for a bird to have a few white feathers, but if I understand your letter correctly your bird is all white. This not only interesting, but makes him a likely exhibition bird to show in the Albino or rare feathered class which some societies provide.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

DIET FOR DOVES, ETC. (F. S. B.).—If you add canary and white millet to any ordinary Dove mixture it will suffice for most species of foreign Doves. The best method is to supply canary and millet seed in one hopper, and a mixture of wheat, hemp, small maize, tares, and dari, in another. They do best in a roomy aviary, amid grass, trees and bushes, with a roomy, weather-proof shelter attached. Flint grit, rock salt, and cuttlebone must also be supplied. The damp temperature of a greenhouse suits very few species of birds, and I should not expect Doves to thrive therein along with the plants; exclude the plants and the house can be suitably adapted. Only birds of marshy districts could thrive in the humid atmosphere of the greenhouse; again, you would have to contrive something to even things up at night; if you can secure this, and the damp is not excessive, the birds may do fairly well. A rough, well-lighted shed, and a wired-in enclosure should not be costly, and would give you good results. If the shed be made roomy enough the birds could be shut up therein during very bad weather.

CARDINALS (Mrs. A. F.).—Cardinals are certainly not the most amiable of birds, but there is considerable individualism among them, and in the aviary, providing they have plenty of space, they usually interfere little with their fellow captives. You, however, do not state how or where you wish to keep yours. In a small aviary, or within the limits of a Crystal Palace cage I do not consider it advisable to mix them with such small birds as Waxbills, and I certainly do not advise you to make the attempt, as, even supposing they did not attack the small birds, there would be continual scares among the latter, whenever the Cardinals indulged in active exercise.

AILING GREY PARROT (E. H. Mc A.).—Give it the warmest position possible, and one where there will not be a big drop in the temperature during the night. A Parrot should not be given "anything" to drink, as a rule water only is all sufficient, though

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154. Fleet Street, London, E.C.

a tonic may be put into it at moulting time. Put a little honey and borax into its mouth twice daily, smear a little on the end of a stick; if you tap its beak with the stick it will bite at it, and thus get the mixture from off the end; only a clean stick must be put in the mixture. Put into the drinking water for one day one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia, and then repeat it every fourth day; on the intervening days well colour the drinking water with chemical food; do not give any other drinkables. It would be the better for fruit if you could induce it to take any. As you are giving it boiled rice, well mix half a teaspoonful of cod-liver oil emulsion and a little sugar with the daily supply. Do not give table scraps, soups, tea, or other messes. Of course, while it is ill you must not make too radical a change in the dietary, but as soon as there is an improvement it would be well for you to bring its dietary into conformity with that given in our Grey Parrot Nutshell, 3d., post free, from our Manager. Report progress about a fortnight hence.

GREY PARROT PICKING ITSELF (J. W. L.).—Probably it is only the result of the moult which the bird is assisting, and in consequence is a bit run down. It is, however, best to make sure, and I should spray it once a week with a tepid quassia solution, but keep it strictly out of draught till dry. Put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day for a month, and on the intervening days lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food. Also put a little honey and borax into its mouth twice daily from the end of a stick, but only a clean stick must be put into the mixture; if it will so take it, you can lightly spread it over a crust of bread, piece of biscuit or cake. The diet of a Grey Parrot should be confined to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, grit, cuttlebone, and water, with such extras as stale crusts, biscuit, and plain cake. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Keep it where it will be out of draught, yet get light and air, and the temperature be fairly even. Our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 3d., post free, from our manager, would help you materially.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Novice (E. W.).—Pollards is a term applied to bran with a proportion of the flour still unsifted. The commodity is known by various other terms, which all mean the same thing; namely, sharps, seconds, thirds, middlings, boxings, etc.

A. B. C.—You would be entitled to show unflighted birds in any class, unless, of course, the schedule distinctly states "old birds"; the fact that there is a class for unflighted birds does not affect the question, so there is nothing to prevent your showing one bird in each of the classes. The same applies to the non-fed birds; if you choose to enter a natural-coloured bird to compete against the colour-fed ones you are at perfect liberty to do so, and you could also enter another in the non-fed class if you thought proper. The point is, of course, that a non-fed bird seldom stands any chance against fed specimens.

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I. C. Williams.—Pneumonia as the result of a chill.

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WANTED, Talking Parrot, Amazon preferred, old stamp album and stamps, exchange Budgerigars: F. Hill, Southwold. (32)

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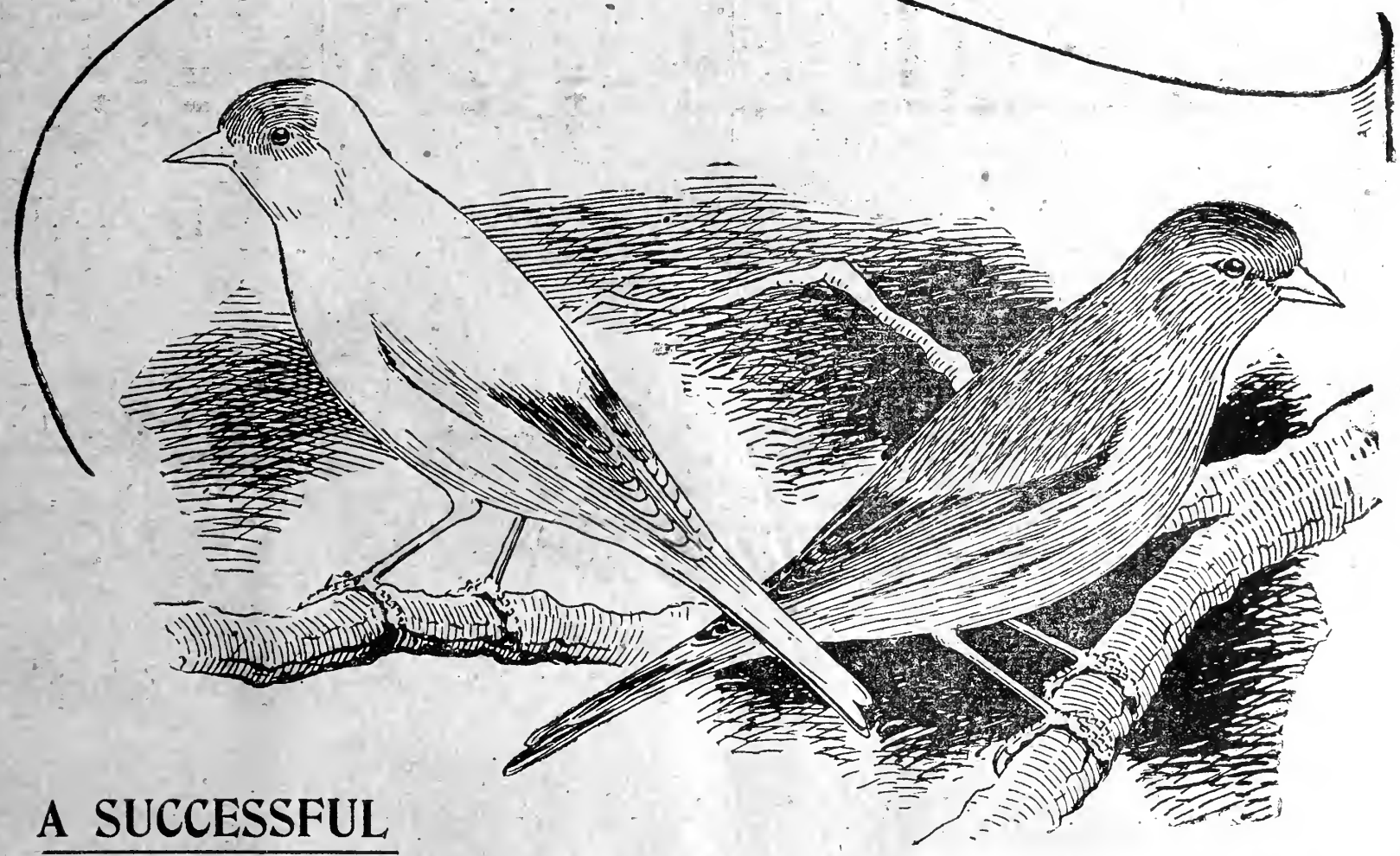

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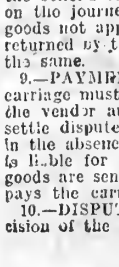

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WM. SMITH

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Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

J. C. BARNES, Norwich and Yorkshire specialist. Winner of numerous silver cups, medals, etc.; well-known strains. Better blood unobtainable. Grand specimens to spare; both varieties; reasonable; approval; inspection cordially invited; inquiries solicited; stamp: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.
J. HODDER, breeder of high-class Norwich, winner of championships; good birds from 7/6 upwards; approval; stamp: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.
FRANK F. LAWSON, Norwich Specialist, 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle, one of the best exhibition strains in the Fancy. Stock birds from 10/- each. Pairs from 20/- upwards. Stamped inquiries solicited.
N LEESE, breeder of Norwich, winner of Crystal Palace diploma and silver medal, Horticultural Hall diploma, silver rose bowl, gold medals, etc.; a few good birds ready now; approval: N. Leese, 30, Alexandra-rd., Normacot, Staffs.

FOR sale, 8 Norwich hens, to clear 10/-: Vores, 6, Doria-rd., Parson's Green. (46)
WANTED, large Norwich, fair price given for good stock: Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (46)
SHEARING, breeder and exhibitor, has a few for disposal, grand type and quality; approval: 14, Bell-rd., Norwich. (48)
MARKED buff hens, very chubby, good heads and necks, 5/- each; exchange songsters: Barrett, 8, Borneo-st., Walsall. (47)
HEALTHY hens 3/6, 1914, exchange several for British Roller cocks, or Norwich: S. Large, 59, Sprules-rd., Brockley. (53)
D. DEVOY, high-class, typical, Norwich cocks, 10/-, yellow and buff hens, 10/- each, pairs 20/-: 23, George-st., Stranraer. (25)

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NORWICH for sale; 2 large buff cocks, good quality, 15/- each; inspection invited: Benson, 357, Bradford-rd., Manchester (45)
TWO yellows, 2 cinnamon yellows, hens, 6/- each; buff cock 10/-; all unflighted; approval: F. Bowyer, 96, Junction-rd., Leek, Staffs. (47)
NORWICH, well bred, yellow and buff, good size, type and quality, from 15/-: Holliday, 51, Bolton-drive, Mount Florida, Glasgow. (44)
STEPHEN TWEDDLE, Wimberley-st., Blackburn, breeder and exhibitor of Plainhead Norwich, has few birds for sale; stamp reply. (52)
WILLIAM PHIPPS for splendid typical massive Norwich; winner over 100 prizes, also cup; approval: 16, Millplatt-av., Isleworth. (1)
FEW good Norwich, cheap, cocks and hens, yellows and buffs; inspection invited: Waring, 45, Brompton-rd., Rusholme, Manchester. (47)
I HAVE a few typical buff Norwich for disposal, unflighted prize strain, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6: Simonds, 55, Cleveland-rd., Ilford. (43)
NOTICE, grand lot Norwich, for song or show, cocks 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each, matched pairs 6/-; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (29)
LARGE colour-fed Norwich, for show or stock; state wants; approval; also breeding cages on sale: Mrs. Roberts, Stannahey, Newton-drive, Blackpool. (38)
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GIVING up Norwich; birds of grand type, colour, and quality, cheap to clear; must be sold quickly: J. S. Wilson, 118, Harrington-rd., Workington. (49)
GIVING up, thirty grandly bred birds, cheap, yellow cocks, from 7/6, hens from 4/6; write particulars; approval, anywhere: Salter, 32, Grosvenor-rd., Rugby.
WINNING Norwich, bred from Plymouth winners, including winning non-flighted, prices from 3/6 to £2: Andrew, Whitemoor, St. Austell, Cornwall. (31)
NICE typical Norwich, 10 cocks and hens, yellow and buffs; see "Cage Birds" report Oct. 23, Clapham Show: W. H. Gardner, 52, Maxted-rd., Peckham. (37)
NORWICH unflighted cocks, all bred from good winning strain, yellows or buffs, 10/6 each; hens from 5/-: Bendall, 62, Bruford-rd., Wolverhampton.
HIGH-CLASS typical Norwich, cold room bred: cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6 each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (51)
SIX fine large pairs, mostly Bulldog strain, outdoor aviary, 13/- pair, £3 3/- lot (half cost) or exchange true pair peach-faced lovebirds: Scott, Liphook. (4)
GOOD Norwich for sale, clears and variegated cocks, 5/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 7/-; cash or deposit: Hawley, 29, Robert-st., West Kyo, Annfield Plain, Durham. (50)
EXCEPTIONALLY handsome lot of young Norwich cock Canaries, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, and 10/6; hens, 2/6: Harris, 55, Beak-st., Regent-st., London, W. (50)
FEW typical Norwich buffs, yellows, and greens, also 1914 green Crestbred cock, Barnett's strain; price reasonable: Levatino, 12, Foster-rd., Chiswick, London. (47)
POTTER'S Champion Norwich, must sell, few good stock pairs, from 30/- upwards, also twelve good hens, mostly yellows and unflighted, from 5/- each: Walker-st., Hull. (48)
BRAYBROOK has few real good Norwich yellow and buff cocks, 10/- to 25/- each; yellow and buff hens, 10/-, 15/- each; approval: 9, Stanley-st., Brierfield, near Burnley. (49)
SPLENDID lot of Norwich cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, and 15/- upwards; hens 3/6 upwards; cash or easy payments; stamp reply: Rossell, 85, Whitton-rd., Hounslow, Middlesex. (44)
JAMES STARK, absolute winner of the Norwich Amateur Challenge Cup, offers grand birds, from 10/6; exhibition or stock; approval; stamp; not a dealer: 110, Oak-st., Norwich. (47)
NORWICH cocks (unflighted), yellow and buff, 17/6 each, large typical birds; buff variegated hens, 7/6 each; all prize bred: Chisholm and Davison, 42, Shipston-rd., Stratford-on-Avon. (19)
FORTY grand Norwich cocks, big birds, from 7/6 upwards; exchange some for small black Pom. dog, or Rollers; approval; Rollers first: F. Owen, 66, Wolverhampton-rd., Cannock, Staffs. (46)
MR. ECKERSLEY offers four pairs of typical, splendidly-bred birds, at 20/- per pair; great opportunity to obtain birds from renowned strain at small cost: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (49)
YELLOW cock, immense size, winner, 25/-; yellow cock, clear, 10/6; yellow hen, 10/6; yellow marked cock, 7/6; clear buff cock, 6/-; few hens, 2/6 each: Smedley, New Villa, Rainworth, nr. Mansfield. (46)
PAIR of large clean moulted Norwich, clear yellow cock cinnamons, yellow marked hen, sell 17/6 or exchange; worth double; on approval with pleasure: Mr. Ben Wright, 26, Gibbons-sq., Gainsborough. (42)
THREE large red fed yellow cocks, 12/6 each; lovely ticked yellow, 17/6; large clear yellow hen, slip claw, 7/6; ticked buff hen, 5/-; clear buff hen, 5/-: H. E. Steel, Arundel House, Cheltenham. (45)
CHAMPION Norwich, large, with good heads, good type and feather, well matched pairs or single birds, winners sold every season; 35 years breeder; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (45)
NOTICE! Few good Norwich, four variegated unflighted buff, hens 8/- each, two clear yellow cocks 20/- each; one variegated buff cock 25/-; on approval: Barnes, Factory Row, Whally, near Blackburn. (49)
CHALMERS' Kirkintilloch Champion Norwich strain, 16 unflighted birds, F.W. rung, best of type, quality and health, single or pairs; cash or deposit: Matthewson, Station House, Dumgoyne, Stirlingshire. (46)
F. J. LACCOHEE has for sale exhibition and stock Norwich, of size, type, quality, from 10/6; no rubbish sent out; all birds sold guaranteed bred from good winning stock; state wants; approval: 92, St. George-st., Norwich. (38)
VERY smart clear yellow cock, 1914, grand colour, 15/-; clear buff cock, 1913, nice type, full quality, 12/6; both winners and bred from winners; buff hen, 1914, good head, neck and type, 7/6: Hale, Station House, Aintree, (49)

WITH seven entries at Kirkintilloch show, two firsts, one second, two thirds, one fourth and special; a few birds for sale, bred same as above; cocks from 7/6, hens 5/-; approval: Doonan, 57, Industry-st., Kirkintilloch. (41)

N. LEESE, winner at Manchester, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, also at Burton 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, I have a few good pairs from 20/- upwards; also odd cock from 10/- each; on approval: 30, Alexandra-rd., Normacot, Staffs.

F. W. LADDOW, winner of N.N.F.C. champion points trophy, also young bird cup, has buff cocks, yellow and buff hens for sale, bred from winners; prices reasonable; approval, stamp: 55, Colstone-st., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (32)

MASSIVE ticked buff cock, lovely quality, type, 35/-; marked yellow ditto, 30/-; variegated buff, large head, fine stock bird, 20/-; also two yellow hens, 15/- each; all healthy; on approval: Kerr, Richmond-rd., New Barnet.

A REAL bargain, no Norwich Plainheads, a few very promising birds which will make winners, 1 big bold buff cock, £1 15/-, another £1 10/-; 1 green cock £1 1 yellow Yorkshire, 12/6, Rollers, Schoolmasters, £1 and £1 5s.: 55, Regent-st., Leamington. (40)

GRAND unflighted yellow Norwich cock, good head and neck, bred from my winning strain, a beauty, can win, only 12/6; lovely buff hen to match, 7/6; 19/- the pair, worth double; six days' approval; cash or deposit Editor: W. Johnson, Breeder, 55, George-st., Leeds. (46)

HIGH CLASS Norwich, good size, type, quality; yellow cock, 2nd, £1 5s.; 4th, 17/6; variegated, the, 18/-; buff cocks, 2nd, 17/6; 3rd, 15/6; 4th, 12/6; cocks from 10/-; large hens from 5/ upwards; shown Oct, 30 Nov. 1; lift for show; colour fed; approval: Grout, 54, Haghenden-rd., Norwich. (46)

A. TYDEMAN; high-class Norwich; clear yellow cock, 30/-; another, 20/-; ticked buff cock, 15/-; two variegated buff cocks, 12/6 each; two variegated yellow hens, 15/-, 10/- each; four buff hens, clear and variegated, 12/6 each; three yellow hens, 5/- each; approval: 45, York-rd., Ipswich. (46)

SEVERAL good Norwich, including large ticked buff cock, winner best in show at Openshaw last year, 27/6; clear yellow, 15/-; brother to Manchester 2nd, see report last week; six buff cocks, typical, good heads, 12/6 each; others from 7/6; buff hens, 5/-; approval; deposit; or cash: Chilton, 1, Kenyon-st., Abbey Hey, Gorton, Manchester. (49)

IF you want real bargains, now is your chance, best blood obtainable, Crystal Palace strain, 1 ticked yellow cock, winner of "Cage Birds" diploma and several firsts, 30/-; 1 ticked yellow cock, unflighted, real topper, untried, certain winner, 25/-; 2 buff hens, like waxwork, 15/- each; useful exchange: Louis Taylor, 7, Hill-terr., Audley, Staffs. (51)

YELLOW cock, good head and neck, big bird, 1914, guaranteed; yellow-green cock, 1915, all round good bird; buff variegated, unflighted, bred from winners, £1 each; yellow variegated hen, sister to light Muler, 12/6; buff grizzle headed hen, 1915, like wax, bred from my winning buff cock, 15/-; all show birds; approval, deposit: Clawson, Bangor, Down. (52)

FOR sale, 19 Nor. buff cocks and hens, 2 yell. cocks, 1 yell. hen, exhibition or stock, mostly 1915 rung; see my winnings Larkhall Show Report, with 11 entries, 3 firsts, 1 special, 2 seconds, 1 fourth, 2 fifths, 1 sixth, and winner of novice cup; overstocked; cheap to clear; state wants; exchange for gent.'s cycle entertained; mutual approval: Thos. McGregor, Sarahville Crescent, Larkhall. (48)

J. T. CLARK

has for disposal, a few pairs of well-bred Norwich and Yorkshires, from 12/6; approval: 29, Ashby-rd., Watford, Herts. (44)

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GRAND 1914 bred buff Norwich cock, a monster for size and real good head and neck, can win, price 20/-, worth double; with good big yellow hen to match, good head and neck, and as big as plenty cocks, price 12/6, or 30/- the pair; also 2 good clear buff hens, 1914 bred, both have won in good company, and are now fit for immediate exhibition, price 20/- each, not half their value; cocks to match, to breed winners, 20/- each; 6 days' approval; cash or deposit editor: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford.

GIVING UP THE FANCY

A GENTLEMAN wishes to dispose of all his prize bred Norwich and Yorkshires, 15/-, 20/- pair; cages, etc.; approval; enquiries invited, enclosing stamp, to Mr. Papple, 24, Laurance-st., West Hartlepool.

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Offers first-class colour-fed Norwich cocks or hens, 10/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/- each; correctly matched pairs, 15/- up to £5; Naturals, cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, hens 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; pairs, well matched 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; approval. (46)

A PAIR WORTH ATTENTION

Clear yellow cock, perfect type, fine size, good head and neck, grand quality, and buff marked hen, grand bird all over, splendid head, both winners, 60/-; also yellow variegated cock; fine wedge shape, good head, superb quality, perfect wings, bargain, 25/-; approval, cash or deposit: George Baxter, Highfield, Pochabers, N.B. (50)

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As I hold the stock I offer, you can with the utmost confidence send for any of the following on approval, or come and inspect; one and all you will find reliable bargains. Cocks or hens, colour fed, these birds can be seen or particulars given, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; pairs, correctly matched to produce best results by me personally, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Note: You cannot match these for quality at double the price elsewhere. Other good prize-bred Norwich at following prices: Cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; pairs matched to produce best results, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6. Cages, to hold one bird, 3d.; to hold 2 or 3 birds, 4d.; for all others see detailed current price list; easy payments by joining my original bird club; distance no object: W. Rudd, the Bird Specialist, Norwich.

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Grand lengthy Yorkshire cocks, in perfect condition and full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Smart, erect, racy hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each. Matched breeding pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair.

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NOTICE, grand lot Rollers, cocks 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each; matched pairs, 5/6; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (29)

YOUNG songster Canaries for sale, guaranteed cocks, on song, 4/6 and 5/- each: Arthur Munks, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts. (42)

EXTRA fine lot of Rollers, cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, and 15/- upwards; cash or easy payments; stamp reply: Rossell, 85, Whitton-rd., Hounslow, Middlesex. (41)

DEEP Glucke Roller, P.R.C.C.; cocks from 12/6, hens 3/6; approval; pairs selected; prompt delivery; satisfaction guaranteed: Earnshaw, 51, Rook-st., Nelson, Lancs. (42)

ROLLERS with splendid deep hollow rolls, no clicks or jars, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; hens 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 each; approval willingly: Fred Allen, B.B.C., 156, Porter-st., Hull. (52)

HIGH-CLASS Water-Glucke Rollers, P.R.C.C. rung; cocks from 12/6, hens 4/6; 7 days approval: T. Hilson, 35, Botany-lane, Ashton-under-Lyne. (46)

GOOD Roller hens, B.R.C.C. rung, best blood obtainable; 3/- each; 2 for 5/6; cocks 10/-; also a few breeding cages: Cowpe, 13, Co-operative-st., Haslingden, Lancs. (45)

TO clear, 16 young Roller Canaries, comprising 8 cocks and 8 hens, 1914, £2/15/- or nearest offer; or separate; suit Mule breeders: Apply Mason, 58, Caldmore-rd., Walsall. (48)

GRAND selection of Roller Canaries, cocks, full song, 4/6, 5/6 and 6/6 each, hens 2/- and 2/6, safely packed for any distance: Seedsman, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (50)

NOTICE of Removal: A few good 1914 Roller cocks, Singend Randle's strain, and unrelated hens, 8/6 a pair; also a few single breeding cages: Rushworth, 228, Padiham-rd., Burnley. (45)

GRAND lot of rich yellow and variegated young Roller cock Canaries, exceptionally good songsters, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/-, hens 2/6: Harris, 55, Beak-st., Regent-st., London, W. (50)

BRITISH Rollers, Randall's strain direct, all rung B.R.C.C., 1914; schoolmasters 10/6; hens 5/- pair; 1915 cocks from 8/6; hens from 5/- each: Hughes, Surrey Villa, Long Lane, West Finchley. (44)

RANDALL'S strain, cocks in full song at 6/- and 7/6; hens 2/6; guaranteed good breeders, cocks pure notes; bargains; enlistment reason for giving up: 346, Oldham-rd., Newton Heath, Manchester. (52)

HIGH-CLASS British Rollers, nothing better to be found, although you may pay more; cocks, 1915, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; Schoolmasters, for teaching young, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 2/- each; approval; cash or deposit: Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull. (48)

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Yorkshires.

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YORKSHIRE Canaries, prize-bred, on song, cocks 8/-, hens 3/-: Draper, 47, Palmerston-st., Battersea Park-rd. (15)

FOUR Yorkshire cocks, good singers, and one hen, one guinea the lot; bargain: Shaw, 44, Amberley-st., York. (44)

HEALTHY Yorkshires for sale; cocks, 3/6 to 12/6; hens, 2/6 to 6/-; guaranteed: 13, Lancaster-terrace, Merthyr Tydfil. (45)

HIGH-CLASS unflighted Yorkshires, long, slim, colour-fed cocks, 6/-; hens, 4/-; own breeding: Barfe, Pateley Bridge. (8)

TICK yellow, clear buff cocks, green and cinn. marked hens, £6 lot: Andrew, Whitemoor, St. Austell, Cornwall. (31)

YORKSHIRES, good birds, colour-fed, cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-: Apply, Percy Lane, 1, Arboretum-rd., Worcester. (499)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, show or stock birds; cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-: Robertshaw, 59, Hammond-st., Halifax. (37)

SELL; offers wanted Yorkshires, two greens, two yellows, cocks; N.C., seven hens: Caretaker, Royal Pavilion, Royton, Lancs. (47)

THREE Yorkshire cocks, clear Buffs, 1915 bred in full song, 7/6 each, or 20/- the 3: Banner, 27, High-st., Bromley, Kent. (49)

CLEARING out; several high-class Yorkshire cock Canaries, accept 5/6 each, worth double: Mrs. Jones, 7, George-st., Aberystwyth. (52)

EIGHT Yorkshire hens, nice shapely birds, 1915 bred, 3/- each, or what offers for the lot: Banner, 27, High-st., Bromley, Kent. (49)

YORKSHIRES, cocks and hens, bred from my winners, from 6/- each; bargain prices to clear: Macready, Jeweller, Stranraer. (46)

HIGH-CLASS colour-fed Yorkshires, show or stock; cocks from 7/6; hens, 5/6: approval, deposit: Sutcliffe, 46, Hammond-st., Halifax. (45)

CLEARING out; several good Yorkshires from first-class strain; cheap; approval; state wants: Brooks, 2, Devonshire-rd., Horsham. (33)

SMART Yorkshire cocks (cold room bred, 1915) on song, cheap, exchange considered: G., 10, Albion Grove, Stoke Newington, London, N. (51)

TO dealers. 20 pair of good large colour fed Yorkshires, clean and healthy, £8 the lot: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (38)

YORKSHIRES, yellow 1915 cock, gem; buff 1914 cock, fine stock bird; other 1915 cocks cheap; must clear: Trevor, 84, Bulwer-rd., Elmonton. (49)

CHAMPION Yorkshire cocks, large birds 12/6 each, hens from 4/-, 7 days' approval; inspection invited: Gates, 6, ones-square, Trocdyrhiw, Glam. (51)

NOTICE, grand lot Yorkshires, for song or show, cocks, 3/-, 5/-, 7/6 each, matched pairs, 6/-; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (29)

YORKSHIRES, from first rate strain, in pairs or singly, hens 3/6 to 7/6, cocks 6/- to 10/6 each; approval, anywhere: J. B. Lenton, Market Deeping.

THIRTEEN young Yorkshire cocks and hens, from prize winners, £3 the lot, giving up, or exchange for pullets; yours first: J. Romer, 234, Kew-rd., Kew Gardens. (50)

SPLENDID lot of Yorkshire cock Canaries, yellows, buffs, and splashed, in full song, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/-, hens 2/6: Harris, 55, Beak-st., Regent-st., London, W. (50)

YORKSHIRES, colour fed, grand condition; cocks 6/6 upward, hens 3/- upwards; own breeding; approval; no dealers: Williams, 862, Penistone-rd., Owlerton, Sheffield. (46)

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COCKERMOUTH

10th Open Show, Nov. 27th. Judges, Mr. P. J. Davies, Millom, Canaries; Mr. Geo. Wilson, Frizington, British and Foreign. Schedules, **John Jackson, Hon. Sec., 14, Crown St., Cockermouth. Entries close Nov. 18th.**

CLYDEBANK

and Dis. C.B.C. 5th Annual Show will be held in **Lesser Town Hall, Clydebank,** on **Sat., Nov. 27.** Doors open at 1 p.m. Admission 4d. 10 open classes: 4 Nor., 4 Bord., and 2 Brit. (Goldf. and Lin.), for members of Dumbartonshire Clubs. Schedules from—**Wm. Kane, 52, Second Avenue, Clydebank.**

COWDENBEATH

C. B. S.

Our Fourth Annual **Open Show** will take place in **Drill Hall, Stenhouse St.,** on

SATURDAY, 20th NOV.

Prize-money, **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entry money, **1/6** each bird. Also a Special for every best bird out of money. We have one of the most Central Stations in Fifeshire, which will suit all exhibitors. We have also good classification, 95 classes in all. We are also giving all surplus of show to the comforts of our soldiers on Active Service, hoping this will meet the approval of the Fancy. Schedules from—**A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place, Cowdenbeath.**

MARGATE

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbit, and Cage Bird Show, Nov. 24th and 25th; open to all England. Judges: Messrs. P. Harrower (Pigeons); Geo. Gardner (Cage Birds). Four cups, rose bowl, silver spoons, 8 silver medals, and over 50 other specials. **Entries close Pigeons, Nov. 13th; all others Nov. 17th.** Schedules now ready. **E. W. Horne, Ellington Avenue, Garlinge, Westgate-on-Sea.**

Blaenavon

C.B.S. Open Show, Thursday, Nov. 25th.

39 Classes, 8 Novice Classes. No cancelling, no amalgamation. Judge: John Robson, London. "The only open show to be held in Monmouthshire this year. Now, Fanciers, help to keep the Fancy alive. Write at once for schedule. **George Broome, 82, King Street, Blaenavon.**

DORCHESTER

and County of Dorset Fanciers' Society. Membership radius 30 miles from Dorchester. Fourth Members' Annual Show on **Dec. 2nd, 1915,** at Dorchester. **Entries close Thursday, Nov. 18th.** Thirteen classes for Cage Birds. Prizes and specials. For Schedules, etc., apply **J. J. Thompkins, Hon. Sec., 18, Durngate St., Dorchester.**

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Annual **Open Show** of **Canaries** will be held on **Saturday, November 20,** in the **St. Peter's Street Assembly Rooms, St. Peter's Street,** under the patronage of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S., the Y.C.C., N.G.M.V.C.C., and the C.M.V.C.C. **Judge,** Mr. E. Clegg, of Dewsbury. **Entries close Tuesday, November 16th.** Schedules from—**A. Lawford, Sec., 14, Poplar Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.**

Sale & District

Cage Bird Society Open Show, **December 10 and 11.** Full patronage of the Green Canary Association. Judges, Messrs. Houlton and Metcalfe. Schedules from **W. Middleton, Northenden Road, Sale, or H. Whitney, Brook Street, Sale.**

HALIFAX O.S.

26th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19th and 20th

Judges: Mr. W Mundell (Bradford), and Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield).

22/- per CLASS. NO SLIDING SCALE.

33 classes, 1/6 entry. Schedules from **Mr. H. Clegg, 15, Melrose Street, Leo Mount, Halifax.** Show room, Friendly and Trades' Hall, Halifax. **Entries close November 16th (first post).**

The Great Welsh Show

SWANSEA

NOVEMBER 25th

Judges: Messrs. H. W. Battye and Chas. Houlton. **Lancs. classes, 6 Norwich, 5 Yorkshire, 10 Borders, 5 Miles, 16 British.** Specials galore, including 10/- cash best Bunting. Send for schedule if not already received one. **Secretaries, D. P. Rees and Alf. Hitchings,** 80, Mysydd Road, Landore, Swansea.

WATFORD

Cage Bird Society Open Show. December 8 and 9. Judges, Messrs. H. J. Norman, A. Silver, and R. J. Watts. **Entries close December 4.** Schedules ready shortly.—**J. Goodall, Sec. and Show Manager, 56, Market Street, Watford, Herts.**

DON'T FORGET

READING

Wednesday, November 17. Will accept entries up to first post Monday, 15. A penny of every entry goes to the Comfort Fund for the Wounded. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, with 2/6 spls., paid within one week of show. A few schedules left for those requiring them.—**O. C. Smith, Hon. Sec., 73, Audley Street, Reading.**

CARDIFF

NOVEMBER 17th & 18th

Great Charity Show in aid of the Prisoners of War in Germany. Entries extended first post Monday. —**E. Thomas, 48, Craddock Street, Cardiff.**

SOUTH LONDON

Col. F.A. will hold their 41st Grand Annual Show of Cage Birds at the North Camberwell Constitutional Club, at 432, Old Kent Road, S.E., on **Thursday, Nov. 18, 1915.** Judge, Mr. H. Norman. Open at 2 p.m. till 9 p.m.—**J. Luckham, Hon. Sec. 447, Old Kent Road, London, S.E.**

SEND YOUR ENTRIES TO

HALTWHISTLE

November 19 and 20. Judges: Wm. McMillan, Thos. Dixon, and J. Maddison. Entrance fee, 1/6. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. **Entries close Tuesday, 16th.** Schedules from—**Wm. Tallantyre, South View, Haltwhistle.**

GLASGOW WEST END C.B.C.

Sixth Annual Members' Show in Co-op. Hall, St. George's Cross, on **Saturday, Nov. 20.** 61 Classes. Judges: Mr. A. Chalmers, Mr. G. Hislop, and Mr. M. Craig. Doors open 1 p.m. Admission 6d. **Ladies free.** Hope to be favoured with a record entry. **Now please don't forget.—W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas., 145, Henderson Street, Glasgow.**

NORTH WEST GLASGOW, C.B.C.

3rd Annual Show will be held on **Saturday, 20th November,** in the Blythswood Hall, 236, Great Western Road, Glasgow. Doors open 2 p.m. Admission 6d.—**P. Houston, Sec., 31, Willowbank Crest, Glasgow.**

HAYLE SHOW

Canaries, Mules and British and Foreign Birds, **November 22.** 35 classes. Four money prizes and special every class. All exhibits returned same day. Schedules.—**A. T. Coombe, Hon. Sec., Fore Street, Hayle.**

PATHHEAD "KIRKCALDY"

Annual Show, on **27th November.** Scotch Fancy, Yorkshire, Crests, Norwich, Borders, and British. Confined to Fife. Numerous specials. Schedules now ready.—**John Thomson, 2, Junction Road, Kirkcaldy.**

DARTFORD

NOT, 23 and 24

12 Open Classes. Schedules ready.—Apply, H. Winton, 198, Lowfield Street.

DUBLIN

Y.C.C. & CAGE BIRD SOCIETY OF IRELAND. "SOME SHOW."

24 & 25 Nov., 1915

Rally round us! Support the club which has kept the Fancy going. We don't fear defeat. We can't be beaten. Schedules from **W. C. Sholedice, 38, Haddington Road, Dublin. Show Hall, Antient Concert Rooms,** Brunswick Street. Judge, W. Mundell, Esq., Bradford.

IRELAND'S GREATEST CAGE BIRD SHOW.

ULSTER

Ornithological Association. 23rd Annual Exhibition of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in the Clarence Place Hall, May Street, Belfast

Friday and Saturday, 26 and 27 Nov., 1915

Judges: Scotch Fancy, Mules, British and Foreign, Mr. A. Livingstone (Paisley); Crests, Plainheads, and Yorkshires, Mr. J. R. Houghton (Gloucester). **Entries close 22nd November, 1915.** Schedules to be had from—**T. H. Smyth, Sec., 9, University St., Belfast.** Birds sent from South, East or West will have greatest care and attention. **Long list of Specials. Open to all Ireland only.**

O. I. C. U. R.

Looking for the 9th Annual **Open Show** of the **Coventry Godiva C.B.S.,** to be held at the **Sydenham Palace, Coventry,** on **Nov. 27th.** Finest room in the kingdom; novices specially catered for. Full prize money guaranteed in novice classes. **Judge, H. W. Battye, Esq. Entries close Wednesday, 24.** Schedules from—**F. A. Green, 54, Caindon Road, Coventry.**

PAISLEY

Still to the front. 23rd Annual Open Show of the **Paisley & District Scotch Fancy Association.** 14 Classes, open and novice. Specials galore. To be held in George A. Clark Town Hall, on **November 27. Entries close morning of show.** Schedules from —**N. O'Donnell, 21, Well Street, Paisley, Scotland.**

HAMILTON Red Cross War Fund Show, on **Saturday, Dec. 11.** Judges, D. Black, W. S. Clark, R. Martin, J. Goodfellow. Best classification offered this season. —**W. S. Wilson, Sec., Glendyne, South Park Road, Hamilton.**

LIVERPOOL & DISTRICT

Open Show. 20 miles' radius. Organised by Sterling Seed Co., 3, Cases Street, Liverpool. Plenty of specials. Judges, Messrs. W. Cowgill and C. Houlton. Schedules now ready.

CITY OF

Birmingham, C.B.S.

Annual Open Show, **December 1 and 2.** Schedules from—**A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.**

BRISTOL

December 1st & 2nd

Classification—See issue Nov. 20th.—**G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown, Bristol.**

Aberaman and District

C.B.S. Open Show, **Dec. 2, 1915.** Judge, E. J. Davies, Esq. (Cardiff). 32 Classes. Also natural colour classes for Nor. and Yorks. Handsome cup for best in show, to be won three times (not necessary in succession); also medals; also cup for members, won outright. Subscriptions, 3s. per annum. Schedules ready. **Entries close Nov. 31.** Apply—**Hon. Sec., W. R. Powell, 215, Cardiff Road, Aberaman.**

KETTERING

Great Open Show, **Saturday, 11th Dec., 1915.** 120 classes. Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds. Large classification for Cage Birds. All prize money guaranteed. Schedules.—**F. S. Ball, 6, Buccleuch Street, Kettering.**

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Twitterings.

Messrs Frost and Rogers write that they have removed from 155, Queen's Park Road to 115a, London Road, Brighton.

We hear that prize-money has been paid in respect of the following shows: Northampton, London and P.O.S., Manchester.

Mr. G. Thomson has removed from 106, Malefant Street to 33, Upper Kincraig Street, Roath Park, Cardiff.

The prizes at Cockermouth F.S. show, omitted from schedule, writes Mr. J. Jackson, hon. sec., should read 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; fee 1s. 6d.

Entries are very slow at present, so we have decided to accept up to Sunday morning's post, writes Mr. J. Alderslade, sec. Eastleigh C.B.S

Mr. Arthur W. Newton, hon. sec. of Openshaw, Gorton, C.B.S., writes that he has changed his number in Ashton Old Road from 165 to 169. Members and others, please note.

Schedules for the Bacup Roller C.C. open contest, Nov. 19 and 20, are being issued, and a copy will be sent on application to sec., Mr. G. Johnson, 6, Brunswick Terrace, Stackstead, near Manchester.

Mr. W. Cockcroft has promised a plate of Birds, framed in oak, for best Yorkshire Novice Bird at Halifax show. I received this special too late to put in show schedule, writes Mr. H. Clegg, sec.

North Manchester C.B.S. and the Openshaw, Gorton, C.B.S. are having an interclub show early in the New Year, and with the support of members of both societies, writes Mr. A. W. Newton, we hope to make it a success.

A show of Cage Birds open to a radius of 20 miles from Liverpool is being promoted by the Sterling Seed Company, and will be held on Dec. 3-4. Particulars will be found among our show advts. this week and in the review of the schedule.

We are asked to call the attention of our readers to the fact that, as stated in their advertisement headed "A Warning; Beware," Messrs. Howard and Sons, of Norwich and London, have no address other than those stated, and no connection with any other firm.

Winners of specials at Manchester Show, Oct. 29-30, were: Nov. Border medal, Franter; most points open champion classes, Oldham; open amateur, Green; open Greens, Bruce; most points with 4th and card awards at three 1915 shows, Lane; champ. Border medal, Nelson; Ramsden's special, Turner.

The show of the Dorchester and County of Dorset F.A. advertised for Dec. 2 is to be held for the benefit of the Red Cross Fund. It is open to members within 30 miles radius from Dorchester, and those who would assist in making it the success so keenly looked forward to by the committee should apply for a schedule.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S. fourth annual open show, in the Drill Hall, Stonehouse Street, Nov. 20, is under the patronage of all the specialist clubs in Scotland, also the Scottish Plainhead Club, writes Mr. A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place, Cowdenbeath. There are 96 classes, and we are giving all surplus to the comforts of our soldiers on active service. Those who have not been supplied with schedule please apply.

A Patriotic Family.

In the course of a business letter to us Mr. W. Rudd, the well-known bird specialist, of Norwich, incidentally says: "I have one boy a sailor, and three are soldiers, two of them being in the thickest of it, one in Flanders and one at Gallipoli; three of my girls are acting as nurses, and one girl is teaching English in France. I offered my own services to fight in any part of the world, as I am a good rifle shot from either shoulder, but they would not have me. I suppose they thought I was too old." We are sure that the many hundreds of our readers who have had dealings with Mr. Rudd will join us in our admiration for this grand family record, and in our hope for the safe return of his brave sons and daughters.

Recommended for the Victoria Cross.

Two Fanciers of whom Mansfield, and all of us, are proud.

The letter of Mr. Gabbitass, which appears below, will be read by all bird-lovers with great interest. It was only last week that we had the pleasure of announcing that a Distinguished Conduct Medal had been granted to a member of "The Poultry World" staff, and we are now glad to note that a bird-keeper has not only been awarded a similar distinction, but has a prospect of gaining the decoration, the possession of which is the ambition of Field-Marshal and Private alike.

Sir,—We have two members serving in France with the Notts and Derby's—Private A. Bennett, who has been gassed and wounded, but is now recovering, and Sergt. Johnson, who has received the D.C.M. and has now been recommended for the V.C. We are proud of these two lads at Mansfield, and we hope and trust that they will be spared to resume their hobby.

Bernard Gabbitass.

What About the Welsh National Show?

A correspondent, who signs himself "Anxious," writes that a few bird fanciers would like to know if there is going to be a Welsh National show this season.

Llanelly Show Definitely Fixed.

The Llanelly C.B.S. has now definitely decided to hold its eleventh annual show on Jan. 11, 1916, as advertised, writes Mr. D. H. Davies, sec., and we hope we shall have the support we deserve.

Special Show Number Next Week.

Many reports of shows have again been unavoidably crowded out. Next week we shall publish a Special Show issue in order to include these and the important shows which will be held in the meantime.

Watford to Carry On.

It was decided at a meeting of the Watford C.B.S., held Nov. 6, to proceed with the open show to be held on Dec. 8 and 9. The show will be held in the Halsey Hall Conservative Club, High Street, Watford; judges, Messrs. H. Norman, A. Silver and R. J. Watts. Show manager, Mr. J. Goodall, 56, Market Street, Watford, Herts, to whom application for schedules should be made.

How Lochgelly Helped the Red Cross Fund.

We are pleased to record a credit balance of £10 18s. 1d. on our show (Oct. 9), which has been handed over to the local secretary of the Red Cross Society, writes Mr. R. Muir, hon. sec. Lochgelly C.B.S. Considering the adverse circumstances, we think the fancy has done well by us, and we take this opportunity of thanking all those who helped to make our venture a success.

Breeding the Bearded Tit.

It has been thought that Dr. Lovell-Keays was the first aviculturist to breed the Bearded Reedling (or "Tit") in captivity in the British Isles. In this month's "Avicultural Magazine," however, the editor, Mr. H. D. Astley, announces that Mr. Richardson Carr has done so successfully for several years with three or four pairs on the Tring Park Estate, apparently without difficulty. The birds were kept in a large aviary enclosing a pond, with reeds, etc

A Word of Thanks.

I should like, through the medium of your valuable paper, writes Mr. H. L. Huggins, hon. sec. London and P.O.S., to thank the following ladies and gentlemen for their kind help at the recent L. and P.O.S. show:—Mme. Madewell, who officiated at the gate, and in spite of the long hours and tedious work, retained her courtesy and good humour right up till the close of the show; Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Messrs. J. W. Ramsden, G. Crabb, Thurling, R. J. Burt, Pretty, Allen Silver, Couzens, F. J. Day, and W. Shakespeare who, with great care and attention, saw that all exhibits were well fed and watered.

Dublin Show's Invitation to Wounded Soldiers.

The Dublin show, to be held at the ancient concert rooms, Dublin, Nov. 24 and 25, promises to be more successful than any other show promoted by this society, writes Mr. Sholedice. Entries have already come to hand from most unexpected quarters. The classification caters for all varieties, and exhibitors can rely that their pets will be well looked after. Mr. Mundell (Bradford's all-round judge) officiates, and no doubt fanciers will like to have his opinion of their birds. The committee cordially invite all wounded soldiers to visit the show. To give the secretary a chance to cope with the huge amounts of work entries should be posted early.

At the last minute, writes Mr. Geo. Havver, Hon. Sec. Blaydon C.B.S., the Military have taken over our hall, but we have been fortunate in securing another hall, which is a very good second to the original hall, namely the United Methodist schoolroom. It is also a little nearer the railway station, so fanciers need have no fear, and I also hope the local fanciers will patronise our show on Nov. 12 and 13 by giving us a visit.

Corrections in Show Reports.

In the yellow Yorks class at York 3 Marsh should read 3 Everitt, and in yellow Yorks hens 3 Price should read 3 Everitt. In Silver Lizard hens at Manchester, 3 vhc Barnes should read 3 Barnes, vhc Hamer. At Carlisle 2nd in tkd. Borders should read Brown not Young, and c Brown should have been included in the awards in the uneven yellow Border cock class. Mr. J. Harrison writes that he won 3rd at Warrington, not 4th as in our report.

British Birds at Halifax Show.

I should like to appeal especially to British Bird fanciers for their support at Halifax show, Nov. 19-20, writes Mr. Duncan A. Macpherson. The British section at this popular fixture has for the past few years only been very poorly supported, and is in danger of being left out altogether. As will be seen from the schedule, six classes are provided. The society pays good prize-money, and is noted for prompt despatch of birds at close of show. Now, British exhibitors, keep the most interesting section in the Fancy to the front.

THE BIRDKEEPERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

Spen Valley C.B.S.

SIR,—Kindly add to your Roll of Honour the name of Sergt. H. Hardisty, 4th Batt. Duke of Wellington's West Riding Territorial Regiment, who was killed in action at the Battle of Loos. All our members sincerely regret the loss of a respected fancier and an honest, straightforward, jovial companion. R. Windle, R.F.A., at present training at Aldershot, is also one of our members.

S. B. GRAYSHON.

Bowburn C.B.S.

SIR,—I have great pleasure in submitting the names of two of our members to be added to your great Roll of Honour, viz., Mr. J. Tipling, Durham Light Infantry, Pals' Battalion, and Mr. J. Tickell, Army Veterinary Corps. Their subscriptions are fully paid up as long as they are serving, and we allow a member to show a bird for them, and anything won in their name is to be handed over to their wives, for they are both married men.

A. E. PRIEST, Sec.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Nov. 12-13.—**Blaydon-on Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.) T.D., J.M., H.W.B.

Nov. 13.—**Chester C.B.S.**—(L. Cavanagh, "Berwyn," Vicar's Cross, Chester.) H.W.B., J.G.

Nov. 13.—**Ardwick & Manchester C.B.S.**—(J. Spencer, 102, Palmerston Street, Beswick, Manchester.) J.W.M., C.H.

Nov. 17.—**Reading C.B.S.**—(O. C. Smith, 73, Audley St.) H.N.

Nov. 19-20.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax) W.M., H.W.B.

Nov. 19-20.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(Wm. Tallantyre, South View.) W.M.M., T.D., J.M.

Nov. 25.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.)

Nov. 27.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.**—(F. A. Green, 54, Caludon Rd.) H.W.B.

Dec. 1-2.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.)

Dec. 1-2.—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place, Southampton.) H.N.

Dec. 8-9.—**Watford C.B.S.**—(J. Goodall, 56, Market St.), H.N., A.S., R.J.W.

Dec. 10-11.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(W. Middleton, 26, Northenden Rd.)

Dec. 11.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—(W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle). F.L., J.S., J.N., J.M.

Scotland.

Nov. 12-13.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital Street.) W.G., J. M'L., W. M'M., C.M., A.W., M.C.

Nov. 20.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S.**—(A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place.)

Dec. 11.—**Hamilton.**—(W. S. Wilson, Glendyne, South Park Rd.) D.B., R.M., W.S.C., J.G.

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Jan. 1.—**Wishaw, Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)

Wales.

Nov 17.—**Llandudno** (Welsh N. Counties F. and F.A.).—(G. E. Cragg, "Rocklands," Rhos, Colwyn Bay.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.H.R.

Nov. 25.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—(A. Hitchings, 80, Mysydd Rd., Landore, Glam.) H.W.B., C.H.

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Dec. 9.—**Porth and Rhondda Valley C.B.S.**—(J. H. Bevan, 66, Pontypridd Rd., Porth, Glam.) T.L.C., E.J.D.

Jan. 11.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. H. Davies, 24, College Hill.)

Ireland.

Nov. 24-25.—**Dublin Y.C.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(W. C. Sholdice, 38, Haddington Rd.) W.M.

Nov. 26-27.—**Belfast, Ulster O.A.**—(T. H. Smyth, 9, University St., Belfast.)

Dec. 3-4.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(W. Montgomery, 62, Church Street).

Correspondence.

In Proof of a Lady's Sex.

Evidence which Admits Of No Doubt.

SIR,—On reading your report of the London and P.O.S. show I see that some doubted the sex of my variegated Norwich hen, 2nd prize in class 22. My bird which won 3rd in the clear yellow class was mated to this hen during the past breeding season, and should any of those who doubt this hen's sex care to call on me I should be pleased to show them some young ones bred from the pair.

R. I. BURT.

A Ringed Thrush Found Dead.

SIR,—On the road between Dawlish and Teignmouth I found a Thrush lying in the road dead (apparently having been killed by flying against the telegraph wires). It had a ring on its leg, and I thought I would drop a line and acquaint CAGE BIRDS of same. I should like to know where it was rung; the inscription on the ring was Aberdeen University 37,090. Any information would oblige.

CONSTANT READER.

[We have furnished the particulars to the Aberdeen University, and have received the following reply.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

SIR,—We are much indebted to you for your kind information regarding our marked Thrush 37,090. The earlier history of this bird has not yet been received by us from the marker, but will be sent to you when it is available.

(Signed) MARIBEL THOMSON,
pro Secretary of the Inquiry.

The Trouble of the Sweating Hen.

SIR,—I read all correspondence on bird matters with interest, and I note Mr. Smithson's remarks on the sweating hen. I beg to differ from him, for I am one of those that think there is no such thing as sweating hens. What are the symptoms leading up to this idea? The young seem all right the first day, dry beautifully, and fill the nest with little puff balls; the second day they do not seem to have grown any; the third day their down gets clogged and the flesh becomes red, like a child with the fever; the fourth day they appear worse and gape and fail to pass their excrement. The hen, if she offers to feed them, cannot get them to respond to her call, and the poor thing tries to sit more closely upon them to dry them and so gets her own feathers clogged, and is then dubbed a sweating hen. I believe that when anything goes wrong with the birds it is the breeders who are at fault in their management.

But before you can adopt a remedy you have got to get at the cause, and fanciers can rest assured that it is in the feeding. I believe one cause is that some hens will feed too much upon hard seed during the first two or three days, and by crushing the seed for them I have reared many which I should otherwise have lost. I have found also that too much maw seed may be the cause of a stoppage, which sets up fever, and soon ends in death. I should like to see a discussion upon this in our valuable journal, CAGE BIRDS.

L. BASTOCK.

Entries Refused at Sacriston.

SIR,—Will you kindly favour me with a little space in your valuable paper to place clearly before the members of Sacriston F. and F. Society my views with reference to the rejection of my entries at their show held Nov. 6? On Oct. 23, at the request of two members of this society, I applied for enrolment as a member, quoting the said two members as reference, and as a meeting was held the following Saturday evening I expected my application to be submitted to the meeting for approval. As Monday's post brought me no reply, I was advised by a member in this district to forward my entries, which I did, at the same time asking if they had received my letter of the 23rd ult.

Receiving neither a reply nor the return of entry fees and subscription, I concluded that I had been accepted as a member, and you may imagine my surprise on arriving at show to find my membership and entries rejected. My thanks are due to the fanciers present at the show, who practically unanimously agreed to permit me to shew my birds under the circumstances, but no, these real sporting fanciers were ignored, and whilst they were patiently waiting outside the hall door to attend a meeting to decide my position, someone inside decided dead against them. Now how, and by whom, was this adverse decision arrived at? Why the real fanciers ignored? Why no reply to my letters; and why my entry fees, etc., not posted from Sacriston until 6.45 p.m. the day before the show? I had to leave Birtley by conveyance not later than 8 on the morning of show to arrive in time, and the first delivery of letters at my house is at 9. If the financial position of Sacriston show is so sound as to permit the rejection of 19 entries and 2s. 6d. subscription, then it is much to be envied. Surely the society cannot plead late entries as an excuse for my rejection, seeing that they, to my knowledge, received entries on the day before the show. And why were new members asked for at their meeting on the 30th October, and my application not submitted?

S. LINDSAY.

[Please write on one side only of each sheet of paper.—EDITOR.]

Herbert J. Chick on Himself and Some Others.

SIR,—As I cannot convince one or two fanciers that I am not writing in this discussion under the nom-de-plume of "Hyson Green," will you be so good, Mr. Editor, as to publish the fact (which you know for certain) that it is not so. I have no knowledge whatever of "Hyson Green," have never written under that name, and do not intend entering the discussion.

T. H. V. HAYTER.

SIR,—I have read with interest the correspondence on the above subject, and I have been thinking that, seeing Mr. Chick is so much opposed to the other correspondents' ideas of feeding, and that he has been such a successful exhibitor, this would be a good time for Mr. Chick to do something for the Fancy. I hope, therefore, he will tell us what he considers are the ideal foods, and on what he has fed his Hawfinch and Bramble. This would be a great deal better than telling us what *not* to do.

HYSON GREEN No. 1.

Two Crests at Cheltenham Show claimed at £25 each!

SIR,—I shall be greatly obliged if you will grant me a small space in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, in which to thank the many exhibitors who helped to make our recent show such a success. We had over 800 entries, and many of the best birds in the country were staged. The sales came to nearly £80, and included two Crests, which were sold at catalogue price, £25 each. We congratulate the new owner, and wish him the best of luck.

It is difficult to particularise any special section, all being good, but I may say the Foreigners were far above the average. Colonel Routh staged a magnificent team. We were very pleased to see quite a large number of fanciers from a distance, including Miss Onslow (Bournemouth), Mr. Allen (Newport), Mr. Bastock (Birmingham), Mr. Gilbert (Coventry), Messrs. Tedstone and Jones (Brecon), Mr. Bell (Coventry), Mr. Collins, junr. (Camborne), Mr. A. J. Smith (Birmingham).

A. S. TREASURE, hon. sec.

Do Birds Kill Imprisoned Young?

SIR,—There seems to be a fairly widespread impression that if young birds are taken and caged within reach of their parents, those parents will assiduously feed them up to a point, and then deliberately poison them.

Without posing as authority, myself, I think that a more feasible supposition is that the parent birds after a time cease to have any solicitude for their young, and simply neglect them in the preparation for a second brood, and the young birds die of hunger before their owner has noticed that the old birds have ceased feeding them.

Anyway, the point seems to be an interesting one, so I should be glad if you could see your way clear to publish the following letter, which appeared recently in a Liverpool paper, and we may then get some views which are more dependable than those of the laundryman therein mentioned.

"With regard to the story of birds killing their imprisoned young, Mr. B. Green writes:—My daughter, early last summer, caught a Sparrow evidently in its first flight. She put it into a small cage with seed and water and hung it out of her bedroom window. Very soon after, two Sparrows were seen feeding it. The laundry man coming up at the time said: 'That is all right, but you will not rear it they will kill it on the third day.' The Sparrows fed it up to noon on the third day. In the afternoon my daughter found it dead, its mouth and beak, according to her, filled with soil. It was buried before I knew of its death or I would have endeavoured to have found the cause."

I hope some of the keen naturalists who are among the readers of CAGE BIRDS will give us their opinions.

UNDECIDED.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

An Open Show for Aberdeen.

SIR,—At a special meeting of the Aberdeen Amalgamated C.B.S. held Oct. 29, the members' show originally fixed was cancelled, and it was the unanimous feeling of the members present that we hold an open show on Dec. 18 in the Ball Room, Music Hall Buildings. A classification of 74 classes has been drawn up—41 open and 33 amateur (confined to 18 miles radius). Mr. Alexander Harris (Montrose), and Mr. George Bennett (Brechin) will judge the Norwich, and Mr. William Allison, Cults (Aberdeenshire) the wild birds. The committee hope, seeing that it is the only open show in the North of Scotland this season, that fanciers will rally round us, and give us a record entry—our enterprise surely deserves it. Schedules will be ready Dec. 1; see special advertisement later.

R. J. ROBERTSON, Sec.

Thrush-Blackbird Hybrids.

The Winner of Our Silver Medal Gives an Account of Their Progress.

SIR,—As promised in one of my letters I will try to give you an idea of how my Songthrush-Blackbird Hybrids have developed since they started the moult.

About the middle of July the first nest began to show signs of the feathers loosening, and for a time you could hardly tell what they were to be like. By the end of August or the beginning of September, however, the development became much more rapid, and the shape and action of the Blackbird were easily seen, while the work on the breast unquestionably pointed to the Thrush. All four are now successfully moulted, though the one with the bad feet still remains a little weakly and backward, and, though it was one of the first nest, it has been last to finish moult.

Not having moulted their wing and tail feathers, I cannot say what colour these will be in adult plumage, but at present they show a much darker brown on the back and head than the Thrush, quite like that of a hen Blackbird, while the breast shows the markings of the Thrush very distinctly, only it does not carry so far up to the throat. Just under the beak the markings are very dense, giving the idea of the dark colour of the back carried round. The colour of the beak is like the hen Blackbird so far, but in the cocks this may change. The shape is more after the Blackbird, the head and neck thicker than the Thrush, as is also the body.

So far I have had little difficulty in feeding them; they readily accept any soft food, but are always ready for a tit-bit in the form of an earth-worm or two. I am at present getting them broken in to the show cage, and hope to have the pleasure of staging them at some of the shows soon.

T. H. ANDERSON.

Identity of the Hybrid Doubted.

SIR.—You would no doubt notice from report that I exhibited my new Song Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid at Carlisle show, but it seems the claim to its being a Hybrid has been doubted; in fact, I have a letter from Mr. J. Robson who judged its class, in which he says it is no Hybrid at all, but simply a Thrush. Now, in face of the fact that I lodged with you sufficient evidence to prove that it is what it is claimed to be, I need hardly say I resent being told that it is simply a Thrush. I have replied to the letter and have enclosed the egg-shell out of which the bird was hatched, to show that it was a Blackbird hen that laid it, and I have asked Mr. Robson to admit that he is wrong in his judgment, and so clear me in the Fancy of the charge of representing my bird to be something it is not. I would rather keep the bird at home than have such an accusation brought against me, but being, as you stated, a new cross, I thought it my duty to the Fancy to have it shown. I am quite willing to send you up one of the birds for your inspection if you can keep it for a few days till it proves its claim.

T. H. ANDERSON.

[We shall be pleased to see the bird, with a view of an expert opinion being passed as to whether it is, as claimed, a Hybrid between a Song Thrush and a Blackbird.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

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A VISIT TO A WONDERFUL COLLECTION.

An account of the birds in the Aviaries of Dr. L. Lovell-Keays, East Hoathly, Sussex.

(BY ALLEN SILVER, F.Z.S.)

UCKFIELD is situated about 58 miles from London, and within five miles of this town is to be found among the rolling downs of the Sussex countryside the singularly restful little village of East Hoathly. Near the main road not far from one end of the village a passer-by might be attracted by the sound of birds, and even the veriest layman would at once conclude that these voices were not those of the denizens of our own woods.

Here, in a pleasing old fashioned residence, lives Dr. Keays, who, when not engaged attending to the bodily ills of the inhabitants, may be found among his birds. It was my pleasure some time ago to have the privilege of inspecting his collection, and such a sense of gratification did I gain therefrom that I can only say that I wished all the bird lovers I know could also have been there.

I should think in all, that he possesses not less than 500 birds, and these include Parrakeets, Conures, Lorikeets, Cockatiels, Lovebirds, Waxbills, Grassfinches, Mannikins, Weavers, Whydahs, Buntings, Cardinals, Starlings, Tits, Reedlings, Sparrows, Finches, Thrushes, Jay Thrushes, Doves, Quails, Pheasants, Toucanettes, and many others. These are all kept in aviaries to cover which it must have taken somewhere about 5,400 square feet of netting. Practically all of these aviaries, excepting those devoted to Parrakeets, etc., are well filled with growing trees, shrubs, plants, and rushes.

Singularly Fortunate Experiments.

Dr. Keays has been singularly fortunate in his breeding experiments, and without wishing to worry the reader with tabulated lists, it would be unfair to refrain from publishing the following items of birds bred:—Lovebirds: Rosy-faced 1914, Black-cheeks 1913-15, Madagascar 1913, Blue-winged 1914-15; Cockatiels 1913-14-15; Budgerigars (2 colours) 1913-14-15; Rosellas 1914-15; Redwings 1914; Cactus Conures 1914-15; *All-green Parrakeets 1914; Diamond Finches 1914; Bibfinches 1914; Zebra Finches 1913-14-15; Magpie Mannikins 1913-14-15; Mexican Rosefinches 1914-15; Red-crested Cardinals 1914; Bronze-winged Mannikins 1914; Twites 1914; Cuban Finches 1914; Green Cardinals 1914; Californian Quails 1914-15; Diamond Doves 1914-15; Cordon Bleus 1914; Avadavats 1914; Firefinches 1914-15; Green Avadavats 1914-15; Virginian Cardinals 1915; Yellow Sparrows 1915; Napoleon Weavers 1915; Orange-breasted Waxbills 1915; *Zosterops 1915; *Reedlings 1915. The figures denote the years, and the asterisks that it was the first occasion upon which the species had been bred in Great Britain. By the latter end of this summer no less than 78 young had left the nest, belonging to 17 species.

In addition to the aviaries described below Dr. Keays has several others at the top end of his garden, backing on to the stables. These consist of large roomy house shelters, to which are attached spacious out-door flights thickly planted with trees, shrubs and creepers. Flowers and weeds combine with the former in the making of cover.

Scenes in the Main Aviary.

The reader may perhaps be interested in an impression of the main aviary, or suite of aviaries. Starting from left to right one enters a passage and finds on either side two inner flights or bird-rooms heated when necessary by radiators. From the passage a door leads into the enclosure, out of which one can pass into the large warmed shelter at the left end of the aviary or into the flight and house situated in the front. In this smaller enclosure I saw a fine pair of Toucanettes, some Mandarin Starlings, and other birds, but the large flight taking up the bulk of this section of the aviaries contains the finest collections of Waxbills and Grassfinches one could wish for, and nearly every bird excepting newly-imported specimens, in absolutely perfect feather.

A fresh supply of food in the seed vessels would soon cause "the crowd" to congregate which a few minutes before were nowhere to be seen. Down would come pert Lavender Finches, to be quickly followed by a flock of Firefinches, Green and Red Avadavats, Melba, Orange-cheeked, St. Helena and Grey Waxbills would dart by, and the bright coloured black and red-headed Gouldians would sit in full view, apparently desirous of showing off their violet breasts to the greatest advantage. The squeaks of Long-tailed and Masked Grassfinches, together with the trumpeting of Zebra Finches, were conspicuous sounds. In this aviary were to be found practically every obtainable species of Waxbill and several of the common Grassfinches.

Leaving this enclosure, one can walk through the shelter into the 50 by 30 ft. aviary, and provided the observer be not impatient, quite a panorama of birds comes into view. On a heap near the water a Jackson's Whydah could be seen dancing and jumping. Taha and Napoleon Weavers with their sober coloured wives "floated" from reed to tree and from tree to bush like yellow puff balls. Yellow Sparrows were fussily engaged in the work of propagation. Red and Red-crested Cardinals enlivened the scene, and a beautiful pair of Green Cardinals were almost at all times in view. A Madagascar Weaver in flaming scarlet quite eclipsed anything in the aviary for sensational colour.

A Confiding Nightingale.

Unless one was careful, it was quite possible to tread upon an exceptionally fine and tame Nightingale which "hung round" for mealworms, and the "cluck" of Californian Quails was audible from among the rank grass cover. There were far too many birds in this aviary to remember, but Whydahs, Tanagers, Weavers, Sparrows, Buntings, Finches, and Cardinals were well represented.

In the third aviary the family of Bearded Reedlings reared therein were conspicuous, together with Long-tailed Tits, Wagtails, and other small birds that continually gambolled in front of one, and in the long flight next to it Rosella Parrakeets and Pheasants consorted. The 24 by 30ft. right-hand flight contained a large flock of Budgerigars and Cockatiels, together with Conures, and the place makes an ideal enclosure for fairly hardy Parrots.

In the other aviaries, in separate enclosures which numbered about six or seven in all, were to be found Pennants, Mealy Rosellas, Peach-faced Lovebirds, Black-cheeked, Blue-winged and Red-faced Lovebirds, the cocks of which were exceptional in their beauty. A nice pair of Red-collared Lorikeets were situated next door.

In the other aviaries Parrot Finches in red and green darted about, and Diamond Finches danced up and down "smoking" long straws. "Dumpy" Mannikins sat in the sun "singing" with great force and no sound, and the place fairly rang with the song of Green Singing Finches and a Pekin Robin. A beautiful pair of Colombian Siskins were certainly among the most charming of all the birds in these aviaries, much more so, to my mind, than the Red or Hooded Siskins. Here one saw Mexican Rosefinches, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Jacarini Finches, Indigo Buntings, Nonpareils, Grassfinches, Purple and Yellow-winged Sugar Birds and Tanagers, etc.

What the Birds Get.

Dr. Keays gives banana to practically all of his birds, and as soft food for birds other than Sugar Birds, and Lories, etc., he uses a well-known proprietary insectile food, which he softens with hot water and uses as it is, or breaks it down. The birds get plenty of naturally-grown green-stuff and, especially when breeding, are plentifully supplied with mealworms, gentles, wasp grub, and living ant cocoons, according to their respective needs and tastes. The doctor believes in keeping reasonably warm and protected all species that need such care in winter, and thinks it more or less folly to try to winter out many small and fragile tropical birds that cannot as a group stand long, cold, dark and damp winter nights, and one might say days. Consequently such birds are protected in winter in those enclosures that possess heat radiators.

Dr. Keays is a remarkably interesting man to converse with, and is very enthusiastic with regard to his hobby. In this he is supported by a tolerant but critical scepticism, which is absolutely necessary in the pursuit of natural science. His training as a physician doubtless has helped him to excel as an aviculturist, for it is the keenly observant man, able to diagnose and arrive at logical conclusions, who is a master of his subject in a much shorter time than those who are slow to assimilate obvious facts or, even worse, imagine they have solved all the problems of aviculture.

Although Dr. Keays possesses many rare and charming birds, he is not so built that the beauty of a common Budgerigar is lost to him, a virtue which is rare in these days of craving for something which no one else possesses or can afford. He has been quick to recognise that a selected and properly inured specimen at a fairly reasonable price is cheaper by far than an inferior or unestablished specimen. I think the tip-top condition and excellence of almost every bird in his collection are largely due to this.

The interest taken in birds by the Doctor is almost equally shared by his charming wife, who has on several occasions taken splendid collections of birds to charm the visitors to certain of our leading exhibitions.

[By a coincidence the above contribution, promised us some time ago by Mr. Silver, reaches us at the moment when Dr. Keays advertises (see another column) his collection for disposal.—EDITOR, CAGE BIRDS.]

The Shows.

NORTHAMPTON.

The glory of Northampton as a cage bird centre is not what it was twenty years ago, but the Midland fanciers ought not to have left the good old society, the Northampton Good Intent O.S., so high and dry as they did on the occasion of its annual show in the 20th Century Club Hall, Oct. 27. Half the open classes had to be cancelled, but some very nice exhibits put in an appearance in those which stood. The veteran, George Gayton, now well over eighty years of age, acted as chief steward, and attended well to the wants of the exhibits. Mr. E. H. Woodham made a most excellent secretary, and he was ably assisted by a hardworking committee, consisting of the following good fanciers: Messrs. G. Barrett (chairman), L. J. Bellham (vice-chairman), A. Dickens (treas.), J. Hill, F. Cox, W. Murdin, W. Golding, F. Letts, C. Harvey, and J. Mason. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. HEN (7): 1, Notley, fine, shapely, yell., lovely silky feather, grand head and chest, soft even col., well staged; 2, 3, Bott, lovely qual. buff, tight, as wax, beautifully frosted, neat wings and tail, 3rd another bonnie yell., full of qual. and col., not quite so smart carr.; res, Martin; vhc, Tansley; hc, Joyce; c, Packer. UNFLIG. BUFF (7): 1, Parker, grandly feathered buff, lovely rich under col., very bright in frosting, shone like satin, rare shape; 2, Notley, smart, shapely buff, splendid col. and qual., hardly so stout in head; 3, vhc, Watson, very nice shape and feather, not quite such nice cond.; res, Goosey; hc, Martin; c, Joyce. A.O.V. CAN OR MULE (13): 1, 2, Mills, lovely wing mkd. Crest, rare shaped body, grandly feathered, neat centre, splendid radiation and droop, 2nd very rich col. yell. Cinn., full of qual., sound and even right through, nice shape and size; 3, res, Andrews, grandly mkd. Goldf., Bullf., good col., very close feather; vhc, Dunkley; hc, Hipwood; c, No. 13, no name. SELL. (11): 1, Mills; 2, Watson; 3, Felce; res, Bott; vhc, Hipwood; hc, Bounds; c, Checkfield. BRIT. (10): 1, Nobles, very smart Thrush, beautifully mooned, rare col. and feather, nicely staged; 2, Hipwood, rich lustrous Chough, grand bill and legs, nice feather; 3, res, Checkfield, soundly feathered, rich col., well mkd. Hawfinch; vhc, he, Andrews; c, Goodman. 15 MILES RADIUS.—NOR. YELL. (10): 1, vhc, Bounds, very neat and smart, grand shape, col., and qual.; 2, hc, Mason, larger, but not so neat in wing carr., good shape and feather; 3, res, Watson, tkd. on head, good stamp, capital col., not so tight in front; c, Harvey. BUFF (14): 1, res, Watson, cheek tkd., very neat and shapely, close silky feather, sound col., nicely mealed; 2, Bounds, all in all for type and qual., but does not carry wings so neatly; 3, hc, Harvey, good body, not quite so neat in skull, nice col. and feather; vhc, Isom; c, Gayton. UNEVEN OR VARIEG. (10): 1, Gayton, head, neck, and wing mkd. buff, beautiful silky feather, grand rich col., in nice fettle; 2, 3, Bounds, head and wing mkd. yell., real bonnie bird, full of qual. and col., needs only a little more chest, 3rd cap mkd. buff, good type and feather; res, Watson; vhc, Mason; hc, c, Isom. HEN (14): A rattling good class: 1, Mason, charming yell., grand type, beautiful even col., silky feather, in good form; 2, Bounds, rather more subs. of skull, grand feather and body, not so warm in col., nor so neat in wings; 3, Isom, very neat shapely buff, close compact feather, nice col.; res, he, Watson; vhc, Isom; c, Harvey. NON-FED (7): 1, 2, res, Hobbs, three grand-shaped, full fronted birds, lovely silky feather and good carriage, 1st eye and wing mkd., 2nd four-pointed; 3, Mason, shapely, well-feathered clr. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (5): 1, Harvey, smart racy slimly built yell. Yorks., grand feather and carr.; 2, Mason, clinking Nor. Green, full of col. and qual., a bonnie bird indeed; 3, Gayton, shapely buff Cinn., nice size and feather; vhc, Reynolds, carr., gem; 2nd, richly-fed cl., A1 qual., wee bit longer in barrel wings and tail; 3, Wilcox, cl., cobby and well clothed, nice carr.; vhc, Buxton; c, Admitt. GREEN, ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, Vardy, var. yell., a topper; var. buff, a beauty; var. yell., grand, only not so large; all in fine fettle, and staged well; a team any breeder might envy; vhc, Butler and Barlow; hc, Percival. HEN (5): 1, 2, Vardy, cl. yell. and var. yell., both wonderful size, col., shape, and feather; 3, Admitt, cl. buff, good in feather and col., nice head, neck, and chest, neat wings; vhc, Wilcox; hc, Percival. UNFLIG. YELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, Vardy, leader mkd. eye, red hot, smooth as glass, rattling shape, well up in subs., clean under, most promising; 2nd, var., for col. and qual., all one could wish, true type, not a monster, but a gem; 3rd, cl., superior col. and qual., apt to cross wings; vhc, Admitt. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Vardy, gem of a var., feathered like a Java, superb type and col., lovely carr., one of the best; 2nd, cl., sweetly moulded, well clothed, not so rich in col.; 3, Admitt, mkd, wing and eye, good subs. and qual., shapely, not quite ready. NAT. COL. (2): 1, Francis, good-sized cl. buff, A1 col. and feather, nice shape and carr.; 2, Wilcox, almost white, cobby, nice size, tight as wax. PAIRS (3): 1, Vardy, very massive buff mkd. cock, red hot,—good in shape and qual., with a well mkd. hen of rare shape, feather, and col., grand pair; 2, Butler and Barlow, var. buff cock, gem all over, and yell. hen of nice subs., not bad shape, but very open in feather and down in col.; 3, Admitt, cl. yell. cock and mkd. buff hen. YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, Vardy, mkd. wing and head, straight as a rush, slim and lengthy, smooth as a bottle, lovely col., well on leg; 2, vhc, Lanckham, saddle-mkd.; extraordinary length, grand pos., capital back flights and tail, bit open on front; 3, Wood, cl., beautifully drawn, tight as wax, capital col.; hc, Admitt. BUFF (7): 1, Vardy, mkd. head, stands like a Guardsman, best of feather, A1 col., lengthy and leggy; 2, 3, Lanckham, cl., straight as a rush, A1 feather, good length, nice back flights and tail; 3rd, cl., shade shorter, rare pos., fun of style, clever legs; vhc, Pass; hc, Beardall; c, Barton. GREEN, ETC. (3): 1, Elkin, lengthy yell. green, delightful col. and qual., slim and upstanding, rare back, A1 wings and tail; 2, 3, Beardall, bull, heavy mkd., lovely feather and col., rattling pos., full of style, very close up; 3rd, richly-coloured yell. green, straight and full of nerve, shade short. HEN (11): 1, Mountain, stylish cl. yell., best of pos., fine length; 2, Lanckham, yell. mkd. wing, shone like a mirror, true type, good length and feather, pressed hard; 3, hc, Vardy, slim and upstanding yell., capital qual. and col., hardly ready, raw about cheeks and head; vhc, Pass; c, Beardall. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Vardy, mkd. head, straight up; A1 col. and feather, stylish, and well on leg; 2, Lanckham, mkd. wing, longer than winner, good in qual. and col., beaten a little in character; 3, Barton, mkd. wings and head, straight and well clothed, rich col., well on leg, shorter; vhc, Elkin. BUFF (6): 1, Pass, cl., smooth as wax, grand pos., fine length, capital back, wings, and tail, in the pink; 2, Mountain, mkd. wing, more length, good stand, nice wing carr., not so compact in texture; 3, vhc, Lanckham, cl., stands nicely, A1 col. and qual.; vhc, Vardy; c, Barton. NAT. COL. (3): 1, 2, Selby and Wasson, cl., capital feather, nice pos. and length, good on leg; 2nd, mkd. head, rare length and pos., neat head; 3, Beardall, cl., straight and stylish. PAIRS (3): 1, Lanckham, marvellous lengthy cl. yell. cock, with a grand cl. buff hen; 2, Beardall, cl. yell. cock of good feather, pos., and col., with a very stylish tkd. buff hen, close up; 3, Wood, buff green cock, possessing true character and very neat and nervy cl. yell. hen. A.O.V. YORKS (2): 1, 2, Beardall, nice brace of cinns., winner longest, otherwise near on equal in merit throughout. CRESTS (2): 1, 2, Dodd, yell. mkd. D.C., plenty of subs. and feather, crest large and well radiated, A1 droop, neat centre, gem; 2nd, buff, grizzled crest, heaps of feather, monster crest thickly packed, hardly settled yet. C.B. (1): Dodd, buff var., wealth of rich quol. feather, shapely skull of nice width and rise, browed neatly. SELL 20/- (5): 1, 2, vhc, Fox; 3, Admitt; hc, Lanckham. 15/- (6): 1, Admitt; 2, Beardall and Walker; 3, Smith; vhc, Mountain; hc, Beardall; c, Butler and Barlow. NOR. 10/- (7): 1, Admitt; 2, Beardall and Walker, 3, Wildgoose; vhc, Butler and Barlow; hc, Hunt; c, Beardall. YORKS. 10/- (3): 1, 2, Beardall; 3, Webster. OPEN NOV., NOR. CK. (6): 1, Cratchley, cl. yell., short and thick set, lovely col., feathered to perfection, grand carr., beauty; 2, Smith, mkd. buff, magnificent col., silky feather, nice size and shape, pressed; 3, Buxton, cl. buff, rich col. and qual., neat head and neck; vhc, Sears; hc, Holmes; c, Lowe. HEN (4): 1, Smith, very fine cl. yell., A1 col. and quality, capital shape and size, delightful carr.; 2, Holmes, cl. buff, cobby, superb feather and col., well up in subs., clean cut, gem; 3, Lowe, yell. mkd. wings and eyes, good qual. and col., moves nicely, neat head and neck, would do with more chest; vhc, Sears. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Cratchley, mkd. neck, teeming with qual. and col., rare size and shape, lovely carr., gem; 2, Smith, mkd. head, true type, A1 feather; 3, Hunt, yell. green, nice col. and feather, small. MEMBS., NOV.—YELL. NOR. (3): 1, Evans; 2, Henshaw; 3, Cockayne. BUFF (7): 1, Evans; 2, vhc, c, Spencer; 3, Holt; hc, Cockayne. HEN (7): 1, c, Holt; 2, vhc, hc, Spencer; 3, Evans. UNFLIG. (1): 1, Holt; 2, Cockayne. HEN (1): 1, Newton. PAIRS (1): 1, Henshaw. YELL. YORK. (2): 1, Sawer; 2, Andrews. BUFF (3): 1, Cockayne; 2, Abbott; 3, Webster. HEN (5): 1, 3, Webster; 2, Sawer; vhc, hc, Abbott. UNFLIG. (6): 1, c, Andrews; 2, vhc, Sawer; 3, Henshaw; hc, Newton. NAT. COL.: 1, Abbott. PAIRS (4): 1, Henshaw; 2, Andrews; 3, Abbott; vhc, Webster. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, hc, Hayter, Twite, rattling col., capital shape and size, grandly pencilled, in fine fettle; 2, 3, Lesser Redpoll, good size and col., nice qual., finely mkd., put down in A1 style; 3, Siskin, neat shape, good size, capital cap, delightfully pencilled, lovely col.; vhc, Beardall; c, Admitt. GREENF. (10): 1, 3, Hayter, both good qual., rich in col., shapely, former has it in subs.; 2, Lees, not a feather wrong, A1 col., and grand shape, pressed hard; vhc, Alexander; hc, Poole; c, Sawer Bros. A.O. HARDBILL (7): 1, Butler and Barlow, smart Goldf., grand blaze, well cut, neat bars and buttons, good shape and size; 2, Lees, Chaffinch, nice shape and subs., rich col. well feathered, fine markings; 3, Admitt, Linnet, capital shape and size, grand col., profusely and distinctly pencilled, good one; vhc, Poole; hc, Evans; c, Sawer Bros. SOFTBILL (3): 1, 2, Rent, Wryneck and Blackcap, both in rare form. LIGHT MULE (4): 1, Admitt, the old warrior, buff, mkd wings and eyes, Goldie-Can., good in size and col., shapely, begins to show age; 2, 3, Stone, both buff var. Goldie-Can., neat, beached in rare form. DARK (8): 1, 3, Hayter, Can.-Bullf. and Green-Bullf., both of good size, rattling shape and qual., lovely col., beauties; 2, vhc, Alexander, grand Linnet-Bullf., well up in size, shapely, magnificent feather and col., shows parentage well, gem.

ALFRETON.

The Alfreton C.B.S. held its Second Annual Open Show, Oct. 29 and 30, in the nicely-lighted Assembly Room, which is of good size, and free from draughts. The staging was all one could desire; every bird could be seen at a glance. Norwich were of good quality, but not very numerous, though we know there are plenty of the right sort of the chubby variety around the locality. Yorkshires were nice, but not great; in some cases more character was required. Amongst the novice classes were several really fine birds. We fell quite in love with the clear yellow and clear buff cocks put down by Mr. W. Evans, a brace of beauties. British were admired, gems being shown by Messrs. T. H. V. Hayter, G. Lees, Butler and Barlow, E. Bent, and J. Admitt.

Mr. G. Beardall, the worthy Sec., is the right man in the right place; he controls matters capitally, and works like a Trojan. Stewards who officiated in a most practical and praiseworthy manner were Messrs. J. Admitt, W. Evans, and G. Sawer; all kept top-side of their work. During the afternoon we had a chat with Mr. W. Vardy, who had quite a field day in Norwich, and who, we are pleased to report, is better in health than a short time ago. One well-known figure we missed, Mr. Driver, who came to such an untimely end not long ago; our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Driver and her family. Judging was over in good time, prize cards displayed promptly, and everything went well. Mr. W. Evans won medal for best novice, also Hyde's, with a grand cl. yell. Nor. ck., and Sandiford's for hottest fed, went to an nuffig. yell. Nor. ck., ablaze, owned by Mr. W. Vardy. Mr. Vardy also won Trower's spl., spl. most points in Norwich, and 3rd most points Yorks. Other special winners were; 2nd most points, Nor., Admitt; 3rd, Butler and Barlow; most points Yorks, Beardall; 2nd, Lanckham; Bancroft's medal, Evans; open novice: 1, Smith; 2, Cratchley. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and his awards were well received.

YELL. NOR. (4): 1, 3, Vardy, former a bouncer, lovely shape and feather, capital col. and carr., will do some winning; 3rd, plenty of size, nice feather, paler in col. and longer in build, both clears; 2, Dean, cl., exquisite feather, hardly so good in shape or so large as 1st; vhc, Butler and Barlow. BUFF (8): 1, 2, hc, Vardy, cl., marvellous subs., superb feather and col., thick set and clean cut, jaunty

SHEFFIELD'S REMARKABLE SHOW

A HUGE ENTRY OF NEARLY 1,000 BIRDS.

Success is not achieved by accident, there is always a reason. A fairly well known saying is to the effect, "many men many opinions." Many men were present from North, South, East, and West, at the Sheffield O.S. Annual Show, Nov. 5, 6. Many opinions were conspicuous by their absence, all were of one mind—a glorious exhibition.

Within the four walls of Cutlers' Hall, of historic fame, were housed a matter of 992 exhibits. One need hardly describe the suitability of so spacious and well adapted a venue for an exhibition of this description. The society went to a great expense in having the show room specially lighted by electricity, enhancing the carnival to a great degree. On the eve of the function, we popped in to see how matters were going, and found that Mr. G. Fletcher had worked to such effect that all the staging, which is on the three tier principle, was completed by 5 o'clock on the Thursday evening.

As the birds were delivered they were carefully unpacked, watered, and benched straight away. Special private drays were employed to fetch the cases from the various stations, so as to ensure promptitude of arrival at the show; Messrs. T. Dawn and G. Fletcher obliging with their turn-outs. The officials who dealt so effectively with the unpacking, staging, etc., were Messrs. G. Fletcher, show manager, T. Dawn chairman, J. A. T. Woodall vice-chair., A. H. Waters, J. Allen, J. H. Richardson, J. Linley, J. Milne, J. Memmott, J. Mace, and W. Biggin. Mr. E. Simpson proved himself a worthy helper; his stacking away of the empty cases in a most methodical manner, so as to be quickly located when required for return journey, was to be greatly admired. Messrs. G. Fletcher, J. A. T. Woodall, A. Snape, T. Ridal, and J. Glaves, were the "pilgrims of the night," acting as all night stewards on Thursday. Mr. J. Memmott saw to the watering, in a most practical way, while the feeding of the foreigners was in the hands of Messrs. G. Fletcher, J. A. T. Woodall, and G. Moore, a trio of "good 'uns"; all did excellently.

On the Friday at 2 p.m. the Master Cutler, Mr. W. H. Ellis officiated at the opening ceremony. Dr. W. Craig treas., proposed a hearty vote of thanks, and Mr. J. Robson seconded.

A COLLECTION HARD TO BEAT.

The committee of management is comprised of well known, and fully tried fanciers, Mr. T. Dawn is a grand chairman, J. A. T. Woodall a most capable understudy, and Messrs. G. Fletcher, J. Mace, G. Moore, J. Memmott, J. Milne, T. Ridal, P. Walsh, T. Tow, W. Baxby, A. H. Waters, J. H. Richardson, W. H. Spencer, E. Simpson, and W. Moore. Dr. Craig, the treas., is of the "true type," a finer supporter to any society could not be wished. Mr. E. C. Job, sec., and Mr. R. Colton, hon. sec., are a brace of "unique specimens" as rein-holders, they drive straight, sure, and to a nicety. What is foreign to them in the workings of secretarial duties, one need not trouble over. They have both been there before.

The catalogue opened with the champion Yorks. Certainly the "cream" was present, but we should have liked to see the numbers greater; just over 10 per class was not a fitting response to the good things offered. Toppers were put down by Dr. Craig, he gaining 6 firsts, including all the 4 cinnamon marked classes. L. Dykes, P. Hirst, A. W. Hartley, J. E. Priestley, L. Dyson, and H. Ives. Amongst the novices the outstanding bird was the unflighted wing mkd. yellow hen, a real beauty, shown by Mr. G. Ireland. This, we believe, found a "fresh stable" after the show.

Greens, both Yorks. and Norwich, were a nice collection, averaging a little over nine per class. We seem to think the colour is not so solid as was the case a few years ago. The "Mersey men" should endeavour to rectify this. Borders in the selfs or fouls were disappointing, only 22 in the four classes provided, but Messrs. A. Montgomery (1 first) and Jas. Johnston (3 firsts) were represented by real pictures. In the other Border classes the numbers again were moderate, but the quality could not be carped at. In the novice Norwich were several quite capable of running well, had they been competing in the "upper circles". Crest and Crestbreds were good but few.

LENT CHARM TO THE SHOW.

British made a capital display, in fact along with the foreign they were the feature of the show. In the former were many magnificent birds, and in the latter were exhibits which added much charm to the show. The Mules and Hybrids also were very much admired, for rarity was in strong evidence.

Amongst the many visitors we saw and chatted with were Messrs. H. H. Towers (Keighley), W. Vardy (Hucknall), E. Fox (Long Eaton), J. Smith (Ilkeston), J. Thomas (Amblethorn), L. Dykes (Bradford), W. Bescoby (Doncaster), Mrs. Montague Smith (London) and others. Lady Pilkington wrote saying how sorry she was in not being able to support with entries, her birds not being ready. All the birds shown by Dr. Craig in the selling classes, were generously presented to the society, the proceeds from the sale helping to swell the funds considerably. Mr. C. Prior's birds from Ropley, Hants, arrived at 1 p.m., too late for judging, and Mr. A. Silver's Budger arrived dead; hard lines.

Mr. T. Dawn and Dr. Craig each sold over 200 tickets previous to the show's opening; one cannot wonder at Sheffield O.S. going so strong with such stalwarts in the ranks. Catalogues with awards were on sale early on the Friday, and those that had to be got off by post had all gone by 6 p.m. Stewards who worked grandly, keeping well on top side of all details allotted to them, were Messrs. Fletcher, Moore, Woodall, Roberts, Snape, Waters, Dawn, and Ridal. All deserve praise, and must be put down as assets of the society. We were informed that financially the show was a great success.

FANCIERS WELL TREATED.

Fanciers present on the Saturday were allowed to leave with their exhibits in time to catch early trains home, and exhibits that had to travel long distances were got off in good time. Others, by request, were kept over until Sunday, and were dispatched during the afternoon by the most convenient and best routes. Altogether the show was one of the best managed it has ever been our lot to see. The judges were:—Messrs. W. Mundell (Bradford), H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), J. Robson (London), J. Beswick (Stockport), and J. C. Barnes, the well-known local enthusiast, and their placings were on the whole very well received.

Specials winners: Most points, L. Dykes; for birds coming longest distance, J. Le Rossignot, Jersey; most points champ. Yorks.: 1, L. Dykes; 2, Dr. Craig; 3, P. Hirst; 4, Bingham and Furniss; most points cinn. tks., 1, Dr. Craig; 2, J. Morrison; 3, H. H. Towers. Nov. Yorks. 10s. spls.: 18-19, A. Taylor and F. Radley divide; 20-21, W. Fisher and H. Sugden divide; 22-23, C. Walkden; best vhc, W. Breen; best hc, C. Walkden; best c, C. Cook; 24-25, 10s. spl., W. Fisher; 26-29, 1, W. Jones; 2, D. Steinart; 30-33, 1, J. Walker; 2, J. Thornton; 34-37, A. Montgomery and W. Middleton divide; 38-44a, 1, G. Bennett; 2, J. S. Wilson; 3, A. Forrest; 45-53, 1, W. Crawshaw; 2, J. Thomas; 3, S. Cook; 54-60, 1, H. Rushton; 2, W. Green; 3, A. H. Fields; best vhc, A. Kew; best hc, G. Newbert; best c, W. Green; 61-66, 1, Radley and Son; 2, B. Steel; 3, E. Barker; 67-68, A. E. Jefferson and Mrs. Scott divide; 75-86, most points hardbill and softbill, P. Walsh; most points hardbill, 1, Francis; 2, Chick; 3, Oldham; softbill, 1, Darlow; 2, Dyson; 3, Taylor; 88-92, 1, Martin and Archer; 2, Dr. Wilson; 3, R. D. Parlett. Foreign; 1, G. Fletcher; 2, A. Silver; 3, F. Howe; rosebowl for best in '10-13 and 23-25, H. Ives, with a very smart and stylish buff Yorkshire hen (unflighted). Sandiford's, H. Carrington; Ramsden's toilet case, W. Crawshaw; Ramsden's medal, S. Cook.

MR. J. C. BARNES'S CLASSES.

NOV., YORK. YELL. (8): 1, Taylor, mkd. head, straight as a gun barrel, smooth as glass, rare length and well on leg, full of nerve; 2, Fisher, wonderfully lengthy cl., nice pos. and col., neat back and wing carr.; 3, Evans, red hot cl., true type, straight, capital feather, not a big one, but all there otherwise; 4, Cadman, cl., A1 col., good in length and feather, thicker in waist still one we liked; vhc, Walkden; hc, Radford; c, Revill; No. 1, Stuart, w.c., a very smart and stylish cl. buff. BUFF (11): 1, F. Radley, mkd. neck, exquisite col. and feather, true character, nest of backs, grand flights and tail, a gem; 2, Hoyle, cl., delightful pos., superb feather and col. nervy and leggy, hardly so lengthy, still a beauty; 3, Sugden, mkd. wing, lovely col. and superior qual., nice length and pos.; 4, Malpass, very lengthy cl., stands well, capital back flights and tail; vhc, Merrils; hc, Crossley; c, Cook; No. 1, Stuart, w.c., very neat cl. yell. EVEN. ETC. (6): 1, Fisher, most pleasing buff, mkd. wings and head, for qual., col. and pos. all one need desire, quite capable of holding its own amongst the "nuts"; 2, Symes, yell., mkd. wing and eye, rare length, good feather and col., might be better in pos., yet a choice exhibit; 3, F. Radley, buff varieg., smooth as polished marble, teeming with col.; 4, Ireland; vhc, Green; c, Revill. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Sugden, cl. superb qual. and col., nicely drawn, sweet expression of head, grand back and wing carr., bonny damsel; 2, Short, cl., rattling pos., nice col. and qual., good legs, bit short; 3, Stacey, cl. on the small side, but full of go, and shows well; 4, Toulson; vhc, Simpson. BUFF (6): 1, Sugden, most stylish cl. buff, tight as a Java, straight, not of the biggest, but of the best description; 2, Symes, mkd. wing and head, lovely salmon tinted, nice length and pos., very close up, well staged; 3, Walkden, lengthy cl., good in feather might get up better, yet far from a bad one; 4, Humphries; vhc, Stuart; No. 3, Sargeantson, w.c., a cock. YELL. UNFLIG. (14) fine class; 1, hc, Walkden, brace of "good 'uns," winner a richly fed cl., straight as a rush, delightful feather, shows to perfection, lengthy and leggy; 2, Toulson, yet more length, well fed cl., superior feather, beaten a little in pos., yet a really choice one; 3, Radford, cl., wedge shaped, smooth and straight, full of swagger, not the length of above, still very promising; 4, P. Taylor; vhc, Green; c, Ireland. BUFF (18) rare good lot: 1, Sargeantson, mkd. wings and head, magnificent feather and col., full of style, rattling pos., well filled back and neat wing carr., gem; 2, c, Toulson, mkd. wing, smooth as wax, lengthy and leggy, good col., stands delightfully, close on the heels of winner; 3, A. Taylor, mkd. neck, capital length, well up, A1 qual. feather, stylish, worth its place; 4, Blanchon, slim and upstanding cl., rich col. and qual., with more length would want reckoning with; vhc, Morley; hc, Biggin. HEN (11): 1, and runner-up for rose bowl, G. Ireland, yell. mkd. wing, wonderful length, neat and narrow, straight as a pencil, clever legs, most bewitching, claimed; 2, 4, Fisher, lovely cl. buff, smooth as wax, capital pos., length and col., grand back and wing carr.; 4, red hot cl. yell., nice stand and lengthy, slim and leggy, full of nerve, sweet exhibit; 3, Radley, cl. yell., true type, superb col. and feather, clever legs, not big, but a real picture; vhc, Symes; hc, Head and Newman; c, Biggin. NOV., NOR. YELL. (20) real fine class; 1, Wharton, mkd. wing and head, short and thick set, well up in sub., richly fed and beautifully clothed, best of carr.; 2, Wilkinson, shapely cl., capital feather, plenty of size, not quite the col.; 3, Rushton, cl., ablaze with col., silky feather, nice head, neck and chest, good carr., close up; 4, vhc, Bown, eye and shoulder tkd., cobby, rare feather and col., clean cut, beaten in subs.; hc, Newbert; c, Evans. BUFF (24): 1, Green, mkd, wings and head, round as a ball, magnificent feather and col., well up in subs., grand carr.; 2, Rushton, very hot col., silky textnre and delightfully frosted, good in shape and size, not far away; 3, Byles, mkd. wings and head, lovely qual. and col., grand body, wings and tail; 4, Wharton, bouncing varieg., best of carr., A1 feather, nice shape; vhc, Kew; hc, Bradley; c, Green. YELL. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Bown, varieg., wonderful col. and qual., lovely shape, fine size and carr., not a feather misplaced; 2, Fildes, varieg., full of col., A1 feather, good body and wing carr., not quite so bold in head; 3, Conway Bros., very shapely cl., good in feather and subs., paler, but one we admired; 4, Mitchell, ticked neck, cobby, nice size and col., good carr.; vhc, Corley; hc, Garnett; c, Carrington. BUFF (14): 1, Rushton, lightly varieg., best of shape, superior feather and richly fed, grand undercol., good size and jaunty in carr., gem; 2, Green, sweetly drawn cl., teeming with qual. and col., certainly not a monster, but a demon; 3, Priestley, cl. buff, hotly fed, A1 feather, grand shaped body, neat wings and tail; 4, Fields, cl., plenty of subs., nice feather and col.; vhc, Evans; hc, Carrington; c, Jones. UNFLIG. HEN (11): 1, Rushton, yell. mkd. head, rare size and shape, clinking col. and feather, tight as wax, lovely carr., gem; 2, Dean, very shapely cl. buff, not hot but of superb feather, well up in subs., moves nicely, very promising; 3, hc, Priestley yell., mkd. head, grand in feather and col., rattling subs. and carr.; 3, 4, Green; vhc, Lee; hc, Priestley; c, Lambert. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Wharton, mkd. wing and head, delightful shape, soft silky feather, rich col. and rare size, real beauty; 2, Fieldes, mkd. wing, shapely, A1 col., plenty of subs., nice carr.; 3, Green, shapely cl., capital col. and feather, jaunty carr.; 4, Stafford; vhc, Walkden; hc, Newbert; c, Carrington; Nos. 1 and 7, Radley and Byles, absent. BUFF (18): 1, Evans, mkd. wing and tail, grandly mounded, richly fed and of A1 qual., well up in subs., charming damsel; 2, Fieldes, mkd. neck, a bouncer, good in shape and col., nice feather and carr., pressed strenuously; 3, Conway Bros., cobby varieg., smooth as a Java, capital qual. and col.; 4, Eastwood, saddle mkd., delightful shape, col. and qual. on the small but very neat side; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Hartley; c, Garnett. A.O.V. (7): 1, Hartup, buff cinn., rare size and shape, superb qual., fine and solid in col., grand carr., in the pink; 2, Everard, cl. buff Belgian, nice feather, not a big one, good shoulders gets head down nicely, nervy; 3, Smalley, yell cinn., capital qual., well up in size, rattling col., bit faulty in wings, or would no doubt have won; 4 vhc, Taylor; hc, Dr. Craig. SELL., 30s. (11): 1, Moore, pair of nice Crests; 2, Havenhand, good Norwich; 3, Merrills; 4, Richardson; vhc, Memmott; hc, Bewick; c, Dr. Craig. SELL., 20s. (12): 1, Whyatt; 2, Parlett; 3, Holmes; 4, Colton and Dawn; vhc, Memmott; hc, Stafford; c, Dr. Craig. 10s. (11): 1, Richardson; 2, Fielding; 3, Colton and Dawn; 4, Howarth; vhc, Lawton and Sons; hc, Wells; c, J. Radley. 7s. 6d. (6): 1, Holmes; 2, Lawton and Sons; 3, Howarth; 4, Merrills; vhc, Dr. W. Craig; hc, Parlett. GIFT (21): 1, Waters; 2, Craig; 3, Parker; 4, Colton and Dawn; vhc, Towers; hc, Ridal; c, Spencer.

MR. MUNDELL'S CLASSES.

Yorkshires were a fine lot of birds; we have seen more entries, but type and quality were there to perfection. Dr. Craig carried all before him in the Cinnamon marked classes, taking all the 1sts in the section, a wonderful feat, also two 1sts in the dark-eyed section; and another good performance was that of Mr. L. Dykes, who captured six 1sts in the dark-eyed section. The sensation was the buff unflighted rinn. marked hen of Mr. Ives, which took 1st in its class and won the rose bowl for the best unflighted Yorks., a real gem; we heard she was claimed at catalogue price, £15 15s., if so we wish the new owner every luck with his purchase.

CL. OR INVIS. TKD. YELL. YORKS. (10): 1, Hirst, grand length, good head, long flights and tail, well up on leg, full of qual., rich level col., good round chest, grand pos.; 2, Ogden Bros., neat head, boxy feather, pos. A1, level col., grand wings, piped tail; 3, Dykes, level col., full of qual., good head, clean on chest, long flights, piped tail, very steady and typical; 4, Dyson, looked to be full of qual., neat in head, long flights and tail, but was down when we saw it; vhc, hc, Bingham and Furniss; c, Dr. Craig. BUFF (10): 1, Dykes, pale col., good head, neck and breast, long flights, well braced to side, piped tail, pos., A1; 2, Thomas, rich level col., very long and slim, excellent pos., round head, grand wing carr., piped tail, good legs; 3, Ogden Bros., pale col., very long and slim, long flights and tail, good on leg, rare type; 4, Dr. Craig, rich col., boxy feather, pos. A1, good head, shade on the stout side, bit short in tail; vhc, Hartley; hc, Bingham and Furniss; c, Tansey. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Dr. Craig, cheek mkd., rich level col. throughout, good head, nice wing carr., piped tail, good pos., very steady, a bit on the strong side; 2, 3, Dyson, cap mkd., good head and back, nice wings and tail, very stylish; 3rd, cheek and wing mkd., nice head, piped tail, good pos., full of qual., level col.; 4, Helliwell; vhc, hc, Spencer. BUFF (7): 1, Dykes, wing mkd., blaze of col., grand pos., feathered like wax, neat round head, grand wings and tail, wins; 2, Dr. Craig, wing mkd., well on leg, good head, full of qual., pos. A1, a wee bit too short; 3, Bingham and Furniss, eye mkd., very slim and typical, pale col., good head, nice wings, piped tail; 4, A. Radley; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Johnson; c, Taylor. MKD. YELL. (7): 1, Dykes, the old champion, in the pink, needs no comment; 2, Dr. Craig, cap, eyes and wing mkd., blaze of col., lovely quality of feather, neat head, grand wings and tail, pos., A1; 3, Tansey, neck, eyes and wing mkd., rich level col., pos. good, bird could do with a wash; 4, Craven, eye and wing mkd., pale col., boxy feather, nice wings and tail, very typical, might have gone up one; vhc, Helliwell; Nos. 3 and 5, wrong class. BUFF (8): 1, c, Dr. Craig, eyes and wings, rich level col., long flights and piped tail, neat round head, feathered like wax, well up on leg, wins; 2, Towers, eye, wing and cheek mkd., rare length of flights and tail, rich col., boxy feather, very typical; 3, Bingham and Furniss, tkd. on eye, good head and neck, clean on breast, grand wings and piped tail, very stylish; 4, Spencer; vhc, Thomas; hc, Dykes. HEAVILY VARIEG. (5): 1, Priestley, cap on head, wings and breast mkd. yell., rich col., rare length and pos., good wing carr., piped tail; 2, Dykes, buff, very heavily mkd., grand type, boxy feather, good wings and piped tail, might have gone up; 3, 4, Dr. Craig, yellow heavily mkd., very stylish, good head, grand wing carr., piped tail, on good legs; 4th, buff, very heavily mkd., typical; vhc, Spencer. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Dykes, a gem, cl., lovely qual. of feather, level col. throughout, neat head, grand wing carr., piped tail, pos., A1; 2, 4, Hirst, neck and wing mkd., rare pos., good wings and piped tail, lovely qual., neat head, shade on the strong side; 4th, cap mkd., boxy feather, good legs, very stylish, nice pair of wings, neat tail, shade on the stout side; 3, Helliwell, cl., very typical, boxy feather, neat head, nice wing carr., piped tail; vhc, Priestley; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Midgley. BUFF (10): 1, Hartley, a gem, cheek tkd., lovely qual. of feather, wings well placed, nice tail, well up on legs, good head; 2, Burdekin Bros., rich level col., well up on leg, good round head, clean on breast, nice wings, piped tail; 3, Taylor, pale col. neat head, nice wing carr., piped tail, very stylish; 4, Dykes, cl., pale col., boxy feather, nice wings and tail; vhc, Dr. Craig; hc, Helliwell; c, Towers. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (24): 1, Dykes, rich col., long flights, well carried, good on leg, neat head, very stylish, but a shade strong; 2, Towers, eye, cheek and wing mkd., blaze of col., neat round head, grand wing carr., piped tail, well up on leg, we liked; 3, Snead, blaze of col., boxy feather, good on leg, nice tail, wee bit faulty in wing carr.; 4, c, Bingham and Furniss, neck and wing mkd., pale col., lovely feather, nice type, piped tail, neat head, clean on breast; vhc, Hartley; hc, Mitchell. BUFF (20): 1, Dyson, rare length true Yorks. type, grand wings and piped tail, well up on leg, full of qual., wins; 2, Hartley, looking very thick when we saw it; 3, Hirst, cap mkd., grand wings and carr., piped tail, good head and breast, rare pos., bit on the strong side; 4, Ogden Bros., rich col., boxy feather, very stylish, nice wing carriage, good tail; vhc, Snead; hc, Taylor; c, Dykes.

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UNFLIG. YELL. HEN (16): 1, Dykes, wing mkd., very slim and typical, rare length, boxy feather, good head, clean on breast, nicely placed wings and piped tail, a good one; 2, Ives, pale col., good head, wings and tail, rare style, good length, bit loose in feather when we saw her; 3, Bingham and Furniss, pale col., boxy feather, good head, nice wing carr., piped tail, clean on breast, very typical; 4, Mitchell, rich level col., boxy feather, neat head, nice wings and piped tail, very stylish; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Snead; c, Johnson. BUFF (15): 1, rose bowl best unflig. Yorks., Ives, a gem, cinn. mkd., rare length, pos. A1, good round head, grand wing carr., piped tail, wins well; 2, Hirst, cl., grand type, boxy feather, good wing carr., piped tail, neat round head; 3, Helliwell, wing tkd., lovely qual., neat head, pos. A1, good wings and tail, well up on leg; 4, A. Radley, cheek tkd., lovely qual., neat round head, very stylish; vhc, Garnett; hc, Dykes; c, Hartley. CINN. TKD. YELL. CK. (8): 1, vhc, Dr. Craig, cap, eyes, and wing mkd., rich level col., full of qual., neat round head, well on leg, nice wing carr., piped tail, very slim; 2, 3, Morrison, cap, eyes and wings rich col., boxy feather, nice type, good leg, shade stout; 3rd, rare length, eye and wings mkd., grizzled on back, rich col., pos. A1, good head; 4, Towers, very stylish; hc, Thomas; c, Spencer. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Dr. Craig, 1st cap, eye and wing mkd., blaze of col., well up on leg, rare pos., boxy feather, good head, carries wings well to side, piped tail; 2nd, eye and wings, pale col., lovely feather, neat round head, fails to winner in pos.; 3, 4, Atkinson and Firth, 3rd cap, eyes and wing rich col., qual. A1, very typical; vhc, Ives; hc, Spencer. YELL. HEN (8): 1, hc, Dr. Craig, eye and wing mkd., rich level col., well on leg, grand wings and tail, boxy feathers, pos. A1; 2, Midgley, cap, eyes and wing mkd., rich level col., boxy feather, rare pos., good wing carr., piped tail; 3, Towers, cap and wing mkd., blaze of col., lovely feather, good wing carr., piped tail, well up on leg; 4, Morrison; hc, Atkinson and Firth; c, Spencer. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Dr. Craig; 2, Towers; 3, Morrison; 4, hc, Midgley; c, Spencer.

Owing to a mishap in the post the remainder of our report had not arrived when we had to go to press.—Editor.

ACCRINGTON.

Accrington C.B.S. open show of Norwich only, at Crown Hotel, Oct. 22-23, under full patronage of the N.P.C. and O.N.P.C., may be voted a success from every point of view. The show committee, Messrs. Hirst, Crawshaw, Carns, Rooney, Stuttard, Harwood, were happy in being able to secure the services of an old fancier in Mr. John Smith, who, in a neat and witty speech, formally opened the show. Mr. Stuttard on behalf of the society responded. Accrington committee has created a record by getting the catalogues with awards in the hands of exhibitors as far afield as Manchester on the day of judging. The 129 entries comprised the cream of the cracks in championship classes, while some splendid birds were also exhibited by the amateurs. All the birds were sent off by seven o'clock on Saturday night. Mr. J. Treugove judged, and gave general satisfaction.

YELL. CK. (8): 1, Hyde's spl., 2, c, Crawshaw, cl., grand head and neck, good wings, shows well; 2nd, eyes and wing mkd., hot col., grand shape, full of bloom; 3, 4, Cook, head mkd., rare shape, good wings and tail well carried; 4th, cl. hot col., nice head, cobby, close up; vhc, Thomas; hc, Kaberry. BUFF (8): 1, Crawshaw, varieg., hot col., rare shape, grand cond.; 2, Hirst, well-known varieg., perfect shape and qual., fails in col. only; 3, Seed, varieg., grand qual., nice shape; 4, Sutton, cl., good head, nice feather and col.; vhc, Chilton; hc, Kaberry; c, Thomas. HEN (15): 1, Hirst, cl. yell., rare size, full of col., grand head, beautiful feather, gem; 2, Cook, cl. buff, good head, hot col., nice shape; 3, Thomas, cl. buff, grand shape, deep full chest, grand hen, close up; 4, c, Crawshaw, cl. yell., good shape, nice qual., size and carr.; vhc, Braybrook; hc, Blease and Son. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, Turner, Preston winner in new hands, full of col., very stylish, bold front; 2, Airton, nice head, full neck, good wings; 3, Cook, cobby shape, good head and neck, nice feather; 4, Grainger, nice qual. and shape, rather slim; vhc, Sutton; hc, Crawshaw; c, Watson. BUFF (13): 1, Cook, rare head, full neck, bold front, full of col.; 2, Braybrook, tick head, well up in size, good feather; 3, Chilton, nice type, good shape and qual.; 4, hc, Hirst, cl., red-hot, good head, full neck, plenty of size, we preferred for 2nd; vhc, Blease and Son. UNFLIG. HEN (21): 1, 4, Crawshaw, wing mkd. buff, cobby, grand feather, bold front; 4th, cl. yell., gem, Bradford winner; 2, Cook, cl. buff, good col. and shape, nice head, fine hen; 3, Turner, tick yell., pale col., grand head, bold front; vhc, Huggins; hc, Blease and Son; c, Thomas. AMAT., YELL. CK. (14): 1, Spencer, cl., nice shape, good head, wings well braced; 2, Stuttard, eye and neck tick, beautiful feather, more size, bit pinched in head, still we preferred to winner; 3, Watts, cl., nice feather, good shape; 4, Wilkinson, cl., good shape, well up in size and subs., fails in col. only; vhc, Tose; hc, Cook and Son; c, Catlow. BUFF (20): 1, Wharton, varieg., bold head and neck, nice feather; 2, Metcalfe, variegated, full of col., nice qual., good type; 3, vhc, Stuttard, cl., nice feather, good head, not ready, will improve; hc, Cook and Son; c, Waddington. HEN (22): 1, Cook, cl. yell., nice type, good chest, shows well; 2, Watts, yell., tick shoulder, more size, nice head, bold front, bad in wing carr.; 3, Stuttard, cap mkd. yell., grand shape, nice feather, unflig., Preston winner; 4, Cook and Son, nice qual. of feather, good shape; vhc, Wharton; hc, Spencer; c, Catlow.

WIBSEY C.B.S.

Members' show Horse and Groom Inn, Oct. 9. Mr. L. C. Casey judged. Cl. Yell. Ck.: 1, Farrer; 2, 3, Pickup; 4, Crowther; vhc, Foster Hanson; hc, Chapman. Buff: 1, 4, Farrer; 2, Chapman; 3, Ormondroyd. Uneven Yell. Ck.: 1, Pickup; 2, Chapman; 3, Crowther. Buff: 1, F. Sutcliffe; 2, D. Sutcliffe; 3, 4, Chapman; vhc, Fred. Hanson. Cl. Yell. Hen: 1, Fred. Hanson; 2, Chapman; 3, Ormondroyd; 4, Pickup; vhc, Farrer; hc, D. Sutcliffe; c, Foster Hanson. Buff: 1, Fred. Hanson; 2, Chapman; 3, Farrer; 4, D. Sutcliffe; vhc, Crowther; hc, Ormondroyd; c, Foster Hanson. Uneven Mkd. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Crowther; 3, Fred. Hanson. Buff: 1, Fred. Hanson; 2, D. Sutcliffe; 3, Farrer. Foul Mkd. Hen: 1, Fred. Hanson; 2, Crowther; 3, Ormondroyd.—Fred. Hanson, Assist.-Sec.

EAST ARDSLEY C.B.S.

3rd members' show of the season. There was not a very large entry owing to birds not being through the moult, but the birds were of good quality. Mr. P. Jowett, Bradford, judged, and gave every satisfaction. Linnet (6): 1, Walton; 2, Summers; 3, vhc, Burnell; hc, A. Bedford; c, Summers. Greenf.: 1, 2, Burnell; 3, Walton; vhc, Summers; hc, Pyrah. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, Walton; 2, Pyrah. Redpoll, Etc.: 1, Burnell; 2, Summers; 3, Walton; vhc, D. Bedford; hc, c, A. Bedford. A.O.V.: 1, 3, vhc, Burnell; 2, Walton; hc, A. Bedford; c, Summers. Mr. Burnell takes honours with 21 points; Walton, 18; Summers, 13. Society prizes up to date: Burnell, 58; Walton, 36; Summers, 32; Pyrah, 15; Waind, 13; Kendrew, 13; Crossley, 8; A. Bedford, 8; D. Bedford, 6; Armitage, 1; Humberstone, 1.—A. Walton, Sec.

CHELTENHAM.

The Cheltenham C.B.S. held their annual show Nov. 3 and 4, in the Highbury Schools, a splendid place for a bird show, being well lighted from the top and entirely free from all draught. Entries totalled over 800, and quality all round was most excellent, as is usually the case at this popular and well managed fixture. Crests and Crestbreds again made a grand display, and well maintained the prestige this show has held for these popular varieties for so many years. Norwich, Yorks., and Borders were strong numerically, and many really high-class exhibits were staged. British and Hybrids were also first-class in numbers and quality. Foreign birds were a grand and interesting collection, and were staged in a nice, roomy and warm ante-room, and seemed to afford the many visitors much interest and pleasure. Sales were good, over £90 worth changing hands. Two Crests were claimed at £25 each. We noticed well-known fanciers from all parts, and all seemed to be pleased with the show and the management. Of the latter it seems almost superfluous to write, as the society has held such a high reputation for so many years, and this year was certainly not an exception. Mr. A. S. Treasure was again the same energetic and courteous hon. sec. as of yore. Mr. W. Pounsett, as hon. assist. secretary and show manager, worked long and hard to make the venture what it undoubtedly was, a great success. The other officials were: President, Mr. W. W. Theobald; vice-pres., Mrs. Ringer, Mrs. Theobald, Mrs. Rogerson, Messrs. E. Rogerson, Callimore, Colonel Routh, and T. J. King; committee, Messrs. Child, Hiles, Hamlin, Stevens, Williams, Brown, Elston, Steel, Lewis, Hands, C. Stubbs, G. Stubbs, Cox, James, and Mitchell, with Mr. J. Madegan as chairman. We should mention that the profits from the show go to the Red Cross Fund. Messrs. J. Robson and J. H. Payne judged, and were provided with a hard day's work.

MR. J. H. PAYNE'S CLASSES.

CREST, BUFF CK. (16): 1, Evins Bros., large, round, well formed, drooping crest, well to beak end, good back and centre, nice body; 2, Colledge, grand circular crest, well radiated and good droop, nice centre, some feathers in crest in pipe, or might have won; 3, Kilminster, green, close fitting drooping crest, well radiated, nice quality; 4, King, good frontal; vhc, Beal; hc, Ryder; c, Guy. BUFF C.B. (20), grand class: 1, Bale, clear, wealth of head feather, long and wide, good skull and entrance, in grand form; 2, Dobson, another good one, grand skull and entrance, well feathered, thick set body, not quite the bloom of leader; 3, vhc, Kilminster, green, rare length of head feathers, good skull; 4, Onslow, Miss, nice entrance and skull; he, Bewick; c, Joyce. YELL. CREST (4): 1, 4, King, green, good, wide frontal, nice droop and well filled all round, neat centre; 4, heaten frontal, nice at back; 2, 3, Evins Bros., wing marked, nice circular crest, good droop, centre in pipe; 3, wing mkd., close up, again not quite ready. BUFF C.B. (Bred 1915) (11): 1, Bale, wonderful head feather, good shaped skull, wide entrance, grand qual.; 2, vhc, Evins Bros., green, grand skull formation, and wide entrance, long feather and plenty of it, but not quite so profuse over beak; 3, Edwards, good body, well lashed skull, nice length of head feather; 4, Colledge, green, long and dense head feather, capital back, skull, not quite so wide at entrance; hc, c, Joyce. YELL. C.B., 1915 (1): 1, Evins Bros., variegd., good skull and turnover for a yellow. NOVICE CREST (7): 1, 2, Mayhew, clear body, D.C., nice thick, drooping crest, neat centre, good frontal; 2, green, good frontal but not the droop; 3, 4, Steel, good frontal, not quite ready yet; 4, neat round crest, nice veiny feather; vhc, Wilson; hc, James. NOR. CL. OR IND. TKD. YELL. (14): 1, Spillman, plenty of subs., full wide chest and back, short wings and tail, level col.; 2, Miles, lovely head, grand col. and qual., wings well braced, neat tail, with a bit more chest would be bad to beat; 3, Collings, nice shape and qual., good back, wings, and tail, not quite the col.; 4, c, Stubbs Bros., good, beaten in wing carr.; vhc, Stephenson; hc, Jones and Davies. MKD. OR VARIEG. (18): 1, vhc, Houghton, well-known buff, saddle mkd., looking very fit; 2, 3, Stubbs, tkd. and saddle mkd. yells., both lovely feather and qual., good in shape and wing carr., in grand order; 4, Davies, neck and wing tkd. buff, good shape and subs., nice wings and tail, good feather; hc, Jones; c, Tedstone. UNFLIG. BUFF (16): 1, 3, Houghton, cl., grand size and shape, round as a ball, short wings and tail, lovely col. and feather, nice head and neck, a storming youngster; 3, grizzled head, another good one, fine shape, col. and qual.; 2, Stubbs, magnificent qual. and col., good shape, nice back and chest, neat head, not quite so short in wings; 4, C. W. Silk, good shape, nice col. and feather, neat wings and tail; vhc, Noyce; hc, Collins; c, Wood. BUFF HEN (13): 1, 2, Davies, regular model leading, round, full smooth chest, lovely head and neck, short wings and tail, grand feather and qual., a bit more size and then! 2, good shape, nice head and neck, neat wings and tail; 3, Wood, variegd. and good size and shape, fine chest, wings and tail, loses in head; 4, hc, Houghton, good col. and feather, excellent shape; vhc, Stubbs Bros.; c, Collings. NOV. NOR. YELL. (11): 1, 3, Mitchell, hot col., nice type; 3, shapely, loses head and neck; 2, Matthews, good shape, nice all round bird; 4, Parker Bros. again not a bad one; vhc, Bell; hc, Parkin Miss; c, Wolfreys. UNFLIG. (13): 1, 2, hc, Mitchell, good shaped yell., nice col. and qual., neat tail and wings; 2, good tkd. buff, nice col. and qual.; 3, 4, James, full of qual., good type; 4, shapely buff, beaten feather; vhc, c, Wolfreys. YORKS, BUFF, CL. OR TKD. (12): 1, Owen, grand feather and style, nice wings and pipe tail, well drawn; 2, Routh, well on leg, nice back, not quite so tight in feather; 3, Davis, good feather and shape, not quite so good in pos.; 4, Parker, hot col. and good feather, nice length and stand; vhc, Lane; hc, Thompson; c, Boundy. UNFLIG. MKD., ETC. (21): 1, Thomson, grand positioned yell., good length and shape, well on leg, long flights and tail, smooth as glass; 2, Lane, nice pos., yell., good feather and col., nice back, not quite the length; 3, c, Greenslade, lengthy, good feathered buff, capital wings and tail; 4, Tozer Bros., lovely feathered, variegd. buff, full of qual.; vhc, Clift; hc, Hale. BUFF HEN (11): 1, Schofield, check tkd., smooth as glass, good length and pos., neat tail, and well packed flights; 2, Lane, wing mkd., lovely col. and qual., nice style; 3, 4, Greenslade, cl., good pos., well feathered, nice back, wings and tail, close up; 4, lovely feather and shapely, loses length; vhc, Hale; hc, Pinnel; c, Parker. A.V. HEN (5): 1, Troke; 2, Stacey; 3, Parker Bros., a trio of nice shapely hens. BORD. BUFF CK. CL. ETC. (17): 1, 2, Madagan, two gems, leader has the pull in col., both sweet shape and grandly feathered, jaunty carr., neat heads, wings and tails; 3, Last, sweet shape, good wings and tail, neat head, well and carr., close up; hc, Elston; c, Bennett. BUFF HEN (15): 1, 4, Madagan, lovely feather and col., grand shape and cond., neat, close fitting jacket; 4, nice shape and good carr.; 2, Last, sweet shape, nice head, carr., and feather, good wings and tail; 3, Bennett, grandly feathered, nice head, back and wings, good style; vhc, Owen; hc, Pratt; c, Philpot. GREEN OR CINN. (5): 1, Perry, good feathered, shapely yell. cinn., nice bright col.; 2, 3, Bacon, yell. green, good feather, col. and shape; 3, buff green, nice qual., neat wings and tail; 4, Bobbett, shapely yell. cinn.; vhc, Elston. NOV. BUFF CK. (15): 1, hc, Beard, head and neck mkd., capital shape and well feathered, good col. and style; 2, Edington, nice col., shapely; 3, Humphries, good feather and shape, shade flat on head; 4, Daniels, nice feather; vhc, Thomas; c, Hewelt. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, Mills, yell. cinn., great depth of col., and sound, good head, well weathered; 2, 3, Burgess, two clear-capped Lizards, well rowed, nice col.; 4, vhc, Medlin, nice yell. cinn.; hc, Routh; c, Collins. BRIT. BULLF. (19): 1, 4, Poole, grand cap, bars, well defined, shapely body, of good size, nice coloured breast, very steady; 4, grand cap and bars; 2, Lucas Bros., nice feather, good cap, bars, and back, steady; 3, hc Lloyd James, grand col. breast, nice cap and bars, loses size; vhc, Edwards; c, Tonks. LINNET (15): 1, 4, c, Dalton, Mrs., leader, a gem, grand shape, size and feather, full of work and col., hard to find fault anywhere; 4, nice feather and col., good whites; 2, Parlett, good col. and shape, well pencilled, nice back and whites; 3, Nicholas, grand feather, nice back, well pencilled; vhc, Routh; hc, Watt. A.O. HARD. (12): 1, 2, Collins, Yellow Bunting, rare size and shape, good col. and feather, well marked; 2, good feathered and capital col. Hawfinch, well barred; 3, Lucas, nice feathered and well spangled Bramble., good col. and cond.; 4, Jeffreys, Chaff., lovely feather, nice col., good shape; vhc, Tonks; hc, Brown; c, Chick. CAN. HYB. CL. ETC. (13): 1, Parlett, "White Rose," not looking so well as we have seen it; 2, Gilbert, lightly tkd. buff Goldie, grandly feathered, clean cut; 3, Ball, lightly mkd. Greenie, good col., shape, and feather; 4, Collins, four pointed Goldie, grand col. and feather; vhc, Lamb; hc, Jeffreys; c, Slocombe. DK. GREENF., Etc. (7): 1, Tonks, Siskin, yell., good size and shape, nice feather and markings; 2, Parlett, bouncing Greenie, shapely, nice col.; 3, vhc, Jones and Davies, Siskin., nice feather; 4, Gilbert, Greenf., good shape and col.; hc, Rogerson; c, Collins.

MR. J. ROBSON'S CLASSES.

BUFF CREST CK. CL. BODY (4): 1, Evins Bros., large body, good shaped dark crest, clear win, splendid feather; 2, Dobson, grey, fine crest, but just loses in width; 3, Gilbert, dark crest, bit long, but good qual.; 4, H. Steel. BUFF CREST. HEN (11): 1, Mrs. Macqueen, heavily variegd., large round thick crest, fine specimen; 2, Ryder, grand crest, nearly clear body, fine front, not quite the width of winner; 3, hc, Kilminster, variegd, lovely crest, but loses a little in size; 4, c, Evins Bros.; vhc, King. BUFF C.B. HEN (9): 1, Allen, green, noble head properties, short and thick in body; 2, Kilminster, nearly green, good length of head feather, in fine cond.; 3, hc, Bale, variegd., rather narrower in entrance, grand head feather; 4, Rev. Joyce, fine bird; vhc, Miss Onslow; c, King. YELL. C.B. (4): 1, Evins Bros., variegd., grand neck and body, good length of head feather; 2, King, nearly green, good turnover, stylish; 3, T. Gilbert, nice subs.; 4, Mrs. Macqueen. BUFF CREST, 1915 (13): 1, Evins Bros., variegd., large wide spreading crest, gem, quickly claimed for £25; 2, vhc, hc, Miss Onslow, grand, mkd. one wing, immense crest, heavy frontal; 3, 4, Colledge; 3rd, marked one wing, very fascinating lady, with well arranged bonnet; c, Mrs. Macqueen. YELL. CREST, 1915 (5): 1, Evins Bros., extraordinary green, crest as large as that of moss of the winning buffs, very much liked; 2, 3, King, leader, mkd. one wing, good headpiece, not quite so wide as winner, but a grand specimen, latter green, very neat, splendid qual.; 4, Rev. Joyce, another nice bird; vhc, G. Dobson. CINN. (5): 1, Gilbert, Redfed buff, large crest, but bit hairy; 2, Col. Routh, very nice buff hen, some preferred to winner; 3, 4, vhc, King, leader, yell., long frontal crest, not yet fine. NOV. C.B. (3): 1, Mrs. Macqueen, tkd. buff, wide head, well thatched, large body; 2, 3, Steel, good size, long head feather. NOR. CL. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Houghton, Plymouth winner, in good form, rare head and neck, nice moulded body, neat wings and tail, good col.; 2, 4, Stubbs Bros., former nice head and neck, neat wings and tails, not quite the subs.; 3, Silk, nice feather and col.; vhc, c, Noyce; hc, Richards. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, 3, Tristem, leader, neat head and neck, nicely filled in at back, good col., minus one claw, latter nicely moulded, neat wings and tail, fine head and neck, hardly finished yet; 2, Noyce, nice col., neat head, fine moulded body; 4, Stubbs Bros., good stamp; vhc, Dr. Woods; hc, Collins; c, Rippon. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Tristem, cl., good width of skull, well up in size, wins nicely; 2, Jones, cl., fine type, rather pale in col., neat head and neck, nice wing carr.; 3, Bastock, fine hen, good size, but rather loose in feather when we saw her; 4, Wills, also a good one; vhc, Stubbs Bros.; hc, Spillman; c, Jones and Davies. UNFLIG. HEN (13): 1, Noyce, buff, neat head and neck, well filled in back, but a bit too much behind the perch; 2, Stubbs Bros., clear yell., nice col. and shape, neat wings and tail; 3, Redwood, very stylish, not quite the subs.; 4, Wren, another good young hen; vhc, Lovegrove; hc, c, Houghton. NOV. BUFF (9): 1, Mitchell, buff, good head, nice cheeks, neatly braced wings and tail; 2, Dr. Weeks, neat head and neck, nicely moulded body; 3, O. C. Smith, good shape, fair size; 4, Pounsett; vhc, Wolfreys; hc, Bell; c, Matthews. YORKS. YELL. CK. (15): 1, Pritchard, grand length and style, neat head, well up on legs, lovely quality; 2, Weeks, another beauty, fine length, grand pose; 3, Boundy, stylish, nicely braced wings, sound col., well up on legs; 4, Thomson; hc, H. Smith; c, Davies. VARIEG. (10): 1, Hoyle, fine length, lovely head and neck, nice bit of shoulder, well up on legs; 2, Lane, good length, well braced, wings nicely moulded; 3, vhc, Weeks, slim and well feathered, neat head and wings; 4, Bale; hc, Pritchard. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Gregory, grand length, beautifully cut away, neat head and wings, sound col.; 2, Harrison, lovely type and style, nice head and shoulders, good back; 3, Greenslade, grand bird for length and style; 4, Owen; vhc, H. Smith; hc, Clift; c, Hale. NOV. CK. (13): 1, Davies, fine stamp, well drawn, nice length, well up on legs; 2, Pinnell, good length, nicely moulded, neat wings and tail; 3, Parker Bros., nice type, neat shoulders, well drawn; 4, Hoyle; vhc, Wordley; hc, Cox; c, Blackmore. BORD. YELL. CK. (16): 1, 2, Madagan, both clears, Plymouth and Liverpool winner, takes sp. best Bord. in show, wonderful col., neat head, wings, and tail; 2, almost as good, hard to separate; 3, Jenkins, neat head, neat wings and tail, nicely moulded, close up; 4, Bennett; vhc, Burton Bros.; hc, c, Pratt. YELL. HEN (15): 1, 3, Madagan, Manchester and Liverpool winner, grand hen, best of shape, good head and neck, stately, steady as a rock, neat head, grand wings and tail; 2, Watts, yell., rich col., boxy feather, good wing carr., piped tail, well up on leg, very steady; 3, hc, Barker, buff, on the strong side, good head, clean on chest, piped tail, well up on leg, fine pos.; 4, Carlisle; vhc, Dixon. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, Watts, pale col., good head, long flights and tail, boxy feather, good head, stands well up, at times crosses wings a little; 2, Crawhall, rich level col., neat head, clean on breast, grand wings, piped tail, very showy, we liked; 3, Dykes, neat and full of qual., well on leg, long flights and piped tail, wants a little more time to steady it; 4, Carlisle, cinn. mkd., full of qual.; vhc, Leck; hc, Wearmouth; c, Stewart. BUFF (3): 1, Crawhall, pale col., good head, nice back, good wing carr., piped tail, boxy feather, shows a little open on breast at times; 2, Carlisle, rich level col., nice type, good head, wings and tail, boxy feather; 3, Leck, uneven mkd., grand type, lovely col. and feather, well up on leg, wings well braced to side, piped tail; 4, Simeson, tick in head, pale in col., boxy feather, very stylish; vhc, Cook and Hood; hc, Taylor; c, Barker. YORKS., NOV., BUFF (7): 1, Smith, pale col., full of qual., long flights and piped tail, very stylish; 2, Linfoot, rich col., type, and qual.; 3, Dixon, cinn. mkd., lovely qual., well on leg, long flights and tail, good head; 4, Havis; vhc, Graham; hc, Gray; c, Hird. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Cresswell, buff, well up on leg, nice wing and tail, good head, level col.; 2, Hind, yell., tkd. on head, rich level col. grand wings and piped tail; 3, Havis, yell., grizzled wing, nice type, full of qual., neat head, grand wings and tail; 4, Blackburn, yell., pale col., nice type and qual.; vhc, c, Leach; hc, Graham. NOV. HEN (6): 1, Havis, yell. var., lovely qual, of feather, nice wings and tail, well up on leg; 2, Hind, cap and eyes marked, boxy feather, well placed wings, piped tail; 3, Leach, cl. buff, boxy feather, neat round head, nice pos.; 4, hc, Dodsworth; vhc, Graham. HYB. OR LIGHT MULE (6): 1, sp, best Mule or Brit., also sp, best in show, Maddison, clear Goldie-Can, in the pink of condition; 2, Dr. Wilson, Linnet-Bullie, a grand bird, in lovely cond.; 3, 4, Maddison, Can.-Greenie, grand bird, well benched; 4, Linnet-Can., grand size; vhc Robinson; hc Gentlemen. DARK (3): 1, Shorney, Greenf.-Can, rare size and cond; 2, Maddison, Goldie-Can., in the pink; 3, Dr. Wilson, Greenf.-Can., nice cond., not so large as winner; 4, Priest, Sis.-Can.; vhc,

MR. H. W. BATTYE'S CLASSES.

NOR., CL. OR TKD. BUFF (7): 1, Holden, good head, fine neck and breast, grand wings, short tail, full of qual., true to type; 2, Thomas, fine round head, short wings, well placed, good chest, level col., full of qual., close up to winner; 3, Cook and Hood, lovely qual. of feather, good head, wings well placed, short tail, very cobby; 4, Archbold and Lascelles, full of col. and quality, shade small; vhc, Rev. Bennett; hc, Bibby; c, Huggins. TKD. OR VARIEG. (13): 1, sp, best Nov., Watson, tkd. on head, short and cobby, good head, fine wing carr., level col. throughout, boxy feather, wins; 2, Thomas, eye tick, hot col., boxy feather, good head and chest; 3, Brown, buff, rich level col., nice wing carr., short and compact, full of qual.; 4, hc, Bibby; vhc, Carr; c, Pierson. HENS (14): 1, Brown, yell. eyes and wing, mkd., rich level col., short and cobby, full of qual., good head and breast; 2, Thomas, buff, tkd., rare size and qual., grand short wings, good head and neck, close up; 3, Pierson, yell., cl., nice boxy feather full of qual., level col.; 4, Bibby; vhc, Wake; hc, Carr; c, Wilson. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Brown, good head and chest, rich level col., chubby, full of qual.; 2, Thomas, nice type, boxy feather, short wings and tail; 3, Watson, head, neck and wings mkd., lovely col., full of qual., nice head and chest, short wings and tail; 4, Holden; vhc, Ronald; hc, Rev. Bennett; c, Arnison. BUFF. (7): 1, Watson, cl., good head, fine size, full of qual., nice wing carr.; 2, Holden, nice type, bit smaller than winner, wonderful qual. of feather; 3, Carr, dark cap, little hollow in back, full of qual., nice wing carr., good head; 4, Pierson; vhc, Cook and Hood; hc, Rev. Bennett; c, Arnison. NOV. NOR. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Hermon; 2, vhc, Lines; 3, no name; 4, hc, Winter. NOV. NOR. CK. (5): 1, Hermon; 2, no name; 3, Stamp; 4, vhc, Winter; hc, Lines. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (9): 1, hc, Hay, medal winner, grand type, beautiful wing carr., good head, lovely qual.; 2, Smart wing mkd., boxy feather, nice type; 3, Brown, neat head, nice wing and tail, full of qual.; 4, McLaughlin; vhc, c, Watson; hc, Espill. BUFF (9): 1, hc, Watson, cl., neat head, nice wings, neat tail, full of qual., wins; 2, 4, Bennett, cl., very showy, neat round head, well placed wings, full of qual.; 3, Purvis, cl., very neat, nice type, good head and wings; 4, Bennett, tkd. on head, very stylish, and full of qual. HEN (10): 1, 2, Watson, gems, 1st cl. buff, good head, nice wings and tail, full of qual.; 2, buff, boxy feather, very stylish, neat head and neck; 3, Purvis, yell mkd. head and neck, boxy feather, good wings, neat tail; 4, Smart; vhc, Bennett; hc, McLaughlin; c, Hay. MKD. CK. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Watson, buff eye, wing and cheek mkd., lovely type and qual.; 2, yell. eye and wing mkd., lovely qual; 3, Hay, buff eyes and wing, neat head, grand wings and tail, very typical; 4, Purves. HEN (5): 1, 4, best nov. sp., Watson, eye and wings mkd.; 2, Bennett; 3, Purvis; vhc, Espie.

MR. NICHOLSON'S CLASSES.

GOLDF. (12): 1, Carr, good square blaze, nice bars and buttons, good cond.; 2, 3, Almond; 2, smaller, rare cond., nice blaze, bars and buttons; 3, neat bird, very steady, not so rich in col. as winner; 4, Jobling, neat bird, good bars and buttons, wants more time; vhc, Hearfield; hc, Dr. M. A. Wilson; c, Robinson. LINNET (21): 1, vhc, Wright, 1, nicely pencilled, rich col., pink of cond.; 2, Sergt. J. Foster, rich col., well pencilled, in fine col. and marking; 4, Johnson; hc, Hunt; c, Dr. Wilson. GREENFINCH (16): 1, Stewart, good head and chest, grand wings and tail, very chubby; 2, Smurthwaite, good head, chest, nice col., very steady; 3, Hughes, very clean made, fine head and neck; 4, Carr; vhc, McPhearson; vhc, Jobling; c, Gentlemen. SISKIN, ETC. (19): 1, Johnson, Siskin, nice bib, lovely col. and marking; 2, Wright, Redpoll, very neat, good cond.; 3, Montague, Twite, lovely col. and pencilling; 4, Hunt, Redpoll; vhc, Cresswell; hc, Jobling; c, Handley. CHAFFINCH OR BRAMBLE. (15): 1, Waters, Chaffinch; 2, Smurthwaite, Bramble.; 3, Sergt. Foster, Chaffinch; 4, Gentlemen, Bramble.; vhc, hc, Hooper; c, McPherson. BRIT. HEN (10): 1, 3, Sergt. Foster, Bullfinch and Bramble; 2, Montague, Thrush; 4, R. and J. Gentlemen, Bunting; vhc, Hooper; hc, Dr. M. A. Wilson; c, Bearby. A.O. SEEDEATERS; Wright, fine Yellowhammer, nice type, rare size, markings, and col.; 2, Wilcock, Hawfinch, good bib, rich col., grand cond.; 3, Lowes, Yellowhammer, good cond., very rich col., nicely mkd.; 4, Shorney Hawfinch; vhc, Stothart; hc, Dr. M. A. Wilson. SCOTBILL (4): 1, Wright, lovely Blackbird, grand cond.; 2, Coombs, Shrike; 3, Gray, Missel Thrush; 4, Montague, Cornish Chough; SMALL FOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Almond; vhc, Bulmer; hc, Johnson.

HARTLEPOOLS.

The Hartlepools C.B.S. held their eleventh annual show in St. George's Hall, Nov. 6. We were sorry to see that the entries did not turn up as was expected, between 400 and 500 birds faced the judges. We missed our friend Mr. Pyman, who has joined His Majesty's Service. The late Sec., Mr. Woodhead called in, and had a look round, and we saw a few other old friends during the afternoon. In the Yorkshire section some really good birds were benched, Mr. Dykes's buff winning special for best Yorks. Norwich were a fine lot, Mr. Watson's buff ticked winning special for best Norwich. In Borders some of the birds were real gems, and were put down in the pink of condition, Mr. Hay won the Club medal, also the 5s. special for best Border with his yellow cock. Mules and Hybrids turned out poor in number, only 14 entries in the two classes, but some good birds were benched. Mr. Maddison won special for best mule or British, also special for best bird in show with his clear Goldie-Canary mule, and we must give Mr. Maddison praise for the way he staged his birds, both birds and cages were as clean as a new pin, an object lesson in the proper way to stage exhibition birds. British came out the best section in the show, and some really good birds were to be seen. Mr. J. W. Thornton, the sec., had the birds well staged, and he was ably assisted by a hard working staff of fanciers. The judges were: Mr. W. Mundell, Yorks. and Mules; Mr. Battye, Nor. and Bord.; Mr. Nicholson, Brit. and Foreign.

MR. W. MUNDELL'S CLASSES.

YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Stewart, good head, nice wing carr., piped tail, well up on leg, full of qual., pos. A1; 2, Cook and Hood, rich col., boxy feather, good head and neck, clean on breast, very stylish, grand wings, piped tail; 3, Crawhall, very typical, rare length, neat head, true to type; 4, Dykes, looks a nice bird but down when we saw it; vhc, Carlisle; hc, Rev. Bennett; c, Barker. BUFF (11): 1, sp, best Yorks., Dykes, a gem, we liked very much, good head, clean on breast, nice wing carr., piped tail, well on leg, very typical and steady; 2, Wearmouth, blaze of col., boxy feather, long flight and tail, neat round head, typical; 3, Taylor, pale col., full of qual., well placed wings, fine pos., just fails on breast; 4, Watts, stands well up on good leg; nice qual. of feather, good wing carr. very steady; vhc, Bibby; hc, Leck; c, Barker. TKD. OR VAR. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Simeson, check mkd., pale col., nice wing carr., piped tail, rare length, pos., A1; 2, Taylor, cap mkd., rich level col., nice wings and tail, very typical, little open on breast; 3, Dixon, cheek mkd., blaze of col., good wings, stylish; 4, Crawhall, eye and wings, pale col., good head and wings; vhc, Leck. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Crawhall, pale col., eye mkd., grand type, feathered like glass, good round head, grand wing carr., piped tail; 3, cap mkd., rich level col., very stylish, good head and back, clean breast, wings well placed, neatly folded tail, typical; 3, Carlisle, variegd., on the stout side, good head, wings and tail, well up on leg, full of qual.; 4, Wilson; vhc, Dykes. HEN, A.V., YORKS. (10): 1, c, Crawhall, cl. buff feather, like box, grand pos., very

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latter not quite the finish, but will improve; 2, Bennett, another very nice exhibit, excellent shape, good col., jaunty carr.; 4, Elston; vhc, c, Pratt; hc, Last. NOV. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Hewitt, good head, wings and tail, well filled in, in splendid order; 2, Wall, cl., good head and neck, neat wings and tail; 3, Edgington, yell. green, neatly moulded body, hard lines to have to show against clears; 4, Lapworth; vhc, Stafford; hc, Beard; c, Hutchinson. MKD. (13): 1, Last, 3-ptd. yell., grand col., good back, and wing, lovely feather; 2, 3, Elston, eye and wing mkd. buff, grand head, neat wings and tail, close up; 3, good eye mkd. yell.; 4, Jenkins; vhc, Tedstone; hc, Bennett; c, Burton Bros. HEN (16): 1, Hutchinson, cl. buff, nice boxy feather, good shape, head, wings, and tail, well filled in; 2, Hoddinott, another cl. buff, good col. and shape, nice jaunty carr., close up; 3, Morgan and Thomas, fine cl. buff, not the col., but good in head and neck; 4, Stafford; vhc, Daniels; hc, Humphries; c, Williams. BRIT. GOLDF. (14): 1, Bobbett, good square blaze, well up in col., beautifully tanned and buttoned, claimed at catalogue price; 2, E. Collins, good square blaze, not yet up in col.; 3, Wren, not so large in blaze, good cond.; 4, hc, Col. Routh; vhc, Stocombe; c, Gough. GREEN (8): 1, Lloyd James, rare size and shape, rich in colour, smooth as a bottle, a beauty; 3, Jeffreys, good subs. and feather, capital shape and col.; 3, Brown, nice col., neat shape, close up; 4, Winstone and Lovell; vhc, Mrs. Dalton; hc, Large; c, Poole. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, vhc, Mrs. Dalton, lovely Twite, not particularly large, but very shapely, well laced throughout; 2, Jeffreys, Siskin, grand, bold shape, neat head, lovely rich col, well mkd.; 3, Tonks, another Siskin, good shape, fair size, nice col.; 4, Rees; hc, Parlett; c, Lloyd. HARD. (13): 1, Lugg, magnificent Bramble, wonderful col., richly mkd., well laced back, in fine cond.; 2, Chick, Yellow Bunting, wonderful size, very shapely, well mkd. throughout; 3, W. Collins, another good Bramble., in grand trim; 4, hc, Caunt; vhc, Wren; c, Jeffreys. CAN. HYB. DK. (9): 1, Parlett, Jonque Goldie, fine size and shape, lovely col.; 2, 4, vhc, Jeffrey, Jonque, Goldie; 3rd, nice cl., and cond. not quite the subs. of leader; 3, Lamb, Jonque Linnet, lovely col. and mkgs., must have pressed hard; hc, Wren; c, F. Collins. A.O.V. HYB. (13): 1, hc, Lamb, Greenfinch-Chaff., lovely col., nice size and shape, in sound cond.; 2, 4, Gilbert, Green.-Bullf., rare size and shape, magnificent col., beauty; 3, c, F. Collins, Redpoll-Goldf., sweet exhibit, in tip-top form; vhc, Ball. FOR. BUDG., ETC. (9): 1, hc, c, Silver, Blue-winged Love-birds, beautifully matched, grand col., fine cond.; 2, 4, Shipton, Budgerigars, fine size, very rich col., nicely spangled; 3, vhc, Col. Routh, Budgerigars, beautifully matched, fine cond. PARROTS, ETC. (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Rogerson, leader, very rare Hybrid, Rosehill—Mealy Rosella, magnificent bird, choice combination of colours, in wonderful cond.; 2, Pennant Parrakeet, faultless; 3, Canary-winged Parrakeet, very fine specimen, lovely cond. WAXBILLS, ETC. (7): 1, 3, hc, Col. Routh, 1st, Lavender Finches, grand, col., lovely cond.; 3 Golden-breasted Waxbills, lovely cond.; 2, Silver, also Golden-breasted, beautiful col., tip-top cond.; 4, vhc, F. Howe; c, Treasure. WEAVERS, ETC. (9): 1, 2, vhc, 1, Col. Routh, White-headed Nun, in tip-top form, lovely shape and col.; 3, F. Howe, in good fettle; 4, hc, Silver; c, Rogerson. A.O. SEED-EATER (10): 1, Silver, Ultramarine Combasson, lovely col.; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Col. Routh; 2, Rainbow Bunting, faultless plumage, lovely exhibit; 3, Chinese Bunting, in fine cond. INSECTIV. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Col. Routh, 1, Yellow-winged Sugar Bird, magnificent, in wonderful cond.; 2, charming Necklace Tanager; 3, Red-eared Bulbul, faultless, lovely col.

LEICESTER.

Sixteenth annual show of Leicester Hand-in-Hand, Nov. 6, 8, White Swan Hotel, Market Place, an ideal room for an exhibition, being well lighted, free from draughts, and of good size. Entries were not quite so numerous as usual, but the 12 classes contained some charming specimens, Messrs. Houghton and Stubbs Bros. showing excellent teams in the pink of condition; the 3 Yorkshire classes were grandly filled, and made a very pleasing display, competition being very keen, the Burton whining yell. again standing clear away. The entry in the British was hardly so good as we have seen at Burton, but several cracks put in appearance, and were again well to the front. The arrangements were again capital, the exhibits being splendidly staged, so that every one could be seen at a glance. A special word of praise is due to the splendid band of stewards. No society could have a better lot, each one taking great interest in his duties, and sticking to it throughout the day, and no stone was left unturned. Judging was made rather later than intended on account of the railway company not delivering after 7 p.m. on Friday, which made it well into the afternoon before the last slips were handed in, but catalogues were on sale with awards in a very few minutes after the slips were handed in. The Society have still the services of Mr. Freestone as sec., and he is an ideal man at the post. Specials were won as follows:—Best bird, Houghton; Unflg. Buff, Members' Cup, Allen; Sandiford's Medal, Stubbs Bros.; Hyde's Special, Gilbert. Mr. J. Trengove judged Canaries, and Mr. H. J. Chick, British, etc.

NOR. NAT. COL. (11): 1, Yates, big shapely varieg. buff, good size, body, and col., neat head, well filled in neck, rare feather; 2, Judd, good shape, size, and col., varieg. yell., neat head, good wings and tail, beautiful feather and qual., close up; 3, Hathaway, varieg. yell., good body and shape, nice front, neat broad head, broad head, well across perch, well staged; vhc, Pitchford; hc, Gibbins; c, Howe. YELL. (10): 1, Fox, massive, good col. cl., neat head, nice body, long enough wings and tail, rare feather and qual.; 2, Hathaway, thigh and neck tkd., grand shape, col. and qual., lovely feather and cond., faultlessly shown, very close up; 3, Stubbs Bros., most beautiful cl., all over, lovely shape and size, splendidly carried wings and tail, good broad head, well filled in neck, shown to the moment, we thought should have gone up; vhc, Turner; hc, Barnes; c, Hmphries. BUFF (10): 1, Stubbs Bros., lovely cl., beautiful feather and qual., very good carr. and style, neat head, well across perch, in lovely form, popular win; 2, Hathaway, cl., grand shape, size, and style, lovely feather and bloom, good body, nicely carried body, very fit; 3, Howe, cl., good col., shape, and qual., nice size, neat head, jaunty carr., wild in cage, well staged; vhc, Wilcox; hc, Boaler; c, Harewood. MKD. YELL. (7): 1, Stubbs Bros., well known saddle mkd., lovely shape, col. and qual., beautiful feather, good broad head, splendid carr., faultlessly shown; 2, Humphries, eye mkd. and wing mkd., beautiful shape, lovely col., good body and size, neatly carried wings, rare feather and cond.; 3, Fox, eye and wing mkd., lovely shape, hardly so large as leaders, but grand col. and qual., well shown, nice feather; vhc, Hulse, good body and col.; hc, Neal; c, Emery. BUFF (8): 1, Houghton, saddle mkd., lovely col., shape, size and qual., still looking well with new coat, rare feather, wins well; 2, Hathaway, varieg., very pale col., massive build, neat head and body, good size, rare feather and qual.; 3, Hulse, head and neck mkd., grand col. and shape, nice size, rare feather and cond.; vhc, Yeates; hc, Turner; c, Barnes. YELL. UNFLG. (11): 1, and Sandiford's spl., Stubbs Bros., neck tkd., lovely col. and shape, splendid body and carr., well carried wings, wins well; 2, Hathaway, nice shape, not over large, grand col. and qual., splendid feather and bloom, nice head, front and body, very fit; 3, Turner, cl., nice shape and col., inclined to be on small side, nice neat head, rare body, grand feather, qual. and cond.; vhc, Hathaway, very large, good shape, close up; hc, Growdridge; c, Lycett. BUFF splendid class (16): 1, Houghton, grand col., sweet shape, grand body and subs., nice feather and col., rare qual. and cond.; wins; 2, c, Judd, good size and shape, rare feather and cond., beautiful col. and qual.; 3, Elliott, cl., rare good size and shape, nice col. and qual., nice body, lovely feather and cond.; vhc, Hathaway; hc, Turrell. VARIEG. (6): 1, Humphries, yell., very typical shape, good size, hot col., grand qual. and cond., rare head and neck; 2, Draper, yell., very good shape, capital size and subs., nice head and body, rare feather and qual., lovely cond.; 3, Hathaway, very massive buff, grand shape, capital size and cond., neat head and neck, close up; vhc, Boaler; hc, E. Gilbert; c, Johnson. GREEN (11): 1, Parnell, massive build, grand shape and subs., rare size, capital col. and qual., broad head, good neck, nice feather; 2, Hathaway, yell., good shape and cond., capital body, nice head and neck, very close up; 3, Poole, good shape, nice body, neat head, rare feather and cond., good qual.; vhc, Drakely; hc, West; c, Wright. YELL. BUN (9): 1, Hulse, very cobby shape, good size, lovely col. and qual., capital feather, rare bloom, wins in good class; 2, Emery, very typical shape and size, nice qual., not so level in col., well staged; 3, Freestone, very pale col., varieg., nice head and neck, good subs., neatly carried wings and tail, well staged; vhc, Wilcox; hc, Harewood; c, Stubbs Bros. BUFF (8): 1, E. Gilbert, eye and wing mkd., not looking over well at time of taking notes, good shape, nice qual. and size; 2, Houghton, cl., very jaunty carr., beautiful col. and shape, nice head and neck, good qual. and feather, must have pressed hard; 3, Humphries, varieg., lovely shape and size, beautifully frosted, splendid feather and cond., well staged; vhc, Woods, looks like Benton winner; hc, Stubbs Bros.; c, Booth. UNFLG. HEN (20): 1, Stubbs Bros., capital cl. yell., beautiful col. and cond., nice body and shape, lovely carr., grand feather and bloom; 2, Houghton, very cobby, typical, shapely buff, grand col. and qual., in rare order; 3, Fox, cl. yell., good size and cond., neat head, good body and shape, rare feather and qual., well staged; vhc, Hathaway; c, Elliott. YORK. YELL. (11): 1, Hymas, well known yell., looking very fit to-day, great length, rare body, beautiful carried wings and tail, in the pink, Burton winner; 2, Everett, very good cl., hot col., grand length and pos., very slim and upstanding, nice head, good wings and tail, very fit; 3, Gibbons and Weekes, rather pale col., good body and style, nice feather and qual., neat head; vhc, Foster; hc, York; c, Pass. BUFF (8): 1, Hymas, grand lengthy cl., beautiful col. and qual., nice shape, rare cond., neat head, a wee bit unsteady; 2, vhc, Everett, neck tkd., good shape, nice col. and pos., capital feather and cond.; 3, Pass, lovely cl., good qual. and cond., nice head, well filled in neck, good wings and tail; hc, Thorpe and Hibbert; c, Foster. UNFLG. (12): 1, Everett, grizzle head buff, splendid length, good shape and style, neat head, nice wings and tail, very fit; 2, Allen, cl. yell., lovely style and type, capital shape, nice length and pos., very close up; 3, Pass, cl. yell., lovely qual. and shape, slim and upstanding, nice feather and cond.; vhc, Foster; hc, York; c, Gibbons and Weekes. A.O.V. (1): 1, Wilcox, White Canary, in good feather. NOR. NOV. YELL. (19): 1, Herbert, lovely cl., grand shape, col. and qual., grand size, nice body, head and neck, very fit; 2, Wormleighton, neck and head mkd., rather long body, good col. and qual., capital size, nice feather and bloom; 3, Fanx, cl., very good shape, size and col., neat head, nicely carr., wings and tail, very good cond.; vhc, Scarbrough, variег., good feather and cond.; hc, Cratenny; c, Day. BUFF (10): 1, Tansley, neck tkd., good col. and shape, nice body and size, rare feather and cond.; 2, Sturgess, variег., nice col. and shape, lovely qual., nice head and subs., very fit; 3, Fincher, head and neck mkd., rare long body, nice size, good feather, nicely frosted, well staged; vhc, Fanx; hc, Hewitt; c, Wormleighton. UNFLG. (19): 1, Herbert, head mkd. buff, grand col., shape size and qual., nice head and neck, well carried body, wings and tail; 2, Hewitt, cl. yell., very large, good shape, nice body, good front, rare feather and cond.; 3, Sturgess, eye tkd., lovely col. and qual., grand shape, faultlessly shown, we liked; vhc, Cratchley, must have pressed; hc, Day; c, Fincher. HEN (22): 1, 2, Lewis, two lovely vehs. both lovely cond., very little between them, remarkably well shown; 3, Hewitt, beautiful cl. buff, grand col. and shape, nice feather and qual., good size, very fit; vhc, Sturgess, variег. buff, good feather; hc, Green; c, Farmer. HYB. (4): 1, Gilbert, well known cl. Goldf.-Can., beautifully staged, grand size, col. and qual.; 2 Wilson, eye and wing mkd., grand col. and shape, nice size and cond., a really excellent bird; 3, Smith, variег., good size, nice feather, splendid col. and cond.; vhc, Reeves. DARK (6): 1, Hayter, Can.-Bullie, in fine order, wonderful size, grand shape, lovely qual.; 2, 3, Jeffreys, Linnet-Can., grand feather, style, shape and cond.; 3, Goldf.-Can., grand feather; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Wilson; c, Green. A.O.V. (6): 1, vhc, Gilbert, grand shapely Greenie-Bullie, wins well; 2, c, Alexander, Redpoll-Bullf., grand shape, nice size, little wild; 3, Wilson, Goldf.-Siskin, nice bird, good order, capital size; vhc, Cayless. GOLDF. (7): 1, Hayter, Burton winner, as fit as ever, grand shape, size and cond.; 2, Deakin, very good col., nice size and shape, grand feather and buttons; 3, Sheldon, grand col. and shape, nicely tanned, rare feather and blaze, nice head; vhc, Kilsby; hc, Brookes; c, Checksfield. BULLF. (18) good class; 1 2, Checksfield, nice cap and breast, good bars, nice col. and qual., splendid size, very fit; 2, grand col. and body, nice feather; 3, vhc, Poole, splendid col., feather and qual., good size and subs.; ex 3, Sheldon, grand col., nice feather, neat head and cap, rare cond.; hc, Woods; c, Keighley. LINNET (9): 1, Fairhurst, well pencilled, good shape and size, nice feather and cond., wins well; 2, Checksfield, splendid size and shape, nice feather, good body, very fit and close up; 3, Sheldon, well pencilled all over, splendid carr., nice shape, in lovely feather; vhc, Smith; hc, Jeffreys; c, Brooks. GRFENF. (11): 1, Hayter, monster for size, grand col. and qual., good head, nice feather; 2, Garrad, rare size and shape, nice feather, qual. and cond; 3, hc, Henshaw, very large, nice feather, good col., very close up; vhc, Poole; c, Belcher. TWITE, ETC. (15): 1, 2, Hayter, Twite leading, followed by Redpoll, both in beautiful feather and cond.; 3, Henshaw, Redpoll., very small shape, nice col., splendid cond.; vhc, Fairhurst; hc, Hepwood; c, Johnson. YELLOW BUNTING (8): 1, c, Hayter, lovely shape, size, col. and feather, well mkd.; 2, Belcher, good size and shape, nice feather; 3, Checksfield, grand size, shape, qual. and cond., close up; vhc, Lawrance; hc, Bowdidge. CHAFF., ETC. (14): 1, spl., Smith, beautiful Chaffinch, grand feather and form, nice body, good shape, size and cond.; 2, Henshaw, lovely Bramble, good size and col., nicely mkd.; beautiful feather; 3, Jeffries, Chaff., grand col., shape and size, nice cond.; vhc, Barton; hc, Pitchford; c, Hepwood. A.O.V. (4): Hepwood, very nice typical Hawfinch, good head and bib, rare feather; 2, Hayter, Corn Bunting, lovely feather and bloom, nicely mkd.; 3, Checksfield, Hawfinch, bit dull in col.

Members' classes contained some very nice specimens, and competition was very keen in several of the classes.

NOR. (13): 1, Pearson; 2, Cayless; 3, Jolley; vhc, Brookes; hc, Knight; c, Cobley. HEN (8): 1, Hulbert; 2, hc, Bent; 3, Jolley; vhc, Knight; c, West. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Roberts; 2, Bent; 3, Turner; vhc, Cayless; hc, Brookes. BUFF (15): 1, Brookes; 2, vhc, Pearson; 3, Roberts; hc, Hulbert; c, Goreham. GREEN (8): 1, Roberts; 2, Cayless; 3, Bent; vhc, West; hc, Brookes; c, Crane.

Club Reports.

PONTYPOOL C.B.S.

Meeting, headquarters, Nov. 6. Mr. J. Loveday, chair. Owing to Mr. J. R. Houghton judging at Belfast on the day we intended holding our Members' Show, it was decided to postpone the show for a fortnight. Decided, to have a washing exhibition at next meeting. But after the meeting closed some of the members said they would like to have it earlier, as Cardiff and Blaenavon Shows were between that time, so Mr. H. Johnson kindly consented to give an exhibition on Saturday next, Nov. 13. Mr. C. Gameson kindly gave 11/- for two specials for our show, half to go to the best Nor. Mr. W. Cooper was made a member.—H. H. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S.

Meeting Maria Stuart Hall, Oct. 27, president, Mr. R. Heggie, in the chair, and a large turn-out of members. The chairman asked Mr. R. B. Cairns to give his washing exhibition so that the birds could be drying during the time taken up by general business. Mr. Cairns started his demonstration in a very masterful manner, and the ease and graceful way he handled the birds made the process seem quite simple and easy, and laid open the secret of the lecturer's successes on the show bench. Mr. Cairns used Ramsden's bird beautifier, also a vapour dryer by Andrew Wilson, Glasgow, and he maintained that he got excellent results from both. After having washed a pair of birds the lecturer asked for a volunteer to wash a bird, and one of our youngest members plucked up the courage and responded. He began in a very nervous manner, but a few encouraging remarks by the older fancier soon put the pupil at ease, and he finished up strong. Questions were asked and answered to the satisfaction of the members, and this finished a very interesting and instructive lecture. New members admitted: Mr. Wm. McKnight and Mr. J. Wilson. Schedules and entry forms for annual show were handed out and other show business gone over. This brought a pleasant evening to a close.—A. K. Hunter, Sec.

FIFE C.B.L.

Meeting Denbeath, Gothenburg, Oct. 30, Mr. Campbell chair. Agreed that we hold no League show this year. Patronage was granted to Coaltown of Wemyss. After meeting was over a judging competition took place on buff uneven Border hens, 8 birds facing the judge, Mr. Baxter, Lochgelly. Mr. Campbell won competition, placing the birds the same as the judge, as follows: 1, Paterson; 2, Spence; 3, Rentoul. A vote of thanks to the Chairman and the judge ended the meeting. Next meeting, Lochgelly, Dec. 11, at 5.—J. SNEDDON, Sec.

NORTH-WEST GLASGOW C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct 26, 44, Napiershall St., Mr. Gibb presiding over a very good attendance. Schedules for third annual show were given out, and have been posted to those not present. The meeting was principally called in connection with the annual show, and a large amount of business was got through. Mr. Loan also entertained the members to a washing exhibition, and in view of the approaching show season this was much appreciated. Mr. Loan washed four birds, and explained his methods very minutely. Votes of thanks to Mr. Loan and the chair brought a pleasant meeting to a close.—P. Houston, Sec.

PORTH AND RHONDDA VALLEY.

General meeting, Porth Hotel, Nov. 3; chair, Mr. Legg. A very business-like meeting, with a lot of work done in good time. Members were in favour of Sec. having a free hand re printing. Stewards selected for show: D. Gilbert, W. Jones, A. Addis, B. Payne, D. Escott, and T. James, with W. Baker and R. Hillman at the gate. Messrs. Legg and Challenger volunteered to canvas adverts. and specials. Proposed that members wishing to advertise in catalogue shall do so at half rate. I shall be pleased to accept any specials for our show.—J. H. Bevan, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting, Nov. 2, Mr. W. G. Fellows, chair. Final arangements made and stewards elected for annual show, Dec. 1. Through stress of circumstances, the show will be confined to members. 38 classes were provided, to which were allotted (by the kindness of several members) 36 special prizes. Six challenge cups will be competed for, so a good entry may be expected. Mr. H. Norman will judge. Decided to admit wounded soldiers free to show. All members present took a supply of tickets for sale, and the hon. sec. will be glad to hear from any other members who would assist in this way.—G. J. Slade, Assist. Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting, Nov. 4, Mr. Jones, chair. We are sorry to record the loss of Mr. H. Sanderson. He was returning home on his motor cycle, after bringing birds to the Combined Show, when, owing to the fog, he collided with a motor bus, and was instantly killed. A boy accompanying also died from injuries. Mr. Sanderson was only elected a member in June, and showed every prospect of becoming an enthusiastic fancier. A vote of sympathy was passed with the widow and relatives in their bereavement. The society won the Rose Bowl for most points at the C.S., Mr. Fallding being the holder, his birds (British) securing four firsts. Final arrangements for annual show and other business took up the rest of the evening. Mr. C. C. Hadfield was elected a member. Next meeting, final table show and election of officers.—E. Sisson, Assist. Sec.

IRVINE C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, Masonic Hall. Mr. W. S. Clark was again appointed pres.; Mr. M. McKean, vice-pres.; Messrs. J. Alexander and J. Paterson, joint secs.; and treas. A lengthy discussion took place over the balance sheet. It was agreed to hold show, open to members resident within a five miles radius, and, as last year, to hand the proceeds over to the Red Cross Association, Mr. Patterson, Chirnside, has agreed to judge, and as some of our members have been winning further afield we hope to have keen competition. The show is under the patronage of the B.F.C.C. The Club has agreed to present five medals, one each for Clear Borders, Variег. or Tkd. Bord., Green or Cinn. Bord., Nor. and Brit. There are a number of specials also down for competition. There are 22 classes for Borders, 8 Nor., and 8 British.—J. Alexander.—(Kindly forward your address.—Ed.).

SWANSEA C.B.S.

Meeting, Mansel Hall, Nov. 6; Mr. J. H. Ford presided. Decided, to run our show in conjunction with the local Red Cross Society, and give all profits to that society. Special help is to be given. The members gave a dozen beautiful birds and cages, including a Crystal Palace aviary stocked with birds. Mr. Maggs gave a pair of Green Budgerigars. All to be sold to highest bidder. Sale commences at 4. Specials were given by Mr. Geo. Llewelyn for best open Nor., best 4th Nor., best local Nor., best Bord. (Nov.) by Mr. W. Eley. Stewards selected for show: Messrs. Llewelyn, Williams, Richards and Mabbet. I appeal to members who have been unable to attend the last few meetings to make a special effort to attend on Saturday next, when business connected with the show will be finished. Any member running short of tickets, a P. C. will oblige, as we wish to make it a huge success.—Alf. Hutchings, Sec.

AYR C.B.C.

Meeting, Oct. 26, Wallace Town Hall, High Street, Ayr, Mr. J. Murray, chair. The Chairman intimated that all accounts had been paid up to date, and that the club was now on a clear footing. The secretary, Mr. R. Aitken, having joined the Territorial Forces, Mr. Hugh M. Ferguson was duly appointed sec. and treas. Office-bearers elected were: J. Forbes, hon. pres.; J. Murray, pres.; P. McQuiston, vice-pres.; Messrs. McQuiston, Gribben, Kelly, Wason, Erskine, McLaughlan, Murray, and Tait, stewards; the whole club to be on the committee. Decided to hold the Annual Open Show, Dec. 25, under the auspices of the Carrick House Red Cross Hospital. The judges nominated were Messrs. T. Dalton and J. F. Dewar, Scotch Fancy; Maxwell, Nor.; J. F. Dewar, Border and Yorks.; and Mr. Steel, Brit. and For. In regard to "specials," which were confined, it was agreed that exhibiting members may compete for specials by paying 1/-. Prizes will be 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; fee, 1/6. The canvassers appointed to call upon patrons of the club were Messrs. McLachlan and Erskine; Mr. McCoy volunteering to call upon local merchants. Next meeting was arranged for Friday, Nov. 5.

Meeting, Nov. 5, Mr. J. Murray, chair. Replies were read from the judges nominated. Mr. T. Dalton will judge Scotch Fancy; Mr. J. Steel (Dalkeith), British and Foreign. Sec. was instructed to ask Mr. A. Chalmers to judge Norwich; Mr. A. Ferguson to assist in Scotch Fancies; and Mr. J. W. Bruce to judge Borders and Yorks. There will be 6 classes Scotch Fancy; 10 Nor. (4 unflig.); 3 Mules or Hyb.; and 14 Brit. and For. New members elected: Mr. D. Thorn, Mr. H. Davidson. Next meeting, Nov. 15.—H. M. Ferguson, Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Meeting, Palmer Hall, Wed., Nov. 3, before a large attendance. Final show arrangements were made members showing great willingness for tasks allotted. Mr. Brooker was elected steward, and Mr. Wilson show manager. Birds will be met at station by all trains on Tuesday, and first thing Wednesday morning; everything has been arranged in perfect order.—O. C. Smith, Sec.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB.

Meeting Nov. 6, at 122, Ingram Street. Mr. P. Pettigrew presided over a good attendance. Decided to have a washing competition at next meeting for prizes presented by Messrs. Pettigrew, Cassels, and Adam. A goodly number of specials were handed in for annual show. As there is a good deal of business for next meeting, Dec. 4, it is to be hoped that members will turn up at 7 prompt.—J. H. ADAM, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH NORWICH & M.B.S.

Meeting, 142, High Street, Nov. 4. Arrangements were completed for annual show, Nov. 20. Two cups were presented to the club, one for Borders, by Mr. J. Hutchison, and one for Norwich, by Mr. Wm. Dods. We have secured the Free Gardeners' Hall, in Picardy Place, for annual Show, Nov. 20, doors open at 1, when we expect a good gate in this central position. Reference was made to the loss one of our oldest members, Mr. Wm. Thomson, had sustained by the death of his wife. Mrs. Thomson was a regular visitor to our show, and her absence will be keenly felt. Members not present at meeting are reminded that entries close first post Nov 15.—Jas. Stormont.

B.F.C.C. (Open Show Committee).

Adjourned meeting, 142, High Street, Nov. 2, Mr. G. W. Brown, chair. Disappointment was felt when the President intimated that it was now impossible to get Picardy Place Hall. Other suitable halls were in view, and it was remitted to the Pres. and Sec. to fix up one of these. Some discussion took place over prize cards, and it was agreed to give model cards free. Mr. S. Buglass, Vice-President of the Scottish National C.B.S., was unanimously appointed show manager. Judges: Messrs. H. Bennet, Kelso; J. Nicholson, Haltwhistle; and D. Hamilton, Hamilton. Sec. submitted prize list in draft form, which was approved. Now, fellow fanciers, send in your lists of specials, and let us get on with our printing. A few of the G.F.C.C. delegates have been working, and one has collected no less than ten specials. We have also got the promise of a trophy, and if you work now the entries will come afterwards. I am pleased to state we have booked the Cathedral Hall, Albany Street, for our show. This hall is spacious, well lighted, and in every way suitable, close to the tram cars, and within easy reach of the railway station.—J. Lumsden, Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Liverpool (20 miles' radius).—Neptune Commercial Hotel, Clayton Square, Dec. 3, 4. Judges: W. A. Cowgill, C. Houlton. 54 classes: Yorks 20 (8 Nov.), Nor. 10, Bord. 8, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Mules 3, Brit. 9. Prizes on sliding scale: Fee 9d. Ent. close Dec. 1 to—The Sterling Seed Co., 3, Cases Street, Clayton Square.

Haltwhistle.—Mechanics' Hall, Nov. 19, 20. Judges: W. McMillan, T. Dixon, J. Maddison. 41 open classes: Bord. 15, Nor. 8, Yorks 7, Brit. 7, Mules 2, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 15 to—W. Tallantyre, South View, Haltwhistle.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

CASTLEFORD.

First club sing of the season, Nov. 6; 37 birds entered, and some good singing was heard. 1, Nelson; 2, Williams; 3, Watkiss. Nov. 7, open sing, 22 entered, prizes given by Mrs. Parker. 1, Nelson; 2, Williams; 3, Plows. Open sings every week until end of season.—W. DOBSON, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, first club sing, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, Nov. 6; 21 birds entered for 3 minutes' time singing. 1, 3, Beard; 2, Pugh. Open Linnet contest, Nov. 7; 24 entered for 3 minutes' time singing. 1, Jones; 2, 3, Beard. We had some lovely singing. Don't forget, members and intending members, every club sing you miss might mean two or three points in your sings at year's end. Look out for kettle date.—S. PUGH, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Weekly contest for quality Linnet singing, Nov. 6; 12 birds sang. 1, Stead; 2, 3, Condliffe; consolation prize, Mrs. Tennant. Judges, Naylor and Hayes. Nov. 7, 16 sang. 1, 2, E. Wood; 3, Chippindale; consolation prize, Platts. Judges, Naylor, Hayes, Hardcastle. Also Nov. 7, a Roller contest; 16 sang. 1, Rogers; 2, Condliffe; 3, Chippindale; consolation prize, Stanney. Judges, Naylor, Hardcastle, and Grant.—W. NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Quality Linnet singing, Glassmakers' Arms, Greyhound Place, York Road, Nov. 6; 26 birds. 1, Stockhill; 2, G. Hirst; 3, Shaw; 4, Howarth. Nov. 7, 28 birds. 1, Sissons; 2, G. Hirst; 3, Howarth; 4, T. Hirst. Canary contest Nov. 7, before a large attendance; 11 birds. 1 and 2, Stansfield and Stead shared; 3, Sissons and Thompson shared.—E. STANSFIELD, Sec.

Open contest Nov. 6, for quality Linnet singing, held Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane; 18 birds sang for 3 prizes, and some grand singing was heard. We were very pleased to see some of the Castleford and Kippax members. 1, T. Chippindale; 2, G. Chippindale; 3, A. Binns. Judges, A. Lawrence and T. Summers. Nov. 7, 18 of the best birds in Leeds sang for 3 prizes. 1 and 2, A. Binns; 3, T. Chippindale. Judges, T. Summers, P. Madden, and W. Lipman.—W. LIPMAN, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Quality Linnet Singing Club, Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane. Contest Nov. 7; 16 birds faced the judges (A. Lorriman and N. Soloman). 1, J. Chipendale; 2, Dearlove; 3, C. Lorriman.—F. TURNER, Sec.

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CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

Abersychan C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Queen's Hotel, 6.30. Final meeting for the year. Members kindly attend. W. T. Couch.

Abertillery C.B.S.—Nov. 15, Prince of Wales Hotel, 6.30. Business important.—H. H. Mortimer.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Miners' Hall, Ashington, 7.30. Paying prize money and other important business.—C. F. Tapson.

Ayr C.B.S.—Nov. 15, Wallace Tower Hall, Ayr, 8. Revision of classification. Election of judges for Norwich, Bord., Yorks, and Scotch Fancy.—H. M. Ferguson.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—Nov. 17, Station Cafe, 8. Show business.—C. Bailey.

Burnhope C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Coll Inn, 7. Annual show business. Schedules ready. Subs. due; other very important business; new members turn up.—J. W. Robson.

Barrington & Choppington C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Social Club, 7. Final arrangements for show.—H. Seely.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Nov. 16, Ablett's Cafe Room, Market Street, 8.15. Final meeting before the show. General business for the show and stewards to be elected. New members enrolled at half subs.—A. E. Lloyd.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Victoria Hall, 2.30. Members' show; birds staged 2.30. Entries, Friday night, 7.30 to 9.—H. Bryant.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Nov. 13, Shoulder of Mutton, 7. Ordinary business.—F. P. Terry.

Bradford East O.S.—Nov. 16, Lark Chapel Schoolrooms, 8. General business and taking of entries for members' show, Wed., Nov. 17. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill. Birds staged 7.15.—J. Spencer.

B.F.C.C.—Open show committee, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 8. Arrangements for show.—J. Lumsden.

Blaenavon C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Crown Hotel, 6.30. Members' entries taken for open show and final arrangements for show. G. Broome.

Burnley O.S.—Nov. 16, Star Inn, Church Street, 7.30. Please note alteration for Tuesday. Members' show; selection of judge, etc. New members cordially invited.—T. Chadwick.

City of Bradford O.S.—Nov. 13, Flying Dutchman, 7. Balance-sheet for open show; election of steward for members' show, Nov. 27.—W. Helliwell.

Chorley C.B.S.—Nov. 17, Shepherd's Hall, 7.30. Important business.—J. H. Welch.

Chester C.B.S.—Nov. 12, at Show Room, Temperance Hall, 8. General business.—L. Cavanagh.

East Ham F.S.—Nov. 18, Earl of Wakefield, 8.30. Final arrangements for annual show, etc.—W. A. Harwood.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Nov. 16, Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gergie Road, 8. Last meeting before show. Final arrangements for show. Contributions must be paid at this meeting.—J. C. Charlton.

East Ardsley.—Nov. 13, Black Swan. Members' show; birds staged at 3. Judge, Mr. J. Chambers (Leeds).—A. Walton.

Elgin C.B.A.—Nov. 15, Gordon's Temperance Hotel, 8. Members' table show. Classes: Norwich buff cen. ditto yell.; Siskin or Redpoll.—A. W. Douglas.

Garston B.B.A.—Nov. 17, Rechabite Hall, Seddon Road, 8. Table show, F.M. Brit., 7 classes: Goldf., Bullf., Greenf. and Linnet, Brambl., Chaff. and Bunting, Siskin and Twite, Redpoll, A.O.V. cock, A.O.V. hen; allot specials to old show. Judge, Mr. J. Abbot.—R. T. Lonsdale.

Gt. Horton O.S.—Nov. 15, Station Hotel, 3. Members' show. Judge, W. Stables, also special meeting at 7. Business for open show.—A. W. Hartley.

Gardan House, West Stanley.—Nov. 14, Club Room, 7. To receive the deputation report re the donation to show.—J. Armitage.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Lockhart's, High St., 8. Show business; washing exhibition by Messrs. Tindale and Holden postponed. Members and intending members please attend.—W. Curry.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Colliery Hotel, 6.30. Arranging classes for annual show, and other important business.—G. Vipond.

Huddersfield O.S.—Nov. 15, headquarters, 7.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. H. Mallinson, and taking of members' entries for open show.—A. Lawford.

Halifax O.S.—Nov. 13, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements for annual open show.—H. Clegg.

Eastordyke B.F.A.—Nov. 13, Railway Hotel, 2.30. Members' show. Judge, Thos. Bennett, Bradford. Entries, Friday night, or first post Saturday.—W. H. Symes.

London & P.O.S.—Nov. 18, Raglan Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., 8. Questions and auswers. Will members bring a few questions written on slips to the meeting. All fanciers welcome.—H. L. Huggins.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Nov. 16, White Swan, 8. Members' prize money paid and table show.—A. Freestone.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Nov. 15, Deansgate Hotel, 8.—F. Wilkinson.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Nov. 18, Kelvedon Hall, 8. Show business and washing exhibition by Mr. King.—A. F. Bowring.

Lancashire Roller C.C.—Nov. 18, Seven Stars, John's Street, Wolverhampton, 7.30. Special meeting. Presentation of cup and medals; also balance-sheet of the year.—J. W. Thomson.

Manchester & N.C.O.S.—Nov. 15, Deansgate Hotel, 8. January show business. Discussion on rules of society.—F. Hayward.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Nov. 16, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, 8. Schedule for November show. Delegates' report.—A. Colley.

Plymouth Western Counties C.B.S.—Nov. 16, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street, 8. Important business.—W. Luscombe.

Pelton Fell & Dis.—Nov. 13, special meeting, at Colliery Inn, 6.30, to arrange specials for members' show and other things. Our show on Nov. 20 will be a grand show for novices. 46 classes. We refuse no members; let them all come! 5/- a year.—J. Stanger.

Porth & Rhondda Valley C.B.S.—Nov. 17, Porth Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for show.—J. H. Bevan.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Mail Coach, Rotherham, 7. Members annual show, Nov. 20. Mr. Battye, judge.—W. Wilshaw.

Scarborough Bridge C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Wharf Hotel. Show for cock birds only. Birds staged 7. Judge, Mr. E. Saville, Halifax.—G. Mitchell.

West Stanley Empire F.F. & C.B.S.—Nov. 14, club room, 6. Entries for show taken; please bring plenty of entries.—R. Hutchinson.

Wanstead F. & F.S.—Nov. 18, Cambridge Park Hall, Wanstead, 8. Discussion on postponed annual show and distribution of prizes won at young stock show.—H. S. Lofthouse.

Wigan Roller C.C.—Nov. 13, Legs of Man Hotel, 6.30. Show business, etc.—P. Greenall.

Winkden Roller Soc.—Nov. 16, Stock's Hotel, 7.30. Members' show business, etc.—E. Hibbert.

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SEED SAMPLES (C. C. S.).—The samples you send are not simply canary seed, but seed mixtures which

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are generally used for feeding Canaries. As a staple diet, a simple mixture of three parts canary seed to one part summer rape is much preferable to these elaborate mixtures, which are nearly always very wasteful, the birds picking out what they like best and scattering the rest on the floor of the cage. The bulk of each sample you send consists of canary seed of very fair all-round quality. No. 1 contains far too much linseed to be used as staple, and would do with treble the quantity of rape. No. 2 contains too much of both linseed and hemp, the latter in such quantity as would probably cause the birds to be exceedingly wasteful with it. No. 3 is the best all-round mixture to form a staple diet if one wishes to use a mixture, in spite of its shortcomings. The simple mixture named above as a general staple, and your No. 3 mixture twice a week as a change would make a far more satisfactory dietary.

WHEEZE BADLY (E. T. S. A.).—Do not hang the cages high up near the ceiling, near or over burning lights in the evenings, nor in a dusty or irritating atmosphere, and treat as follows for a month, and if not well in that time please write again and refer to this reply, or repeat full particulars. Give a staple diet of a mixture of a three parts canary to one part summer rape seed. In addition, give separately every third day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cage with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. On the intervening days give first a morsel of banana or some kind of green seasonable salad, and next half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts niger, millet, teazle, black rape and linseed. In the drinking water add ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a fortnight. During the second fortnight, instead of the above aperient, give every second day five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia, and sweet spirit of nitre.

IRRITABLE FEET (C. E.).—It is not very unusual for the feet and legs to be somewhat tender during and just after the moulting season. If the claws are at all overgrown, cut them back again to the normal length. Considering the bird's age it is quite possible for them to be overgrown again, notwithstanding the fact that they were trimmed a few months ago. Also bathe the legs and feet once daily for a week in a warm solution of boracic acid—a small teaspoonful of the acid in a saucerful of warm water. After bathing, dry gently, and anoint sparingly with boracic ointment, but do not leave any surplus grease about them to collect dirt and grit. Add to the drinking water every second day for a week ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea.

BREEDING PREPARATIONS (L. Scott).—(1) Although it may not be absolutely essential to separate the cock Canary from the hens in the aviary before the breeding season commences, it is certainly most advisable to do so. If allowed to remain together permanently the probability is that they will commence nesting long before the weather is in the least degree reliable in spring, and thereby run a very great risk of wasting the best part of the season in the production of one or two clutches of unfertile eggs. In addition to this, you will not get the best vocal efforts out of your cocks unless they are caged alone singly. If you decide to leave them together through the winter you should separate the cocks about the middle of January, and keep them apart until the end of March or the first week in April. (2) It must be regarded as an absolute necessity to separate the Budgerigars during the breeding season, and to be quite on the safe side it would be better to separate them entirely. Your inability to see why birds in confinement should be separated, because, as you say, birds in their natural state are not separated, is, shall I say, rather shallow. Birds in confinement are subject to more or less unnatural, or abnormal, conditions, and consequently are very apt to act in an abnormal manner as dictated by circumstances prevailing at the moment. And you must also take into account the fact that many species of birds in their natural state separate themselves at the close of each breeding season, and remain apart until spring again calls into play the procreative instinct. (3) As regards the birds scratching themselves, the irritation may be more apparent than real. It may be nothing more than the natural preening which is common after the moult until the plumage is quite freed from the old quills. Allow them to bathe freely in clean pure water, and add 20 drops of fluid magnesia to the drinking water every second day for a week, and I do not think you need worry at all about their scratching and preening.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

PAINTING CAGES (Novice in British).—The painting of cages is quite a matter of choice, although exhibitors generally keep to certain recognised tones, but even then the exhibitor should be guided a good deal by the plumage of his birds. There are two colours that might suit either or both of your birds, Greenfinch and Greenfinch-Canary; a fairly pale blue-grey, and rather dark green. If you have the time and opportunity I would advise you to paint a couple of false backs to your cages and try the birds in them. The light colour appears to make a bird look large, but at the same time tends to give a harshness to the plumage. The green, on the other hand, lacks contrast, but, in a good light, the bird generally looks well. It may seem troublesome to make these experiments, but if you get just the right tone to suit your birds, you will not regret having done it.

A MIXED AVIARY (C. P.).—One cannot always say just what the behaviour of certain species would be under certain conditions, but my own experience is that you cannot keep two Skylarks or Woodlarks in the same enclosure. Softbills, as a rule, are most pugnacious, especially towards their own species, and the Larks are no exception. If, however, the Skylark and Woodlarks agree, I would advise you to let them remain as they are. (3) The Robin is a tremendous eater, and will not interfere with the other birds providing he can get the lion's share of the food. He is generally safe if the others give way to him, otherwise it is war to the end. As your aviary is of good size you could try him for a time, but I would not trust him during the breeding season.

TREATMENT OF OLD BULLFINCH (Miss M. A. Sikes).—I have carefully read your letter, and I do not see that you can make much alteration in the treatment of your Bullfinch. In the first place I would suggest that you lower his perches, so that it is not such an effort for him to get on and off them. The fact of this being a difficult operation to him would prevent his descending for food so frequently as he should, and this would account for his not being in very good condition, and consequently somewhat weak. As regards his food I would advise you to give him a spoonful of soaked seeds about twice or even three times a week, otherwise continue to feed him as you have been doing.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERIST

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BREEDING FROM TWO HENS (Goldfinch-Canary).—You could very safely allow your three birds to fly altogether during the winter months, unless at the turn of the year you notice the hen Bullfinch spiteful towards the other hen, then if you do you must separate them at once. I presume your cage is a three-compartment one, and that you propose putting a hen in each end and the Goldfinch cock in the centre. Now if the hen Bullfinch takes to the Goldfinch strongly, you should not keep them out of sight of each other for any length of time, and when the hen Canary is ready, just run him in for an hour or even less, night and morning; you can manage this so that he spends the major portion of his time with the Bullie. If you are interested in Hybrids I would advise you to get one of our books on the subject, it would assist you considerably.

WHAT SEED? (H. B. Couron).—The sample of seed sent is the Burdock. All the Finches eat it, but do not appear to be particularly fond of it. It does well in a mixture of other wild seeds. Birds at liberty appear to feed on it rather late in the season when they have possibly somewhat exhausted other supplies.

WHAT BIRD? (P. Bell).—The wild bird that answers the nearest to your description is the Stonechat. This bird has a white patch at the side of the neck which you may have mistaken for a ring round it; he also has another white patch on the wings and a ruddy breast. The Stonechat is an insectivorous bird, living here all the year round, frequenting commons and furze-clad downs, and, like many of our other birds, migrating from place to place in search of food during the winter months.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

WHAT PARROT? (Fish).—(1) It is difficult to give a definite pronouncement, as the details you supply would fit the Yellow-fronted Amazon (Chrysotis ochrocephala), Panama Amazon (C. panamensis), or a young Blue-fronted Amazon (C. aestiva). I think it is the latter species, as many young birds show no blue on the front, and many adults have a distinct yellow forehead. On the other hand, the white patch on upper mandible rather points to the Yellow-fronted, but the blue in the tail suggests either the King Amazon or Blue-fronted. Apart from the distinctions referred to, your description would fit all four species. (2) As indicated, I believe it to be a young Blue-front. (3) Individuals vary, but most Blue-fronts make good talkers and mimics. (4) As it is a young bird, give it a little boiled maize daily, boil till soft, drain off all water, then add and allow to soak in about 5-10 drops of cod liver oil emulsion. As it is used to hemp you must let it have sufficient to satisfy hunger, but you should keep mixed seed in the cage as well. You must also supply ripe fruit and shelled nuts. It can also have stale crusts, pieces of biscuit, plain cake, etc. Cuttlebone must be kept in the cage and a pinch of grit added to the daily supply of seed.

SIBERIAN GREENFINCH (Brackholes).—The Siberian (Chinese) Greenfinch ranges over Eastern Siberia, China and Japan; its scientific designation is Ligurinus sinicus.

DO NOT AGREE (E. A. B. N.).—(1) When you put your query I gave you a list of birds which usually agree together, but I have stated again and again

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

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in this column that owing to individualism, etc., no hard and fast rule can be laid down. I have also stated many times that in a cage the small Ornamental Finches are given to over-preening and frequently pluck each other's heads bare; the only thing to do then is to isolate the bald one till his feathers have grown again. Again, when an obstreperous individual turns up, give him solitary confinement for a time and do not put him in a mixed collection till all the others are quite at home in their cage—if you were to put such a bird in the cage first he would make the lives of new-comers a misery, and probably slaughter them. All birds "spar" a little, even in play, and I think some of what you describe is not serious quarrelling, especially the demeanour as described of the Java Sparrows. I know, and have at the present, many C.P. cages containing a dozen mixed birds each, and they have agreed together; occasionally a bald bird has had to be removed for its feathers to be renewed, but otherwise there was no difficulty. Get, if you can, by watching our adverts., half a dozen odd Waxbills, and put them all together into one of your cages, then when they have been there about a week and are settled down, turn in the others; if the Cordon Bleu still bullies, you must either keep him separate or sell or exchange him. Try in one of your cages, cocks: Green and Grey Singing Finches, Alario Finch, and Madagascar Weaver. In another put a pair of Zebra Finches. The seeds referred to will make a welcome change for the birds, which, however, will be likely only to pick out those to their liking.

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S. W.—Norwich hen died of pneumonia. Both lungs were badly affected. Exposure and change of environment is the cause.

A. M. F. (Novice).—Muco-enteritis, probably originating in cold contracted during the moult.

Nenadd Aber.—Fatty degenerative disease of the liver. The bird was very anæmic and dropsical as the result of its long illness.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

W. Wells.—After the explanation given last week we are precluded from publishing your latest letter, which would bring both you and us within reach of the law for libel.

A Manchester Member.—Your letter conveys a serious charge, and, as it is not authenticated by your name and address, we are quite unable to deal with it.

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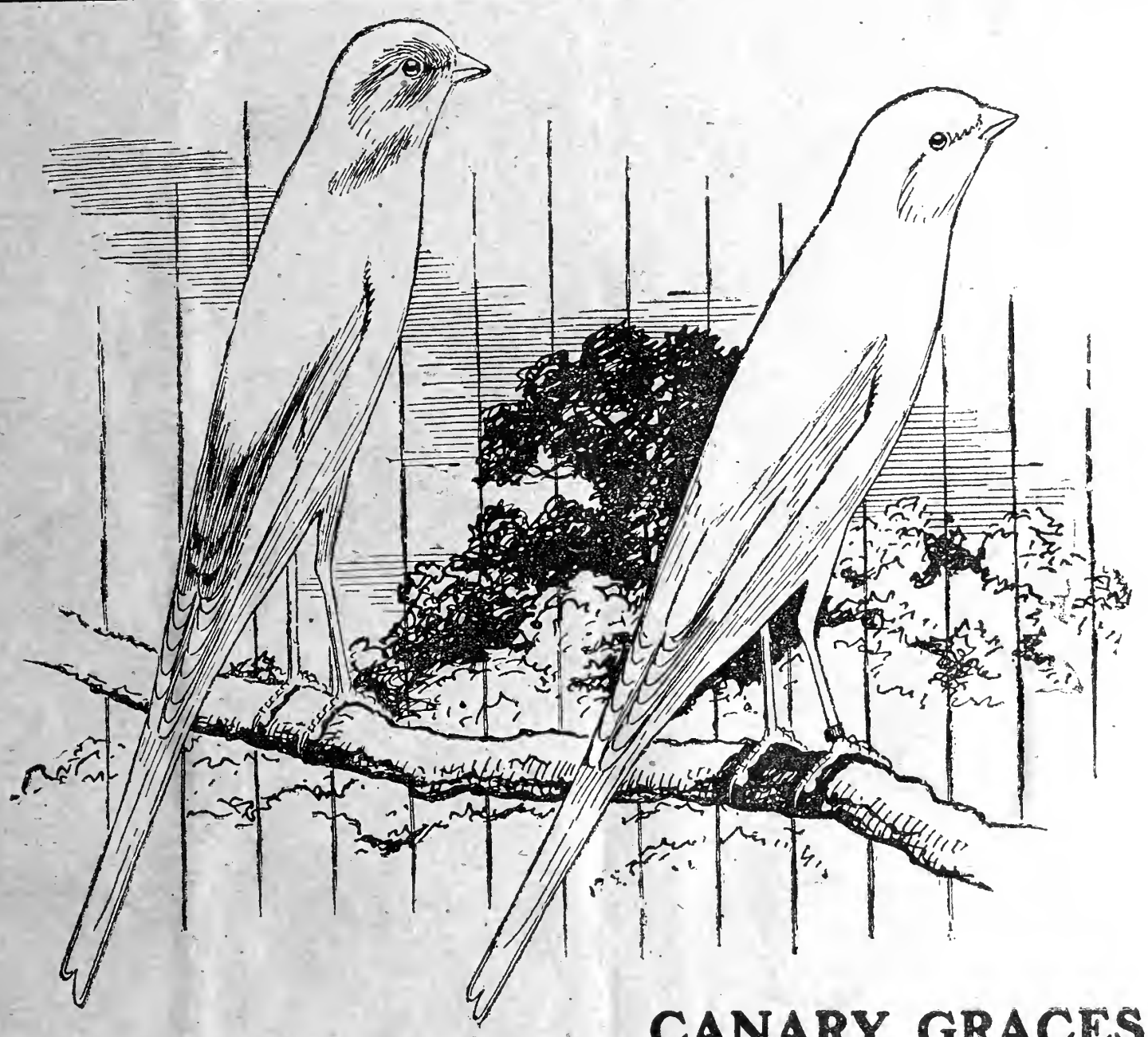

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FEW champion Crests, also cages, for sale cheap: Mrs. Roberts, Stannahey, Newton-drive, Blackpool.

CREST and Crestbred cocks for sale, or exchange for good young green hens: J. Gillespie, 19, Allergate, Durham. (46)

LARGE stock birds, Crest and Crestbreds, Norwich cocks and hens, reasonable; state wants: Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton. (56)

MRS. THOS. TAYLOR'S champion strain, a few good birds for sale; approval, stamp reply: 68, Edward-st., Gateshead. (65)

A FEW good matched pairs, Crest and Crestbreds, some odd Crestbred cocks, cheap; approval: Wright, 28, Stewart-rd., Falkirk. (60)

1915 CRESTED cock 15/-, crested hen 15/-, crestbred hen 7/6; Joyce-Barnett strain: Rev. G. Mullens, Chedzoy, Bridgwater. (58)

WANTED, yellow Crestbred cock, green or variegated, 1915, large, no other show points required: Reid, Burnside, Craigie, Perth. (62)

1914 VARIEGATED Crested hen, good, genuine, 35/-; exchange young grizzle Crested hen: Young, 76, Newbury-rd., Bromley, Kent. (64)

CRESTS and crestbred cocks from 12/6, pairs from 25/-, bred from prize stock; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (58)

FOUR crested cocks, 1915, dark crests, marked wings, 10/- and 15/- each; approval: Wm. Galbraith, 239, Main-st., Bridgeton, Glasgow. (61)

CRESTS and Crestbred at war prices; only 12 to spare; from 7/6 each; pairs from 20/-; approval; stamp reply: J. E. Rowe, 19, Lipson-aven., Plymouth. (47)

ONLY four pairs crests left, must clear next fortnight, 25/- and 30/- a pair only, worth treble; deposit, approval: Calam, 59, Baxtergate, Whitby, Yorks. (61)

THREE Crested hens, green, fit for show, 50/- each; several other Crests and Crestbreds; reasonable approval; deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham. (44)

HIGH-CLASS Crests, 35 years breeder of the best, many winners sold; some grand birds for sale, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (17)

GOOD double-barrelled breech-loading gun, will exchange to the value of £5 for good Crest- or Crestbreds; approval both ways: Moffat, 18, Churchlane, Dunipace, Stirlingshire. (56)

LARGE dark thick crest, even wings, cock, large clear yellow crestbred cock, two good birds £3 17/6 the two; four Lancashire show cages 7/9: T. R. Ind, Cotham, Bristol; stamp. (60)

EVINS BROTHERS offers champion yellow Crested cock, big winner, 90/-; monster Crestbred cock, topping show bird, 60/-; a few others at reasonable prices; see report Cheltenham Show: 259, High-st., Exeter. (48)

GRAND healthy young stock, bred from prize strain; must sell owing to war work; single bird, 10/- to 30/-; pairs, 20/- to 40/-; approval; seen week-ends: Worrell, Ravenswood, St. James's-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (35)

THROUGH death of breeder, sell 2 stock pairs, crests 70/- pair, 1 pair 50/-, worth double, wanted crestbred cock, exchange green crest cock or 2 green crestbred hens, green crest or crestbred; good strain, but medium size, cocks 7/6, hens 5/-: Swanson, 25, Gloucester-rd., Bishopston, Bristol. (58)

REV. JOYCE, Wellington, Somerset, can supply crests and crestbreds (best blood) in matched pairs from 40/-; singles same rate, all bred for quality and vigour; some of the chief winners this season again are from bird by him; stamp; state price.

CREST and Crestbred cocks, also matched pairs, large and sound, of prize stock; reasonable price; approval; two splendid hand-reared cock Goldfinches, fit to show, 6/- each, or exchange for large young buff Lancashire hen, heavily feathered bird: Compton, Waddesdon, Bucks. (56)

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Cinnamons.

SHORT stout typical 1914 buff hen, Mrs. Deacon's strain, 15/-; bargain: Flatt, 5, Bramford-lane, Ipswich. (64)

ALL my cinnamons for sale, cheap, in one lot, or pairs: L. Roberts, Ironmonger, 56, Johnston-st., Blackburn. (49)

LARGE yellow cinnamon Norwich cocks, 1915, in grand bloom, can win; price 12/6 each: Carrington, Bridge-st., Bakewell. (56)

Belgians.

I HAVE several pairs of Belgians, both ½ and ¼ bred, this year's and last; I will take 7/6 a pair to clear: Miss N. Thomas, 71, High-st., Loftus. (57)

Greens.

NORWICH greens, yellows, and buffs, from 10/- each; approval; no single yellow hens: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes. (471)

TWO Green and four Yellow cock Canaries, this season's, cold-room bred, at 6/- each: Cross, 47, Burntwood-lane, Lower Tooting. (55)

Lancashires.

MONSTER buff Plainhead cock, 15/-; do. brother to L.C.B.A. winner 20/-; cheap, approval: Minty, Stony-st., Frome. (53)

Lizards.

HIGH-CLASS Lizards, best strains, at lowest prices; list free: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich. (66)

A FEW pairs of good, healthy Lizards for sale, 10/6 pair; no better blood: Sutcliffe, 5, California, Todmorden. (58)

Norwich.

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J. C. BARNES, Norwich and Yorkshire specialist. Winner of numerous silver cups, medals, etc.; well-known strains. Better blood unobtainable. Grand specimens to spare; both varieties; reasonable; approval; inspection cordially invited; inquiries solicited; stamp: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

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N LEESE, breeder of Norwich, winner of Crystal Palace diploma and silver medal, Horticultural Hall diploma, silver rose bowl, gold medals, etc.; a few good birds ready now; approval: N. Leese, 30, Alexandra-rd., Normacot, Staffs.

CHAMPION Norwich, mostly unflighted, outside bred, no heat; all on approval: John Dalgety, 10, River-st., Brechin, Forfarshire. (65)

FEW colour-fed Norwich; prices reasonable; on approval; state wants: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (59)

WANTED, large Norwich, fair price given for good stock: Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (46)

MR. SHORROCK can spare few buff and yellow hens, 4/- and 5/- each; stamp: 2, Sunderland-st., Burnley. (62)

LARGE unflighted colour-fed Norwich, 4 buff cocks, 10/-; four buff hens, 5/- each: Olle, 3, Linton-cres., Hastings. (57)

FLEET, 16, King's-rd., Upton Park, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich; few more specimens to spare. (61)

CLEAR yellow cock, clear buff hen, variegated buff hen, all large birds; approval: Steven, 215, Montrose-st., Brechin. (64)

TWENTY Norwich for sale, must be cleared shortly; from 10/6 pair; 3 pairs cinnamons 12/6; or 30/- lot: Spann, Stivichale. (64)

E. FOWLER has a few good Norwich for disposal, either show or stock; stamp reply: High-rd., Woodford Green, Essex. (62)

THREE fine big hens, two yellow, 1914, 4/6 each, 8/6 both; one buff, 1915, 3/6: 209, Goldhurst-terr., Hampstead, London. (58)

D. DEVOY, high-class, typical, Norwich cocks, 10/-, yellow and buff hens, 10/- each, pairs 20/-: 23, George-st., Stranraer. (25)

EIGHT pairs of Norwich, bred from winners; pairs from 12/6, or what offers for lot: G. Newbert, Pillard House, Gainsboro. (60)

I HAVE some splendid Norwich Canaries; cocks, 5/6, 6/6; hens, 1/9, 2/-, 2/6: Syd, Mothersole, 20, Humberstone-rd., Leicester. (57)

FIVE young Norwich cocks, singing, colour-fed, 30/-, or nearest offer; inspection invited: Pebbet, 8, Etchingham-rd., Leyton. (62)

TICKED yellow Norwich cock, winner, 15/-, also typical pair 15/-; approval, deposit: A. Armistead, Daisyfield, Bury, Lancashire. (35)

GRAND healthy, typical, unflighted Norwich, all outside bred and on approval: John Dalgety, 10, River-st., Brechin, Forfarshire. (58)

SEVERAL good Norwich hens, splendid condition, 2/6 each, four 9/-; satisfaction guaranteed: H. Smith, 10, Waterloo-st., Hove. (62)

COCKS 6/-, hens 2/-, 2/6; inspection invited, Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning: Atkins, 5, Pleasant-terr., Intake, Sheffield. (56)

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, Ayrshire, having decided to dispose of all his high-class Norwich, offers exceptional bargains; many winners; all large; inspection invited; letters only. (59)

STEPHEN TWEDDLE, Wimberley-st., Blackburn, breeder and exhibitor of Plainhead Norwich, has few birds for sale; stamp reply. (52)

GIVING up, grand yellow cocks, from 8/-, hens from 5/-, well-bred, healthy; approval anywhere: Salter, 32, Grosvenor-rd., Rugby. (66)

WINNERS, two choice quality hens, yellow and buff, 10/6 each; week's approval, deposit: Garner, 32, Northumberland-st., Norwich. (59)

FOUR new Norwich show cages and travelling case, cost 18/6, accept 12/6; also case and two cages 6/6: Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (63)

NORWICH, clearance sale, two non-fed cocks, cost £5; first reasonable offer gets them, or exchange, no birds: Henderson, 37, Grant-st., Wick. (54)

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich, for song or show, cocks 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each, matched pairs 6/-; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (29)

FEW smart typical birds, cocks from 10/6, pairs from 15/-; all clean moulted and healthy; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (11)

LARGE colour-fed Norwich, for show or stock; state wants; approval; also breeding cages on sale: Mrs. Roberts, Stannahey, Newton-drive, Blackpool. (38)

REDUCING Norwich stock; good birds, grand quality and size; full particulars; stamp: Lee, Breeder and Exhibitor, North-terr., Bedlington. (60)

NORWICH Plainheads, non-flighted, 7/6 per pair, Goldfinch mule cocks, 6/- each; approval: Di Williams, 12, Rosevean-rd., Penzance, Cornwall. (50)

NORWICH clear yellow cocks (Dixon's strain, "Judge"), splendid quality and type, 10/- each; stamp reply: Smith, Hairdresser, Bedlington. (60)

GRAND colour-fed yellow Norwich cock, 20/-; another, as above, ticked, 15/-; other good birds from 7/6: Collins, 36, Somerset-rd., Knowle, Bristol. (62)

SYMONS BROS., Melbourne, Liskeard, Cornwall, have 150 Norwich and Crest from 10/- upwards; purchasers winning with the game stock; approval. (57)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, three cocks, two hens, colour-fed; six single breeders, 30/- lot to clear: Land, 3, Linwood-grove, Swallow-st., Longsight, Manchester. (58)

TYPICAL Norwich cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, upwards; hens, 4/- upwards; cash or easy payments; stamp reply: Rossell, 85, Whitton-rd., Hounslow, Middlesex. (59)

SEVERAL good Norwich cocks, size, type, quality, from 8/6, 9/-, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- upwards; fit for show, colour fed; approval: Grout, 64, Hughenden-rd., Norwich. (62)

YELLOWS, two, non-fed, 1914 Norwich cocks, what offers in 1915 Cinnamon-marked yellow hens for mating, sell 10/- each: Barten, 266, Windham-rd., Bournemouth. (59)

FEW healthy 1915 buff Norwich cocks, singing, cold-room, colour-fed, 5/6 each; buff hens, from 2/3; approval, deposit: Dickens, 34, Vernon-st., Northampton. (58)

SEVERAL unflighted buff cocks and hens, reasonable prices, and related to my winners at Preston, Bradford, Carlisle and York this season: Tose, Park-st., Leeds. (59)

GOOD quality Norwich, 2 large yellow hens and 2 large buff cocks, 1915 birds, 30/-; N.F., exchange B.S.A. rifle, or anything useful: V. Mutton, Rectory-rd., Redditch. (65)

WANTED, two quality hens, yellow and buff (unflighted) must be short and typical, with good heads and colour, only good birds wanted: Cole, 10, Levington-rd., Ipswich. (59)

HIGH-CLASS typical Norwich, clear yellows and buffs, unflighted; cocks 7/6, 10/6; hens 3/6, 4/6; splendid value; approval, deposit: Clarke, West Hagley, Stourbridge. (56)

A FEW grand buff cocks, winners, from 12/6, 15/-, 26/-; hens from 5/-: F. Girling, Confectioner, 22, Wensum-st., Norwich. (34)

JAMES STARK, absolute winner of the Norwich Amateur Challenge Cup, offers grand birds, from 10/6; exhibition or stock; approval; stamp; not a dealer: 110, Oak-st., Norwich. (47)

1914 LARGE buff cock 20/-, yellow cock 12/6; cinnamon marked hen 4/6, yellow hen 5/-, 1915 buff cocks 8/6, 10/6; approval, cash or deposit: Thomas Herbert, 35, South-st., Redditch. (62)

HY. HUGGINS can spare choice buff cocks, clear or ticked, good heads and necks, 10/- and 15/-, variegated buff hen, year old, big bird, 12/6; approval, stamp: 40, Tabor-st., Burnley. (58)

LARGE, highly coloured clear yellow cock, 1915, in full song, 15/-; large clear buff hen, 1914, 12/-; both grand birds; or 25/- the pair; approval: Bond, Terriers, High Wycombe, Bucks. (64)

FOR disposal, few high-class unflighted 1915 Norwich colour-fed yellows and buffs; cocks from 15/-, hens from 5/6; approval, deposit; stamp reply: E. Blaney, 19, Oliver-st., Mexbro', Yorks. (56)

NORWICH, three yellow hens, two clear, one ticked, 5/- each; one clear buff cock, 7/6; all colour-fed and cold-room bred: Sharman, "Lyndhurst," Wordsworth-rd., Wallington, Surrey. 57)

CHAMPION Norwich, large, with good heads, good type and feather, well matched pairs or single birds, winners sold every season; 35 years breeder; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (45)

MR. ECKERSLEY offers four pairs of typical, splendidly-bred Norwich at 20/- per pair; great opportunity to obtain birds from renowned strain at small cost: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

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YELLOW marked cock, buff hen, 15/-; bargain; clear yellow cock, buff hen, 12/6; several other pairs, reasonable prices; all bred from and related to winners; approval: Conway, Bayard-st., Gainsborough. (60)

G. DOWELL, breeder of high-class Norwich, has for sale about 50 typical birds; cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6; approval; cash or deposit: Spread Eagle, Langport, Somerset (late of 4, Beer-st., Yeovil). (58)

I AM reducing my Norwich by ten pairs, so have for sale yellows and buffs, cocks and hens, tip-top stock birds bred from the best, cheap to clear; on approval; stamp: Skinner, 12, Monktonhall-terr., Musselburgh. (64)

N. LEESE, winner at Manchester, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, also at Burton 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, I have a few good pairs from 20/- upwards; also odd cock from 10/- each; on approval: 30, Alexandra-rd., Normacot, Staffs.

MASSIVE ticked buff cock, lovely quality, type, 35/-; marked yellow ditto, 30/-; variegated buff, large head, fine stock bird, 20/-; also two yellow hens, 15/- each; all healthy; on approval: Kerr, Richmond-rd., New Barnet.

MUST sell, 15 healthy colour-fed Norwich, large clear yellow cocks, 6/6, 7/6; buff cocks, 6/6; large variegated buff hen, 5/-; another, 3/6; two yellow and two buff, 3/- each; approval, cash: Peck, Ashman's Hall-gardens, Beccles. (59)

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MR. PAVEY, Norwich Breeder, Exhibitor.—Good pairs at reasonable price; these are consistent breeders; latest wins: Woolwich, two 1sts, two specials, two 3rds, four entries, under Robson; stamp reply: 5, Grove-rd., Abbey Wood, S.E. (62)

VARIEGATED yellow cock, fine type, quality, size, 20/-; two variegated buff cocks, very large birds, good heads, 25/- each; 2 clear buff hens 20/- each; grand heads, rich quality; all unflighted, bred from winning stock: Kerr, Richmond-rd., New Barnet.

SURPLUS stock cocks, 1 yellow variegated, 10/6; 1 ticked, 6/-; 2 clear, 8/-, 5/-; buffs, 3 clear, 10/-, 8/-; hens, yellow, 1 clear, 1 dark tail; buff, 1 clear, 3 marked, from 4/- each; approval; offers for lot: Nelson, 77, East Princes-st., Helensburgh, N.B. (61)

DO you want typical short chubby birds at reasonable prices? I must clear twenty sharp, including winners last week, this years breeding; cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; no rubbish; all from winning stock, home on Thursday, or Sunday morning; otherwise write: Bonniwell, 63, St. Quintin-avenue, North Kensington. (62)

WINNER Norwich points medal, 1915, has the following for disposal: clear yellow cock, 17/6; clear buff cocks, 15/- and 12/6; variegated buff cocks, 15/- and 12/6; three clear buff hens, 10/- each; variegated yellow hen, 7/6; good feather and condition; approval: Roberts, 43, Young-st., Derby. (56)

F. J. LACCOHEE, breeder and exhibitor, offers good stock Norwich, at reasonable prices; cocks from 10/6, hens from 7/6, carefully matched pairs 15/6, 20/-, 25/-, these would give small breeders a good start to breed their own winners; straightforward dealing; approval: 92, St. George-st., Norwich. (66)

WINNER of 1st unflighted clear buff cock, £3; winner of 1st 1914 bred clear buff cock, £3; winner of 1st and special in keen competition, buff cock, paired to clear yellow hen, £10 pair; typical yellow cock, dense silky feather, short flight and tail, 7/6; cage and carriage free: Bluck, 3, Westbourne-terr., Hove. (60)

FOR sale, two clear yellow Norwich, 12/6 each; one variegated, 10/-; clear buff, 12/6; marked buff, 15/-; all 1915 cocks and can win local shows; 1913 buff cock, monster, 15/-; one buff, one yellow hen, 7/6 each; one buff Border cock, 10/-; few hens, 3/6 each; see wins, Manchester, Liverpool, etc.; approval: J. W. Johnson, Wigan-rd., Ormskirk. (59)

GIVING up, must be cleared, 26 good big typical Norwich, the right stuff for show or stock, cheap to clear, from 5/- to 25/- each; good matched pairs 15/-, 20/-; approval; money returned with pleasure if not satisfied; 8 good big double breeders, well made, all hold water, 4/ each; 12 show cages 1/-, 1/3 each; stamp: G. Sharp, 165, Berridge-rd., Hyson-green, Nottingham. (64)

CHAMPION cup bred Norwich, few bargains here, large clear yellow cock, good head, 10/6; clear buff hen, good one 8/6, marked buff hen, large and good, 7/6; variegated yellow hen, beauty, 8/6; yellow green cock, full of best yellow blood, grand bird, large, good type, 15/6; massive big headed clear buff hen, certain winner £1; address: George Cubley, Luton Gowts, Long Sutton, Lincs. (66)

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E. BAKER offers grand clear yellow cock, size and substance, winner, £1 5/-, mated to typical short stout buff hen, 10/-; £1/12/6 pair; large massive variegated buff cock, winner, £1 5/-, mated to extra large good-headed clear yellow hen, winner, £1; £2 2/- pair; a bargain; stocky short variegated yellow unflighted cock, rare type and substance, good size, £1; mated to very large buff hen, 12/6; £1 9/6 pair: E. Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (57)

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J. T. CLARK

Has for disposal, a few pairs of well-bred Norwich and Yorkshires, from 12/6; approval: 29, Ashby-rd., Watford, Herts. (44)

CHAMPION NORWICH

Grand unflighted yellow Norwich cock, good head and neck, bred from my winning strain, a beauty, can win, only 12/6; lovely buff hen to match, 7/6; 19/- the pair, worth double; six days' approval; cash or deposit Editor: W. Johnson, Breeder, 55, George-st, Leeds. (59)

A. J. MAXWELL

can now part with lot of grand birds for show or stock, prices reasonable; approval, stamp: 7, Rothesay-gardens, Partick, Glasgow. (62)

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Clear yellow cock, perfect type, fine size, good head and neck, grand quality, and buff marked hen, grand bird all over, splendid head, both winners, 60/-; also yellow variegd. cock, fine wedge shape, good head, superb quality, perfect wings, bargain, 25/-; approval, cash or deposit: George Baxter, Highfield, Fochabers, N.B. (50)

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HIGH-CLASS Glucke, Randall and Walton, 10/6, 8/6, 7/6; hens 3/6 2/6; approval: Lloyd, 140, Gresty-rd., Crewe. (49)

THREE pairs Rollers, fine condition, 7/6 pair, 21/- the lot: Wm. Shore Baily, Boyers House, Westbury, Wilts. (60)

BEST quality rape for Roller fanciers, prices 5/- per stone, 35/- cwt.; samples sent; Ives, 85, Legsby-ave., Grimsby. (29)

NOTICE, grand lot Rollers, cocks 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each, matched pairs, 5/6; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (29)

BEAUTIFUL young Seifert Roller cock Canaries, singing nicely, accept 4/6 each: Miss Jones, Harlech House, Aberystwyth. (66)

YOUNG songster Canaries for sale, guaranteed cocks, on song, 4/6 and 5/- each: Arthur Munks, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts. (42)

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Burnley C.B.S.—Nov. 21, 75, Lindsay Street, 7. Lecture on "Pedigree Breeding," by a winning exhibitor. Fanciers welcome. New members apply to—James Moorhouse, 102, Nairne Street, Burnley.

Brighton & Hove C.B.A.—Nov. 22, 25, Old Steine, 8. Adjourned committee meeting. Arangements for members' annual show, Dec. 8. General business, etc.—W. H. Gibb.

Bingley O.S.—Nov. 27, Assembly Rooms. Members' show. Birds staged 2.45. Judge, H. B. Clarke (Bradford). Meeting at 5.—F. Craven.

Bramley O.S.—Nov. 19, Carnival Rooms, 8. Entries for 2nd winter show and general business.—F. Page.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Nov. 27, Forester's Arms, 7. Business of importance.—J. Stirling.

Craghead Social Club F.F. & C.B.S.—Nov. 27, Club Room, 6.30. Important business.—M. Archer.

Chorley C.B.S.—Nov. 24, Shepherd's Hall, 7.30. Final arrangements for members' annual show.—J. H. Welch.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Nov. 22, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8. Essay competition on 'How can birds be helped into show condition?"—V. Wynn.

Charlotteville F. & U.S.K.S.—Nov. 24, St. Luke's Institute, Addison Road, 8. Annual general meeting.—C. H. Pope.

Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.—Re annual show, Nov. 10, Class 14 should read: Legg 1, Verrall 2, not Verrall 1 and 2. See Mr. Norman's reports.—W. D. Fryett.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 6.30. Special show business.—G. S. Lynn.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Nov. 23, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane. Members' annual show. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.

East Stanley Club F.F. & C.B.S.—Nov. 21, club room, 6. To consider whether the show go on or not.—J. Armitage.

Falkirk, Grangemouth and Bannockburn C.B.S.—Nov. 20, 80, Graham Road, 7.30. Fixing specials for annual show, etc.—R. Rennie.

Green Canary Association.—Nov. 25, Oldham Hall, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. Abbott; also novice washing competition. Judge, Mr. J. Thornton. Local fanciers cordially invited.—Thos. R. Jones.

Grimsby O.S.—Nov. 25, headquarters, 160, Freeman Street, 8. Arrangements for half-day show and general business.—J. T. Cotterill.

Guiseley, Yeadon C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Regent Hotel, 7.30. Special meeting to fix hall for next members' show, Nov. 27. Judge, H. Sutcliffe, Windbill.—W. Rose.

Hornsey, Wood Green C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Masonic Hall, Nightingale Hotel, High Road, Wood Green. Annual show, 2 to 10. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—P. Brooks.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Nov. 23, Ye Olde Brig Cafe, 8. Entering up for old bird show.—A. Roberts.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Queen's Head Inn, 7. Entries for annual show and other important business. Entries close Nov. 20.—R. H. Dixon.

Hanley C.B.S.—Nov. 24, 28, Mayer Street, Hanley, 8. Members' shows and new members. Those wishing to become members please attend.—C. Beckett.

Halifax C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Trafalgar Inn, Halifax, 7. Pie supper. Close for names, Nov. 2. Also Nov. 27, at King Cross Band Room. Birds staged at 2. Annual members' show. Judge, J. A. Taylor, Frizinghall.—A. Sutcliffe.

Islington F.A.—Nov. 22, headquarters, to make up classes for annual show, Nov. 27.—J. R. Young, Show Sec. (Time not stated.—Ed.)

Llanelly C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Greyhound Hotel, 8. Final choice of judges and classification of schedule.—D. H. Davies.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Nov. 27, Y.M.C.A. Halls, 7. Report of annual show and annual social. Fixing up of winter's programme of table shows. Lectures, etc.—T. J. McGregor.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Nov. 20, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 8. Giving out specials and prize money of autumn show, and essays on the show by lady members. Mr. W. Shakespear to act as judge.—W. Gilbert.

Leigh C.B.S.—Nov. 24, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Entries close finally 9 p.m. for old show. Thursday morning's post not accepted. Members please note.—R. Charleson.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Nov. 22, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Entries for open show. Champion exhibitors please note, owing to receiving C.M.Y.C.C. patronage there are 4 Cinn. classes, viz., 7, 7s, 8, 8a.—W. H. Symes.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, 8. Entries for annual show.—A. Colley.

Northern British M. & F.B.C.—Nov. 27, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, 8. Table show. Linnet, Bullfinch, and Goldfinch. A.O.V.—W. Curry.

Macclesfield C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Daybrook Street School, 7.45. Entries for show and show business.—H. Hall.

Manningham C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Mowbray Arms, 6.0. Open show report.—F. Darwent.

Oldham C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Meeting of importance. All fanciers welcome.—G. Mills.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Nov. 24, club room, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. General business; subs. due. Judge, annual show, Mr. A. G. Davis. Delegates' report.—A. W. Newton.

Queen's Park (Glasgow).—Nov. 24, Marie Stuart Halls, 8. Show business. Return of special sheets and unsold tickets for annual show.—A. K. Hunter.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, 7.30. Arrangements for show, Nov. 27.—S. B. Grayshon.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Nov. 20, Station Street Cafe, 7.30. To decide whether or not to hold our open show set down for Dec. 27. Will members let me know at this meeting (on postcard) how many entries they could make if show was carried on as arranged.—J. Peacock.

Tong C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill. Members' show. Birds staged at 3. Judge, Mr. F. Self, Bradford.—W. Walker.

Windhill C.B.S.—Nov. 30, Blue Bell Hotel, 6.30. Taking entries for open show.—J. Taylor.

Wigan C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Legs of Man Hotel, 7. Old show business.—E. Ball.

The Shows.

IDLE C.B.S.

Members' show, Oct. 23. Mr. P. Mason, Windhill, judged, giving every satisfaction. Mr. Thomas won special for best champion, and Mr. Whitaker best novice. Champ.—Class 1: 1, 3, Sparks; 2, Thomas; 4, Pearson. Class 2: 1, Thomas; 2, Wood; 3, Sparks; 4, Elsegood. Class 4: 1, 4, Chippendale; 2, 3, Wood. Class 5: 1, Chippendale; 2, Whitaker, 3, Wood; 4, Elsegood. Class 6: 1, Thomas; 2, Chippendale; 3, Sparks; 4, Pearson. Nov.—Class 1: 1, Mrs. Lloyd; 2, Baxter; 3, Renton. Class 3: 1, 3, spl. Whitaker; 2, Baxter; 4, Renton. Class 6: 1, Mrs. Lloyd; 2, Baxter.—T. Elsegood, Sec.

DEAL, WALMER F.A.

Show in aid of comforts fund for sailors and soldiers in local hospitals, Nov. 3, 4. The birds were quite up to the average, both in Yorks. and Norwich. Mr. G. Johnson won members' cup with the best unflighted Yorks. in the show. Mr. J. G. Gibbs, Canterbury, judged.

Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, Taylor; 2 and 3, Pilcher. Buff: 1, Pilcher; 2, Taylor; 3, Burgess. Hen: 1, Taylor; 2, Pilcher; 3, Thompson. 1915: 1, Burgess; 2, Burgess; 3, Thompson. Yorks: Yell. Ck.: 1, 3, Johnson; 2, Rayner. Buff: 1, G. Johnson; 2 and 3, Thompson. Hen: 1, Johnson; 2, W. Austen; 3, Taylor. 1915: 1, Rayner; 2 and 3, Johnson. Mule: 1, 2 and 3, Taylor. Sell.: 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Burgess. Brit. Seed Eating: 1, Miss Laking; 2, Miss Lee; 3, Pilcher.

HALIFAX O.S.

Members' show Plummit Line Hotel, Oct. 30; 85 birds were staged (all hens). Mr. A. Radley, of Skelmanthorpe, judged, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. E. Helliwell won special in champion section with 14 points; Burdekin Bros second, 13; Novice: 1, Horsman, 14 points; 2, Benn, 13.

Yell., Yorks.: 1, Saville; 2, 3, hc, Burdekin Bros.; vhc, Speak; c, Lloyd. Buff: 1, 2, Pilling; 3, Burdekin Bros.; vhc, hc, Speak; c, Lloyd. Mkd.: 1, Speak; 2, Saville. Yorks., Green: 1, 2, 3, J. Riley. Nov., Yell.: 1, vhc, W. Horsman; 2, Sladdiu and Baldwin; 3, hc, Thornton; c, Ambler. Buff: 1, Rushworth; 2, Newcombe; 3, Thornton; vhc, W. Horsman; hc, Senior; c, Sladdin and Baldwin. Mkd.: 1, Sladdiu and Baldwin; 2, W. Horsman; 3, Briggs; vhc, F. Horsman; hc, c, Ambler. Yorks., Gr.: 1, F. Horsman; 2, Rushworth; 3, vhc, Briggs. Yell. Nor.: 1, Saville; 2, Clegg. Buff: 1, 3, Corney; 2, vhc, Clegg. Mkd.: 1, Corney; 2, Lloyd; 3, Clegg. Nov., Nor. Yell.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Rolfe. Buff: 1, vhc Rolfe; 2, 3, Smith. Mkd.: 1, Rolfe. Brit. Finch: 1, Benn; 2, vhc, Helliwell; 3, hc, c, D. A. Macpherson. A.O. Brit.: 1, hc, Helliwell; 2, c, D. A. Macpherson; 3, vhc, Benn. Sell.: 1, Smith.—J. Burdekin.

LLANELLY C.B.S.

Local show, 4½ miles radius, Greyhound Hotel club-room, Oct. 30. Quality was above the average, and no doubt several of the winners will hold their own during the show season. Judges: Nor. and Yorks., A. Hitchens; Border, E. M. Evans, Swansea; Brit., T. Holborrow, Gowerton, who gave satisfaction. The Society have in Mr. D. Hamilton Davies an excellent secretary, and he got through his work in a businesslike manner, assisted by the Committee-men. It is the wish of the Society to run a bigger show later on as a 20-mile radius show, previous to the open annual event.

Nor. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, and res, Davies. Hen: 1, 2, Harry; 3, Davies; res, Lewis. Yorks. Ck.: 1, 2, res, Owen; 3, Harry. Bord.: 1, res, McDonald; 2, Harry; 3, Evans. Hen: 1, res, Harry; 2, 3, McDonald. Unflig. Nor. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, res, Davies Hen: 1, 2, Davies. Unflig. Yorks. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Owen; res, Harry. Hen: 1, 2, 3 and 4, Owen. Unflig. Bord. Ck.: 1, 3, res, McDonald; 2, Harry. Non-fed Nor.: 1, 2, res, Davies; 3, Thomas. Yorks.: 1, 2, Owen; 3, Harry; res, John. Mule: 1, 3, Jenkins; 2, res, Reynolds. Goldf., H.M.: 1, Jones; 2, Davies; 3, Gregory, sen. F.M.: 1, Lewis. Bullf.: 1, 3, Jones; res, Teague. Linnet, H.M.: 1, Lewis; 2, Jones; 3, Davies; res, Cole. F.M.: 1, Davies; 2, Gregory. Greenf.: 1 and 2, Gregory; 3, Reynolds; res, Jenkins. Siskin, etc.: 1, Gregory; 2 and 3, Jones; res, Lewis. A.O. Brit.: 1, S. Jones; 2, Teague; 3, W. H. Jones, Lewis.

N. LIVERPOOL C.B.S.

Show at headquarters, Royal Street, Nov. 6. Messrs. W. J. Metcalf and W. Young judged. Their task was a difficult one, as over 300 birds were staged, and some splendid specimens were on view, but everyone was satisfied with their awards.

Champ. York. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (7): 1 and hc, Hayton; 2, Rowlands; 3 and c, Rothwell; vhc, Southwood. Buff (5): 1, Rowlands; 2 and 3, Rothwell; vhc, Algie; hc, Huyton. Unev. or Var. Yell. (3): 1, Southwood; 2, Huyton; 3, Rothwell. Buff: 1, Huyton; 2, Rothwell; 3, Rowlands; vhc and hc, Frankham. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen (8): 1, 3, and c, Rothwell; 2, Rowlands; vhc and hc, Huyton. Buff (8): 1, 3, vhc and hc, Rothwell; 2, Rowlands. Uneven or Var. Yell. Hen (3): 1 and 3, Rothwell; 2, Huyton. Gr. Self or Foul Yell. (6): 1, Algie; 2 and 3, Smith; vhc and hc, Frankham; c, Huyton. Buff (5): 1, Richardson; 2, Rowlands; 3, Smith; vhc, Huyton; hc, Frankham. Yell. Hen: 1, Rowland; 2, Richardson; 3, Smith; vhc and hc, Frankham. Buff (7): 1 and 2, Smith; 3 and hc, Richardson; vhc, Huyton; c, Frankham. A.V. Cl. 1915 Yell. (9): 1, Rowlands; 2, Algie; 3 and c, Rothwell; vhc, Wilson; hc, Huyton. Buff: 1, Rothwell; 2 and hc, Huyton; 3, Rowlands; vhc, Algie. Cl. 1915 Yell. Hen (6): 1 and c, Huyton; 2, Southwood; 3, Rowlands; vhc, Rothwell; hc, Algie. Buff (2): 1, Huyton; 2, Rothwell. Gr. Self or Foul Yell. 1915 (2): 1, Richardson; 2, Rowlands. Buff (3): 1 and 3, Smith; 2, Richardson. Buff Hen, 1915 (3): 1, Southwood; 2, Rowlands; 3, Algie. Nov. Yorks. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (6): 1, W. Leadbetter; 2, Cattle; 3, A. Smith; vhc, Woodcock; hc, J. Grice; c, Foxcroft. Buff (6): 1, Hammond; 2, Woodcock; 3, McLoughlin; vhc, Quick; hc, G. Grice; c, Foxcroft. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen (5): 1, Hammond; 2, vhc, Kewn; hc, G. Grice. Buff (12): 1 and vhc, Kewn; 2, Quick; 3 and hc, Leadbetter; c, Woodcock. Gr. Self or Foul Yell. (10): 1, Wilson; 2, McLoughlin; 3, Foxcroft; vhc, Jordon; hc, Blaytock; c, G. Grice. Buff (8): 1, Kewn; 2, J. Grice; 3, Foxcroft; vhc, Quick; hc and c, Leadbeter. Yell. Hen (4): 1, Leadbetter; 2 and vhc, McLoughlin; 3, G. Grice. Buff (3): 1 and 2, Leadbetter; 3, Wilson. Cl. Yell. 1915 (8): 1, G. Grice; 2, Wilson; 3 and vhc, Leadbetter; hc, A. Smith; c, Queck. Buff (2): 1, Leadbetter; 2, G. Grice. Unev. Yell. 1915: 1, McLoughlin; 2, Hammond. Buff (4): 1, Kewu; 2 and 3, McLoughlin; vhc, Hilton. Cl. Yell. Hen (4): 1, Hilton; 2, Wilson; 3, G. Grice; vhc, McLoughlin. Buff (4): 1, Kewn; 2, Blaylock; 3, Wilson; vhc, A. Smith. Gr. Self or Foul Yell. (4): 1, Leadbetter; 2, Wilson; 3, Blaylock; vhc, Kewn. Buff (6): 1, Leadbetter; 2, Quick; 3, Wilson; vhc, Jordon; hc and c, McLoughlin. Yell. Hen (2): 1, Wilson; 2, McLoughlin. Buff (3): 1 and 3, McLoughlin; 2, Jordon. A.O.V. (3): 1, Leadbetter; 2, Cattle; 3, Quick. Hen: 1, Foxcroft; 2, McLoughlin. Nor. Cl., etc., Yell. (7): 1, Wilkins; 2 and 3, Hodson; vhc, hc and c, Atherton. Buff (3): 1 and 2, Frankham; 3, Atherton. Buff Hen (4): 1 and 3, Wilkins; 2 and vhc, Atherton. Ck., 1915 (7): 1, 2, 3, Wilkins; vhc, Hodson; hc and c, Atherton. Hen (5): 1 and 3, Wilkins; 2 and vhc, Hodson; hc, Atherton. Bord., etc., Yell. (4): 1 and 2, Bratherton; 3 and vhc, Richie. Buff (5): 1 and 2, Bratherton; 3 and hc, Richie; vhc, J. Grice. Yell. Hen (5): 1 and 3, Richie; 2, vhc, Bratherton; hc, J. Grice. Buff (4): 1 and 2, Richie; 3 and vhc, Bratherton. Gr. Self or Foul Yell (4): 1, Richie; 2, 3 and vhc, J. Grice. Buff (3): 1 and 3, J. Grice; 2, Bratherton. Goldf. (6): 1, Wilson; 2, Keenan; 3, Hilton; vhc and hc, Kelly; c, Williams. Bullf. (4): 1 and vhc, Keenan; 2, Hilton; 3, Lloyd. Greenf.: 1, Lloyd; 2 and c, Keenan; 3, Williams; vhc, Kelly; hc, Hilton. Chaff. (8): 1, Rothwell; 2, Williams; 3, Hilton; vhc and hc, Lloyd; c, Keenan. Bramblcf. (3): 1, Rothwell; 2, Keenan; 3, Lloyd. Linnet (4): 1, Rothwell; 2, Lloyd; 3, Keenan; vhc, Hilton. Siskin, etc. (5): 1 and vhc, Lloyd; 2, Williams; 3, Keenan; c, Kelly. A.O. Brit. (6): 1, Hilton; 2 and c, Lloyd; 3, Kelly; vhc and hc, Keenan. Brit. hen (5): 1, Hilton; 2 and vhc, Keenan; 3 and c, Lloyd. Mule or Hyb. (7): 1, vhc, Keenan; 2, Kally; 3, Williams; hc, Lloyd; c, Hilton. Points.—Champ. Yorks.: Rothwell, 66; Hnyton, 48; Rowlands, 48; Smith, 30; Richardson, 19; Algie, 18; Southwood, 8. Nov.: Leadbetter, 46; McLoughlin, 30; Kewn, 30; Wilson, 29; Quick, 18; G. Grice, 15; Hammond, 12; Foxcroft, 12; Woodcock, 9; Blacklock, 8; Jordon, 8; Smith, 7; Hilton, 5; J. Grice, 7; Atherton, 3; Cattle, 7. Nor.: Wilkins, 35; Hodson, 19; Atherton, 14; Frankham, 5. Bord.: Bratherton, 27; Richie, 26; J. Grice, 13. Brit.: Keenan, 44; Lloyd, 36; Williams, 18; Kelly, 18; Hilton, 27; Rothwell, 13; Wilson, 6.—H. HOLDEN, Hon. Sec.

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ECCLESHILL C.B.S.

Members' Show, Oct. 30, Fountain Inn. Mr. W. A. Cowgill could not attend until 5.30, and we had to call on Mr. J. Wilcock, jun., to take his place. A very good entry of 82 birds appeared, and some very good ones among them, and some of the winners changed hands. Mr. J. Wilcock's awards were well received.

CHAMP. YORKS.—Class 1: 1, 3, 4, Sparks; 2, c, J. Wilcock; vhc, hc, Stebbings. Class 2: 1, Sparks; 2, 3, J. Wilcock; 4, vhc, Stebbings. Class 3: 1, 8, Sparks; 2, 4, Stebbings; vhc, J. Wilcock; hc, Pearson. Class 4: 1, vhc, Stebbings; 2, Sparks; 3, 4, c, J. Wilcock; hc, Pearson. NOV.—Class 5: 1, Fretwell; 2, hc, Bousfield; 3, Close; 4, Baxter; vhc, Whitaker. Class 6: 1, Fretwell, 2, c Close; 3, hc, Whitaker; 4, Baxter; vhc, Walton. Class 7: 1, Fretwell; 2, 4, Close; 3, Walton; vhc, Baxter; hc, Simonett; c, Bousfield. Class 8: 1, 2, Fretwell; 3, Whitaker; 4, Close; vhc, Simouett; hc, Bousfield. Class 9: 1, Fretwell; 2, c, Bousfield; 3, Whitaker; 4, Baxter; vhc, Close; hc, Jenkinson. NOR.—Class 10: 1, Airton; 2, S. Wilcock; 3, J. Wilcock; 4, Pearson; vhc, Jenkinson. Class 11: 1, 3, vhc, Airton; 2, J. Wilcock; 4, S. Wilcock; hc, c, Jenkinson. Class 12: 1, Airton, 2, 3, Simonett; 4, Jenkinson. Class 13: 1, 3, S. Wilcock; 2, Airton; 4, Walton; vhc, Pearson.—Sam Wilcock, Sec.

BOURNEMOUTH C.B.S.

Although not able to hold their usual open show the members of the Bournemouth C.B.S. got together a capital collection of their own birds in the Quadrant Restaurant, Bournemouth. All varieties were well represented, and some high class specimens of the popular Norwich and Yorkshires were on view. Messrs. Howard, Baker, Dr. Weekes, and others, sent in some very fine Norwich. Dr. Weekes winning the special with a nicely proportioned yellow hen. Mr. Baker's unflighted yellow cock was much admired, he is a nice, full fronted bird of fine size, and should do well later on. Miss Onslow's team of crest and C.B.'s made quite an imposing display, her young green crest secured the cup for best young bird in show, the bird has an extra large crest of good formation, and should grow into something quite high class. Yorks. were good, stylish, and typical, with plenty of length, Mr. Fulford's taking special for most points, also best Yorkshire, his clear buff being one of the runners up for the cup for best bird. Unfortunately the weather was not ideal which told against the attendance, although quite a number of interested visitors turned up during the day. The management was in the able hands of Mr. L. Bousfield, who has nothing to learn about running a show, consequently everything was in good working order. He was assisted by Messrs. E. Bousfield, F. Fulford, A. Troke, H. Matthews, as also Miss Onslow and Miss Penrice; Mr. H. Norman judged.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. (9): 1, Troke; 2, Halliday; 3, H. Bousfield; vhc, hc, Fulford; c, Maidment. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Fulford; 2, Troke; 3, hc, Halliday; c, Maidment. VAR. (5): 1, E. Bousfield; 2, H. Bousfield; 3, vhc, Fulford; hc, Halliday. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Fulford; 2, Troke; 3, Halliday; vhc, L. Bousfield; hc, H. Bousfield; c, Maidment. YELL. HEN (9): 1, vhc, Fulford; 2, H. Bousfield; 3, E. Bousfield; hc, Halliday; c, Troke. BUFF (9): 1, Halliday; 2, L. Bousfield; 3, c, Fulford; vhc, hc, H. Bousfield. NOV. CK. (8): 1, 2, 3, Egerton; vhc, Mrs. Daldy; hc, E. Bousfield; c, Hutchins. HEN (8): 1, E. Bousfield; 2, 3, Egerton; vhc, Hutchins. NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL (10): 1, Howard; 2, Dr. Weekes; 3, Baker; vhc, Howard; hc, Matthews; c, Mrs. Downing Farrer. BUFF (9): 1, Howard; 2, 3, Fellows; vhc, c, Mrs. Downing Farrer; hc, Page. VARIEG. (9): 1, hc, c, Mrs. Downing Farrer; 2, Dr. Weekes; 3, Baker; vhc, Howard. UNFLIG. (15): 1, Baker; 2, c, Dr. Weekes; 3, Fellows; vhc, hc, Howard. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Dr. Weekes; 2, Page; 3, Fellows; vhc, hc, Mrs. Downing Farrer. BUFF: 1, Howard; 2, Baker; 3, Page; vhc, hc, Mrs. D. Farrer; c, Fellows. NOV. NOR. CK. (2): 1, Newell; 2, Weekes. HEN (2): 1, Newell; 2, Weekes. CREST. (4): 1, 2, 3, Miss Onslow; vhc, Miss Blauuw. C.B. (4): 1, 2, 3, Miss Onslow; vhc, Miss Blauuw. CREST, UNFLIG. (6): 1, 2, 3, Miss Onslow; vhc, hc, c, Miss Blauuw. C.B., UNFLIG. (5): 1, 2, 3, Miss Onslow; vhc, hc, Miss Blauuw. NON-FED YORKS. (1). 1, Fulford. NOR. (3): 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Downing Farrer. GOLDF. (5): 1, 2, Alderslade; 3, vhc, Fellows; hc, Hutchins. BULLF. (4): 1, 2, Parsons; 3, vhc, Tatchell. LINNET, ETC. (3): 1, Parsons; 2, Hutchins; 3, Newell. A.O. HARDBILL (6): 1, c, Parsons; 2, vhc, Hutchins; 3, hc, Newell. MULES (4): 1, 2, Parsons; 3, Hutchins; vhc, Troke. PAIRS (6): 1, vhc, Miss Onslow; 2, Howard; 3, Troke; hc, Fulford; c, Mrs. Downing Farrer. PARROTS (2): 1, Hutchins; 2, Tatchell. SEED EATERS (5): 1, 2, Slade; 3, Alderslade; vhc, Mrs. Daldy; hc, Tatchell.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S

Annual Young Stock Show, "Eagle," Chobham-road, Oct. 27, judge, Mr. A. Skinner. Yorks.: sp. 1, 2, 3, res, Parker; vhc, hc, c, Bayliss. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, res, Parker. Bord.: 1, 2, Fish; ab., Rev. Soames. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Parker. Greenf.: 1, Parker; 2, 3, Bayliss; res, Fish; vhc, hc, c, Reed; ab, Rev. Soames. Redpoll, Etc.: 1, 2, 3, Bayliss; res, vhc, Reed; ab., Rev. Soames. A.O. Brit.: sp, 1, 2, Parker; 3, res, Bayliss; vhc, hc, c, Reed. Canary Adult: 1, 3, res, Bayliss; 2, Fish; vhc, hc, Reed. For.: 1, 2, 3, Reed.—A. Wasey, Hon. Sec.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' show, Granby Hotel, Nov. 6. 57 birds were judged by Mr. L. C. Casey. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, spl, Ambler; 2, Williams; 3, Sugden; 4, Blagbrough; vhc, Allatt; hc, Sharpe; c, Farrar. Buff: 1, vhc, Allatt; 2, Farrar; 3, Womersley; 4, Jowett; hc, Sharpe; c, Ambler. Green Mark Ck.: 1, Williams; 2, hc, Hoyle; 3, Haggis; 4, vhc Jowett; c, Sharpe. Clr. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, spl, Allatt; 2, 4, Farrar; 3, Williams; vhc, Allatt; hc, Haggis. Buff: 1, Jowett; 2, hc, Sharpe; 3, Williams; 4, Sugden; vhc, c, Haggis. Green Mark. Hen: 1, hc, Jowett; 2, Haggis; 3, Sharpe; 4, vhc, Allatt; c, Sugden. Cinn. Mark Hen: 1, 4, Sharpe; 2, Sugden; 3, Ambler.—W. Jagger, Sec.

CROYDON F.A.

Annual show, Nov. 10, Public Hall, Croydon, was a great success. Mr. D. W. Oliver, chairman; Mr. F. W. Capell, vice-chair; and committee, all worked hard. Mr. H. Norman judged.

Nor., Yell., etc.: 1, 2, Soper; 3, Everitt; res, Harvey. Buff: 1, 2, Soper; 3, Harvey; res, Everitt. Hen: 1, Paterson; 2, Halhead; 3, res, Soper. 1915: 1, Halhead; 2, Paterson; 3, res, Halhead. Yorks, Yell.: 1, Soper; 2, Truclove; 3, Soper; res, Mudd. Buff: 1, Bacon; 2, Last; 3, Mudd; res, Truelove. Hen: 1, Bacon; 2, Mudd; 3, Last; res, Mudd. 1915: 1, two spls, Last; 2, Bacon; 3, Soper. Bord.: 1, spl, Last; 2, Bacon. Bord.: 1, Last; 2, Bacon; 3, Mrs. Pocock. 1915: 1, Last; 2, 3, Mrs. Pocock. A.O.V. Can.: 1, Bacon; 2, Pocock. Can. or Mule: 1, 2, Halhead; 3, Soper; res, Halhead. Pairs: 1, Soper. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Evcritt. Goldf. or Bullf.: 2, Gilbert; 3, Robbins. Linnet or Twite: 1, 2, Gilbert. Redpoll, etc.: 1, spl, Bacon; 2, Webber; res, Harvey. For.: 1, Oliver.

ABERTILLERY.

The Hybrid and British classes were accidentally omitted from our report published recently, and our reporter's remarks are given below.

LIGHT MULE (6): 1, Jeffries, neat lightly mkd. Greenf.-Can., in good order; 2, Jones and Davies, jonque Goldf.-Can., nice shape; 4, Ford, Goldf.-Can.; vhc, Goodman; hc, Garron, DK. (9): 1, Jeffries, Linnet-Can., nice size and shape, grand col. and qual., grand exhibit; 2, Allsopp, jonque Can.-Greenf., beautiful qual., nice size and shape, much improved since we last saw him; 3, 4, Jones and Davies, neat buff Redpoll-Can., very stylish, and buff Sis.-Can.; vhc, Bees Bros.; hc, Davies; c, Evans. A.V. HYB. (1): 1, Jeffries, neat Goldf.-Siskin. GOLDF. (4): 1, 2, Holborrow, neat exhibits, well tanned, nice size and shape, good bars and buttons, well cut blazes, hardly in col. yet.; 3, Walker and Jones, F.M., fair size, nice blaze and bars, rather unsteady; 4, Jeffries, not ready yet. BULLF. (6): 1, Davies and Gregory, nice cobby shape, good cap and bars, not yet up in breast col.; 2, Jeffries, hen, very shapely, beautiful col. and qual.; 3, Holborrow, smaller than leader, and had thrown thigh feathers up badly; 4, Ford; vhc, Blackmore; hc, Caddy. LINNET (6): 1, Nicholas, well-known winner; 2, Ford, nice size and shape, good col. and qual.; 3, York, shade smaller than leaders and paler in col.; 4, Price, nice shape, trifle on small side, and rather pale in col. yet; vhc, Price; hc, Weeks. GREENF., ETC. (11): 1, c, Holborrow, nicely fed buff Greenf., good size, shape and cond.; 2, vhc, Bullock, good coloured Bramble, rather unsteady; 3, Jeffries, Chaffinch nice size and shape, hardly ready yet; 4, Price, Bramble; hc, Blackmore. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Bullock, very neat Siskin, non-fed, good eye and wing markings, nice size, lovely cond.; 2, Ford, bonny Redpoll, nicely laced, good col., grand order; 3, Nicholas, Twite, nice col. and markings; 4, Knapp, Redpoll; vhc, Lucas Bros. A.O.V. (2): 1, Bullock, very neat Hawfinch; 2, Richards, nicely fed Yellow Buntiug. SELL., £2 (5): 1, Russell; 2, Watkins; 3, Davies; 4, Owen; vhc, Jones. 20s. (4): 1, 4, Richards; 2, Greenslade; 3, Lewis 10s.: 1, Bevan; 2, Llewellyn; 3, Richards.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Members' show, Nov. 6, St. George's Schools, St. George's St., a great success in respect of quality and numbers, many of the birds that have been taking premier honours at some of our open shows having to take a back seat. 241 birds were staged, about the usual number for our shows, and it speaks well for the society when things become normal again, as many of our exhibiting members are serving with the colours. Mr. Baldwinson's buff Norwich cock was greatly admired, and took special for best bird, as was Mr. Sykes' buff marked Yorks. hen, which was quite the lady of the day, taking special for 2nd best; Mr. R. Haigh won special most points in champion, and Mr. Firth spl. most points Novice. Mr. S. Wilcock judged Canaries, and Mr. T. H. Inman British, both giving entire satisfaction.

Yell. Yorks. (7): 1, Marsh; 2, Hall; 3, vhc, McDade; 4, Simms; hc, Sykes; c, Norton. Buff (9): 1, Norton; 2, Hall; 3, 4, Sykes; vhc, Yelland; hc, Marsh; c, McDade. Yell. Hen (11): 1, 2, Sykes; 3, Baldwinson; 4, Yelland; vhc, Reed and Son; hc, Marsh; c, Hall. Buff (7): 1, spl, 3, Sykes, 2, Hall; 4, Marsh; vhc, Baldwinson; hc, Simms; c, McDade. Yell., Unflig. (13): 1, Baldwinson; 2, Marsh; 3, McDade; 4, Reed and Son; vhc, c, Sykes; hc, Hall. Buff (12): 1, 2, Marsh; 3, Hall; 4, McDade; vhc, Reed and Son; hc, Yelland; c, Norton. Nor. Yell. (12): 1, Livingstone; 2, Tose; 3, hc, Wilson; 4, c, Johnson; vhc, Chambers. Buff (8): 1, spl, Baldwinson; 2, c, Tose; 3, Yelland; 4, vhc, Wilson; hc, Livingstone. Yell. Hen (7): 1, c, Wilson; 2, 3, Chambers; 4, Norton; vhc, Johnson; hc, Livingstone. Buff (12): 1, Baldwinson; 2, Livingstone; 3, hc, Wilson; 4, Tose; vhc, Yelland; c, Johnson. Yell. Unflig. (8): 1, 2, 4, Wilson; 3, Chambers; vhc, c, Baldwinson. Buff (13): 1, 4, Baldwinson; 2, c, Tose; 3, Johnson; vhc, Livingstone; hc, Chambers. Bord. (2): 1, 2, Yelland. A.O.V. Can. (2): 1, 2, Smithson. Linnet (16): 1, 2, 3, Haigh; 4, vhc, Owen; hc, c, Dobson. Goldf. or Bullf. (9): 1, 2, c, Haigh; 3, Owen; 4, vhc, Middleton; hc, Kay. Redpoll, etc. (9): 1, Owen; 2, Haigh; 3, 4, vhc, c, Middleton; hc, Dobson. Greenf. (9): 1, 4, Haigh; 2, vhc, hc, c, Middleton; 3, Hunt. A.O. Hardbill (10): 1, 4, Hunt; 2, c, Owen; 3, hc, Haigh; vhc, Middleton. Mule or Hyb. (10): 1, Owen; 2, hc, c, Middleton; 3, Sanderson; 4, vhc, Haigh. Nov. Yorks. Yell. (6): 1, Wrightson; 2, 3, Firth; 4, Walker; vhc, Watkinson; hc, Senior. Buff (5): 1, Walker; 2, 3, Firth; 4, Watkinson; vhc, Senior. Yell. Hen (5): 1, Watkinson; 2, Ellis; 3, Wrightson; 4, vhc, Firth. Buff (5): 1, 4, Watkinson; 2, Sanderson; 3, vhc, Firth. Yell. Unflig. (6): 1, 2, 3, Watkinson; 4, hc, Firth; vhc, Sanderson. Buff (10): 1, hc, c, Firth; 2, 3, Ellis; 4, Walker; vhc, Watkinson. Nov. Yell. (2): 1, Senior; 2, Lamb. Buff (2): 1, Senior; 2, Lamb. Yell. Hen (4): 1, 2, Fryer; 3, Lamb; 4, Senior. Buff (2): 1, 2, Fryer. Yell. Unflig. (3): 1, Lamb; 2, Senior; 3, Fryer. Buff (5) 1, 2, vhc, Fryer; 3, 4, Lamb. The leaders for the various specials are:—Members, six highest birds to count: J. Owen, 72; R. Haigh, 70; T. Baldwinson, 70. Section speciale, six highest birds: Yorks., J. Sykes, 54; E. Marsh, 53; Norwich, T. Baldwinson 62, W. A. Wilson, 46; Border, H. A. Mennard 14, G. Yelland 12½; British: J. Owen 72, R. Haigh 70; Nov., R. Watkinson 60, H. Firth 59. Hattersley's medal, 3 highest to count: T. Baldwinson 58, J. Sykes, 35; Leeds cup, 4 starred birds to count: Baldwinson, 22; Sykes 20, Sowers' cup, 6 starred birds to count: Baldwinson 29, Sykes 27; most points with vhc birds, British, E. Middleton 12; Novice, H. Firth 5.—E. Norton, Hon. Sec.

BOLTON ROLLER C.S.

Members' contest, Joiners' Arms, Nov. 6. Mr. Massey judged. Champion Young Birds: 1, 2, and 3, Warcing; 4, c, Kilshaw; vhc, Johnson; hc, Meadows. Nov. Young Birds: 1, Derbyshire; 2, c, Hibbut; 3, Foster; 4, vhc, Rothwell; hc, Rogers. Any Age: 1, Meadows; 2, Warcing; 3, Watkins; 4, Ormston; vhc, Johnson; hc, Hibbut, c, Grodwell.—J. KILSHAW, Hon. Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE C.B.S.

Final table show Oct. 9. Mr. H. Boothman, Manchester, judged, and gave general satisfaction. Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, Foxall; 2, Marlor. Buff: 1, 3, Foxall; 2, 4, Marsland. Yell. Hen: 1, Marsland; 2, Phillips. Buff: 1, Phillips; 2, Foxall; 3, Marsland; 4, Marlor. Unflig. Yell., A.V.: 1, Marlor; 2, 3, Marsland; 4, Whitehead. Buff: 1, 3, Whitehead; 2, 4, Phillips; vhc, c, Whitehead; hc, Baron. Yorks. Buff Ck.: 1, Green; 2, Etchells; 3, Pye. Yell. Hen: 1, Etchells. Buff: 1, 3, Etchells; 2, 4, Green. Unflig. Yell., A.V.: 1, Kirby; 2, Pye; 3, 4, Etchells. Buff: 1, Green; 2, Pye; 3, Etchells. Mule or Hyb.: 1, H. Whitehead.—J. Whitehead, Sec.

PUDSEY & STANNINGLEY C.B.S.

Members' show Oct. 23, Fleece Hotel, Stanningley. Judge, Mr. S. Wilcock. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks. Ck.: 1, 3, vhc, Marsh; 2, Baldwinson; c, Noble; hc, Page. Buff: 1, Marsh; 2, Raistrick; 3, Page; 4, c, Towler and Hargreaves; vhc, Noble; hc, Bracewell. A.O.V. Yell. Yorks. Ck.: 1, Raistrick; 2, 3, Marsh; 4, Page; vhc, Bracewell. A.O.V. Buff Yorks. Ck.: 1, 2, Marsh; 3, vhc, Fowler and Hargreaves; 4, Barraclough; hc, c, Noble. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks. Hen: 1, Raistrick; 2, 3, Marsh; 4, Noble; vhc, Fowler and Hargreaves; hc, c, Bracewell. Buff: 1, Baldwinson; 2, vhc, Marsh; 3, c, Raistrick; 4, Forrest; hc, Bracewell. A.O.V. Yorks. Hen: 1, Raistrick; 2, hc, Marsh; 3, Baldwinson; 4, vhc, Fowler and Hargreaves; c, Winn. Yell. Ck.: 1, Baldwinson. Buff: 1, Baldwinson; 2, 3, Bracewell. Yell. Hen: 1, Bracewell; 2, Baldwinson. Buff: 1, Baldwinson. Nov. Ck.: 1, 2, 4, hc, Barraclough; 3, vhc, Lumby and Casson. Hen: 1, 3, Barraclough; 2, 4, vhc, Lumby and Casson. Sp. for least points with not less than 4 birds, Winn.—R. Nell, Sec.

BOWLING B.F.A.

Old bird show, Oct. 23, Napoleon Hotel. 110 birds were well judged by D. Sutcliffe, Wibsey. Champ. Section.—Class 1 (8): 1, Padgett; 2 and 4, Pacey; 3, Pownell; Class 2 (4): 1, Robinson; 2 and 4, Pacey; 3, Padgett; Class 3 (8): 1 and 3, Padgett; 2, Hodgson; 4, Robinson; Class 4 (6): 1 and 3, Hodgson; 2 and 4, Robinson; Class 5 (14): 1, 2, 3, 4, Hodgson; Class 6 (10): 1 and 2, Padgett; 3 and 4, Hodgson; Class 8 (3): 1, 2, and 3, Robinson. Novice Section.—Class 9 (8): 1, Wardman; 2, J. Sharp; 3, Fitzpatric; 4, H. Hodgson; Class 10 (12): 1, Wardman; 2, J. G. Hodgson; 3, J. Sharp; 4, Fitzpatric; Class 11 (8): 1, Wardman; 2, J. G. Hodgson; 3, J. Crabtree; 4, Wood and Mirfield; Class 12 (8): 1 and 3, Wood and Mirfield; 2, Wardman; 4, J. G. Hodgson; Class 13 (10): 1 and 3, Wood and Mirfield; 2, J. Sharp; 4, Nicholl; Class 14 (8): 1, Wood and Mirfield; 2 and 4, J. Sharp; 3, Nicholl; Class 16 (3): 1, J. Sharp; 2 and 3, J. Crabtree.—J. Nicholl, Sec.

LAISTERDYKE, BOWLING, AND TONG COMBINATION.

Last competition show for 1915, Nov. 6. The entry was only moderate, with 67 birds. Mr. H. J. Chittenden, Mannigham, judged and gave satisfaction. L. C. Casey won the Cowell cup, Mr. Boldy's spl. for best bird, and 1st medal, in open. A. Glad will won the 2nd medal in open. Reed and Son won biscuit barrel with starred birds, also 1st medal in novice. Wood and Mirfield 2nd nov. medal, and spl. most points in nov. green mks.

Open Section.—Class 1 (6): 1, 2, spl, Casey; 3, A. Gledhill; 4, Hudson; vhc, Padgett; hc, Hudson. Class 2 (4): 1, Casey; 2, Padgett; 3, Hudson; 4, Robinson. Class 3 (4): 1, Casey; 2, Gledhill; 3, Padgett; 4, Gledhill. Class 4 (3): 1, Robinson; 2, Casey; 3, Gledhill. Class 5 (5): 1, Casey; 2, Hudson; 3, Padgett; 4, Duckworth; vhc, Gledhill. Class 6 (6): 1, Padgett; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Duckworth; 3, Gledhill. Class 7 (7): 1, 2, Padgett; 3, Gledhill; 4, Hudson; vhc, Casey; hc, c, Duckworth. Class 8 (1): 1, Hudson. Nov. Section.—Class 11 (7): 1, vhc, hc, c, Reed and Son; 2, 4, Wood and Mirfield; 3, Parker. Class 12 (9): 1, hc, c, Reed and Son; 2, 3, vhc, Wood and Mirfield; 4, Parker. Clas 13 (3): 1, 2, Wood and Mirfield; 3, Reed and Son. Class 14 (2): 1, Reed and Son; 2, Wood and Mirfield. Class 15 (4): 1, 2, Wood and Mirfield; 3, Reed and Son; 4, Parker. Class 16 (4): 1, 4, Parker; 2, 3, Wood and Mirfield. Class 17 (1): 1, Reed and Son. Class 18 (1): 1, Parker Will members who have not paid their sub. please do so as early as possible.—J. E. Hudson, Hon. Sec.

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KIRKINTILLOCH.

Annual show, Nov. 6, Temperance Hall, a very suitable hall in every way. Birds were neatly staged on four sides, leaving abundance of room for visitors, who turned out in good numbers. Entries numbered close on 300, an improvement upon last year. Twelve open classes were provided, but did not fill so well as this progressive body of fanciers deserved. Norwich, as was to be expected here, were a grand lot. Borders contained a fine lot of wee gems, quality being the leading feature. Confined classes were well supported, and British were a big improvement upon last year; several grand birds were put down by local fanciers. Young Mules brought out four entries, and the winner is supposed to be a cross between a Yellowhammer and Canary, but, after careful inspection, we make it to be simply a variegated Canary; we could find no trace of the Yellowhammer. The management was all that one could wish for, all doing their best towards success, and none did better than that old and popular fancier, Jamie Dick, who looked well after the secretarial duties, and had all arrangements well in hand; he was well backed up by such well-known fanciers as Messrs. McLay, Chalmers, Martin, Pirret, Thom, Quinn, Aitken, Ferns, and Fairney. We would suggest a catalogue being issued next year; visitors find it greatly wanted. In the absence of a catalogue the names of the winners in our report are given with reservation. The Brock Cup for best bird went to Mr. Martin, also Points Cup in Norwich; Border Points Cup went to Mr. Aitken; British Cup, Mr. Ferns. Judges were: Norwich and Crests, Mr. P. Houstun (Glasgow); the remainder, Mr. Smillie (Kilmarnock).

OPEN CLASSES.—Crest (3): 1, sp, McLay, green, rare top piece, grand droop and centre, fine size and subs. of body, wins; 2, Findlay, variegs., loses in size and subs., nice droop and centre; 3, McClement, grizz, crest, cl. budy, plenty of feather of good qual. C.B. (2): 1, Findlay, variegs., fine wide entrance, well lashed; 2, McLay, variegs., goud lashing, scarcely the subs. of winner. NOR., YELL., CK. (3): 1, McCristle, cl., fine, short, cobby body, good qual. flights and size; 2, sp, Smart, cl., fine size, goud head and neck, could do with more subs.; 3, Pirret, variegs., good qual. and col. BUFF (4): 1, Martin, variegs., well known, fine short coupled bird, getting aged; 2, 4, Braid, 2nd, grizz. head, very fine qual. and col., nice head; 3, Pirret, tkd. neck, good size and sub. YELL., HEN (2): 1, Smart, capital qual., rare head, neck, and size, very smart; 2, Martin, better size, fine head and qual., wee bit long in barrel. BUFF (6): 1, Braid, nice qual. and cond., neat head, fine short flights; 2, Smart, close up, fine size, head, and front, nice hen; 3, Martin, rare qual., fine head and neck, crosses at times; 4, Dick; 5, 6, Ristlc. NON-FED (2): 1, sp, Braid, cl. yell., rare size and col., fine head, front, and qual.; 2, Findlay, green, cobby, good col., qual., and flights. BORD., YELL., CK. (4): 1, 2, sp, Findlay, 1st, capital qual. and col., best of wing carr., fine round head and budy; 2nd, good carr. and cond.; 3, 4, Maclean, 3rd, variegs., nice qual and col. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Findlay, grand pair for qual. and cond., fine weight and carr.; 3, Hamilton, tkd. head, right type and wing carr. HEN (1): 1, Findlay, excellent qual. and cond. BRIT.: 1, McCristle, Linnet, fine col., good breast and whites; 2, Dick, Bunting, good col., nut finished yet; 3, Ristal, Mealy 'Poll, cobby shape, fine front, and bib; 4, Ferns. YOUNG BIRDS, CONFINED CREST (1): 1, McLay, variegs., grand size and subs., fine droop and centre. C.B. (3): 1, McClyment, variegs., wide entrance and fine lashing, good size and subs.; 2, 3, McLay, 2nd, good head and lash, scarcely the size; 3rd, fine lashing, narrower in entrance. NOR., CL. YELL., CK. (8): 1, Thom, fine size and subs., good head and col.; 2, 3, Martin; 2nd, better qual., tkd., rare head, loses in size; 3rd, fine head and front; 4, 5, Pirrct; 6, Dick. HEN (7): 1, Brock Cup best in hall, 2, 3, 4, Martin, 1st, Glasgow winner, hot col., fine head, neck, and front, good qual.; 2nd, sp, fine size and subs., scarcely so neat type; 3rd, best type of the lot, paler in col.; 5, Pirret; 6, McLay. BUFF, CK. (7): 1, 2, 4, Martin, grand size, rare head, and thick neck, good qual.; 2nd, fine cobby body, A1 qual., fails head; 3, Chalmers, good qual. and col.; 5, Pirret; 6, McLay. HEN (7): 1, Thom, grand stamp and rare qual; 2, 3, Martin, 2nd, fine head, neck, and flights, unsteady; 3rd, good size and qual.; 4, Mathieson; 5, Dick; 6, McLay. YELL. VARIEG. (6): 1, Pirret, head and wing mkd., rare size and subs., good qual. and col.; 2, 4, Dick; 3, 5, Martin; 6, Mathieson. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 6, Martin, fine team, leader excels size and subs. of body; 4, sp, Donnan; 5, Thom. NON-FED (1): 1, Martin, tkd. buff, grand qual. HEN (2): 1, Martin, tkd. buff, fine qual. and subs.; 2, McLay, tkd. yell, rare col. GREEN OR CINN. (2): 1, 2, Thom, greens, nice size, type, and col. BORD., YELL., CK. (8): 1, Aitken, capital qual. and col., well braced flights, nice head and body; 2, Nairn, fine col. and type, shade rough; 3, 4, 5, 6, Tearney. HEN (9): 1, sp, Barrie, fine little lady, tight feather of exceptional qual.; 2, 3, 4, 6, Aitken, grand trio for qual. and wing carr.; 5, Barrie. BUFF, CK. (9): 1, 2, Barrie, grand pair for type, qual., and wing carr.; 3, 6, Nairn, 3rd, nice style and wing carr., 4, Aitken; 5, 7, Tearney. HEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Barrie, real good Borders, typical, A1 qual. VARIEG. YELL. (9): 1, 2, Hamilton, 1st, splendid qual. and col.; 2nd, shade thin at neck, otherwise good; 3, 5, 6, 7, Aitken, 3rd, capital qual. and cond., grizz. head; 4, Barrie. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 4, Aitken, 1st, all there for qual. and col.; 2nd, cinn. mkd.; 3, Hamilton, neat wing carr., loses in col.; 5, Nairn; 6, Tearney. GREEN OR CINN. (10): 1, 3, sp, Barrie, greens, good qual., col., and lacing; 2, 4, 5, 7, Aitken, 2nd, cinn., sound rich col.; 5, Nairn. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Stewart, "Yellowhammer-Canary," a duubtful cross; 2, 4, McLay, 2nd, Goldf. Mule; 3, Quinn. SCOTCH FANCY (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, McNeill, 1st, foul buff, fine action, grand shoulders; 2nd, foul buff, nice length of side and thickness; 3rd, clean buff, fine drive and style; 5, 6, Thom. NOR., NOV., CK. (5): 1, 3, Doonan, 1st, cl. buff, fine head, neck, and front, good qual. and flights; 3rd, cl. yell., nice head and qual.; 2, Donald, tkd. head, rare size and subs., good head and neck; 4, 5, McNeill. NOV., HEN (2): 1, Doonan, tkd. yell., all there for size, qual., and col.; 2, Donald, big buff, good flights. OLD BIRDS, SCOTCH FANCY (5): 1, 2, 4, McNeil, 1st, cl. buff, fine scaky head and neck, nice length of side, good shoulders; 2nd, buff pied, rare thickness through, takes nice pos.; 3, 5, Thom, 3rd, foul yell., nervy. CREST (4): 1, sp, 3, McClymont, 1st, var., rare top piece, lovely qual., neat centre; 3rd, sp, good size and subs; 2, McLay, scarecly the length of feather of leaders; 4, Chalmers. C.B. (2): 1, great size and subs., wide entrance, well lashed; 2, McClymont. NOR., YELL., CK. (5): 1, Chalmers, well up in size, good head and qual., wins; 2, Johnstone, nice one, loses in size; 3, Pirret; 4, Thom; 5, Dick. HEN (4): 1, Chalmers, well known, all head, neck, and front, fine short coupled bird, easy win; 2, Dick, variegs., good qual. and col.; 3, Johnstone; 4, Thom. BUFF, CK. (4): 1, Pirret, variegs., fine head, neck, and subs.; 2, Thom, cl., good qual.; 3, Dick, cl., fine size; 4, Chalmers. HEN (3): 1, Chalmers, good stamp; 2, Johnston, rare qual.; 3, Dick, good size and cond. NON-FED, CK. (2): 1, McNeill, cl. buff, good size and qual.; 2, Dick, rare qual. HEN (3): 1, Pirret, buff variegs., grand size and type; 2, Chalmers, cl., fine-fronted bird; 3, Dick, good stamp. GREEN OR CINN. (2): 1, Chalmers, green; 2, Dick, cinn. NOR., NOV., CK. (8): 1, Donald, cl. buff, rare size, good head and qual., fine short body; 2, Johnstone, variegs. buff, good size and qual.; 3, 6, Duonan, nice size, good head; 4, 5, McNeill. HEN (3): 1, Johnstone, cl. yell., right type, good size and qual.; 2, Doonan, buff variegs., fine qual.; 3, McNeill. BORD., CL. YELL., CK. (3): 1, Hamilton, fine round head and body; 2, Tierney, excellent qual. and cond.; 3, Nairn, neat and tidy, well staged. BUFF (10): 1, Nairn, lovely qual. and cond., well braced, nice style; 2, Aitken, nice head, qual., and wing carr.; 3, sp, Tierney, A1 qual. and cond.; 4, 5, Hamilton; 6, Johnstone. A.O.V. BORD., CK. (5): 1, Tierney, green, rare type, sound col., neatly laced; 2, 5, Short, 2nd, cinn., capital col. and cond., rare flights, close up; 3, Johnstone, cinn.; 4, Nairn. HEN (1): 1, Tierney, grand qual. and wing carr. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (9): 1, Barrie, Bullf., F.M., fine size and col., neat cap and wing bars; 2, Stewart, Bullf., H.M., fine stamp, grand wide cap, pale in col.; 3, 4, Quinn, 3rd, Goldf., grand face, in full bloom, richly-tanned body, good size and shape, we liked for 1st; 5, 7, Fern; 6, Dick. A.V. FOR. (1): 1, Stewart, fine col. Goldf., good size. LINNET (10): 1, Ferns, nice size and shape, rare col. and breast work, good whites and bloom; 2, McNeill, nicely-laced good back, fine col.; 3, Stewart, grand col. and cond., fine size and shape; 4, 6, Quinn; 5, Dick. GREENF., NON-FED (11): 1, Stewart, good-sized buff, good flights, but we thought a bit lucky; 2, 4, 5, Ferns, 2nd, yell., grand col. and size, hold head, rare flights, A1 sheen and cund., we preferred; 3, Quinn, fine big buff, nice flights and bloom, might havo been 2nd; 6, Quinn. FED: 1, 2, Ferns, fine big bouncing pair, rare heads, flights, and col., well staged; 3, Stewart, buff, rare sheen and cond., bold head and frunt, fine one; 4, Dick, close up. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, McLay, Siskin, grand cap, size, and col., well-laced flanks, still a bit lucky to beat 2, 3, Ferns, 2nd, Twite, rare size and col., well-laced front, prominent flights, onr choice; 3rd, Mealy 'Poll, fine front, good head; 4, Johnstone; 5, 6, Quinn; 7, Dick; good class. LESSER 'POLL (10): 1, Dick, fine col. and bloom, F.M., neatly laced, good head and bib; 2, 7, 6, Quinn, 2nd, cobbier shape, good col., head, and bib, loses in lacing; 3, 4, Ferns, 3, fine size and shape, grand bloom; 5, Stewart; good class. BUNTING (5): 1, Ferns, Yellowhammer, rich, col., fine size and shape, distinct markings; 2, 3, Dick, 2nd, Yellowhammer, grand size and col., loses in markings; 2, Reed; 4, 5, Quinn, both Corn Buntings. A.O. HARDBILL (9): 1, 7, Stewart, 1st, fine col. Chaff., good size and whites; 2, 4, 5, 6, Ferns, 2nd, Bramble, grand col. and size, fine mantle and spangling; 3, Dick, another good Bramble, hot. col., good size and shape, fine qual., and steady, we liked; a fine lot. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, 2, Quinn, 1st, fine big buff Goldic, grand face, col. and cond., wins; 2nd, Greenie, fine size; 3, 5, Ferns, 3rd, Greenie Buff, good size; 4, Dick. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Quinn, Mavis, rare size and cond., nicely spotted, well staged; 2, Ferns, Mavis, fine plumage, damaged foot. HEN, BRIT. (8): 1, 5, Dick, 1st, Bullf., good size cap and bars, bit dark in col.; 2, Quinn, better col., fine cab, chubbier shape, we liked; 3, sp, McLay, fine type, good qual. feather, neat cap, prominent wing bars, nice one; 4, Quinn; 6, Ferns.

RESOLVEN.

Norwich and Borders were the only sections well catered for at this show, in the Church Hall, Nov. 4. The limited classificatiun brought only a moderate entry, but quality was good, some very high-class birds being shown, especially in Borders, Yorks., and British, and these deserved keener competition. The arrangements were well carried out by the following committee, who did their best in looking after the interests of exhibitors and exhibits. Messrs. Wm. Thomas (cbairmau), A. West, R. Richards, D. Thomas, W. Ashman, J. Williams, A. Tyler, E. Thomas, W. Thomas, and E. Lewis. That well known and enthusiastic fancier, Mr. S. J. Kerswell, was secretary, and right well did he perform his duties. Mr. C. A. House judged, and had far too much to do, as in addition to the cage birds he had 859 in other sections of the show. He had a bard day, and we should say a record.

NOR., YELL. (4): 1, 3, withheld; 2, sp., E. Lewis, very typical, capital col., nice silky feather; 4, Slee, hardly so chubby, nice col. and feather; w.c., Lewis, a buff. HEN (5): 1, withheld; 2, Lewis, lovely qual., col., and type, very fit; 3, Slee, larger and stouter, nice col., but not so much qual; 4, D. Jenkins; vhc, G. Davies; hc, no name. BUFF (6): 1, withheld; 2, sp., and sp. best Nor., G. Davies, very smart eye and wing mkd., lovely feather and style, grand col. and shape; 3, J. Davies, shapely cl., good col. and carr., not so fit; 4, E. Lewis; vhc, no name; hc, Lidyard. HEN (3): 1, 2, withheld; 3, E. Lewis, very neat in shape and feather, good style; 4, D. Jenkins, larger and more col., but not so silky. YORKS. (11): 1, Watkins, eye and wing mkd. buff, smart and racy, beautifully feathered; 2, vhc, Wotton, long, slim, close feathered varieg. yell.; 3, Nelson and Chesterfield, very neat close-feathered cl.; 4, hc, T. J. Williams; res, Owen. HEN (6): 1, 4, T. J. Williams, most charming buff, full of style, lovely silky feather, rare shape; 4th, very neat yell., rare style; 2, withheld; 3, Watkins, smart stylish yell.; res, J. Williams; vhc, Wotton; hc, Bevan. BORD., YELL. (5): 1, withheld; 2, D. Jenkins, very neat feather, grand shape and carr., capital head, wings and tail; 3, withheld; 4, Ford; res, Owen Lewis; w.c., 814, J. Owen, a Yorks. HEN (3): 1, 2, withheld.; 3, D. Jenkins, smart, neat body, tail not quite fit; 4, no name, nice showy green, rich col.; res, Ford. BUFF (4): 1, withheld; 2, sp. best Bord., Mrs. Payne, eye, head and wing mkd., lovely shape and style, grandly feathered, rare wings and tail; 3, res, D. Jenkins, smart shapely cl., grandly feathered, nice carr.; 4, Richards. HEN (6): 1, withheld; 2, res, D. Jenkins, pretty little cl., lovely silky feather, very smart and stylish; 3, Richards, cl., good feather, nice style; 4, Furd, well feathered cl., nice top end; vhc, no name. GOLDF. (9): 1, No. 833b, no name, a real charmer, the best we have seen this season, rare face, bars, chest and back; 2, No. 833a, no name, another beauty, hardly so rich in tanning, grand body feather, capital style; 3, res, Jeffries, nice shape and style, darker in blaze, good wings, hardly so fit; 4, M. Thomas; vhc, Jones and Davies; hc, Lidyard. LINNET (12): 1, 2, D. Davies, splendid rich nutty-brown, clear distinct marking, rare feather and style; 2nd, rather bolder, not so steady, beautiful feather, neatly mkd., very fit; 2, Jeffries, capital shape and feather, nicely mkd.; 4, no name; res, Jones and Davies; vhc, Bullock; hc, Price; c, Ford. A.O.V. (9): 1, No. 848c, no name, rich hued Chaffinch, grandly mkd., rare breast and head, beautiful feather; 2, No. 848a, no name, charming jonque Greenie, feathered like wax, splendid wings and tail, a gem; 3, No. 848e, no name, lovely Chaffinch, not so large, but wonderful col. and qual.; 4, c, Bullock; res, M. Thomas; vhc, Jeffries; hc, no name.

LARKHALL.

10th Annual Show of the Larkhall C.B.S., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Oct. 30. The halls are in close proximity to the station, and although the space was of limited nature, the management made the most of it, and had the staging arranged to the best advantage. Mr. McGregor makes a good Sec., and is ably backed up in the work by a cheerful, hard-working band of fanciers in officials and committee. There was no bluster or confusion, and everything passed off like clockwork. The judges were: Norwich, T. Morrison; Borders, W. S. Wilson; remr., R. V. Raine, and their awards gave general satisfaction. Entries came up well, considering the National Crisis, and the gate was such as to make the show a success. We heard that a Red Cross Show was almost certain to be held in the district about the first week in the new year. We wish them success in such a charitable undertaking, and hope to hear of a good round sum being handed over. There were some valuable trophies on competition; the winners were: Nor. Cup, Cuthbertson; Border Cup, R. Sandilands; Roso Bowl, Best Brit., J. Smith; Points Cup, Campbell; runner-up, Thomson.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, cup, 2, Cuthbertson, leader grand size, rich silky feather, neat carr. and style, in the pink; 2, best young Nor., fine size and qual., eye tick, good subs., well filled, but rather flat and browy in head; 3, Kennedy, well up for size, paler in col.; 4, McGregor, slightly patchy in col., otherwise well up on 3rd; 5, McLean; 6, Rundell. HEN: 1, 4, Campbell, leader good size, nice type and qual., neat, cobby, and well-proportioned; 4th, nice col. and good feather; 2, Cuthbertson, fine size and qual. but loose in carr.; 3, Kennedy, well up in size, nice feather and style, well up on 2nd; 5, McEwan. BUFF CK.: 1, 4, Cuthbertson, leader nice size and good qual., rather long in feather, could do with more girth; 4th, nice one all over, not the size of those in front; 2, 6, McGregor, leader similar in build and general character, but not quite the qual. of winner; 3, McLean, nice all round, not much behind 2nd; 5, Hardie. HEN: 1, McGregor, nice type and qual., rather pale in col., neat and cobby built, stylish, perfect carr.; 2, 4, Campbell, leader rather larger, fine qual. feather, not quite so thick or clean cut away, still good one; 4th, sweet cl., fine qual. and type, neatly got up, little behind any; 3, Cuthbertson, neat, good qual. var., short, shapely, and well built, just requires a little more size; 5, McLean; 6, Rundell. UNFED YELL. CK.: 1, Allan, mkd. on wing and neck, rare col., silky feather, not finished moulting; 2, McEwan, fine size and subs., head tck., neat and well-braced, level col. and qual., runs well up on top marker; 3, Campbell, well up in size and qual., nice col., rather unsteady; 4, Rundell, griz, head, neat enough, but wants size and steadiness. HEN: 1, McGregor, good size and feather, sweet head and front, loose in wings and tail, we thought a bit soft; 2, Rundell, larger, but more open in feather, fine top end, nice qual., but too long behind. UNFED. BUFF CK.: 1, Thomson, not a monster, but neat and well got up, fine build and carr., well laid down; 2, Kennedy, eye mark, fine qual., A1 cond., nice shape and type, runs close up for top place; 3, Allan, well up for size and cond., nicely-carried wings and tail; 4, Cuthbertson, nice one for size and shape, little too much brow. HEN: 1, Cuthbertson, grand size, plenty subs., fine qual., and neatly balanced through, in the pink; 2, Rundell, lightly var., not just so massive in build, but neat, and runs well up on winner for qual.; 3, Allan, fine qual. and type, looks to have been spoiled in the wash, or might have gone up; 4, Kennedy, well up in size and feather, nicely fed, fine head, neat carr.; 5, McGregor; 6, Rundell. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, 3, Cuthbertson, leader hot fed cl., grand size, deep even col., fine texture, neat, full head and neck, could do with a pinch more width of front; 3, cl. yell., well up for size and col., grand top end; 2, 5, McGregor, 2nd cl. buff, nice size and body subs., good qual., loses to leader in head points; 4, Haston, hard up for size and subs., nice feather, very similar to 2nd; 6, McEwan. HEN: 1, Cuthbertson, grizzle cap buff, fine stamp, short in leg, and neat, fine chubby build, good all over; 2, Rundell, cap and wing mark, yell., fine style and shape, neatly braced, fine bearing, nice weight, hard up on leader. SELL: 1, McEwan; 2, Perrie; 3, Arnott; 4, Rundell; 5 Allan; 6 Hardie. CREST OR C.B.: A full team, and all the winners to W. Arnott: 1st, massive var. dark C.B., plenty body subs. and abundant feather, nice skull, good entrance, and fine lash, staged in nice order; 2nd, var. D.C., nice headpiece, neat centre, and finely radiated, even droop, good one, quite as good as leader; 3rd, green C.B., nice qual. feather, beaten in head points; 4th, var. D.C., good all round, in top order, value for a step up. COMMON CK. CAN.: 1, Perrie; 2, 5, Sandilands; 3, Rundell; 4, Ferguson. HEN: 1, Rundell; 2, 3, Samuilands. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Gibb, sweet little cl., close in feather, neat head and neck, shapely, good carr., in the pink; 2, McFarlane, similar in type and build, fine qual, neat head and neck, perfect carr., only fails across shoulders; 3, Rundell, nice one for qual. feather and carr., neatly drawn; 4, Ferguson, not up in form, yet will improve; 5, Thomson; 6, Boud. HEN: 1, Robertson, neat little lady, typical, clearly cut and sweetly got up, wins, A1 cond.; 2, Gibb, good one for style and shape, nice wings and tail, not so nice in head, otherwise well up; 3, Marley, rare col. and qual., shows a trifle too much thigh, and is inclined to draw, in fine bloom; 4, 6, Thomson, 4th, nice one for type and texture of feather, neat head and tail; 5, Alex. Thomson. CL. OR TKD. BUFF CK.: 1, cup, Sandilands, fine shapely little fellow, nicely tapered body, well filled in, neat wings and tail, fine boxy feather, only fault trifle low in head at entrance; 2, Rundell, grand qual. and type, well drawn, excels leader in head points, but fails in wing carr. at times; 3, Kennedy, neat, typical, well-balanced; 4, Robertson, nice qual., unsteady; 5, Adamson; 6, Morrison. HEN: 1, Sandilands, real good one, capital qual. feather, neatly filled at top end, fine carr. of wings and tail, just inclined to draw when handling; 2, Allan Thomson, nice one for qual., neat head and neck, clean front; 3, Gibb, nice feather and carr.; 4, Kennedy, nicely staged, just looking trifle open in feather; 5, Alex. Thomson; 6, Adamson. GREEN OR CINN. CK.: 1, McFarlane, nice feathered yell. Cinn., good in type, neatly drawn, good wings and tail; 2, Marley, buff Cinn, good qual, and typical, better in head points than leader, not quite up yet; 3, Graham, nice yell. green, fine grassy col., nice type and carr., in lovely order, could have gone 1 up; 4, 5, Allan, 4th, buff Green, nice size and shape, good head and wing carr.; 6, Campbell. HEN: 1, 5, Allan, winner yell. Green, in nice cond., fine carr., neat wings and tail; 2, Campbell, yell. Cinn., fine one for shape, but loose in feather; 3, McFarlane, buff Cinn., nice type and qual., well filled in and neat, we fancied as much as any in class; 4, Marley, good yell. Cinn., not finished moulting yet; 6, Kennedy. A.O.V. YELL. BORD. CK.: 1, 5, Allan Thomson, winner, even col., close and boxy in feather, yell. wing mark, neat and shapely throughout, in the pink; 2, Marley, rather larger in build, not quite so deep and even in col., but good qual., just faulty across shoulders; 3, Robertson, yell. mark, nice feather, good wings and tail; 4, Graham, nice qual. cinn.-mark, looking rather poor in feather, or might have scored another point. HEN: 1, 3, Allan Thomson, light var., nice wing marks, steady and stylish, good head, neatly folded wings and tail, not quite through moult yet; 3rd, neat, but draws too much; 2, Ferguson, good all-round Cinn. mark, might have been staged to better advantage; 4, Graham, nice var. cinn. mark. BUFF: 1, Robertson, light var., nice shape and rich qual., neatly folded wings and tail, clean cut, nice top end, staged in the form that wins; 2, J. Kennedy, fine texture of feather, heavier in build, but well proportioned; 3, Marley, nice one for type, good top end, but crosses when handled; 4, Graham, nice cond.; 5, Allan Thomson; 6, C. Kennedy. HEN: 1, Rundell, beauty for type and qual., neat and well made, could do with a little more rise in front of head; 2, Allan Thomson, nice qual. cinn. saddle mark, neat in wings and tail, stylish; 3, Allan, good griz. mark, in fine cond., neat head, wing, and tail; 4, Graham. BRED 1915: 1, 5, Rundell, leader well drawn and shapely, fine cond., incl. to lift wings a bit; 2, Robertson, griz. cap mark, nice feather and neat carr.; 3, Allan Thomson, nice cl., fine type and qual., neat and good, we fancied this for 1st place; 4, J. Thomson, deep level col., yell, nice mould, and good carr., worth a higher place; 6, Morrison. SELL: 1, Sandilands; 2, Graham; 3, 4, Allan Thomson; 5, Ferguson; 6, Marley. YORK., YELL: 1, 2, Bond. BUFF: 1, Bond; all good birds, but not quite in show condition; looks like a novice requiring some friendly assistance. A.O.V. CAN: 1, W. Clark, good Nor. green, in nice order. LIGHT MULE OR HYB., some nice crosses here: 1, 2, 6, Campbell, leader lovely Greenie-Bullie, topper for size and col., beautiful blend, in the pink, a well-known winner; 2, Linnet-Bullie, known, face not just ready yet for hot competition; 3, 4, 5, Melvin, Redpoll-Goldie in front, a nice and attractive little creature, in perfect feather; 4, Greenie-Goldie, perfect cond. DARK: 1, McLean, topping Linnet cross, rare size and col., faultless feather, and steady, will be heard of again; 2, A. Thomson, nice Goldie cross, fine col. and marking, can do with bit more size; 3, Rundell good Greenie Mule, nice cond., and will improve yet; 4, C. Kennedy, Goldie cross, in nice order, shows the cross well, but needs size to help it; 5, J. Kennedy. GOLDF.: 1, McLean, real Britisher, nice deep scarlet blaze, fine yell. wings and bars, nicely buttoned, steady, faultless feather; 2, Boag, trifle larger, purer in whites, not up in col. yet, barely so steady as winner; 3, Campbell, we believe was taken away soft; 4, Melvin, unsteady, not finished yet; 5, J. Kennedy. LINNET: 1, Campbell, well-known winner, capital size and rich nutty col., well pencilled, in perfect health, steady, and staged to perfection, wins hands down; 2, 3, McLean, 2nd, nice for size and steadiness, but fails in depth of ground col.; 3rd, nice one for col. and markings, not quite the size of 2nd, but in other respects better; 4, Perrie, good one for col. and marks, in A1 cond.; 5, McLean; 6, A. Thomson. GREENF., CK.: 1, 2, Campbell, winner clinker, massive build, fine depth of col., perfect feather, and very steady, one of the right sort; 2nd, staged in lovely bloom, but not so massive in build, still good one; 3, McLean, nice Jonque, in fine feather, nicely put down; 4, 6, Cameron, 4th, nice buff, fine cond., but lacks the size to carry it through; 5, Perrie. HEN: 1, Campbell, nice Jonque, good size and feather, steady, and well put down; 2, Hardie, massive buff, not just in such perfect order as winner, or might have been a harder nut to crack. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, A. Thomson, nice Jonque Siskin, finely mkd., neat cap and distinct pencilling, steady, and in nice feather; 2, Campbell, Mealy 'Poll, good size and col., nicely pencilled, pure in marking, and steady, good one; 3, Perrie, Twite, not a bouncer for size, but for col. and markings hard to beat, put down in the pink; 4, Hardie, Jonque Siskin, in nice order; 5, McEwan; 6, Morrison. H.M. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, 2, Campbell, leader fine size and col., rich poll and tanning, steady, in the pink; 2nd, perfect feather, scarce the size or depth of col. as winner; 3, 4, Boag, nice pair, in fine cond., but beaten in size and depth of col.; 5, Perrie. F.M.: 1, 2, Perrie, real good pair, fine col. and pencilling, nicely tanned, leader wins in size only; 3, Campbell, nice one; 4, 5, Clark, steady and good in col., little behind the others; 6, A. Thomson. BULLF., HEN: 1, rose bowl best Brit., Smith, a beauty and no mistake, topper for size and col., rich, deep expansive jet cap and wing bars, perfect feather, and spotless bloom; 2, Campbell, perfect bloom, steady, and faultless, but beaten in size; 3, Perrie; 4, McLean; 5, McFarlane; 6, Morrison. A.O. BRIT. HEN: 1, Campbell, nice steady Bramble, well mkd., in the pink; 2, McLean, good Linnet, fine size and pencilling, very steady and good cond. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, McLean, lovely Redstart, in faultless feather, magnificent blending of col., wins well; 2, Campbell, good Yellowhammer, deep rich col. and distinct head lines, steady, and good size; 3, Smith, good Bramble, fine size and col., rich markings and well-defined spangling; 4, Melvin, good Blackbird, in perfect feather; 5, Boag. FOR.: 1, W. P. Campbell, capital Goldf., rich square deep crimson blaze, fine cheeks, deep yellow wings, and nicely buttoned and tanned. SELL: 1, A. Thomson; 2, Campbell; 3, McLean; 4, Thomson; 5, Hardie; 6, Melvin. GIFT: 1, McGregor, buff Nor.; 2, Rundell, Mule.

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GLASGOW.

Annual Show of the Glasgow and West of Scotland C.B.S., Oct. 30, in the Good Templars' Hall. A very suitable one for an exhibition, being roomy, with good light, and free from draughts. The hall is well known by all Glasgow fanciers, and has been the scene of many a conflict. The classification was a splendid one, and was well supported by members, particularly in Norwich, which held the supreme position for quality, as well as numbers. The unflighted were a grand lot, many will be heard of later. British came next and contained a few choice specimens, but still this section is lagging behind in comparison with the good old days. Borders were few, but good. The management was all that could be wished; everyone doing his bit and doing it well. The secretarial duties were in the hands of Mr. A. H. Chalmers, whom we found courteous and obliging to all. He had all arrangements in good order, and was well backed up by such capable fanciers as President, Mr. Frank Taylor; Vice-Pres., Mr. A. Maxwell; committee, Messrs. Brown, Barron, Braid, Campbell, J. Chalmers, A. Chalmers, Martin, Park, Sloan, Swan, Craig, Webster, and E. Hadley. This being the first show of the season in Glasgow, the society reaped a substantial gate by being early in the field. The early bird gets the worm. The entry totalled about 250. Specials winners: Two gold medals, Ferguson cup, and silver medal, best unflighted bird, Martin; gold medal, best old bird and S.P.C. medal, Maxwell; gold medal, best Brit, Webster; silver medal, best For. and Barron cup, best Yorks., Park; Jarvie cup, Cairns; Stewart cup and gold medal, best nov., Hadley. The judges were: Nor. and Crest., Mr. P. Houston, Glasgow; Yorks. and Bord., Mr. R. Anderson, Partick; Brit. and For., Mr. H. Jamieson, Glasgow; and they all aquitted themselves well.

YOUNG BIRDS, NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Maxwell, fine size, nice head qual., col. and cond., good flights; 2, Martin, about equal in every respect, if anything, shade smaller; 3, Sloan, better sub., good head and size, beaten qual.; 4, Cairns; 5, Colley; 6, Brown. BUFF (12): 1, Cairns, rare head, neck, and subs. of body, fine qual., well up in size, inclines to cronch; 2, Taylor, good size, qual., and col., fine head, neck, and front, behind in subs. only; 3, Braid, grizzled head, excellent qual. and col., good head and size, crosses flights; 4, Maxwell; 5, Martin; 6, Chalmers. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (5): 1, sp, Cairns, bouncer for size and subs., rich col. and qual. head and wing mkd., wins easy; 2, sp, Jeffrey, heavily mkd., rich col. and qual., good flights and cond.; 3, Sloan, head, wing, and wing mkd., fine qual., neat wings; 4, Taylor; 5, Brown. BUFF (7): 1, Colley, almost green, grand size, fine head, neck, and subs., and good qual., needs nails trimmed; 2, Braid, head and saddle mkd., good qual., col. and cond., short lights; 3, Martin, fine head and neck, nicely mealed, good wing carr.; 4, Cairns; 5, Paterson. YELL. MEN (10): 1, 2, Martin, 1, 5, sp, best unflig., a grand one, well up in size, rare qual., col. and cond., fine, short flights and tail, all over a clean cut, cobby specimen; 2, scarcely so neat type, excellent qual., good flights; 3, 5, Maxwell; 3, fine one for type and qual., shade smaller; 4, Braid; 6, Brown. BUFF (10): 1, Braid, typical, fine short flights and tail. A1 qual.; 2, Cairns, better size and subs., tkd. on head, fine shape and qual., nice short bird, we liked; 3, sp, Colley, grizzled head, fine size and subs., good qual., shade long; 4, 5, Maxwell; 6, Taylor. YELL. VARIEG. (3): 1, Taylor, grand rich col., green, good size, fine wing carr., cobby shape; 2, Jeffrey, head and wing mkd., good head, qual., and cond., behind in size, fine wing improve; 3, Cairns, same stamp, good head and qual. BUFF (12): 1, Taylor, head and wing mkd., capital size and subs. of body, fine head and neck, short flights and tail, will be heard of again; 2, Cunningham, head and wing mkd., hot col., sure pk.; 3, Jeffrey, rare size and subs., A1 qual. and col., fails in head a bit, still we liked for second; 4, 5, Martin; 6, Paterson. NON-FED (1): Martin, head tkd., capital qual., col. and cond. CINN. (1): Webster. C.B. CK. (1): 1, Brown, finely lashed, variegated, plenty of feather, of good qual. BORD. YELL. (5): 1, 2, sp, best nov., Hadley, 1, cl. yell., fine round head and body, lovely qual. col. and cond., best of wing carr., wins; 2, Craig, fine qual. col. and cond., shade thin at neck; 3, Swan, sweetly made, capital qual., fine wing carr. and style, we preferred for 2nd; 4, Cunningham; 5, Hadley. BUFF (5): 1, 5, Hadley, excellent qual., col., and cond., rare flights, well braced, nice style; 2, Cunningham, fine qual. and wing carr., neatly made; 3, Craig, fine type and style; 4, Swan. YELL. VARIEG. (2): 1, Cunningham, capital wing carr. and qual., sweetly made, best of the bunch; 2, Swan, saddle mkd., fine type, well braced flights, nice free carr. BUFF (2): 1, Cunningham, neck mkd., lovely qual., fine round head and body, grand carr.; 2, Swan, close up, A1 qual., col. and cond., good wins. GREEN OR CINN. (1): Cunningham, cinn., fine col. and wing carr. YORKS.: Three classes provided, all honours Park, with three entries fine, slim, typical birds, of good length. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Swan, Siskin, fine shape, col., and cond.; 2, 3, Webster, fine, big Redpoll, in good order, sober col.; 3, we could not find.

OLD BIRDS, NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Colley, rare size, head, neck, and front, best of qual., wins easy; 2, Chalmers, good head, neck, and front, beaten flights; 3, Smith, good size and subs., rough in feather. BUFF (9): 1, Colley, grand head and neck, deep front finely mealed, good size and subs., wins; 2, Maxwell, fine head and neck, capital qual., col., and cond., behind subs. only; 3, Hadley, short and cobby, rich qual. and col., we liked for 2nd.; 4, Braid; 5, Clark; 6, Smith, good class. CK. YELL. VARIEG (4): 1, Park, head and wing mkd., good head and subs., fine qual., col., and size; 2, Taylor, fine head, neck, and front, good flights, and size, trifle coarser in feather; 3, Cairns, heavily variegated, fine size and subs., behind in qual.; 4, Cunningham. BUFF (9): 1, Martin, soft when we went round; 2, Taylor, green, fine short, cobby bird, good cond.; 3, sp., Colley, well known face, in new hands, getting aged but still going strong, easy win when we went round, fine head, neck, and qual., rare, deep front, bit faulty in flights, still we liked, good style; 4, Brown; 5, Maxwell; 6, Swann. YELL. MEN (8): 1, A. Chalmers, fine head, neck, and front, rare size, capital qual. and cond., old winner; 2, Martin, fine size, head and neck, good qual., just fails in subs.; 3, 4, Colley; 3, fine shape, qual., and cond., shade smaller; 4, good type; 5, 6, Jeffrey. BUFF (5): 1, Park, medium size, excellent qual. and cond., nice type; 2, Chalmers, better size and subs., fine short body, good head and qual., our choice; 3, Braid, fine shape and qual.; 4, Brown. YELL. VARIEG. MEN (5): 1, Cairns, extra qual. and col., rare size and shape, good head; 2, Jeffrey, good size, qual., and col., scarcely so good in head; 3, Taylor, fine head, size, and subs., [illegible] have gone up one; 4, 5, Clark. BUFF (2): 1, Cairns, good size and subs., fine head and neck, nice cond.; 2, Martin, good stamp, fine qual. NON-FED CK. (4): 1, Braid, cl. yell., grand size, rare head, neck, and front, very fine qual.; 2, Martin, buff variegs., good size and subs., fine head and neck; 3, Sloan, fine head and qual.; 4, no name. MEN (4): 1, 2, Maxwell; 1, S.P.C. winner, also sp. best old bird, cl. yell., grand men, fine cobby shaped body, rare head and neck, nice short, close fitting feather, of good qual., neat flights and tail; 2, sp, cl. buff, fine head, neck, and front, good qual. and col.; 3, Chalmers, cl. buff, excellent qual., fine short flights; 4, Colley. CINN. (1): Webster, fine size and col., shade rough. CREST (1): sp, Chalmers, dark crest, fine droop and centre, good size and subs. of body. BORD., CL. YELL. (1): 1, sp, Cunningham, tkd. head, fine round one, good flights and qual. BUFF (2): 1, Swan, nice weight and carr., capital qual.; 2, sp, Craig, fine qual., well braced wings. VARIEG. (2): 1, Cunningham, eyes and wing mkd. buff, best of wings, splendid qual. and bloom; 2, Webster, we failed to find. GREEN OR CINN. (2): 1, Craig, green, sound col., good wing carr. and cond.; 2, Cunningham, cinn., fine round body, nice col. YORKS., YELL. CK. (1): Clark, fine slim type, good length, rare qual. and col. BUFF (1): 1, 2 spls., Park, fine length, good qual. and pose. YELL. MEN (1): Park, tkd. wing, good length, nice qual. of feather, fine style. BUFF (1): Clark, nice length and style, capital qual. and col. VARIEG. (3): 1, Park, buff, capital length and qual., nice wings and tail, plenty of leg, and stands well; 2, sp, 3, Webster; 2, good length, neat wings, fine qual. and col., rough on front; 3, nice length and col. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, sp, Webster, Goldie-Greenie, fine size, good face; 2, sp., Craig, smart little Siskin-Redpoll, fine cond., nice cross. DK. CAN. MULE (3): 1, no name, fine Jonque Goldie, good size, col. and cond., nice one; 2, Taylor, Linnet, buff, good size and shape; 3, Webster, Greenie, bull, trifle rough. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (3): 1, Webster, Goldie, grand face, well up in col., finely tanned body, nice size, and shape, wins; 2, Craig, Bullf., fine shape, cape, and bars, pale in col.; 3, no name, Goldf., good size, behind in moult. LINNET (2): 1, Campbell, nice shape and size, well laced front, good col. and whites; 2, Webster, fails col. only, good size, shape, and whites. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, 2, sp, Webster, 1, fine Siskin, good cap, well laced flanks, fine col., no bib; 2, Twite, fine shape and col., well laced on breast; 3, sp, Swan, Siskin, fine size and col., narrower on head. REDPOLL (3): 1, Craig, fine cobby shape, nicely laced, grand bloom; 2, Webster, good size and col., trifle rough; 3, Clark. GREENF. (3): 1, Webster, fine, big yell., good col. and qual., rare flights; 2, Clark, yell., rough in feather; fine size and shape; 3, Campbell, buff, rare size and shape, fine qual., good head, we liked for second. BUNTING (4): 1, Swan, Yellow, very rich col., rare size and shape, fine markings; 2, Cunningham, Yellow, scarcely so rich in col., fine size; 3, 4, Craig; 3, Corn Bunting, good size and steady, might have gone up one; 4, Black-headed Bunting, behind in moult. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE. (3): 1, Webster, very good col., Bramble, fine mantle; 2, Craig, Chaff., fine size and col., good whites, trifle rough; 3, Clark, Chaff., shade smaller, good whites. BULLF. HEN (2): 1, Clark, good cap and wing bars, fine shape and col. A.O.V. HEN (1): Webster, Bramble., fine col. and cond. SMALL BRIT. (2): 1, sp, late entry, Bearded Tit, many doubted nationality; 2, Webster, Robin, fine col., bloom, and cond. FOR. GOLDF. (1): 1, Campbell, fine square cut face, behind in col., will improve, good size. SMALL FOR.: 1, 2, sp, Park, 1, Paradise Whydah, fine col. and cond., grand length of tail, well staged; 2, Webster, Red-faced Lovebird, grand plumage, looks a bit sulky; 3, Park, Gordon Bleu, tidy exhibit, fine col., looking for its mate. GIFT (8): 1, sp, Martin; 2, sp, A. K. Chalmers; 3, sp, Taylor; 4, Braid; 5, Craig; 6, McLay; 7, Clark; 8, Brown.

LOANHEAD C.B.S.

Ninth annual show, Oct. 9. Entries were down a little, but quality was well maintained in all sections. Judges: A. Paterson, Edinburgh, Scotch Fancies; J. Auld, Bannockburn, Bord.; and W. R. Finnie, Edinburgh, Nor., Mules, and Brit. Their decisions were well received. Provost Williamson and Mrs. W. presented the cups and medals to winners. The show was very well patronized, and a fair sum will go to the comfort fund of local lads serving at the Front. There was a good display of Scots Fancy, Borders, Norwich, Mules, and British. Cup and gold medal for best Scots Fancy was won by Mr. Alex. Bell, Liberton, with a good Buff Piebald cock, Norwich cup and gold medal, Mr. Alan Bell, Liberton, with a nice Clear Buff cock, Border cup and gold medal and B.F.C.C. medal, W. B. Smart, with a Buff cock, and gold medal for best Brit., Mr. Alex. Gilchrist, with a Goldie Mule.

Scots Fancy Cl. Yell. Ck.: 1, Bell; 2, Carson. Hen: 1, Stirling; 2, Bell. Buff Ck.: 1, Carson; 2, Bell. Buff Hen: 1 and 2, Carson; 3, Bell. Yell. Pied or Gr. Ck.: 1 and 3, Bell; 2, Jardine. Hen: 1, Bell; 2, Innes; 3, Smart. Buff Ck.: 1, cup, Bell; 2, Jardine; 3, Smart; 4, Kitchen. Hen: 1 and 2, Bell. Bord. Cl. Yell. Ck.: 1, 4, Stirling; 2, Nelson; 3, Gilchrist; 5, W. B. Smart; 7, Dalgleish. Hen: 1, 2, Alexr. Gilchrist; 3, Dalgleish; 4, Weir; 5, 7, Smart; 6, Nelson. Buff Ck.: 1, 3, 4, cup and B.F.C.C. medal, Smart; 2, Watson; 5, Nelson; 6, Weir; 7, Hamilton. Hen: 1, 2, W. B. Smart; 3, Gilchrist; 4, Weir; 5, 7, Hamilton; 6 Watson. Buff, Gr. or Cinn. Ck.: 1, Nelson; 2, 3, Smart; 4, Kitchen. Hen: 1, Nelson; 2, 4, Smart; 3, Stirling; 5, Carmichael. Yell. Var. Ck.: 1, Gilchrist; 2, Watson; 3, 4, 7, Stirling; 5, Weir; 6, Hamilton. Hen: 1, Carmichael; 2, Nelson. Buff Var. Ck.: 1, 2, Stirling; 3, Kitchen; 4, Yule; 5, Nelson. Hen: 1, 7, Nelson; 2, 5, Dalgleish; 3, Smart; 4, Yule; 6, Hamilton. Even Mkd.: 1, Gilchrist; 2, 4, Yule; 3, Stirling. Yell., Gr. or Cin. Ck.: 1, 5, Kitchen; 2, Smart; 4, 5, Carmichael. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, Nelson; 2, Bell. Hen: 1, Bell; 2, Nelson; 3, Hamilton. Buff Ck.: 1, cup, Bell; 2, Moffat; 3, 5, Nelson; 4, Hamilton. Hen: 1, 3, 4, Bell; 2, Moffat; 5, Dalgleish. Yell. Var. Ck.: 1, 3, Bell; 2, Weir; 4, Nelson. Hen: 1, Bell. Buff Var. Ck.: 1, Weir; 2, Bell; 3, Nelson. Hen: 1, 3, Nelson; 2, King. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 2, 4, Gilchrist; 3, Dalgleish; 5, Watson. Brit. Hardbill: 1, 3, Weir; 2, Smart; 4, 6, Watson; 5, Dalgleish; 7, Stirling. Softbill: 1, Smart.—W. B. Smart, Hon. Sec.

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TONG.

Tong C.B.S. held its 3rd annual exhibition of Canaries, Oct. 30, in the Dudley Hill Council Schools. The room is an ideal one for a show of this description. Entries numbered 299, only moderate for a Union show, but quality was quite up to the standard. The strongest classes were the unflighted and the Green marked in the Novice section, seven classes having an average of 15 per class. The novices were, in fact, the mainstay of the show. The Society has in Mr. W. Walker one of the best of secretaries, and he got through his duties in a very business-like manner. The show stewards were Messrs. L. Hodgson and Son. The working committee, Messrs. J. Firth, Atkinson, Jowett, Robertshaw, Casey, Pacey, Baker, Raper, and Wardman, did their work well, and the society must feel proud to have such a good lot of workers. The fog seemed to keep the fanciers away, as the gate was not one of the best, and claims were very few, which did not improve matters. Mr. H. Sutcliffe, Windhill, judged, and finished his work in good time. The prize-money was paid out in the show-room to all winners who attended the show. The packing and sending away was got through without a hitch, a credit to all the workers, besides being satisfactory to exhibitors.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, Ogden Bros., cl., wonderful length, fine silky feather, grand shaped head, wings and tail well placed, A1 pos., shown well; 2, Dyson, grizz. head, nice size, good head and neck, full neck, well fittings wing and tail, pipe tail, only beaten in length; 3, 4, Bennett, sweet tkd., rather stoutly built, beautifully feathered, not as straight, 4th cl., very slim and stylish, nice qual.; vhc, Padgett; hc, Casey; c, Helliwell. BUFF (6): 1, Hadwen, wing tkd., grand length, boxy feather, rich level col., rare wing carr., stands correct on best of legs, fine cond.; 2, Dykes, cl., plenty of length, nice round head, full neck, neat wings and tail, well balanced all round, rather short of bloom; 3, Ross, sweet tkd., full of nerve, shows breed, neat wings and tail, shade less; 4, Wilman, neck tkd., very stylish, fine silky feather; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Bennett. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Hirst, mkd. on head, standard length, nice head and neck, feathered like glass, rare wing carr., pipe tail, rich col., well shown; 2, Helliwell, cl., plenty of length, grand shape and style, neat wings and tail, A1 pos., rather penny on head, will improve; 3, Ogden Bros., cl., lovely qual., grand shape; 4, Hartley, cl., correct style and feather, good length, rather unsteady; vhc, Casey; hc, Dykes. BUFF (9): 1, Helliwell, cl., grand length, good head, full neck, well braced wings and tail, sound level col., best of legs, A1 pos.; 2, Hartley, tkd. both cheeks, lovely qual., grand head and shoulders, wings and tail well carr., pipe tail, correct pos., wants washing; 3, Elsegood, cl., very slim and stylish, shows breed, full of nerve; 4, Dykes, cl., rare shape and style, neat wings and tail, not quite ready; vhc, Chittenden; hc, Hodgson; c, Atkinson and Firth. GREEN MKD.-HEN (6): 1, Chittenden, even mkd. yell., grand length, fine silky feather, round head on good shoulders, well fitting wings and tail, rich col., A1 pos.; 2, Dykes, even mkd., plenty of length, good wings and tail, rather slack in front, some thought lucky; 3, Padgett, buff mkd., rare length and type, pale in col., not ready; 4, Sharp, yell. mkd., shade less and stout, fine feather, stands well up; vhc, Casey; hc, Towers. CINN. TD., OR VAR. YELL. (8): 1, Towers, even mkd., grand length, hot in col., grand head, neck and shoulders, wings and tail well carr., very slim, A1 pos.; 2, vhc, Morrison, mkd. on head and wings, full of nerve, shows breed, fine feather, neat wings and tail; 3, Bennett, even mkd., fine silky feather, nice style; 4, hc, Dr. Craig, rare length and type, fine silky feather; c, Atkinson. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Dr. Craig, mkd. on both wings, grand length, fine boxy feather, nice head, full neck, wings and tail well carr., rich col. wins; 2, hc, Bennett, wonderful length, good shaped head, rare wing carr., sound level col., hardly as straight as winner; 3, 4, Atkinson and Firth, mkd. head and wings, nice shape and style, not fit; 4th nicely mkd., plenty of length, lovely shape, stands well up; c, Hudson. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Sharpe, even mkd., good head and neck, wings and tail well carr., stands well up, seemed rather soft; 2, c, Dr. Craig, even mkd., beautiful shape and style, fine silky feather, rich col., wings and tail well placed; 3, Morrison, nice length, lovely qual., very slim; 4, Hodgson, slightly tkd. on head, grand size, wings and tail well carr., deserved better position; vhc, Towers; hc, Atkinson and Firth. BUFF (9): 1, hc, Midgley, mkd. head and wings, grand length, feathered like glass, nice round head, wings and tail perfect, stands well up, rich col. wins; 2, Morrison, mkd. back and wings, rare length and style, fine boxy feather, sound level col., lovely pos.; 3, Casey, even mkd., nice size and feather, but was looking down; 4, Dr. Craig, even mkd., lovely qual., very stylish; vhc, Towers; c, Atkinson & Firth. UNFL. YELL. A.V. YKS. (8): 1, vhc, Bennett, cl., plenty length, rich level col., feathered like glass, nice head, wings, tail, stands correct, real Yorkie; 2, Snead, cl., rare length style, lovely qual., good head, neck, shoulders, wings and tail well carr., A1 pos., wants a wash; 3, Harrison, Cinn. mkd., nice length, very slim, shows breed, fine feather; 4, Hirst, cl., standard length, nice type, not quite ready; hc, Hodgson; c, Elsegood. BUFF (14): 1, Cruise, wing tkd., wonderful length, grand head, neck, wings and tail, beautifully drawn, fine boxy feather, level col., shown well; 2, Hartley, cl., plenty of length, sound col., nice shaped head, full neck, wings and tail, well placed, the best of legs, well staged; 3, Towers, even mkd., lovely type and qual., rich col.; 4, vhc, Sneger, cl., very stylish and slim, A1 pos., lovely qual.; hc, Dyson; c, Ogden Bros. HEN (14): 1, Dykes, sweet wing tkd. yell., grand length, rich col., nice shaped head, neat wings and tail, tightly feathered, full of nerve, in best cond.; 2, Hirst, cl. buff, feathered like wax, level col., correct type, nice head, full neck, wings and tail well braced, A1 pos., in the pink; 3, Casey, cl. buff, shows breed, fine feather, very stylish, rare wing carr.; 4, Towers, even mkd. yell., lovely type, rare qual., only beaten in length; vhc, Padgett; hc, Elsegood; c, Atkinson. SELL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, P. Taylor; 2, Casey; 3, Ross; 4, Lunn; vhc, L. Hodgson; hc, Jowett and Robertshaw; c, Holt Bros. BUFF (12): 1, P. Taylor; 2, Cruncross; 3, Hudson; 4, Chittenden; vhc, Casey; hc, Ross; c, Holt Bros. HEN (14): 1, L. Hodgson, junr.; 2, Sugden; 3, vhc, Lunn; 4, Hudson; hc, Pacey; c, Sharpe. NOV.—CL. OR TKD. YELL. (11): 1, Rayner, cl., grand length, lovely qual., rich level col.; nice head, neck, wings and tail, stands on best of legs, fine cond., gem; 2, J. Taylor, cl., plenty of length, sound col., correct pos., fine silky feather, neat wing carr., pipe tail, hardly as clean as 1st; 3, Morley and Hill, cl., rare type and qual., neat wings and tail; 4, Holt Bros., mkd. head, very typical, rich col., full of nerve; vhc, A. Taylor; hc, Cliff; c, Neale. BUFF (12): 1, Moore, cl., standard length, nice head, well filled neck, good shoulders, nice drawn wings and tail, well placed, sound col., A1 pos., wins; 2, H. S. Naylor, junr., cl., nice type, rare length and style, fine feather, rich level col., stands correct on best of legs, fine cond.; 3, Cliff, cl., longer than leaders, nice shape and style, not as tight in feather; 4, Raistrick, cl., beautiful type and qual., requires more training, will do better; vhc, Fawcett; hc, Cruncross; c, Padgett. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Bloomfield, cl., nice length, correct type, feathered like glass, rich level col., good head, wings and tail, A1 pos., wins; 2, Neale, cl., very slim and stylish, good head, wings and tail well carr., sound col., stands well up, rather slack in front; 3, Ratcliffe, cl., lovely shape and style, silky feather, built on stouter lines; 4, Gledhill, cl., very typical, neat wings and tail, not quite fit; vhc, c, Hamlyn; hc, Padgett. BUFF (16): 1, A. Taylor, cl. beautiful qual., nice head, full neck, wings and tail perfect, level col., rather stout for the length, sound col.; 2, A. Firth, cl., longer and nice type, fine boxy feather, rare wing carr., pipe tail, stands well up; 3, Swift, cl., nice shape and style, neat wings and tail, stands well; 4, Gledhill, mkd. on head, grand type, full of breed, rich col., line qual.; vhc, hc, Cruncross; c, Brotherton. GR. MKD. CK. (19): 1, c, Hamlyn, mkd. head and wings, plenty of length, hot in col., very slim and typical, nice head, wings and tail, silky feather, A1 pos., wins; 2, Symes, beautiful qual., mkd. eyes and wings, rich col., feathered like glass, wings and tail correct, hardly as full in neck; 3, 4, J. Taylor, very slim and stylish, fine silky feather, stands well, 4th variegs., nice round bird, correct pos., wings and tail well carr., will do better; vhc, Oliver; hc, Jowett and Robertshaw. HEN (17): 1, Crowther, even mkd., grand length, tightly feathered, rich col., good round head, full neck, wings and tail well placed, stands well up; 2, Rayner, even mkd., another fine lady, beautiful qual., rich level col., rare wing carr., pipe tail, A1 pos., close up to winner; 3, Raistrick, mkd. eyes and wing, very stylish, good length and nicely drawn; 4, hc, Hanson, variegs., grand shape, nicely moulded, not quite ready; vhc, J. Taylor; c, Simonett. CINN. TKD. OR VAR. CK. (8): 1, L. Hodgson, junr., mkd. head, eyes, and wings, yell., plenty of length, rich col., feathered like glass, nice head, wings and tail correct, fine cond.; 2, Symes, variegs. buff, grand length, excels in qual., sound col., wings and tail perfect, rather low on leg, wants more training; 3, Gledhill, yell. mkd., very typical, fine silky feather, shade stouter; 4, Baker Bros., even mkd. yell., hot in col., lovely qual; vhc, Chapman; hc, Hutchinson; c, Ratcliffe. HEN (13): 1, Baker Bros., yell., grand length, very tight feather, rich col., nice round head, well carr. wings, pipe tail, on best of legs, well staged; 2, Gledhill, buff mkd. eyes, head and wings, rare length and style, good head, wings and tail, A1 pos., rather short of bloom, will improve; 3, Firth, buff mkd. head and wings, lovely qual., rare wing carr., pipe tail; 4, L. Hodgson, junr., yell., correct length, for col. and qual. unbeatable, nice head, rare wing carr., very slim and stylish, deserved a better position; vhc, Pacey; hc, Sugden; c, Duckworth. UNFLIG. CK., A.V. (17): 1, Fawcett, yell., sweet wing tkd., grand length, rich level col., very tight feather, rare wing carr., stands well up on good legs and feet; 2, A. Taylor, buff tkd., standard length, fine boxy feather, round head, full neck, wings and tail, well placed, fine cond., close up; 3, c, Bloomfield, cl. yell., very slim and stylish, silky feather; 4, H. Firth, cl. buff, grand shape and qual., stouter and not steady, will improve; vhc, Morley and Hill; hc, Ramsbottom. HEN (18): 1, Rayner, cl. yell., fine silky feather, rich col., wings and tail well carr., nice round body, stands well up, shows well; 2, McLaughlin, buff wing tkd., lovely shape and style, boxy feather, good head, well filled neck, neat wings and tail, stands correct, close up; 3, Ratcliffe, buff, mkd., longer, very typical, not as tight in feather; 4, Symes, cl. yell., very long and stylish, fine silky feather, will do better; vhc, Woad; hc, Brotherton; c, Ramsbottom. NOR. CK. (10): 1, 2, Spencer and Maiden, cl. buff, grand head and breast, hot col., plenty of sub., well across perch, wins easy, 2nd yell. mkd., grand qual., hot in col., gets well on perch, nice head, hardly enough chest, in best cond.; 3, 4, Baldwinson, cl. buff, beautiful head, plenty of chest, rich level col.; 4, tkd. yell., grand shape, good head and chest, just shade less; vhc, Corney; hc, Simonett; c, Duckworth. HEN (10): 1, 3, 3, Simonett, cl. yell., correct type, grand head, plenty of subs., bold chest, very cobby, rich hot col., stands well on perch, 3rd variegs. buff, grand head, bold breast, sound in col., very chubby, gets well across; 2, vhc, Spencer and Maiden, buff tkd., nice shape, good head and chest, sound level col., rare qual., stands well on perch; 4, Clough, cl. yell., correct type, could do with more subs.; hc, Baldwinson; c, Corney.

CHARLOTTEVILLE F. & U.S.K.S

Monthly table show Oct. 27; there was a grand display of birds, making a record entry for the society, and the exhibits were of exceptional quality, especially Yorks. and British. Mr. Towers judged and gave every satisfaction.

Yorks., Adult Buff (10): 1, 2, 4, res, Killick, 1st good head and full length; 2nd, tkd., good bird, will improve with training; 3, vhc, hc, (2), Cooke, very close up; hc, c, Rackcliffe. Yell. (8): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Cooke, grand upstanding bird, good length and col., reserve for best in show; 2nd, very close up to winner; 3, res, hc, c, Killick, good length, tail and flights. Yorks., Unflig. (11): 1, res, c, Cooke, buff, good length, upstanding; 2, 3, 4, hc, Killick, good length, fails to 1st in pos.; 3rd, very good bird. Bord. (7): 1, 3, 4, res, Edc, 1st very nice bird, good and stocky; 2, vhc, Rackcliffe, loses in head properties. A.O.V. Can. (8): 1, 2, 3, spl. best bird, Cakebread, 1st well built, good head; 2nd, yell., good wings, all Nor.; 4, res, vhc, hc, c, Rackcliffe, nice lot. Brit. (12): 1, vhc, Ede, topping Gold., splendid blaze and markings, steady; 2, vhc, Cakebread; 3, 4, c, Killick; res, vhc, hc, Rackcliffe.—C. H. Pope, Hon. Sec.

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WALLASEY.

Members' show, Nov. 6, Fairhaven Institute. Entries were down somewhat in consequence of several members serving with the colours, but the birds present were of good quality, and made a nice show. The Season's Challenge Shield and other specials were in competition, and strong teams competed. Mr. C. Houlton judged, and gave satisfaction.

Yell. Yorks.: 1, 2, vhc, sp, Benson and Young, a very smart trio; 3, hc, Greatrix. Buff. Cinn., Tkd., etc.: 1, vhc, Greatrix, lovely typo and style; 2, 3, Benson and Young. Hens: 1, 3, vhc, Benson and Young, leader pretty cinn., wing mkd., very stylish; 2, c, Greatrix; hc, Alston. Yell. 1915: 1, 3, Greatrix, very smart young cl. leading; 2, Benson and Young; vhc, Alston. Buff: 1, 3, Greatrix, leader very smart all through; 2, Benson and Young; vhc, Alston; hc, Phillips. Yks. Green: All Benson and Young. Non-fed Hen: 1, hc, Stott; 2, Benson and Young; 3, Edwards; vhc, Phillips. Nor. Old Birds: 1, 2, Benson and Young; 3, Phillips. Bred 1915: 1, Phillips; 2, hc, Law; 3, vhc, Benson and Young. Nov. Yorks. Yell.: 1, 2, Stewardson, very smart indeed; 3, vhc, Stott. Buff: 1, 2, Stott, grand variety leading; 3, Edwards; vhc, Stewardson. Hen: 1, 2, Edwards, buff and yell., leader very neat; 3, Stewardson; vhc, hc, Stott. Greens: 1, 2, Stewardson; 3, Edwards. Bramble, etc.: 1, 2, Carron; 3, Phillips. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Hart, lovely hen, Bramble leading takes special; 3, Carron; vhc, Benson and Young. Gift: 1, Alston; 2, Benson and Young; 3, Stott; vhc, Stewardson.

RICHMOND C.B.S.

3rd annual show, Nov. 8, St. John's Hall. Entries, 146, turned up far better than was expected; in fact, it was a record for the society. Norwich and Yorks. made a remarkable show, some splendid specimens being staged. Mr. J. Phipps won special for best Norwich, and also best bird in show; Martin, best Nov. Nor.; Huxley, best Yorks.; and Colin Brown, best Nov. Yorks. Borders made a poor show, but what few were staged were good. Mr. E. Randall took special in the section. There was a nice class of British, and Mrs. Eagle secured special with a grand Chaffinch, which does her great credit, she having reared the bird from the nest. Mr. F. Snow's Mules were again on show, the winner being much admired. There was a good gate, the room being packed during the evening. The Club is lucky in possessing such enthusiastic members, nearly everyone taking a hand at the work during the evening. Mr. J. Robson judged. Sandiford's medal was secured by the Sec. with a fine yellow Norwich.

Yell. Nor. Ck.: 1, 2, spl, Birch; 3, J. Phipps; vhc, W. Phipps. Buff: 1, 2, spl, J. Phipps; 2, Carr; 3, hc, c, W. Phipps; vhc, Randall. Buff Hen: 1, Randall; 2, 3, W. Phipps; vhc, White; hc, Birch. Yell. Nor. Unflig.: 1, 2, W. Phipps; 3, Randall; vhc, Birch. Buff: 1, vhc, Carr; 2, hc, W. Phipps; 3, Birch; c, J. Phipps. Yell. Yorks. Ck.: 1, Huxley; 2, vhc, Brown; 3, hc, Harris; c, Stevens. Buff: 1, Huxley; 2, Stevens; 3, vhc, hc, Harris. Yorks. Hen: 1, 2, hc, Huxley; 3, c, Harris; vhc, Stevens. Yell. Yorks., Unflig.: 1, Huxley; 2, 3, Harris; vhc, White. Buff: 1, hc, Huxley; 2, White; 3, vhc, Harris; c, Stevens. Buff Bord.: 1, spl, vhc, Randall; 2, 3, Foreman. Brit.: 1, spl, Mrs. Eagle; 2, 3, Birch; vhc, White; hc, Romer; c, Foreman. Mule: 1, 2, Snow. For.: 1, Romer. Non-Fed.: 1, Brown; 2, Harris. Sell.: 1, spl, Martin; 2, Hollingsworth; 3, Romer; vhc, Keary. Nov. Nor. Ck.: 1, Keary; 2, Patterson; 3, vhc, Gibson; hc, c, Hollingsworth. Yell. Hen: 1, Patterson; 2, Snow; 3, Martin; vhc, Keary; hc, Cripps. Buff: 1, Miss L. Crawley; 2, Snow; 3, Keary; vhc, Martin; hc, Miss M. Crawley; c, Cripps. Yell. Nor. Unflig.: 1, 2, Keary; 3, Hollingsworth; vhc, c, Mrs. Eagle; hc, Martin. Buff: 1, vhc, hc, Mrs. Eagle; 2, Keary; 3, Patterson; c, Birch. Yell. Yorks. Ck.: 1, 3, vhc, Brown; 2, c, Patterson; hc, Mrs. Eagle. Buff: 1, Brown; 2, Mrs. Eagle; 3, Keary; vhc, Johns; hc, Miss J. Crawshay. Yorks. Hen: 1, Johns; 2, Brown; 3, Patterson; vhc, Miss Crawshay. Yell. Yorks. Unflig.: 1, Keary; 2, Mrs. Eagle; 3, hc, Chapman; vhc, Miss Crawshay. Buff: 1, Keary; 2, Chapman; 3, Mrs. Eagle; vhc, Romer.

POPLAR C.B.S.

Annual show, All Hallows School-room, Oct. 30. Entries far exceeded those of recent years, 140 birds being staged, while quality also showed marked improvement, and the birds were well up to the standard. The Norwich classes were well supported, Mr. Leech taking both the Champion and Woodcock Cups for best unflighted, with a very nicely shaped var. buff. The Yorks. in champion classes were well to the fore, but the Novice section was practically left to Mr. Marhoff, who won the Novice Yorkshire Cup outright, this being the third time in succession. The Amateur Cup was won by Mr. Gedge, and the challenge bowl for best Novice Norwich went to Mr. Bloomfield's unflighted yellow cock, a handsome bird that was much admired, and will probably be heard of again in good company. The Mule Cup again went to Mr. Joyce with a fine Linnet Mule, while the British Cup was won by Mr. Major's Linnet, which was put down in grand condition and was as steady as a rock. A special word of praise is due to Mr. Priseman, who took over the secretaryship early in the present year; it certainly looked as if he had worked wonders with the Society during that time. Mr. Woodcock rendered valuable aid with the arrangements, which were everything one could wish for, while that well-known personage, Mr. Laing, made an excellent show manager. Mr. J. Robson judged.

Champ. Nor. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Leech; hc, c, Perry. Hen: 1, 3, vhc, Leech; 2, c, Perry; hc, Hunt Bros. Unflig.: 1, two cups and sp. best bird, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Leech; c, Hunt Bros. Amat. Ck.: 1, sp and 2, Gedge. Hen: 1, 2, Gedge. Unflig.: 1, cup, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Gedge. Nov. Yell. Ck.: 1, Pycock; 2, Francis. Buff: 1, Stagg; 2, Marhoff; 3, c, Lang; vhc, Nash; hc, Braithwaite. Yell. hen: 1, Major; 2, Pycock; 3, Rule; vhc, Stagg. Buff: 1, Marhoff; 2, Bloomfield; 3, Francis; vhc, Major; hc, Rule. Unflig. Yell. Ck.: 1, bowl, Bloomfield; 2, vhc and sp, Major; 3, Francis; hc, c, Marhoff. Buff: 1 and sp, Marhoff; 2, Major; 3, Burrows; vhc, Braithwaite; hc, Francis; c, Rule. Unflig. Yell. Hen: 1, Burrows; 2, 3, Bloomfield; vhc, Francis. Buff: 1, Bloomfield; 2, c, Major; 3, Stagg; vhc, hc, Braithwaite. Champ. Yorks. Ck.: 1, 2, vhc and hc, Hunt Bros.; 3, Wyatt. Hen: 1, 2, 3, c, Hunt Bros.; vhc and hc, Wyatt. Unflig.: 1, 3, Wyatt; 2, vhc, hc and c, Hunt Bros. Nov. Yell. Ck.: 1, Marhoff. Buff: 1, Marhoff. Yell. Hen: 1, Marhoff. Buff: 1, 2, Marhoff; 3, Laing. Unflig. Yell. Ck.: 1, cup and 2, Marhoff; 3, Rawlings. Buff: 1, 2, Marhoff. Yell. Hen: 1, Laing. Buff: 1, Marhoff. A.V. Mule or Hybrid bred 1915: 1, cup, Joyce; 2, 3 and sp, Pine. Brit. Goldf.: 1, sp and c, Leech; 2, Pine; 3, Rawlings; vhc and hc, Priseman. Bullf.: 1, Leech. Greenf.: 1, Priseman. Linnet: 1, 2, cup, Major; 3, Pine; vhc, Priseman; hc, Rawlings; c, Leech. Redpoll or Twite: 1, 2, 3, Priseman. A.V. Hen: 1, 2, Priseman. A.V. Softbill: 1, 2, Walker. A.V. For.: 1, and sp, Woodcock.

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England.

Nov. 19-20.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.) W.M., H.W.B.
Nov. 19-20.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(Wm. Taffantyre, South View.) W.M.'M., T.D., J.M.
Nov. 25.—**Blaenavon C.B.S.**—(G. Broome, 82, King St.)
Nov. 27.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.**—(F. A. Green, 54, Caludon Rd.) H.W.B.
Dec. 1-2.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.)
Dec. 1-2.—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bearford Place, Southampton.) H.N.
Dec. 8-9.—**Watford C.B.S.**—(J. Goodall, 56, Market St.), H.N., A.S., R.J.W.
Dec. 10-11.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(W. Middleton, 26, Northenden Rd.)
Dec. 11.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—(W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle). F.L., J.S., J.N., J.M.

Scotland.

Nov. 20.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S.**—(A. Robertson, 56, Arthur Place.)
Dec. 11.—**Hamilton.**—(W. S. Wilson, Glendyne, South Park Rd.) D.B., R.M., W.S.C., J.G.

1916.

Jan. 1.—**Wishaw, Clydesdale C.B.S.**—(J. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw.)

Wales.

Nov. 25.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—(A. Hitchings, 80, Mysydd Rd., Landore, Glam.) H.W.B., C.H.
Dec. 9.—**Porth and Rhondda Valley C.B.S.**—(I. H. Bevan, 66, Pontypridd Rd., Porth, Glam.) T.L.C., E.J.D.

1916.

Jan. 11.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. H. Davies, 24, College Hill.)

Ireland.

Nov. 24-25.—**Dublin Y.C.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(W. C. Sholedice, 38, Haddington Rd.) W.M.
Nov. 26-27.—**Belfast, Ulster O.A.**—(T. H. Smyth, 9, University St., Belfast.)
Dec. 3-4.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(W. Montgomery, 62, Church Street).

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S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, Cinn, and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
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J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.
G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.
W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

DONCASTER AND HEMSWORTH

Inter-club bird show, between the Doncaster and Hemsworth F.S., Black Bull Inn, Doncaster, Nov. 6. The competition is for a valuable silver cup, presented by Mr. Charles Thellusson, of Brodsworth Hall. The cup becomes the property of the club winning it three times. Hemsworth have won it twice, but here Doncaster beat them by six points. There were about 200 exhibits, Yorks. and Nor. being very strong, including, as they did, birds which had won in open competitions. Mr. Cowgill, Bradford, judged.

Yorks. Yell. Ck.: 1, Middleton; 2, Norman; 3, Truman. Buff: 1, Hall; 2, Taylor; 3, Rusling. Hens: 1, Parkes; 2, Truman; 3, Hall. Buff: 1, Taylor; 2, Parkes; 3, Brooks. Unflig. Yell. Ck.: 1, Norman; 2, Hunt; 3, Haines. Buff: 1 and 2, Blanchon; 3, Tomkinson. Unflig. Hens: 1, Brooks; 2, Parkes; 3, Haines. Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1 and 3, Evans; 2, A. Smith. Buff: 1, Truman; 2, Parkes; 3, Govier. Hens: 1, Parkes; 2, Kendrick; 3, Truman. Buff Hen: 1, Parkes; 2, Evans; 3, H. Smith. Unflig. Buff: 1, Flint; 2, Kendrick; 3, Evans. Unflig. Hen: 1 and 3, Evans; 2, Flint. Crest: 1 and 2, Twine. Crestbred: 1, Twine. Goldf.: 1, Rusling; 2, Evans; 3, Truman. Bullf.: 1, Evans; 2, Lumby; 3, Smith. Greenf., etc.: 1 and 3, Blanchon; 2, Tomkinson. Linnet: 1, Rusliu; 2, Govier; 3, Evans. Redpoll, etc.: 1, Blanchon; 2, Bescoby. A.V., F.M.: 1, Bescoby; 2, Wade; 3, Frost. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Evans; 2 and 3, Blanchon. For.: 1, 2 and 3, Hartshorn.—G. HUNT, Sec.

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Nov. 24th.

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ST. QUINTIN PARK

Fur and Feather Society will hold their Second Annual Show at the St. Mark's Hall, Chapel Road, Ladbroke Grove, W., on **Thursday, November 25th, 1915.** Mr. Peverell will judge Cage Birds. Admission 6d. Show opens at 2 p.m. sharp. Three tickets before day of show, post free 1/-.—**A. S. Tarrant, Hon. Sec., 118, Wornington Road, W.** (61)

PATHHEAD 'KIRKCALDY'

Annual Show, on **27th November.** Scotch Fancy, Yorkshire, Crests, Norwich, Borders, and British. Confined to Fife. Numerous specials. Schedules now ready.—**John Thomson, 2, Junction Road, Kirkcaldy.**

DARLINGTON

Open Show, **Nov. 27th.** Judges, Messrs. Cowgill and Marwood. Exhibitors please note, Darlington is the centre of all traffic and from the North, and is a newly-formed society offering a graud classification and list of cash specials to nearly every class. **Entries extended to Nov. 23rd** on account of new postal regulations. Schedules to—**F. Stothard, 81, Beaconsfield Street, Darlington.**

Parkhead and District C.B.S.

Second Annual Show in I.L.P. Halls, Ewing Place, Parkhead, **Saturday, 27th Nov.** Doors open at 1 p.m.; admission 3d.—**W. King, Sec., 170, West Muir Street, Parkhead.**

WEST OF SCOTLAND

26th Annual Show, Canaries, Mules, Brit., and For., **Saturday, Nov. 30th, National Halls,** Main Street, Gorbals, Glasgow. **Entries close 22nd.** Admission 3d. **Secretary, W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital Street, Glasgow.**

QUEEN'S PARK, GLASGOW,

Victoria Rooms, 4th December, 1915. Open Classes: 9 Yorkshires, 8 Norwich. 1st 10/-, 2nd 5/-, 3rd 2/6 for classes with more than eight entries. Schedules on application to—**A. K. Hunter, Sec. and Treasurer, 142, Ailkenhead Road.**

Newtownards

and District Cage Bird Society. 4th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds to be held Orange Hall, Mary Street, Newtownards, on **3rd and 4th Dec., 1915. Entries close Monday, 29th Nov., 1915.** Judge, A. Wellings, Prescot. Schedules from —**W. Montgomery, 62, Church Street, Newtownards.**

PAISLEY

Still to the front. 23rd Annual Open Show of the **Paisley & District Scotch Fancy Association.** 14 Classes, open and novice. Specials galore. To be held in George A. Clark Town Hall, on **November 27. Entries close morning of show.** Schedules from —**N. O'Donnell, 21, Well Street, Paisley, Scotland.**

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Judges: Scotch Fancy, Mules, British and Foreign, Mr. A. Livingstone (Paisley); Crests, Plainheads, and Yorkshires, Mr. J. R. Houghton (Gloucester). **Entries close 22nd November, 1915.** Schedules to be had from—**T. H. Smyth, Sec., 9, University St., Belfast.** Birds sent from South, East or West will have greatest care and attention. **Long list of Specials. Open to all Ireland only.**

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and Dis. C.B.C. 5th Annual Show will be held in **Lesser Town Hall, Clydebank,** on **Sat., Nov. 27.** Doors open at 1 p.m. Admission 4d. 10 open classes: 4 Nor. 4 Bord., and 2 Brit. (Goldf. and Lin.), for members of Dumbartonshire Clubs. Schedules from—**Wm. Kane, 52, Second Avenue, Clydebank.**

LIVERPOOL & DISTRICT

Open Show. 20 miles' radius. Organised by Sterling Seed Co., 8, Cases Street, Liverpool. Plenty of specials. Judges, Messrs. W. Cowgill and C. Houlton. Schedules now ready.

OLD SHILDON

Workmen's Club Cage Bird Show for Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, and British Birds (members of the S.D. and N.Y. Fed.) 5th Annual Open Show will be held in the Workmen's Hall on **Saturday, Dec. 4th, 1915.** Judge, Mr. Wm. Mundell, Bradford. There will be the following classes: 4 Norwich, 4 Yorkshires, 4 Crests, 2 Borders, 3 Selling Classes, 4 British Seedeaters, 1 British Softbill, 1 Mule and Hybrid, 4 for Federation Novices. Schedules have been sent out; those who have not got one, write for same to—**John Ainsworth, 15, Vaughan Street, Shildon, Durham.**

KETTERING

Great Open Show, **Saturday, 11th Dec., 1915.** 126 classes. Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds. Large classification for Cage Birds. All prize money guaranteed. Schedules.—**F. S. Ball, 5, Buccleuch Street, Kettering.**

MAINDEE & DISTRICT.

Dec. 4th. Open £3 Limit. 37, Norwich; 38, Yorkshire; 39, Novice A.V.; 40, British A.V. Schedules—**Jas. Hawksley, Sec., Maindee, Newport, Mon.**

PALACE OF THE NORTH.

Gateshead C.B.S.

16th Annual Open Show, **Saturday, December 11th.** 48 Open Classes. Schedules to last year's exhibitors; others apply. Specialist judges, each variety. **Entries close Dec. 6th.—W. Curry, Secretary, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.**

THE GREAT WELSH SHOW, SWANSEA, NOVEMBER 25th,

Compelled to extend entries 1st post Monday. See this week's issue for review of Schedule. 6 Norwich, 5 Yorkshires, 10 Borders, including 4 Greens and 2 Cinnamon classes, 6 Mules, 18 British Classes. 10/- best Bunting out of money. Send entries along; I will classify.—**Alf. Hitchings, 80, Mysydd Road, Landore, Glam.**

COVENTRY GODIVA C.B.S. 9th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27th.

Judge: Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield).

NO SLIDING SCALE.

FULL PRIZE MONEY IN NOVICE CLASSES.

32 Classes, 1/6 entry. Schedules from **F. A. Green, 54, Caludon Road, Coventry.** Show-room, Sydenham Palace, Coventry, the finest room in the kingdom. **Entries close November 24th (first post).**

BLAENAVON

C.B.S. Open Show, **Thursday, Nov. 25th.** Judge, John Robson, London. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Prize-money paid within a week of show. Entries very slow; **must extend until first post Monday, Nov. 22nd.** Enter from Review of Schedules. Under Welsh Cage Bird patronage.—**Secretary, George Broome, 82, King Street, Blaenavon.**

BIRMINGHAM

City of Birmingham Cage Bird Society Annual Open Show, **Dec. 1st and 2nd.** Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and J. H. Roe. 55 Classes. 1/6 entry. No sliding scale. We weathered the storm last year. Support us this. Schedules from—**A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.**

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Twitterings.

The wording of Class 47 in our schedule, writes Mr. A. Hitchin, sec. Swansea C.B.A., is "Bunting, A.V." It should read Softbill, any variety.

At Ayr open show, Dec. 25, writes Mr. Hugh M. Ferguson, sec., there will be nine classes for Borders, under the patronage of the B.F.C.C. There will also be five classes for Yorks. (not mentioned in Club Report).

Schedules for the Provincial Roller open contest, Dec. 3 and 4, are now ready. Copies have been posted to members and all known exhibitors. Anyone overlooked can have a copy on application to Mr. A. Percival, Smithy Bridge, Rochdale.

The Coventry Godiva C.B.S. has arranged to meet all trains on Friday night previous to the show, Nov. 27, writes Mr. A. Wright, show manager, so that exhibitors can send their birds on early, with the knowledge that their birds will not be for hours on the platform.

SHOW ADVERTISEMENTS, continued.

BRISTOL

(25th Anuual)

Dec. 1st and 2nd

at Y.M.C.A. Hall, Bristol (grand room with top light and no draught for cage birds). Kindly enter from the following:—Class 74, Norwich, Yell. Ck.; 75, Norwich, Buff, Ck.; 76, Norwich, Hen; 77, Norwich, Bred 1915; 78, Nor. Novice (exhibitors who have never won a 1st in open competition); 79, Yorks., Yellow, Ck.; 80, Yorks., Buff, Ck.; 81, Yorks., Yell., Hen; 82, Yorks., Buff, Hen; 83, Yorks., Bred 1915 (must be bred by exhibitor, Ten Guinea Ch. Bowl, open to all); 84, Yorks., Novice, Ck.; 85, Yorks., Novice, Hen (Nov. definition, Cl. 78); 86, Border Fancy, Yellow; 87, Border Fancy, Buff; 88, Canary, A.O.V.; 89, Mule; 90, Hybrid two British Birds (including Canary-Bullie); 91, Goldfinch, Brit.; 92, Bullfinch, Brit.; 93, Linnet; 94, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; 95, Any Other Var. British Hardbill). Entry, 1/6. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Judge, **Mr. H. W. Battye.** Our usual Show Rules. No amalgamation. No prize-money withheld. All specimens at exhibitors' sole risk. Catalogue, post free, 7d. **Entries close Nov. 23rd.—Secretary, G. T. H. Maggs, 9 Trinity St., Newtown, Bristol.**

SOUTH SHIELDS

will add 13 guaranteed Open Classes, 2/6 cash specials, **December 4th.** H. W. Battye, judge.—**W. L. Smith, 3, Queen Street, South Shields.**

FANCIERS, DON'T FORGET.

LONG AND EATON

Cage Birds Society Open and Members' Show on **Dec. 4th.** Judges, W. Vardy, Esq., of Hucknall; T. H. V. Hayter, Esq., of Beeston. For schedules, etc., please apply to—**J. Turner, 62, Derby Road, Draycott, nr. Derby.**

PORTH & RHONDDA VALLEY

C.B.S. First Annual Open Show, **Thursday, Dec. 9th.** Judges, T. L. Castree, Mountain Ash, and E. J. Davies, Cardiff. Liberal classification. **Entries close Dec. 4th postmark.—J. H. Bevan, 66, Pontypridd Road, Porth, Glam.**

Hamilton

RED CROSS WAR FUND SHOW, ON SATURDAY, DEC. 11. Judges, D. Black, W. S. Clark, R. Martin, J. Goodfellow. Best classification offered this season.—**W. S. Wilson, Sec., Glendyne, South Park Road, Hamilton.**

MARDY-RHONDDA, Glam.

1st Annual Open Show of Cage Birds, Poultry, and Pigeons on **Thursday, Dec. 16th.** 18 Classes Cage Birds, including Novices and Local. Entry fee, 1/3. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and Specials. **Judge, O. E. Hodge, Esq.,** Bristol. **Entries positively close Dec. 9th.** Schedules now ready from above address. Competitors for Hyde's Special must have their cages marked by Hyde's coupons, also state on entry form "Hyde's Specials."—**D. D. Jones, Sec., 19, Edward Street, Mardy.**

Welsh and West of England exhibitors should not overlook Blaenavon show on Nov. 25. The schedule is reviewed in this issue.

We hear that Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. will hold its members' annual show at the Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Nov. 25. Mr. J. Robson, judge; Mr. A. G. Cant, show manager.

At our next meeting on Nov. 25, at Oldham Hall, there is to be a novice washing competition, commencing at 8, writes Mr. T. R. Jones, asst. sec. Green Canary Assoc. A hanging cage will be presented to the competitor who is judged to be the best and neatest in the competition. Local fanciers are cordially invited.

"Bird Notes," the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, for October contains many interesting articles, notable among which is an account by the Marquis of Tavistock of his attempts to acclimatize foreign finches and softbills at liberty. The issue contains three delightful photographs of Pekin Robins, with notes on the species by Messrs. G. E. Low and W. T. Page.

The patronage of the Welsh C.B.C. has been given to the following societies, writes Mr. A. E. Brown: Cardiff Nov. 17, Blaenavon Nov. 25, Aberaman Dec. 2. Will members please make their entries early, by so doing they will greatly assist the respective secretaries. If anyone has not received a schedule, please apply to the secs., whose names and addresses appear in Cage Birds advertisements.

The representative character of the City and Suburban A.C.B. shows, both as to quality and number of exhibits, is alone sufficient to ensure the usual good attendance of visitors. The unfortunate curtailment of the normal London fixtures' list is an additional reason why no Metropolitan lover of birds should miss the society's annual event, which is being held at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., next Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 24 and 25. Note the dates. 96 classes of birds will be on exhibition, and these embrace all varieties of Canaries, Hybrids, British birds, and Foreign birds.—Advt.

OBITUARY.

The members of the South Moor Social Club, writes Mr. G. Lane, sec., desire to express their sympathy with one of their members, H. Roxborough, in his sad bereavement through the death of his little daughter. As a keen fancier, other clubs I am sure will sympathise with him.

MR. W. R. WALL (Brighton).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. Will H. Gibb, hon. sec. Brighton C.B.A., that I announce the death of Mr. W. R. Wall at the age of 47. For many years he had been an ardent fancier, Yorkshires being his chief fancy. He had been a member of the Brighton and Hove C.B.A. practically from its start, and for several years had been on the committee, ever ready to assist in the many ways open to him as an officer of a cage-bird club. He leaves a widow and son, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

The opening article in "British Birds" for November (Messrs. Witherby, High Holborn, one shilling monthly) is a short account of the work of the late Richard M. Barrington, Ireland's leading ornithologist, who died on Sept. 15 last. There are "Notes on the moults and sequence of plumage in some British ducks," by F. W. Smalley; "Notes on the Great Northern Diver," by E. B. Dunlop, "The Moults of the British Passeres" (Part 1), by H. F. Witherby, and the usual "Notes."

The November issue of the "Avicultural Magazine," the organ of the Avicultural Society, contains the names of the officers for 1915-16, a list of members, the rules of the Society, and the names of winners of the Society's medals. Among the several interesting articles are accounts of breeding successes with various species of foreign birds. Mr. A. Pam contributes some praetical and useful hints bearing on the transport of birds on board ship, and Dr. Hopkinson's exceedingly useful list of English names for the Parrots is continued.

Crossbills Breeding in England.

It is recorded in the November issue of "British Birds" that the Crossbill has now bred in Suffolk for six years in succession.

Ten Shilling Special for a Yellowhammer.

At the Cardiff show, Nov. 25, a class is provided especially for Buntings, and that sterling lover of the Yellowhammer, Mrs. L. Dalton, is giving a cash prize of 10s. for the best Yellowhammer out of the money.

Charity Show at Southend.

The Southend C.B.S. is holding its annual show on Nov. 24 and 25, at the Blue Boar Hotel, Prittlewell, open to the borough of Southend, write Messrs. Deer and Cundy, hon. secs. Mr. J. Dewhurst, London, will judge, and the members are showing over a hundred Yorkshires entirely for the benefit of the Red Cross Society.

The Paper for Results

AN APPRECIATION OF "CAGE BIRDS" AS A WONDERFUL ADVERTISING MEDIUM.

Sir,—May I through your columns crave indulgence from the scores and scores of answers I have had to my advertisement of last week? I have never had such a bewildering experience before in all my life. I have had postal orders, money orders, cheques, notes and coin, until I have a drawer full. I would point out I keep no private secretary to deal with a mass of correspondence that would puzzle a cabinet minister by its bulk! I am particularly busy just now owing to the cold snap, and then every letter has to be carefully gone into. Many of the birds I could have sold 4 or 5 times over, and in several cases I can supply part of a client's order, but not the whole. Then when the birds are allotted there will be the catching up, sorting out into old and young, hens and cocks, and so forth, especially the packing up and despatching, if and when the weather is suitable. I will not submit my birds to any suffering on a long journey if I can possibly avoid it. I must apologise for taking up so much valuable space, but I never for one moment anticipated such an extraordinary rush of business from one advertisement. It only shows the value of "CAGE BIRDS" as an advertising medium.

(Dr.) L. LOVELL KEAYS.

Cardiff's Record.

We hear that Cardiff has received a record entry of 901.

A Long-lived Tanager.

In the "Agricultural Magazine" for Nov. Dr. A. G. Butler records the death of his Scarlet Tanager at the age of 18½ years.

Three Guineas for a Goldfinch.

We hear from Mr. J. Bobbett, Bridgwater, that his Goldfinch which won 1st at Cheltenham show was claimed at catalogue price, three guineas.

Prize-money Paid.

We are informed that prize-money has been paid in respect of the following shows; if any winners have been overlooked, they should apply to the respective secretaries: Leicester Hand-in-Hand, Hartlepools.

No Nuisance Then!

To show how uncommon Starlings were in our neighbourhood sixty or seventy years ago, says a writer in the "Newcastle Chronicle," it may be mentioned that in 1852 a few pairs nested in the high rock at Claxheugh, near Hylton, and they were regarded as so great a curiosity that on Sunday mornings many persons walked from Sunderland to see them.

Budgerigars and Royalty.

At the stall of tame birds at the "Women and their Work" Exhibition at Knightsbridge, says the "Daily Express," Queen Alexandra took a Budgerigar on her finger and walked with it to other stalls. Princess Victoria mentioned that she already possessed two of these birds, which, though caught in a wild state, can be rendered so tame that they run up and down the plants in a house.

A Lady Judge.

At the show of the Dartford F.A. held in the Assembly Rooms, Nov. 23-24, the cage birds will be judged by a lady, Miss A. Reeves. In other hobbies men have by no means a monopoly of judicial appointments; in the doggy world, for instance, lady judges frequently officiate; but this is, we think, the first time the cage birds will have been asked to display their points to a judge of the gentler sex. The Dartford birds should appreciate the honour.

A Welsh Fancier Elected as Mayor.

I feel sure your readers, especially throughout South Wales, writes Mr. E. W. Allsopp, Cardiff, will be pleased to learn that Mr. G. T. Jones, well known in the Plainhead Fancy, has been elected Mayor of Brecon. During his three years as a Councillor he has inspired confidence, and he will no doubt render good service to Brecon as its Mayor.

[We are sure that fanciers in general will join us in congratulations to Mr. Jones upon the honour which has been bestowed upon him by his fellow citizens.—Editor, Cage Birds.]

THE BIRDKEEPERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

Derby C.B.S.

Sir,—The following are serving in the Forces:—J. Baker, W. Woolley, A. Murphy, F. King, A. King.—W. Jordan, Hon. Sec.

East Ardsley C.B.S.

Sir,—The above society has contributed two more of its members to the colours, Dr. B. G. Ewing, R.A.M.C., our president, and Wm. Cannings, K.O.Y.L.T.—A. Walton, Sec.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.

Sir,—The following members of our society have joined H.M. Army since our last show: Mr. J. Turnbull, Treas., and J. G. Allan and J. Appleby.

R. H. Dixon, Sec.

Whitburn C.B.S.

Sir,—Owing to five of our past committee having joined the Army, we are not holding our show this year. The names are A. McLaren, R. Whiteford, A. Johnstone, R. Clelland, and T. Lambie.—R. Lambie.

WINDING UP MY EASY TERM SYSTEM DURING THE WAR.

Mr. H. Moore, of the Lambeth Aviaries, gives a short sketch of his career, and appoints "CAGE BIRDS" the receiver of money due under his easy-purchase system.

READERS and old clients will be surprised to hear, by the time this is in print I shall be serving my country with the boys at the front. I have had the pleasure of starting many a youth and man in the Fancy with my easy-term system. They have started perhaps with one singing Canary, and afterwards it has led in many cases to orders of outdoor aviaries and a nice collection of birds.

When a boy at school I took a great interest in my father's stock of birds, which he kept for the pleasure that the hobby gave him. I soon learned a great deal about the Fancy, my particular interest being in ailing birds. Many a bird that was given up as being sure to die was entrusted to me, and in nearly every case I was successful in seeing my patient slowly recover under my treatment.

When it was time for me to begin to earn my own living, I got into touch with that enthusiastic foreign bird breeder, Mr. G. E. Rattigan, Vice-President of Cage Birds League, the son of Lady and Sir William Rattigan, M.P., and after a few weeks this gentleman made me his chief aviary attendant.

A Pleasant Time.

The years that followed, whilst I was working in Mr. Rattigan's aviaries (all of which were outdoors) were very pleasant. We were very successful in rearing some of the most delicate foreign birds. We were also successful on the show bench, but as the birds were so very rare, and valuable, we did not think it worth the while to risk showing them at the shows, although people came from all over the world to see Mr. Rattigan's collection.

When Mr. Rattigan retired into the country with his birds, not wishing for a country life just then, I reluctantly left his service, and the next week found me as an assistant in the Zoological department at a London stores; what a change! If a bird fell suddenly ill in Mr. Rattigan's aviaries, or if it had been fighting, I was able to take it up and see that it had treatment at once, but at the stores everything was for profit, if a bird was dying the department would sooner see it sold than be the loser of its price. I soon got sick of seeing how things went on, and I thought if I had the power I could alter much, and so help the birds which were caged up.

I put my plans into execution, wrote to the secretary, and stated I would sooner leave than continue to serve. I got my bullet home by doing this, for I was soon in the upstairs office before all the heads of the company, and I was given full power to act as I wished. Having now gained the power, I did my best for the comforts of the birds and animals, but unfortunately I did not stop long, as I bettered myself at a dog bureau in Bond Street, W.

"On His Own."

After being here a short time, I came into a small amount of money, so I decided to start on my own, and, as readers of Cage Birds know, for a shilling per week they could be supplied through my system with anything in the Fancy. Some fanciers have run up a large account, and the total due to us from all our clients amounts to hundreds of pounds.

This is what we propose to do. Any client can send his or her instalment to the Editor of Cage Birds. The Editor will deduct ten per cent. from the amounts sent to him, and send the balance of the instalment to us. We will then send a receipt for the full amount the client sent to Editor, and deduct that amount from the client's account. The Editor can use the ten per cent. in any way he chooses after taking his expenses out of it.

It would be disastrous for the Fancy if all birdy people joined the Army, but no doubt a few of us can be spared to fight the country's battles, to keep our flag flying.

Whilst I am away, should I come across any birdy items of interest to readers of Cage Birds I will send it with pleasure. My business will be kept in order by my secretary and staff, and the services of Mr. Warlow, my solicitor, of 16, Regent Street, W., will be retained. My life will afterwards be devoted to birds and animals should I come through alive. In conclusion, I wish all fanciers success through these trying times, and trust we will have better times when the war is over.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

A COCK BULLFINCH FATHERS TWO HYBRIDS.

Sir Luke White, M.P. for the Buckrose division of the E. Riding of Yorkshire, and Deputy Lieutenant of the County, succeeds in his aviaries in breeding with a Cock Bullfinch and two hen Goldfinches.

IT was with much interest that we read last week the appended letter addressed to us by Sir Luke White, M.P., of Driffield, East Yorkshire.

"I have this year succeeded in bringing up two Hybrids from a cock Bullfinch and a hen Goldfinch. I have an outdoor aviary, and the nest was built in a shrub inside the aviary—I enclose photo. As a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS I know that it is a most valuable medium to those who possess aviaries, and your readers may like to know of the breeding of these two Hybrids, a somewhat rare occurrence, I understand."

We replied at once congratulating Sir Luke White on what is indeed a rare happening, and said that if he could spare the time to give further details we were sure our readers would much appreciate his kindness. With the latter request he most courteously and promptly complied, and it is with pleasure we print Sir Luke's narrative below.

We may add that the cock Bullfinch has always been something of a mystery as a breeder in captivity, especially so when tried in a cage. Thousands of fanciers have put him up with various mates, but always with the one disappointing result—unfertile eggs. In the list of "possible crosses" given in the official Year Book of the National British Bird and Mule Club, the male Bullie is mentioned only once, i.e., cock Bullfinch to hen Redpoll. We take it, therefore, that there is evidence of the latter mating having been successful; the only other successful mating of which we have heard is with the hen Canary, though the cases seem to be more or less doubtful ones of German origin, no young, we think, having been reared to maturity in the United Kingdom.

Sir Luke White Gives Details.

Driffield, Nov. 13, 1915.

In reply to yours asking for some particulars as to the breeding of the two Hybrids from cock Bullfinch and hen Goldfinch, I may state that early in 1914 I bought a cock Bullfinch and two hen Goldfinches with a view to breeding Hybrids. I placed the cock Bullfinch and one of the hen Goldfinches in a breeding cage; the other hen Goldfinch I put in my aviary. I had no success, and at the end of the breeding season of last year the pair were removed to the aviary, which comprises seed-eating birds, viz., Canaries, Siskins, Linnets, Budgerigars, Green Singing Finches, etc.

This year (1915) in the breeding season my gardener called my attention to the cock Bullfinch—the only Bullfinch in the aviary—having paired with one of the two hen Goldfinches. I was interested in watching developments.

A Model Husband.

These two birds built a nest in a shrub in the outer portion of the aviary—cock and hen both assisting. Further, I saw on many occasions the cock Bullfinch not only feeding the hen Goldfinch, but taking its turn on the nest.

There were three eggs and three young birds, but owing to stormy, wet weather, two of the youngsters died in the nest. One survived and was reared, both the cock Bullfinch and hen Goldfinch taking part in feeding this young one. The latter was placed in a cage, and is the one on the right of the photo I have sent. [We were not able to reproduce this particular photo.—Editor "C.B."]

A Leaning Towards Polygamy.

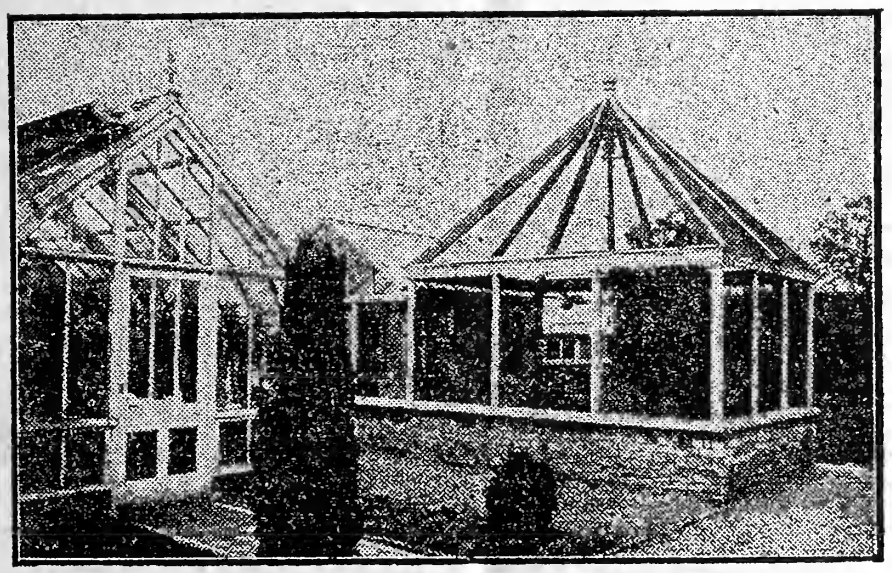
Whilst the hen Goldfinch was sitting, I noticed the cock Bullfinch pairing with the other hen Goldfinch, with the result that they built a nest in the covered portion of the aviary. There were three eggs, and two young ones resulted, but one of these died. The other was reared, and this was placed with the other one in the cage and is the Hybrid to the left in the photo.

Both birds are splendid in plumage and appearance. The first bird in appearance is more slender than the other one, the latter being more like a Bullfinch.

Doing His Bit.

I have on many occasions seen the cock Bullfinch—the only Bullfinch, as I have explained, in the aviary—not only feeding each of the hen Goldfinches, but sitting in turn on each of their nests, and also feeding both young birds. The cock Bullfinch is a very fine specimen, and is now, having moulted some time ago, in splendid colour and condition. I bought it last year from Mr. Fred Allen, of Hull, one of your advertisers. The two hen Goldfinches are also exceptionally nice birds.

Allow me to state that I do not sell any birds, but am giving these particulars solely for the benefit of your readers.



The charming outdoor aviary in which Sir Luke White bred the Hybrids between the cock Bullfinch and the two hen Goldfinches.

THE WEEKLY BATH.

A Cold Weather Amusement for Saturday Afternoons.

A BATH is just as necessary for birds as for humans, and Saturday afternoon is the time for this function in my aviary during the winter months. In the hot days of summer the birds get one every day.

It is instructive to note how differently they perform their ablutions. I fill a large tray with water with the chill taken off, to about an inch deep, and place it on a large square of wood which projects a few inches all round the tray. Then I find a comfortable seat a few yards back, light my pipe, and await developments.

First from the perches comes a dirty buff hen. This is purely swank on her part, as I have never yet seen her fairly in the water. Next a Goldfinch cock perches on the tray rim and goes round and round, but keeps from wetting himself. Soon there are from twenty to thirty birds on the edge of the bath, but "nothing doing."

An Involuntary Plunge.

At length one of them in half turning round slips into the water, stands astonished a moment, and then flies to a perch. Then a little Gold Lizard hen plunges into the bath. Splash she goes, and throws the water over her back like a duck. This is the lead several of the others were waiting for, and at once about a dozen of my Rollers follow suit. The splashing is just lovely.

When they are sufficiently soaked, those that can fly up to the perches and preen themselves, and those that can't hop out and make for the corners of the aviary.

The Goldfinch now takes the stage. He has hopped round and round the bath, screwing up courage, and instead of slipping in from the side flies over the middle of the bath and drops in, stands on stilted legs for a moment, and then, letting himself go, has a right royal bath.

The remainder of the inmates of the aviary perform their ablutions in a desultory manner, some fluttering and splashing in a make-believe way, well out of reach of the water; others only drinking.

One of my birds, a non-capped Lizard cock, has never been known to have a bath. He gets on the topmost perch and "looks the other way" on washing days. He loathes water as a tramp does. These birdy differences furnish a world of amusement.—J. GRIMSHAW (Hale).

PAINTING AND ENAMELLING SHOW AND OTHER CAGES.

By R. T. Campbell (Dunfermline).

"ANYTHING is easy when once you know how to do it," and as many an amateur or novice is quite at sea in regards the principal factors of success in cage painting I propose in this short article to give anyone thus placed a few rudimentary facts and tips which, if followed out as near the letter as possible, should help him to overcome the difficulties he has so often stumbled at.

Nothing looks so harsh to the eye as a good specimen of a bird, be it Canary, British, Mule, Hybrid, or Foreign, staged in a badly-painted cage, or in a cage quite unsuited to bring out the colour of the bird. True, our judges are not supposed to take the cage into consideration, but one can hardly blame a judge who, given two birds of about equal merit, but one housed streets ahead of the other, accords his preference to the bird put down in the neatest and best finished cage.

Take the Tip in Time.

Look over your show reports weekly, and you will find our reporters backing me up in this assertion. You read "So-and-So, grand bird, wins well; 2nd, another good bird, badly staged, deserves a better cage," and the exhibitor of No. 2 wages war against judge and reporter alike. But we will suppose he has been showing a Norwich Plainhead, and has made up his mind that never again will the painting of his cage stand against him or the bird.

I am not acquainted with the English Norwich Plainhead show cage, but I fancy there would be no striking difference from the Scottish cage, and as we wish to settle the colour before we begin the job, allow me to say that the particular tint of the Scottish cage can be got by adding just a touch of ultramarine blue to the white lead. As most show cages, however, are finished in enamel, any good colourman or decorator can supply just the shade wanted if he is asked for "Hedge Sparrow Egg Blue." But we will take it that the reader wishes to tackle the job himself, and the following remarks are specially written for his guidance.

In the Beginning.

The cages that have to be renovated must first of all be given a good wash out, using a little disinfectant in the water. At the same time give them a good polish over with a piece of flat pumice stone, but if your cage be very rough, or should the old enamel be ruffled like the sad sea waves, then you must first of all get this planed down by using a piece of square-cut glass, or, better still, an old iron frame or disused jack-plane. After having levelled the enamel by "drawing" the iron, not pushing it, then proceed to wash and polish it with the pumice stone, then rinse the cage out with clean water.

If the paint or old ground work is in good repair, it will require but one coat of flat paint before enamelling, and as one pound of paint should be sufficient to do a dozen show cages, it is better to get your paint prepared by a tradesman, asking him to make it up flat (which is paint without oil added).

PAINTING AND ENAMELLING SHOW AND OTHER CAGES.

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If you are making your own paint, secure one pound of white lead and a little patent driers (a teaspoonful should be sufficient). Now secure a paint pot, jelly pot, or any clean dish, into which put your white lead and patent driers, and break up the two into a thick paste with a putty knife by adding a little turpentine only. Do not overdo or reduce it with much turpentine at first, as the lead is much more easily broken into a paste by working it up stiff.

To make sure there is no sediment in the paint, you would require to run the paint through a very fine sieve, or a piece of muslin will do, but before you sieve it, reduce or thin the paint to working strength (which should be like cream). If you are using muslin as a sieve tie the material over the mouth of a clean pot, leaving it a little baggy, to allow it to hold the paint. Remove the sieve or muslin and your paint will be nice and clean, free from sediment, and ready for tinting to the required shade.

The Colours and the Brushes.

Procure a 2d. tube of ultramarine, and with your putty or palette knife work just a touch of this up into a small tin lid or old saucer by adding a few drops of turpentine, then pour the fluid into the lead and stir up well until you secure the shade you require.

For brushes you will require a number three sash tool, or an inch and a half fitch. Never load the brush too heavily, but rather use a little, and work it lightly, laying the paint as evenly and smoothly as you can. Now allow the paint to get thoroughly dry and hard (which it should be in about ten hours) after which give it a good rub over with a piece of medium sandpaper (No. 1 will do) and dust the cage well out. If you then wish to use the paint brush for the enamelling you must see that it is well washed out in turpentine before you dip it in the enamel.

Now for the enamelling. If you have trouble in securing the correct shade or tint, you can purchase the white enamel and tint it up with the same blue, and in the same manner as advised for the paint, but if you get it ready for use, see that you stir it well up. A good plan too, is to let the tin or pot stand a short time in hot water. you will find this makes the work much easier.

Carefully Avoid Dust.

Having given the inside of the cage a good coat over with the enamel, keep an eye on it for a short time, as some enamels are apt to flow too freely or to "run," as they term it in the trade. If you can secure a place free from dust, place the cage on its back (if need be place a piece of paper over it), but let the air play on it. Never shut the cage up while drying in a closet or confined place, as fresh air is as essential to drying paint as it is to live stock or human beings. Now let the cage stand for two days. Enamel takes much longer than paint to dry, and should not be much handled before three days.

As regards new cages, the same treatment would be followed out, but you require to bring up a ground of oil paint before applying the flat paint. Ordinary oil paint is got by using white lead and adding say one teaspoonful of patent driers to the pound of lead, and thinning it up by using equal parts "raw" linseed oil and turpentine.

Having got the paint well mixed up and tinted to the required shade, you would require to sieve it in the same manner as already described. Now give the new wood a coat of the oil paint (or the priming coat, as it is known to the trade). Let it dry and harden, and then sandpaper it all over. You will then putty up the nail holes or open joints before you apply the flatting.

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Yorkshires Likely to Breed Winners.

By A. E. WINKUP (Belfast).

A well-known Irish breeder of the "long and slim 'uns" tells how to select the parent birds to establish a winning strain.

BEFORE attempting to write a few words on the above subject, I would like to give my reason for so doing. Having been confined to bed for eight weeks with rheumatism, and having read every word of CAGE BIRDS, including all the advertisements, I thought I would make a few notes purely as an amusement, and hope that under the circumstances, the older and more experienced fanciers of this ever popular variety, will forgive me for the effort.

In selecting my stock, I prefer the hen to be as ideal a specimen as possible. Some advise the use of hens a little on the small side, provided they are all that could be desired in respect of type, quality, position, etc., but here I disagree.

I am a firm believer that the hen has as much influence in the production of size as the cock. My experience in using hens a little on the small side, paired to an extra large cock bird, is that they produce two kinds of birds, one often an ideal specimen; if, ah! I repeat the word "if," only a little longer, while the other kind is rather on the stout side, one which, although often a good stock bird, lacks that racy appearance which is so pronounced in an ideal Yorkshire.

Looking for Good Hens.

To breed this long, slim, racy, type of bird, I would advise an aspirant to be always on the qui vive. Visit as many shows as possible, and when he sees a good hen, probably a winner catalogued at a reasonable price, even if this price is rather more than he is accustomed to give, always to remember that the extra quality is worth treble the extra money he will be paying. Bear in mind that in a good class of birds it is often only a very little extra quality which separates the first bird from the last. A visit to a retiring fancier will sometimes result in the purchase of a few good birds, but he should not buy birds because they are cheap if he has as good at home.

Having obtained a few hens in the above way, we will now come to the cocks. I think we need not be so extravagant in this respect, for with so many good points in the hens it will not be quite so easy to go wrong. Your hens being longer than usual, it will not be necessary to use the extra large and generally, in a more or less degree, coarse cock. Do not mistake my meaning; I say do not use an extra large cock, and by this I do not mean that you should use a small bird. My ideal stock cock is one of standard length, 6¾ins., with as many good points as possible.

Don't forget when selecting a few such cocks to get them as good in colour as possible, as this is a point produced from the cock. Also get a little green blood, which is so essential for good colour, but don't pair two marked birds together unless you desire to produce heavily marked young. We have now got some birds balanced in size, and possessing type and quality, and these are likely to breed birds with fewer faults than the extra large cocks.

Having got our stock, how are we going to pair them? We transfer one of our hens, a beauty, into a show cage, and wonder which cock would be most suitable for her. After a little careful thought, a thing very necessary at this period, we realise we are making a mistake, for it would be much more judicious under the circumstances to match the hens to the cocks than vice versa.

Pair the Hen to the Cock.

Having come to this decision, we pick out a cock bird, and carefully scrutinise its weak points. We then turn to our hens, and select one which is extra strong in these weak points. This done, we possess a pair likely to breed a few winners. Next take each cock in turn, and in the selection of a hen for him carefully counterbalance every bad point; never pairing together two birds possessing the same faults.

Bad points I never like to overlook when selecting stock birds are bad heads, weak necks, fan tails, bad position, or birds not well up on leg, for if any of these faults once find their way into a strain they may take years to remove.

I am not going to dwell on the point of double buffing, although I might mention I have bred a few very good birds by so doing, but I think it a mistake, unless there is any special object in view. Weak necks and hollow shoulders can, with judicious selection, be overcome by double buffing, but one decided loss is colour, and if great care is not used in selection it is easy to also lose quality by the practice.

Having come to the conclusion that double buffing was a "frost" (no joke intended). I have not tried double yellowing, so I am unable to say anything for or against the practice.

With regard to inbreeding, this is a step that should only be taken with great caution. Never inbreed with any other birds but those possessing the most robust health. Always bear in mind the reason why you are inbreeding, namely, to fix a certain type; hence the necessity of having the type a perfect one. The birds selected should be practically perfect, for any faults either parent possessed would be reproduced in a more permanent and glaring manner. Provided that after a few years' breeding, during which the fancier has made strides in the right direction, has a thorough knowledge of his stock, and possesses the necessary healthy, typical birds, inbreeding may be indulged in to advantage.

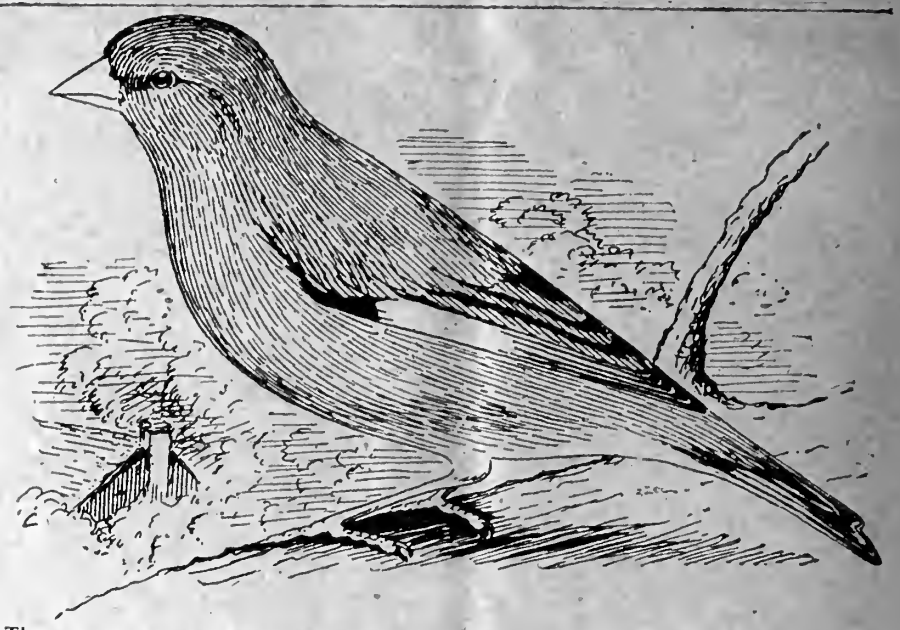
When Inbreeding.

I think the better plan is to inbreed closely and rarely, in preference to more frequent pairings of more distantly related birds. I should advise pairing birds as closely related as father to daughter, son to mother, or even brother to sister. I give preference to the former pairing, because I find the best results are got when the cock bird is older than the hen, which would not be the case in either of the other two pairings. Again let me impress that any of the above suggested pairings should be of rare occurrence, otherwise the stamina of your strain will be reduced, and disaster is sure to follow.

I have no intention of here entering into the general management of the birds, but would like to give a few words of advice on the training of the young birds. How often have we visited shows and found birds left out of the cards that would be capable of winning if not so wild? Such birds are often bred by experienced fanciers who cannot, or often do not, find time for a little training.

Show cages should be hung on the flight cages from the time the young leave the parents, and as much time should be devoted to their handling as possible. Handling and talking to one's birds, I consider to be the most pleasant part of bird-keeping.

The Yorkshire being a bird of position, will benefit much by such treatment, and the owner's patience and trouble will be rewarded by his having reached his goal, that is, he has bred his own winners by the careful selection of his own stock birds.



The exceptionally good house-moulted Greenfinch which won the First Prize in a strong class of 19, at the recent Sheffield Show, for Mr. P. Walsh, of Sheffield.

In the Palmy Days of the Scots Fancy Canary

The Scottish Cage Bird Fancy in the days of long ago.

By "ST. GILES."

A quarter of a century! Twenty-five years. What a flood of memories float up from the misty distance, and for the moment obscure the stern realities of the present! What a deal has happened since then, and how few of the principal actors of that time remain with us still! Many have started on the "long long trail" long ago; many have quitted the striving ranks of the fancy, and few remain who took part in the stirring events of those days, so long ago.

Years may mellow, but can never quench the fire that smoulders in a fancier's heart. Many of the later school have happy remembrances of those times, and of the men who were the means of making the fancy in Scotland what it is to-day, and to those, no doubt, the following rambling notes will make pleasurable reading.

Mr. Thomas Buchanan, Glasgow.

Twenty-five years. 'Twas about that time the fancy, from an exhibition point of view, made its start in earnest. Societies had been inaugurated in our principal cities, and public shows had come into vogue. True, the prize money was a very secondary consideration at these functions, for honour was the fancier's ambition in those days. To my way of thinking it was a purer and more elevating fancy then, although it had not gained public favour.

Only one variety of Canary was exhibited, although the different colours gave opportunities for extended classification. The Glasgow Don had been the king of the fancy before this, and was so still, and I believe as far as Scotia is concerned is so even now. Norwich were in the struggling stage, and were only just tolerated by the powers that were. British birds were not deemed worthy of a place on the schedules, and their keeping was confined to cobblers and such like. Weavers were the leading breeders of the birds of circle.

There is no doubt whatever that, twenty-five years ago, the "Father of the Fancy" was Mr. Thomas Buchanan, of Glasgow, an honourable appellation to which no one ever disputed his right. He was one of the giants of the fancy, one of the men that brought the fancy into the glare of public light and lifted it from what it was once considered, a doubtful kind of pastime, to one worthy of recognition and honour, providing many enjoyable hours to many thousands of jaded, hard-working men; a fancy that brings sweetness and pleasure to many a home.

Mr. Buchanan was really an Englishman, although truly Scottish in everything he did, owing to his long connection with "the land o' cakes" and its all-absorbing environments. He was born at Newcastle-on-Tyne on 1st April, 1815, but was removed to Glasgow as a boy, and there he grew into manhood and died at a ripe old age.

Organised Glasgow's First Show.

From his school days he was a lover of bird life, and at the early age of sixteen we find him breeding and rearing Canaries. He was the organizer of the first open show in Glasgow, which was held in the Audit Rooms of the Lyceum, Nelson Street. It was essentially a very primitive affair, the admission was threepence, and there was no prize money or prize cards. It was the love of the fancy that predominated in those days, and the knowledge that one owned a good bird was all satisfying to the most ambitious fancier.

Mr. Buchanan was one of the genial sort, kind-hearted, perhaps, almost to a fault, but honest as the day was long. He was a general favourite, and did a deal of good work, assisting and advising the younger fanciers who were cropping up at an astonishing rate. Prohibitive prices were not known then, and a great number of the beginners got their first birds without exchanging the miserable coin of the realm for them.

For fifty years he enjoyed an untarnished reputation for honour and integrity. His knowledge of shows was by no means superficial, as he was the hardest worker amongst them all, and the success of these early Glasgow exhibitions was entirely due to his persistent determination, his administrative abilities, and his general efficient management.

The Busy Man's Leisure.

He was a lapidary by profession, the same as his father before him and as his sons were after him, being principal of Messrs. Buchanan and Sons, Lapidaries, Glasgow. In spite of the great amount of time he devoted to his birds he was a close attender to his business, bearing out again the truth of the saying that the busiest man has the most leisure.

It may be said he died in harness, for on the morning of his death, May 22, 1888, he had gone to his place of business at Morrison's Court, but, feeling unwell, he returned to his home, Maxwell Hall, Pollok Street, where he expired within half an hour from syncope of the heart.

He was over seventy-three years of age, and had spent sixty years in Glasgow. He was the most useful, earnest, and enthusiastic ornithologist that has graced the Canary fancy of Scotland. He was buried in the Southern Necropolis, Glasgow, when a huge concourse of fanciers followed him to his last resting place.

Honours had been showered upon him in his later days by his loving and admiring supporters, but the old man wore them with becoming modesty. In November, 1859, the West of Scotland Ornithological Association presented him with a piece of silver plate for valuable services rendered as secretary, and again the next year he was the recipient of another valuable piece of silver plate, which was presented to him for the great work he was rendering in the interests of the fancy at large. In May, 1876, he received a gold watch and appendages, which were subscribed for by the Glasgow and country fanciers. Amongst the other presentations he received was a handsome mounted walking stick from the old Paisley Club to mark their high esteem of him as a judge. The Glasgow fanciers, on the occasion of their annual dinner in 1884, again presented him with a handsome mounted walking stick.

(To be continued.)

BIRDS AS TAME AS DOGS.

A Chaffinch Figures in a Charming Incident.

I THINK it may interest your readers who are fond of British birds to have my experience. Some years ago I brought up a Chaffinch from the nest, and kept his cage low down near a table by the side of a window. I constantly when passing just spoke to him endearingly, often only just a word, calling him by name. He grew so attached to me that after an absence from home of three weeks, upon my return, about ten o'clock at night, I went straight up to his cage and called him by name. He instantly woke up and came to the side of his cage nearest to me, hung on to the wires and sang passionately to me.

Off to the Woods.

Some time after that I found my pet was rather a trial, through his loud song, to a relative who was studying to pass some examinations. Though I was never asked to part with him, I felt it would be right to do so. I decided that I could not sell him, so one day, with a sister, I went to the wood close by, taking him with us. We spent the day there, having our luncheon and reading, with my pet quite free, amusing himself at our feet, playing with the tags of our shoelaces, or catching flies as they passed. I said to my sister, if he does not fly away I shall take him home again. Just as we were thinking about it, a handsome Chaffinch flew down close by, daring my bird to show fight. They both went away, and I saw no more of my pet.

This bird had not been in the habit of coming in and out of his cage at all in my home, and yet with all the enticements of the woods around him, the whole of that day he never left us, although he was out of his cage all the time.

I could give an instance of even a tamer bird I had once, and I should like to add that birds reared from the nest grow as tame and loving as dogs.—(Mrs.) M. J. PARKER (Hailsham).

GIVING THE CHAMPIONS A "GOOD RACE."

Some Hints for Novices, Particularly on the Linnet.

MANY catch or buy British Finches, and have the misfortune to lose some. In order to aid them, I wish to give my method of keeping these birds. If I brought birds from the South to the North of England, as plenty do, I would first boil their water. Birds taken in your own district probably don't need it. This is my first consideration.

My stock food, speaking generally, for Hardbills (say Greenfinches, Bullfinches, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, Redpolls, Siskins, Twites, Goldfinches and Linnets) would be: 2 parts English rape, 1½ parts summer rape, 1 part teazle, 1 part Spanish canary, ½ part hemp, ¼ part linseed. I prefer to use the best quality seeds only; the best is the cheapest in the end.

Plenty of people put freshly taken birds into a dark corner of the room at first, because they are wild. This is a mistake. Put them in a pretty large cage where there is plenty of light, and they will find their food and water easily and settle down more quickly.

Some birds sometimes sit "thick." This is due to the change of food and water. To get over this I give them 6 drops of syrup of buckthorn in their drinking-water, and soon see a change.

A few words to Linnet fanciers, especially novice exhibitors. In order to rise to be a champion, study the following. Secure the largest bird you can, and see that it has good colour, good markings, good whites in wings and tail, and a good head. Get it perfectly steady. To do this either wash it yourself or get someone to wash it for you, or use the spray often, as I contend water is the best steadier. Handle the cage of the bird often and place it in a position, free from draughts, where you pass frequently.

When exhibiting, see that you have the bird properly staged, as this is where a lot fail. The novice is just as likely to get a good bird as the champion, but by staging it badly the bird may get passed by the judge. My medicine for these birds either before or after the show, is 6 drops of syrup of buckthorn in their water. By using my stock mixture and acting on the other hints, I feel sure the novice will give the champion a good race.—JOHN L. SIMPSON (Wallsend-on-Tyne).

HOW I BECAME A BIRD-KEEPER.

"CAGE BIRDS" Really Did It.

ONE cold morning in February I was surprised by hearing something fluttering about the office in which I work, and on looking about me I discovered a little bird in the far corner of the room. I picked it up and examined it, and I found it had somehow or other broken its wing. I came to the conclusion it was a bird which had been caged up but had regained its liberty.

I had no idea as to what kind of bird it was, but I could tell by the greenish colour of its plumage that it was something more than an ordinary House Sparrow. I put the little creature in a box, supplied it with a few bread crumbs, and made it as comfortable as circumstances would permit until office hours were over, and then I took my "capture" home. I went to the nearest bird-dealer and purchased a cage and learned from him that the bird was called a Greenfinch.

Well, time went on, and the bird's wounded wing seemed to be mending nicely, but you can imagine my disappointment when on arriving home one evening I discovered the little creature had managed to get loose, and had damaged its wing so badly that I was compelled out of sympathy to put an end to its existence. There I was left with the cage but without any occupant. However, I had got so attached to my little feathered friend that I determined to buy another, and this time my choice was a Linnet. I think I was blessed with misfortunes at this period, for I had only had my new pet about a couple of days when it succeeded in escaping out of the drinking hole of its cage.

After this I happened to be in a hairdresser's shop, and came across a copy of CAGE BIRDS, and after scanning the adverts I decided I would start Canary breeding straight away. I purchased a couple of Roller hens and a cock. To-day I have a stand full of cages neatly enamelled. I have succeeded this past season in rearing four young Rollers, nothing very great, but I am determined to do better next year with a bit of luck. My experience up to the present of bird keeping is that the more ill luck a fancier has the more he is determined to succeed.—W. DAVENPORT (Sheffield).

Correspondence.

The Trouble of the Sweating Hen.

SIR,—I see Mr. L. Bastock scouts the idea of "sweating hens," and puts the blame entirely on the breeder and his management. Mr. B. must be a very fortunate fancier, and can be assured of my congratulations. But isn't it really a bit "too thick" to suggest that breeders of forty years' experience have not learnt anything in that period, and yet been troubled with sweaters?

Mr. B. may breed with comparatively common birds, but Crests and high-class hens are like Duchesses, who would not be exactly at home handling babies. I still believe it is the assimilation of the excretions that sets up the condition known as "sweating," and hope to see other opinions of old breeders on the matter.

W. G. SMITHSON.

Don't Forget Swansea's Charity Show.

SIR,—I should like to make an appeal to exhibitors who intend entering at our coming show on Nov. 25 for their liberal support, as we intend giving all profits to the local Red Cross Society. All specials are for birds out of the money, thus making an extra money prize, and one of these is 10s. for best Yellowhammer, out of the money (not to be won locally).

By a curious accident our printer omitted to put in schedule a silver cup, value £2 2s., for most points gained by six nominated birds in the Norwich or Yorkshire section, the word "cup" to be placed against each entry; cup to be won twice, not necessarily in succession. Fanciers who intend to enter, please note.

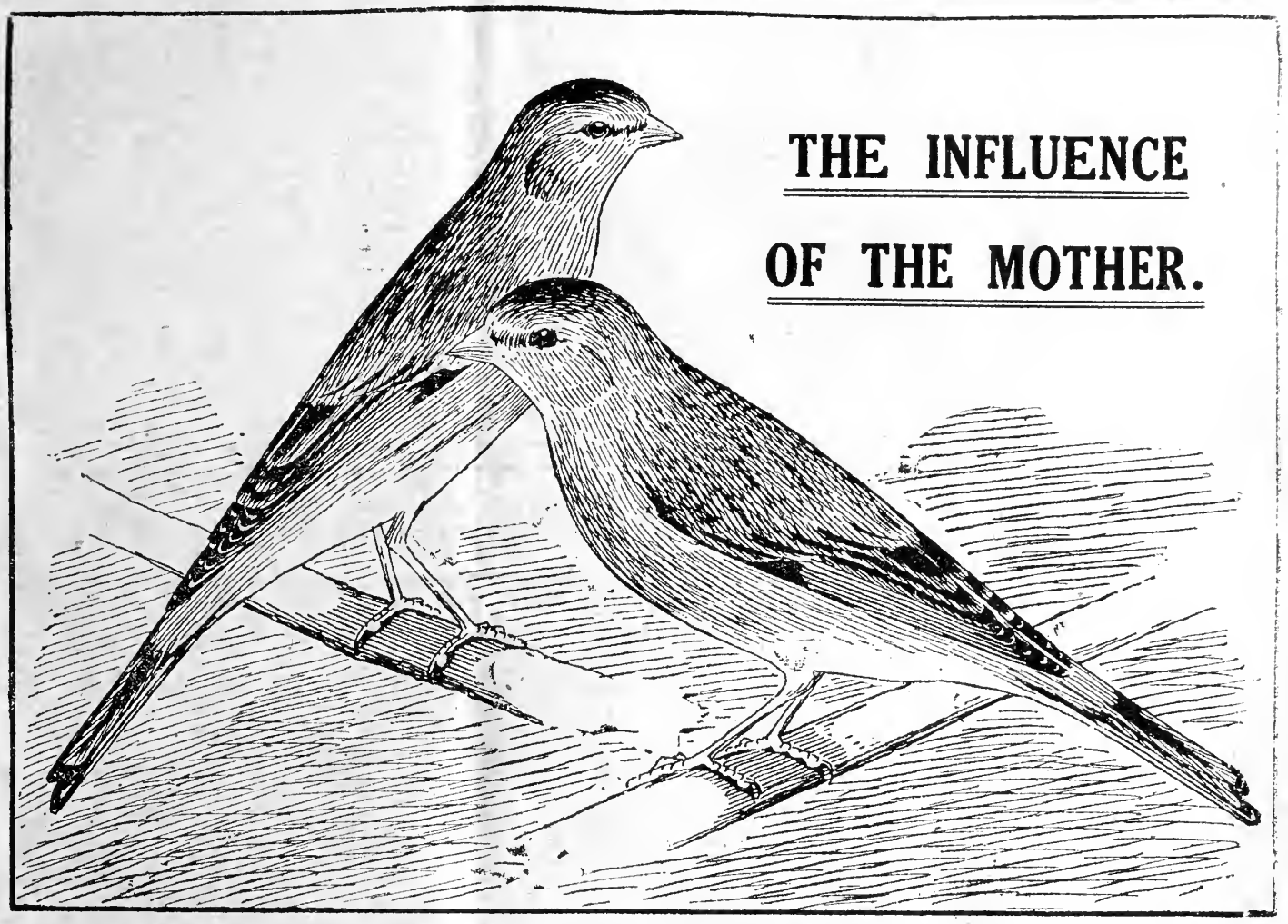
ALF. HITCHINGS.

Breeding the Bearded Reedling in Captivity.

SIR,—I read with interest the "Twittering" of last week concerning the above matter. It seems to me to raise a very important point, viz., as to what constitutes captivity and what does not. I have no wish to depreciate the success of Mr. Richardson Carr in breeding the Bearded Reedling (or "Tit") at Tring, but I understand that the aviary there, in which the feat has been several times accomplished, is an extremely large one; in fact, a wired-in portion of the park, containing a pond of some size, with its accompanying reed beds and other natural advantages. This, I may say, I know only from the information of a friend with whom I talked of this matter. In such an aviary, of course, the parent birds would be able to find a deal of natural food, possibly a sufficiency to ensure the rearing of their young. I think that some distinction should certainly be made between confinement of this nature—after all, it is only a kind of restricted liberty—and the captivity which is represented by the garden aviary, more or less skilfully contrived, which is all that the ordinary aviculturist has at his command. In the case of Dr. Keay's the Reedlings had to make the best of a restricted space and the artificial and live foods supplied by their enthusiastic owner.

Mr. Richardson Carr seems clearly the first to have bred the Bearded Reedling in "confinement." Taking all the circumstances into consideration, however, it seems to me that Dr. Lovell-Keays is clearly entitled to claim that he is the first to breed this species in captivity, in the proper sense of the latter term.

G. E. WESTON.



Our artist has depicted two Linnet-Canary Hybrids, the one on the left being bred from a Yorkshire hen, and the other from a Norwich Plainhead hen. The influence of the mother on the type of the young is clearly seen. The stouter, more heavility built, Hybrid is, of course, the one likely to meet with success in present-day competition on the show-bench.

Greenfinches at Manchester Show.

SIR,—Re Manchester show, the reporter on Greenfinch class says my Greenfinch is a big buff. I want to contradict it, as it is a yellow, and the best yellow I have seen out. The next show he sees it at, let him look at it without spectacles. I do not know if he wanted to hurt me, but I call it mean, without the mention of the scales.

T. FLETCHER.

The Novice with the Nets.

Some Advice Wanted.

SIR,—I have been out several times this season with my birds and net, but have always met with disappointment, catching only one or two, never any more. I and a friend of mine went out yesterday in the afternoon, it being the one day per week on which we leave off work at 1 p.m. By 2 p.m. we got to a stubble, where we had permission to catch with our Linnets and nets. My friend went along one side of the field and I went the other side. There were plenty of Linnets in the field; in fact there were birds of every description. My friend was the first to have a pull at the line, but he pulled with such strength that he broke the pull line. I was sorry to see it, but I could not help laughing. It frightened the birds for a time, and they would not come near us. We had to pick up our things just after 4 p.m., as the birds were going to roost, with the poor result—one hen Linnet between us.

Now could any of your readers kindly inform me how to train a bird to ride the flirt stick, and what feed to place in the net at this time of the year for Linnet catching. I noticed in CAGE BIRDS a few weeks back Mr. H. J. Chick said that bird-catchers never take the trouble to gather wild seeds, but I should say they must do, or what would they have to put in their nets when out catching?

I should be glad if some experienced bird-catcher would give me some advice through the correspondence columns of CAGE BIRDS, as I am only a novice at the game, although I have been in the Fancy some years. I should like to know how to set about catching, and whether to set the nets under a hedge or out in the middle of the field. I shall be pleased if some bird-fancier will help me in the matter.

COCKRAM.

A Big Provincial Show Proposed.

SIR,—As we are not to have a National show at the Crystal Palace for the second season, surely a provincial society might step forward and provide us with a National show say early in February. What does Mr. Metcalfe, of Liverpool, say; or Manchester, Sheffield, or Nottingham? A useful and charitable purpose might be served by holding such a show, and I feel sure success would attend it.

EXHIBITOR.

[We believe we are breaking no confidences in saying that there is every likelihood of a very big show being held in London either in January or early in February, this being now under consideration.—EDITOR.]

A Frank Apology for a Mistaken Protest at Falkirk.

SIR,—At the Falkirk O.S. show on Nov. 6 Mr. Wright lodged a protest against Mr. Sharp for showing a year-old bird in the young bird class. Would you insert in CAGE BIRDS his apology, which I enclose?

W. NIVEN.

[The letter appears below.—Editor CAGE BIRDS.]

Dear Mr. Niven,—I take this my first opportunity to apologise for the statement I made in connection with crest-bred cock, and I can assure you I feel very sorry for what I said at the time. But I gave you what was my honest opinion at the time, and I hope you and the owner of the bird will accept this in the spirit in which it is given. I shall leave it to you to make any use of this that you think best for the good of the Society.

JOHN C. WRIGHT.

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Breeding from a Dark-beaked Goldfinch.

Sir,—I have a nice cock Goldfinch, and this year, in March, I put him with a hen Canary, while his beak was quite dark. The Canary laid four eggs, and brought out two young ones, the Finch's beak still remaining dark. I should like to know if other fanciers have had a similar experience. I had another hen Canary that wanted to nest, so I gave her a nesting pan and material, and when her nest was nearly made, I put in a cock Canary, and saw him serve her five times. I took him away from her, and two days later she started laying, hatched four nice birds, and they were all reared. Another fancier told me that this was something that many would like to know, and it might be of interest to other novices than myself to know that one can breed with a dark-beaked Finch, and also that one need only put the cock Canary in for one period to secure a nest of young birds.

Gunner E. J. Brewer,
R.G.A., Sheerness.

A Crisis at Watford.

Sir,—I was greatly surprised when visiting Watford on Saturday last to hear that the hall at the Conservative Club had been commandeered by the military authorities for billeting purposes. By some strange coincidence several members of the Committee found their way to Mr. Goodall's shop, and we had an informal meeting to consider what steps should be taken, as we were very reluctant to cancel the fixture. Our printer had given us a few likely places, and these will be enquired into at once. On calling at the Conservative Club, the secretary, I regret, confirmed the report, and informed us that the hall was to be ready for occupation by Tuesday. We then enquired at the Kingham Hall, and found that this had been earmarked by the military a month ago, but nothing further had transpired; the hall keeper says that the billeting officer had promised to let them know in a few days. If we can possibly secure this hall it will be a most ideal place, as it is the largest and most spacious in the town, being well lighted and heated, and capable of staging quite 1,500 birds. Our secretary will make application for the same, and we hope to make some definite arrangements this week end.

R. J. Pretty.

Herbert J. Chick on Himself and Some Others.

Sir,—Mr. Holmes speaks of "running down" Mr. Chick. I have not done anything of the sort. I am taking him at his own valuation, and everybody knows that Mr. Chick first started the "running down" business in this correspondence, and at the same time boasted about the great things he had done. I don't say that he is not "good, honest, and straightforward," and everything else that is nice, but I do say that he has offended many by his tactless and uncalled for criticisms of others (as witness the case of Mrs. Dalton). He should be a little more sympathetic towards fellow fanciers and judges, and then there would be no danger of him being thought a sort of hot-headed wind-bag. Surely there are plenty of others who have done much good for the Fancy; yet do you hear them shouting about it? I think not.

Mr. Chick himself says that I am "jealous" of him. Well, he makes a mistake here. He thinks I am somebody else, so evidently from this he knows of others who do not like him and his ways. I do not care how many "big winners" he has sold. Has he, by the way, been trying to get a free advertisement so that he can get shut of a few more? I have no permission to bring other local fanciers into this, but what I have said is the truth. I have on several occasions been told that when Mr. Chick has been visiting shows away from Nottingham he has made himself conspicuous by his loud and contemptuous remarks about the judging. I feel sure of one thing, however, and that is that this kind of thing will not help him to get what he seems to covet, namely, the fees for judging all the shows.

Hyson Green.

Sir,—Allow me a few lines in your valuable paper in answer to Mr. Chick, where he states he can prove up to the hilt the reason of many members leaving the Nottingham Society about eight years ago, and the reason it has got to "so low an ebb." What does Mr. Chick know about the society, except by hearsay? He has not been a member for over eight years, in fact not since the time he apologised in Cage Birds for his own indiscretion.

I should like to point out to him that we have had some of the most successful shows in the county since that time. If not in great numbers, we have had the best quality of exhibits it has been possible to put down, and we have given the finest prize list. The only reasons we have not had our annual shows in 1914-15 are the difficulties of transit, and the fact of our hall being occupied by the military authorities. We have paid our deposit and engaged the hall for both shows, and been forced to forego holding same for the reasons stated.

We have had amalgamated shows both seasons which have been a complete success, and further we have at the present time a larger cash balance than I ever remember. Does this look like a "low ebb"?

I have no personal feeling against Mr. Chick, but I do not like to see him trying to pull down that which he has in no way helped to build up, and, by so doing misleading the Fancy as to the position of the Nottingham and Notts O.S. We still have some of the most enthusiastic and successful exhibitors with us, and of these we are proud. There are quite a number of our old members who have gone into businesses in which they have been so successful that they have not the time at their disposal to devote to the society as formerly, but they are always ready and willing to give a helping hand if needed. Several others of our number are with the colours doing their bit, thereby upholding the honour of Nottingham and their country. The members who are left are trying their best, each in his own way, to keep the flag flying.

A Member of the N. & N.O.S.

Hints on Bird-catching Wanted.

Sir,—Could any of the readers of Cage Birds give me any advice as to catching Linnets, Chaffinches, or Bullfinches about the district of Liverpool? I am only a novice, and don't wish to catch for sale, but just for the interest in the hobby.

Lover of Birds.

"Teddy" Fuller on the War-path Again.

Ought the Present-day Exhibition Lancashires to be Abolished?

Sir,—I was pleased to read your reporter's outspoken remarks on the Lancashires at Manchester. He says we miss the Yellow Plainheads. The exhibitors have none of the right sort, and what they have the Yorkshire breeders don't want, as they are "crest breds." He also says the Coppy seems to take everybody's fancy. I was there, but did not see a Coppy. What were there were Crests. Very few fanciers know what a Coppy should be like. I was very near my old friend Barker Clegg the short time he was judging. He said to me, "I must try and find what bit of Lancashire there is to be found." I replied, "You will not find much, old man; there are not many Lancashire breeders left, and most of those that are left are Crest and Crest-bred breeders!" I dare say I could find as many show birds as any two breeders in England, and not one showing Crest blood in it. But no showing for me, or selling (I can sell, as I have had several letters for them lately). I will show when I see something to show against. But it is no use showing Lancashires in "Crest" classes, as most so-called judges can only see a big rough bird with no quality. Good quality birds have not been seen for years. Will anyone tell me where the Lancashire properties were in the second buff Coppy? I could not find any. Fair crest on his head, short in body, and many a Norwich was longer in the body, legs, wings, and tail. Most of the birds in the classes were very short in tail; what is a Lancashire with a short Norwich tail?

The winner in the Plainhead class was the best Lancashire in the section, and it is not a good one. In this class was a Clear that the judge put at the bottom as soon as he saw it, saying it was a "Crest-bred." This bird, however, has been put first at a later show, the Manchester winner being second. What are we to make out of such judging? But then the latter judge is not a Lancashire judge. The same owner's "Buff Crest" was placed first in his class; this was the second so-called Buff Coppy at Manchester. Yet people ask, Why don't I show? Not me. If the L. and L.F.A. wants people to show, why doesn't it start and do something for the Lancashire bird? What's the good of breeders being members of this specialist club if they are breeders of clean-bred birds, as the club will do nothing, only take the subs. and grab specials. The birds don't matter. Anything will do for a show bird. I, for one, hope the day is not far distant when the Lancashire classes will be done away with and given a rest. Lancashire showing gets worse every year. The old bird is played out. If the classes were done away with for a bit we might get a new lot of Fanciers. The old ones have so much Crest in their stock that they will never breed a show Lancashire with the birds they have; let them take a tip from me.

Edward Fuller.

An Appeal for Darlington Show.

Sir,—I would like to appeal to exhibitors for their support to the above cage bird show, in the Co-operative Hall, Nov. 27. This Society is the two old societies amalgamated and re-modelled. It is now a rising society, its membership is continually increasing, and it is composed of a hard-working secretary, committee, and members whose earnest wish is to make this a highly successful show. There is practically no other show for some distance on the same date. I think it is the first turn out for the judges this season, and I hope they will get some work to do, more than they can manage if possible, and we can then put others on to assist them.

Darlington is one of the best centres for train service, being on the main line between London and Edinburgh. The secretary, committee, and members will do all in their power to meet the wishes of exhibitors regarding attention to, and despatch of, their birds, and the hall is not far from the station. We hope to please everyone, so that we may have their support in future years. British and Foreign exhibitors need not be afraid to send their most valuable specimens. I expect to be able to spend some time at the show, perhaps the whole day, and I will do all I possibly can for the British and Foreign birds, and I will have a supply of mealworms and wasp grub on hand for them. I will also undertake to see them packed and despatched in a proper manner. Other fanciers will see that the Canaries, Mules, and Hybrids are also given proper attention. We shall also be pleased to see any fanciers who can possibly attend the show, and if they are strangers we hope they will make themselves known to us, and we will give them a hearty welcome. Sergt. J. Forster.

Intelligence in Birds.

Sir,—Mr. Williams and I are kindred souls. His letter emphasizes what I have been saying all along, that birds possess just as much intelligence as one would expect them to possess. If he has followed this controversy from the start, he will have gathered that I never denied intelligence in birds. I cited the performing Redpoll, the talking Parrot, the thieving Jay, etc., and I could add many to the list. But what I have all along drawn the line at are such fairy tales as the Thrush story, the Ravens' parliament, and other yarns that compete with the romancing yarns of an octogenarian sea dog in their impossibility. Let me assure Mr. Williams that very few men in England have better opportunities than I for the study of birdlife. Eleven hours of every day of my life are spent amongst them; and if I don't see and learn something about birds with such facilities it is because my mind is singularly obtuse or because I am wanting in the faculty of observation.

Bird lovers always did and always will mix up intelligence with instinct. It is difficult to define the two; and although Mr. Teschemaker cited the case of Weavers emigrating and building different kinds of nests, there is overwhelming evidence against birds overcoming that instinctive circle of nature's laws which confines their existence within certain limits—evidence which batters down Mr. T's instance as if a steam-roller had run over it. Why should the Weavers build a different sort of nest? Let Mr. Teschemaker tell us that.

This is a most engrossing correspondence, and I could go on for a long time; but the exigencies of space, the pressure of other work and the presence of the Editor's weapon, which is mightier than the sword, the blue pencil, restrains me.

So Mr. Williams doesn't believe the Thrush story. Really . . . ! Surely . . . ! Nay, words fail! Why sir, it's rank heresy. All the same, Mr. Williams, shake!

T. Johnson.

Entries Refused at Sacriston.

Sir,—Kindly allow us space in your valuable paper to place clearly before Mr. S. Lindsay the rules of the above show. He states that on the advice of two of our members he applied, on Oct. 23, for membership. Now, Sir, we think Mr. Lindsay is going astray. We hold a letter from him saying he applied on the 24th, and this, I would point out to him, was a Sunday, and there being no post on this date his letter would not have reached us until the 26th, whereas it was published in Cage Birds of Oct. 23 that we had a meeting on Oct. 23, and it was stated in the notice that all members and intending members were to understand that their annual subscriptions must be paid by Oct. 23, after which date no subscriptions would be accepted.

Mr. Lindsay's application was miles too late. We have a rule that neither Mr. Lindsay nor any other man will be allowed to break. We are pleased that the society has rules, and the committee carry them out. Mr. Lindsay says he is glad that the Sacriston Show is so sound as to permit the rejection of 19 late entries, and 2s. 6d. subs. If Mr. Lindsay's subscription had been paid before Oct. 23 we would have been pleased to have taken twice 19 entries from him, but if we had accepted his entries, and taken his subscription on the date he sent them to us, we would have been brought to book by our committee and members for doing so. Mr. Lindsay's entries were posted back on Nov. 4, and as he stated his letter bore the postmark of Nov. 5 the fault would lie with the postal people, and not us. I may say, when Mr. Lindsay forwarded his entries he sent a £1 note, so I placed his note into my bank, and sent him a cheque for £1. Mr. Lindsay enquires why new members were asked for at the meeting held Oct. 30, and his application not submitted. We wish to inform Mr. Lindsay that at that meeting there were no new members asked for, nor accepted. Finding that Mr. Lindsay had not received his entries back on the Saturday morning I forwarded to my bankers a note to stop payment of cheque, and asking them to let me know when the same came in, and when they returned it, so that I could send Mr. Lindsay a money order for £1 to put his matter in order. I have this morning, Nov. 12, received a letter from my bankers to the fact that his cheque had come to hand, and they were returning it on my instructions, so I posted Mr. Lindsay a money order for £1, and asked him to join as a member of our society after our annual meeting.

Wm. Dodd, Sec.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

BARNSLEY.

Lark and Linnet Club, Dove Inn, Doncaster Rd. First sing, Nov. 14, at new headquarters, for Linnets, 5 min. time singing: 1, Brushy, 2min., 40sec.; 2, Coles, 41 sec.; 3, Harley, 21sec. The members wish friends to know that they have shifted their Club from Commercial Inn to Dove Inn, Doncaster Rd. Plenty of room for a few more members, and every accommodation.—Hardman, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest Nov. 13; 45 birds entered. 1, Williams; 2, Nelson; 3, Watkiss. Nov. 24, 29 birds entered for 3 prizes given by Mrs. Parker, and a record was made by a bird owned by W. Watkiss, this bird sang 72 seconds in one break, which, I think, will take a lot of beating. 1, Watkiss; 2, Nelson; 3, Williams.—W. Dobson, Sec. (See notice above as to advertisements.—Editor.)

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, club sing, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, Nov. 13; 23 entered for 3 minutes' time singing, and some nice singing was heard. 1, 3, Beard; 2, Pugh. Open Linnet contest Nov. 7, 30 entered for 3 minutes' time singing, and we had a few fresh faces to see us, two of them making themselves members.—S. Pugh, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality singing, Old Bird House, Skinner's Arms, Nov. 6. 17 birds sang: 1, Hullen; 2, King; 3, Blackburn. Nov. 7, 19 sang for good prizes: 1, Blackburn; 2, Hullen; 3, King. Judges, C. Clayton and G. Clayton.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Quality Linnet singing, Glassmakers' Arms, Greyhound-place, York-rd., Nov. 13, 25 birds: 1, Stockhill; 2, Hirst; 3, Howarth; 4, Richardson; Nov. 14, 25 birds: 1, 2, Sissons and Richardson shared; 3, Shaw; 4, Hirst and Richardson shared.—E. Stansfield, Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road, open contest for quality Linnet singing, Nov. 13; 14 birds sang. 1, 2, J. Chippindale; 3, Condliffe; consolation prize, Mrs. Tennant. Judges, Topping and Hayes. Nov. 14, 18 sang. 1, Chippindale; 2, Meglynn; 3, Wood; consolation prize, Condliffe. Judges, Hardcastle, Naylor, and Hayes. Also a Roller contest Nov. 14; 16 birds sang. 1, Wharam; 2, Pratt; 3, T. Johnson; consolation prize, S. Johnson. Judges, Wood, Naylor, Hardcastle.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Leeds quality Linnet Singing Club, Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane. Grand contest, Nov. 14, 20 birds; judges, A. Lorriman, N. Soloman, C. Lorrimer. We had our old friend Jack Smith with us again, and he won first prize with a good bird: 1, J. Smith; 2, J. Chipendale; 3, B. Dearlove; 4, F. Turner.—F. Turner, Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Nov. 13; 16 birds sang: 1, Binns; 2, Connor; 3, shared, Wharam and Binns. Judges, Messrs. P. Maddem and M. Lipman. Nov. 14, 18 sang, and some grand singing was heard: 1, 2, A. Binns; 3, Wharam; judged by P. Maddem and T. Butterfield.

Club Reports.

CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH.

Meeting, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, Nov. 8, D. Brown, Pres., in the chair. Stewards for Club Show, Messrs. R. Crawford and D. Carstairs, doorkeepers, Messrs. W. Canning, R. Crawford, W. Robertson, and Curthbert. Specials were drawn. Birds to be in the hall by 10, and remain till ... Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to chairman.—J. L. Smith.

NORTHERN BORDER FANCY C.C.

Meeting held Nov. 3, Pillar's Cafe, Pink Lane, N.C., Mr. A. Affleck presiding over a sparse attendance. Only seven birds were staged for the table show, these being in the novice section. Buff Ck.: 1, Cossar; 2 and 3, Wilson. Hen: 1 and 2, Wilson. Cinn.: 1, Cossar. Owing to the curtailment of the tram service and the lighting restrictions the management of the above cafe has decided to close the premises at 9, and as this will have an adverse effect upon our meetings it is desirable that we have as large a muster of members at the December meeting as possible to discuss the best means of conducting the club under the altered conditions.—C. Farrer, Hon. Sec.

STANLEY (Victoria) F.F. & C.B.S.

Meeting, Nov. 7. Mr. J. Armitage, chair. Decided to have a gift class for the benefit of the local wounded. The following give an exhibit; R. Peart, Canary and cage; W. Killy, Canary; J. Haywood, Canary; Treicise, Bantam cock; J. Armitage, hen; J. Metcalfe, hen; J. Middlemiss, Rabbit. Now, members, let us have another gift or two to help the gallant lads who have fought for us.—R. Hutchinson.

ACCRINGTON C.B.S.

Meeting, Nov. 4. Mr. A. Hirst, chair. Resolved, to leave the date of our annual members' show over till next meeting. We had our usual competition for best mulighted bird belonging to the exhibitor. This was won by W. Crawshaw in champions and J. Stuttard in amateurs. At next meeting, a judging competition for amatenrs. Entrance fee, 3d. each. To judge six birds for special prizes. We hope all fanciers will make an effort to attend.—D. Harwood.

DARVEL C.B.S.

Meeting, Town Hall, Nov. 4, Mr. H. Hopkins presiding. Intimation was given that our Sec. had joined the Gordon Highlanders. After a short discussion Mr. J. Taylor was unanimously appointed to secretaryship. Agreed that our annual club show, Dec. 4, be in the nature of an exhibition for the public, there being no entry fees and no prize money, and that all takings at the door be handed over to the local relief fund for our soldiers and sailors. Judge, Mr. Peter McQuiston, Ayr. Please note new secretary's address.—J. Taylor, Lindy, East Donington Street, Darvel.

LOANHEAD C.B.S.

Financial meeting, Masons' Arms, Nov. 6, Mr. A. Jardine chair. Balance sheet was read, and showed an income of £9 7s. 8½d., against an expenditure of £7 14s. 2d., leaving a balance of £1 13s. 6½d., which was considered very satisfactory, and was unanimously adopted. Sec. read a letter from local Recruiting Committee thanking members for donation of £2 3s. towards the local lads' comforts fund for lads serving at the front. All the office bearers were unanimously re-elected, after which a very pleasant hour was spent, and the Chairman received a hearty vote of thanks for presiding.—W. B. SMART, Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Meeting held at Oldham Hall, Nov. 11, Mr. J. Abbott chair, and a good attendance. The chief item of the evening was a novice night show of Canaries and British; 57 birds were staged. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Messrs. Huyton and Wilkins, who judged the birds, and gave every satisfaction. Points gained.—Canaries: Garrood, 19; Thomas, 13; Phillips, 10; Scott, 9; Cowen, 5; Hunt, 5. British: Lloyd, 24; Rothwell, 20; Robertshaw, 18; Abbott, 11; Hunt, 8; Sharples, 7; Douglas, 2; Phillips, 2. Three highest points for season.—Canaries: Garrood, 119; Greatrex, 74; Thomas, 43. British: Robertshaw, 89; Lloyd, 52; Rothwell, 20. Members not receiving a schedule of the annual old show on or before Nov. 20, kindly write to the secretary, which will have immediate attention.—T. R. JONES, Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Annual social, Mr. Haggerty's Hall, Nov. 13; Mr. R. McClue, chair. A good number sat down to tea, after which the chairman handed over the cups to the respective winners. Points cup, Mr. W. P. Campbell; Y.B. cup, Jas. Robertson; Nor. cup, J. Cuthbertson; Bord., Robt. Sandilands; novice, Thos. McGregor; rose-bowl, Jas. Smith. The following contributed to our evening's enjoyment; Mr. Alex. Robertson, song and encore; Mr. R. McEwan, song; Mr. J. Allan, song and encore; Mr. and Miss Kennedy, duet; Mr. Thos. Bond, song; Mr. J. Cuthbertson, song; Mr. R. McClue, song; Mr. A. Thomson, a side-splitting story; Mr. Guy Pollock, two readings, one of which, entitled "How I started in the cage bird fancy," was rendered in grand style and much appreciated. After the usual votes of thanks the singing of Auld Lang Syne brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.—T. J. McGregor, Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

General meeting, Headquarters, 2, York-st., W., Nov. 9, chairman, Mr. J. Robson. A discussion took place on "Preparing and Conditioning Birds for Exhibition." Mr. Crisp opened the debate, giving most interesting accounts of his experiences in showing Yorkshires and Crests. He dealt with the subject of colour-feeding, advantages of the bath, moulting birds in the country, giving mixed seed and various stimulants, also with faking and trimming, showing clearly how he defined what was legitimate in preparing birds for show. Mr. Allen Silver followed at some length and gave interesting details of his experiences in judging and exhibiting. Messrs. Watcham, Wright, Dewhurst, Leach, and Shepherd took part, and Mr. Robson in dealing with some of the questions raised brought a most interesting and instructive evening to a close.—P. Johnston, Assist. Sec.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING C.B.S.

Meeting, Nov. 6, Queen's Head Inn. There was a poor attendance to make the classes for the annual show, but they could not be left over. It is a pity that the arrangement of such an important matter should be left to only a few. Liberal classification of 42 classes has been provided for members, so we hope they will rally up with a good entry on Nov. 20. Entries cannot be accepted after the date fixed. The classes are about same as previous years, and the feo was fixed at 4d. per cage, with specials for most points in each class as usual. We have engaged Mr. H. Seely, of Choppington, to judge, so members rally up with your entries and let's see if the show cannot be a greater success than ever, although circumstances are bad owing to the present crisis.—R. H. Dixon, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

There was no meeting held Nov. 4 owing to only four members, including the sec., being at Shields Cafe. Will members please make a special effort to get to the next meeting Dec. 2, to decide what is to be done as regards future meetings. It has been suggested by several members that we do not hold any more for a few months. The question of the trains being finished running early will have to be considered, for members at a distance from Shield's Cafe will not be able to get a car home after nine. I have pleasure in stating that our late open show proved a financial success, and there will be a good balance to carry forward to next year. This should stimulate everyone to take a better interest in the society, and not leave the work in the hands of a few. If members are not able to attend the next meeting, and will send suggestions to me, I shall do my best to try and carry them out.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

GLASGOW SCORES A SUCCESS.

ALMOST 1,000 HIGH QUALITY BIRDS ON VIEW.

The Glasgow and Dist. C.B.A. held its Annual Show in the Albert Halls, Bath-street, Glasgow, on Nov. 12, 13, under patronage of the Scottish Plainhead, Border, and Yorkshire Clubs. Owing to war conditions, the Highlanders' Hall (their usual rendezvous) could not be had, and the Albert Halls were the next best shift left to the management, and although not blessed with unlimited space, still everything was very comfortable and pleasing to all concerned. Plenty of light from the roof, nice even temperature, and good attention kept the huge stock carolling their various melodies up to the close of the exhibition. Entries were rather less than last year, but ran close up to 1,000, and quality on the whole was top notch. Yorkshires are fast gaining ground and approaching the standard of perfection here, many real clean cut swanky gentlemen being on view. Mr. Heggie had a regular field day amongst them.

Where the Specials Went.

The "wee gems," had some real gems amongst them, although some did not shine as they might. British in their varied collection were quite up to the usual, and in some cases gave trouble to separate. Sales were not so numerous as in peace times, the chief sales being Mr. A. Maxwell's non-fed yell. Nor. hen, at £6 10s., and Mr. Simpson's yell. var. hen at £5 5s. The chiefs of the various sections were: Mr. Allison, Aberdeen, S.F.C. medal, yell. var. ck., a clinker, S.F.C. medal for best hen; Mr. J. C. Murray, Cowdenbeath, rare qual. var. buff, Jarvie cup for best members, and S.C.C. medal; Mr. G. S. Hamilton, Motherwell, topping young crest, runner up; Mr. Heggie's light mule, well known winner; Mr. Craig, Breechin, captured the B.F.C.C. medal with his clear yellow cock, the novice medal being won by Hilson and McClue's even mark; Mr. McQuiston secured the Motherwell cup for best Border, Yorks., or Brit., with his famous Chough, a winner of many battles, and still in the pink.

The office bearers were the same tried and trusty lot as have stuck to their posts with credit through thick and thin. Mr. J. F. Park, president, is genial Joe, ever civil and obliging; vice-pres., A. Sloan and E. Taylor; assist. sec., D. F. Webster; treas., W. Gunion; sec., W. Hutchison, the right men in the right place, and backed up by an excellent committee in the following:—F. Taylor, J. Fulton, E. Barron, W. Priest, A. Crawford, T. Fraser, D. Wyllie, P. Houston, R. Watson, J. Swan; auditors, Messrs. Maxwell and Heggie. It is hard to single out for special praise, only, we think, none is more worthy than the sec.; there are few more capable or energetic leaders in the fancy than "Bill" W. Hutchison, and much credit is due to him for his untiring efforts on behalf of the fancy. The following gentlemen made the awards which on the whole were well received. Crests, J. McLay, Kirkintilloch; Plainheads, W. Grewar, Lochgelly, and J. McLay; Borders, W. McMillan, Dumfries; Yorks., C. Martin, Glasgow; Brit. and For., A. Watson, Edinburgh, and M. Craig, Tollcross.

The Norwich Plainheads.

Norwich were a splendid collection, containing the cream of Scotland. All the leading exhibitors were represented, and grand teams were put down. Patronage of the S.F.C. was granted here, and medal for best cock was secured by Mr. Allison; best hen, Mr. Murray. The classification provided was a capital one, and we were pleased to see was well supported. Close on 300 birds were staged, averaging 15 per class, a slight decrease from last year, and with very few exceptions the judges, Messrs. Grewar and McLay, acquitted themselves well.

CL. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Murray, massive head, grand front and neck, well up in size; 2, Mitchell, better qual., fine head and neck, good flights; 3, Colley, fine one for qual. and col., good sub., size, and flights; 4, Scobbie, rare size and subs., good head and neck, trifle coarser in feather; 5, Gallacher; 6, Stewart; 7, Devoy; S, Young. BUFF (17): 1, sp, Mitchell, great head and neck, rare short cobby body, well mealed, fine salmon tint of col., fine style, well put down; 2, Colley, known winner, grand stamp, capital qual. and col., nicely mealed, scarcely so bold head; 3, sp, Harris, fine one for type, good qual., col. and cond., well placed; 4, Wood, fine size, qual., and col., neat flights; 5, Liddell; 6, Marchall; 7, Noble; 8, Maxwell; grand class. VARIEG. YELL. (12): 1 and 2 sp, S.P.C. medal, also silver challenge goblet best bird in hall, Allison, topper and no mistake, mkd. head, neck and flights, grand head and neck, rare bold frout, extra qual., nice col. and cond., wins well; 2, Mabon, fine size, col. and qual., good head; 3, McLean, grizz. wing, good head and front, nice qual. and col.; 4, Naismith, good size fine head; 5, Barron; 6, Simpson; 7, Godfrey Bros.; 8, Armonr. BUFF (14): 1, Kerr, fine size, rare head and front, good qual. and col., bit browed; 2, Godfrey Bros., grand stamp, fine round head, thick neck, deep front, wee bit heavy behind, still our choice; 3, Maxwell, good size, fine head and subs.; 4, Findlay, close up, nice head, A1 qual.; 5, Devoy; 6, Houston; 7, Murray; 8, Barron. CL. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Allison, not the biggest, fine showy bird, good front and qual.; 2, Young, our choice, grand size, capital qual. and col., good head and sub. of body; 3, sp, Chalmers, well known, grand stamp, all head, neck and front, splendid qual., fails col. and staging; 4, Harris, fine size, col. and subs.; 5, McLean; 6, McCrystal; 7, Martin; 8, Mabon. BUFF (13): 1, Maxwell, genuine stamp, bold head and neck, rare size, good flights and qual., grizz. head; 2, Crawford, fine size, good head and neck, deep front, capital qual. and col., grand hen; 3, Naismith, fine qual. and size, good head, inclines to crouch; 4, Mabon, capital qual., nice size, behind head; 5, Devoy; 6, Alexander; 7, Holliday; 8, Brown. VARIEG. YELL. (12): 1, sp, Simpson, eyes, wing and rump mkd., capital qual., grand size, fine head, neck and front, neat wings and tail; 2, Braidwood, fine cobby shaped body, nice head, qual. and size; 3, Maxwell, massive head, capital qual., good fights and size; 4, Clark, fine qual., size and sub., neat wings; 5, Kerr; 6, Jardine; 7, Jeffrey; 8, Alexander. BUFF (12): 1, S.P.C. medal best hen, Murray, right type, fine short cobby body, clean cut away, grand head, neck and qual., neat flights and tail; 2, Lyall, almost green, not the biggest, rare type, fine head and flights; 3, Martin, nice one, good head, cheeks and qual.; 4, Cairns, neck and wing mkd., capital qual., shade weak in head; 5, Hutton; 6, Hartnp; 7, Maxwell; 8, Connelly. NON-FED CK. (12): 1, Braid, known, face cl. yell., rare size head and neck, splendid qual.; 2, Forrest, cl. yell., fine short cobby bird, good head, front and flights; 3, Murray, nice size, deep front, neat flights; 4, Braidwood, cl. buff, rare size and subs., capital qual., our choice for 3rd; 5, Edwards, grizz. bull, grand stamp, fine head, qual. and front; 6, Buchanan; 7, Gray; 8, Condie. HEN (19): 1, sp and 3, Maxwell, 1 claimed at catalogue price, £6 10s., cl. yell., rare stamp, often described, feathered like a Border; 3, cl. buff, extra qual., good size, well placed; 2, sp, Stewart, yell. variegs., capital qual., col. and cond., right type, neat flights; 4, Colley, cl. yell., typical, good head, front and qual.; 5, Duncan; 6, McLeod; 7, Wood; 8, Condie. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (19): 1, sp and 3, Mitchell, 1 grand size, rare head, neck and subs. of body, fine qual. and col.; 3 good size, fine front, qual. and col.; 2, Sloan, close up, grand size, fine head, neck and front, short flights; 4, 8, Barron, 4 good size and col.; 5, Maxwell; 6, Brown; 7, Forrest. BUFF (20), very fine class: 1, Bishop, bold head, thick neck, fine short cobby body, nicely frosted, good size and col.; 2, Cairns, close up, same stamp, capital qual., col. and cond.; 3, Armour, fine head, neck, qual. and col., scarcely so stout in body; 4, McAllister, splendid qual. and col.; 5, Maxwell; 6, Noble; 7, Lawson and Son; 8, Allison. YELL. HEN (19), another capital class: 1, Mitchell, grand size, fine qual., col. and flights; 2, Lawson and Son, shade smaller, bold front, capital qual.; 3, Forrest, better col., good size and subs.; 4, Murray, A1 qual., short body flights and tail; 5, Armour; 6, Allison; 7, Strachan; 8, Marchall. BUFF: 1, sp and 5, Mitchell, 1 well up in size, fine qual. head and front; 2, Maxwell, soft when taking notes; 3, Crawford, fine short cobby body, rare qual. and size, well placed; 4, Houston, typical, grand size; 6, Alexander; 7, Maxwell; 8, Braid. VARIEG. YELL. OR BUFF (17): 1, Cairns, head and wing mkd. yell., hot col., rare size, bold front, good qual., fine head and flights; 2, Noble, eyes and saddle mkd., equal size and qual., fine deep front; 3, Murray, buff, capital size, fine head; 4, Mitchell, buff, excellent qual. and col.; 5, Wood; 6, Colley; 7, Carrick; 8, Johnstone. HEN (16): 1, sp, 2, Mitchell, both yells., 1 grand head, neck and qual., fine short cobby body, flight and tail, 2 rare size, qual. and col.; 3, 7, Young, 3 very fine buff, capital qual. and type; 4, Marchall, buff, nice head and qual.; 5, Martin, neat shape; 6, Barron; 8, Carrick. NOV. CK. (22): 1, Somerville, hot col. yell., good head, neck and size, shade long; 2, Aitken, cl. buff, rare qual. and col., fine head, neck and size; 3, Black, our choice, good size, fine round head, thick neck, short cobby body, capital qual., shade pale in col., still fine one; 4, Hadley, cl. buff, grand head, fine size and col.; 5, Foote, yell. variegs., nice size, col. and qual.; 6, Braid; 7, Davidson; 8, Landsburgh. HEN (20): 1, Aitken, eye and wing mkd. yell., capital size, rare head, neck and front, excellent qual. and style, a credit; 2, Fyfe, saddle mkd., fine size, sub., and qual.; 3, Davidson cl. buff line short cobby body capital qual. and col.; 4, Braid, cl. yell., pale in col., nice head and size; 5, Foote; 6, Landsburgh; 7, Somerville; 8, Fulton. SELL. (25): 1, Bishop; 2, Martin; 3, Calderwood; 4, Fyfe; 5, Clark; 6, Skinner; 7, Gray; 8, Strachan.

THE CREST SECTION.

In the Crest section, seeing that the patronage of the Scottish Crest C.C. had been secured, and a liberal classification given, the management fully expected a much better entry than one averaging only 5 per class, but although behind in numbers there were a few choice specimens put down. The birds staged by Mr. Hamilton were a credit, securing S.C.C.C. medal, also runner-up best bird in show, and sp best young bird in section. We regret to announce on the arrival of the case of birds belonging to Mr. J. McLean, Campbeltown, his Crest-bred cock was found dead in cage. Mr. John McLay judged.

CREST. CK. (3): 1 and 3 spls, Hamilton, variegs., massive headpiece, great spread, rare droop, neat centre, grand size and subs. of body, wins; 2, 3, McMillan, 2 variegs., grand crest of good size, fine droop and centre, nice subs. and qual., 3 finely formed crest from a good centre. HEN (6): 1, Noble, green, capital top piece, well radited, fine qual., neat centre, grand size and subs. of body; 2, 3, Hamilton, very fine droop of good qual., nice centre, well groomed, capital size, 3 fine length of crest, scarcely so neat centre, good size; 4, McFadzean; 5, Williamson; 6, Chalmers. C.B. CK. (7): 1, sp and 2, Hamilton, 1 grizz. head, cl. body, splendid size and subs., grand broad skull, plenty of lashing, very fine qual. of feather, 2 behind size and subs. of body only, fine wide entrance, neatly lashed; 3, Noble, variegs., wide entrance, well lashed, scarcely the length, good size, subs., and qual.; 4, Findlay; 5, 6, McFadzean; 7, McLean. HEN (4): 1, Hamilton, rare big variegs., plenty of subs., massive skull, fine length of lashing, good qual. and cond.; 2, 3, McMillan, 2 variegs., lovely well lashed, capital qual., rare size and subs.; 3 variegs., good size, fine entrance and lashing; 4, McFadzean. SELL. (7): 1, Noble; 2, McDougall; 3, no name; 4, 6 and CAGE BIRDS' sp, McLean; 5, Tweedie; 7, Williamson.

ALL OTHER CANARY CLASSES.

BORD., CL. OR TKD., YELL. CK. (20): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Craig, great col. and qual., A1 carr., neat, slightly chubby, staged in the pink; 2, Smellie, neat, jaunty, not so hot col., grand top end, neat bearing, clean cut, runs tight up; 3, Crabb and Finlayson, lovely col., top qual., neat, shapely body, perfect feather, just inclined to be gripped at throat; 4, Smith, sweet body, neat shape, perfect carr., just behind slightly at head; 5, Voy; 6, Duncan; 7, G. Bennett; 8, Hadley. BUFF (17): 1, Craig, fine stamp, neat, shapely, top qual. feather, carr., style, perfection, all there; 2, G. Bennet head, tkd., lovely feather, neat carr., grand body, very stylish, neat, scarcely so good head points; 3, Purves, neat, shapely, well balanced throughout, fine head, neck, runs tight up on 2; 4, Aitchison, good qual. feather, nice head, well filled neck, neatly folded tail, inclined to carry wings rather loosely; 5, Hadley; 6, Crabb and Finlayson; 8, Wilson. YELL. HEN (18): 1, Calderwood, neat shapely body, fine carr., rich qual. feather, could be fuller in head; 2, Gray, magnificent col., qual., top mark, neat, clean cut, in the pink; 3, Macklin, nice type, fine qual. feather, inclines to draw itself out too much; 4, Craig, trifle heavy built, nice qual., good type, fine col., neat carr., we preferred for 3rd place; 5, Mossie; 6, Smellie; 7, Ferguson; 8, Purves. BUFF (17): 1, 2, G. Bennet, beauty for type, top qual., lovely texture feather, neatly balanced, carr. O.K., staged to win; 2, very jaunty, grandly tapered body, neat build, fine wings, close tail, just scarcely the qual. feather of winner; 3, Craig, good one, neat, stylish, steady, nice wings, close tail, almost good as anything in class; 4, Aitchison, very good specimen, staged in fine order, hard up against it here; 5, no name; 6, Robertson; 7, R. Aitchison; 8, Campbell. EVEN MARK (9): 1, Nov. B.F.C.C. medal, Hilson and McClue, buff cinn. mark, nice type, fine qual., good carr., stylish, trifle rough feather; 2, Rintoul buff, just trifle strong build, nice wing marks, neat, shapely, and proportionately built, sweet one, well drawn, we handed for 1st; 3, Brownlie, Cumbuslang, winner nice qual. feather, good body, soiled plumage; 4, Clark, yell., lovely qual. feather, neat markings, shapely body, neat carr., falls front head, too much thigh; 5, Smellie; 6, Wilson; 7, Rintoul; 8, Ferguson. VAR. YELL. CK. (19): 1, Lawson and Sons, cinn. mark., A1 col., fine type, nice qual., just inclined to cross at times; 2, Dods, light mark., in good feather, fails in carr., wry-tailed; 3, G. Bennet, light mkd., well drawn body, fine tail, neat wing carr., stylish, might be better head, neck; 4, Voy, nice col., good qual. feather, but crouchy; 5, Crabb and Finlayson; 6, Craig; 7, Mossie; 8, Aitchison. BUFF (5): 1, Dodds, neck mkd., fine qual. feather, good col., properly balanced throughout, trifle heavy built; 2, Craig, A1 col., nice size, right qual., grand type, might be trifle better rounded across shoulders, drops wing at times; 3, Rintoul, A1 qual., neat, shapely, well drawn, typical, tight and waxy, we liked much, in the pink; 4, Wilson, nice exhibit, fine weight, neat type, clean cut body, sweet head, well filled top end, trifle hollow across wings; 5, Congan. VARIEG. HEN (10): 1, Nairn, yell. cinn. mark, lovely col., A1 qual., neat, clean cut, sweetly moulded, stylish, faultless cond.; 2, Calderwood, dull, right stamp, lovely qual. feather, jaunty in build, clean cut, stylish, trifle long headed; 3, Linton, yell., good col., right texture of feather, wings trifle open, neatly folded tail; 4, Aitchison, yell, very steady finely moulded, sweet jaunty, make good carr., neat, full head, well filled neck, might have stood up a bit; 5, Craig; 6, Campbell; 7, Rintoul; 8, Robertson. GRN. OR CINN. YELL. (9): 1, Duncan, cinn., nice ground col., finely pencilled, neat wings and tail, finely balanced, well staged; 2, Smith, green, lovely depth col., richly pencilled, A1 type, splendid qual., nice weight, fine jaunty style, might be shade sweeter at entrance to head; 3, Lawson and Sons, nice col., fine body, neat carr., stylish get up; 4, Reid, good feather, very similar for qual. and build to 3; 5, McLinden, cinn., good type, qual., fine weight, neat head, neck, might have split 3 and 4; 6, Whitelaw; 7, Lambie; 8, Sturrock. BUFF (12): 1, Fox, green, lovely ground, rich sound col., sweetly pencilled, neatly built, just rather strong; 2, 5, Whitelaw, nice qual. cinn., fine type and carr., neat and sweet, we liked better than winner; 3, Showler, green, again good one, sweet jaunty build, close feather, nice style, fine size, follows tight up on 2nd; 4, Smith, good type and fine feather, loses across wings; 6, Crammond; 7, McColl; 8, Sturrock. SELL.: 1, Calderwood; 2, Nairn; 3, 6, G. Bennet; 4, Craig; 5, Campbell; 7, Robertson; 8, Wilson. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Buchanan, topper, great length, fine col., well drawn, clean cut body, perfect carr., fine style, erect pos., out to win; 2, 4, 6, Heggie; 2, immense length, clinking qual., rich, hot, even col., runs tight up on leader; 3, Ferguson, fine shape, neat carr., stylish, nicely rounded, scarcely so clean fronted as those in front; 4, nice col. and qual., clean cut, nice top end, good leg; 5, Pinnock; 7, Ross. BUFF (9): 1, Walsh, lovely size, col., capital qual., real clean, hoxy feather, shapely, clean cut, fine pos., all there; 2, Cochrane, good col., sweet qual., well drawn, not so clean cut, or beautifully rounded as winner; 3, 4, Heggie, leads with fine exhibit, lovely texture feather, smooth as hottle, neat, clean cut, we liked much; 4, again tight, typical, very little behind; 5, McLellan; 6, Cochrane; 7, Findlay; 8, Buchanan. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 2, Heggie, lovely lady leading, grand length, beautiful shape, neat, clean cut, beautiful rounded, carr., A1, nice top end, fine leg, good pos., just out to win; 2, plenty size, capital wings, close tail, scarcely so clean built or full qual. as leader; 3, Steel, lengthy, smooth, shapely; 4, Park, clean, well drawn, nice carr., steady, nice pos.; 5, Walsh; 6, Ferguson; 7, Priest; 8, Erskine. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Heggie, shape all there, finely rounded, well drawn, neat, good, shows herself to perfection; 3, nice qual., neat, clean made up, capital length, rare pos., must have run hard up for 2nd place; 2, Gray, sweet one for type, qual., nice texture feather; 4, Cochrane. VAR. CK. (9): 1, 2, Heggie, clinking buff, leads, rare length, tip-top qual., sweet, close, boxy feather, very proportionately built, superb carr., tight as a Java; 2, yell., fine type, rare pos., nice length leg, sweet, clean, shapely body, neat wings, tail, clean cut away; 3, Walsh, nice lengthy yell., fine type, good wings, neatly folded tail; 4, Gibb, buff, top qual., feather, sweet build, fine pos.; 5, McLellan; 6, Cochrane; 7, Park; 8, Kinnear. HEN (5): 1, 3, Heggie, lovely qual. yell., hot, even col., great length, neat, stylish, well drawn, close boxy feather, rare pos., perfect carr., grand stamp breed; 3, cinn. mark, grand size, fine length, rare type, nice wings, tail, just beaten qual.; 2, McLellan, cinn. mark buff, sweet, stylish, fine order; 4, Walsh, nice length, good col., not quite so well filled top end; 5, Steel. YELL. CK. 1915 (16): 1, Heggie, clinker for type and qual., sound, smooth as bottle, fit as a fiddle, clean, perfect all over, right good 'un; 2, Buchanan, good length, shape, neat, smartly made, nice leg and side, good style, barely so well made across front; 3, McLellan, length, well drawn, correct carr. behind for col.; 4, Pinnock, good col., fine feather, stylish build, just inclined to crouch when handling; 5, no name; 6, Pinnock; 7, Cobb; 8, Kinnear. BUFF (12): 1, best young bird in section, Gibb, capital length, well drawn, shapely, clean cut body, and nicely moulded, close boxy feather, nice leg, erect pos., A1 bloom; 2, Buchanan, typical, neat, fine head, neck, sweet front, perfect carr., inclined to be trifle flatter across shoulders; 3, Heggie, nice qual., spec., good length and carr.; 4, Wood, nice type and qual, not quite up in cond. yet; 5, Kinnear; 6, Steel; 7, McLellan; 8, Gray. HEN, 1915 (18): 1, Heggie, grand yell., rich col., and qual., fine top end, sweetly moulded, well drawn body, neat carr., tight, waxy, perfect throughout; 2, Pinnock, nice lengthy yell., fine type, A1 qual., just inclined to cross at times; 3, McLellan, typical yell., finely tapered body, nice wing and tail; 4, Gray, very similar to 3, not so erect pos., trifle unsteady; 5, Park; 6, 7, Findlay; 8, Walsh. SELL. (16): 1, Wood; 2, McLellan; 3, Gibb; 4, Cobb; 5, Walsh; 6, Heggie; 7, Steel; 8, Gray.

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HYBRIDS AND BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Mule classes were well filled and contained some grand exhibits; among them were quite a good few birds from over the Border. The supposed Canary-Yellow Bunting was wrong classed by Mr. Watson, we understand, there being no doubt in his mind that it is a Canary. In any case, being variegated it should not have been in the Dark classes. British were well filled and contained some grand and well known exhibits. Messrs. Sykes and McQuinton had grand teams forward. We were sorry to see Mr. Sykes' well-known Bramble rather soft; it has the wonderful record of 61 first prizes and a host of others and specials, and we trust it survived to reach home. Foreign were fairly strong, and a grand team was put down by Mr. Arnott. The new hybrid Song Thrush-Blackbird which has been written about in "Cage Birds" was in competition. It is a very nice bird, resembling a hen Blackie in markings and appearance, with some speckles here and there.

DARK GOLDF. MULE (11): 1, spl., McQuirton, grand size, rare rich col., a little unsteady at times; 2, Heggie, nice size, looking rather slim to-day, but improving in col.; 3, Roy, well known winner, fails a little in size, but nice col.; 4, Nicoll, nice length, but rather slim; 5, Heard, nice size and col., bad shower; 6, McLean; 7, Maddison; 8, Findlay. LINNET OR GREENF. (17): 1, Duncan, Linnet, grand size and col., steady and well put down; 2, Heggie, Greenie, grand size and col., greatly improved; 3, 4, McQuiston, 3, Linnet, nice size, rich col. and well fed; 4, Greenf., well up in size and col. and well staged; 5, no name. A.O.V., EXCEPT CAN.-BULLF. (13): 1, Roy, well known Siskin Mule, in rare order, improving with age; 2, McQuinton, Twite mule, nice size, rich in col. and well mkd.; 3, Bramble, very sweet and taking Redpoll, and well put down; 4, Heard, well coloured and staged Siskin mule; 5, Heron, Twite, spoilt through having shghtly bare eyes; 6, Crone; 7, Gribben; 8, Henderson. LIGHT (10): 1, Heggie, well-known Greenie mule, often reported; 2, Heron, variog. Goldf., nice size, rich in col. and close in feather, well staged; 3, McQuiston, yell. variog. Goldf., nice col., silky in feather and well shown; 4, 5, Maddison, Linnet and Goldf. respectively, a grand pair, in grand order, a little pale in col.; 6, Campbell; 7, Trotter; 8, Munro. BULLF. HYB. (14): 1, Staines, Canary-Bullf., nice size, rare col., steady and well put down; 2, Dale, Redpoll-Bullf., grand size, nice cap, shows parentage well; 3, Campbell, Greenf.-Bullf., nice size and col., rather guttered at neck; 4, Heron, Goldf.-Bullf., nice size, a little pale in col., steady and well put down; 5, Graham; 6, W. Henderson; 7, Cranna; 8, Fyfe. A.O.V. HYB. (10): 1, spl., Heggie, Greenie-Chaffie, grand size, rather pale in col., shows parentage well; 2, McQuiston, very sweet Goldie-Siskin, nice blend of col.; 3, Crone, nice sized Goldie-Greenie, nice tone of col. and well staged; 4, Melvin, Goldie-Redpoll, nice size, very rich col., shows parentage well; 5, Fyfe, Siskin-Greenf., nice size, col. and cond.; 6, Heron; 7, Anderson; 8, Findlay. SELL. (16): 1, McLean; 2, Campbell; 3, Davidson; 4, Adam; 5, Fyfe; 6, Brownlie; 6, Cook; 7, Strachan; 8, McGavin. GOLDF., H.M. (14): 1, McGowan, nice size, rich back and chest, well cut blaze and in rare order; 2, Webster, nice size, not so Square in blaze, nice moonings and buttons; 3, Connelly, nice size, grand chest and front, a little short in blaze, but nice moonings; 4, Niven, nice size, a little pale in tanning and blaze, good buttons; 5, Palmer, nice size and blaze; 6, Hutchison; 7, Chalmers; 8, Henderson. F.M. (5): 1, Taylor, nice size, well cut blaze, steady and well put down; 2, Conkie and Loudon, nice size, a little narrow in head and blaze, well buttoned; 3, Purvis, nice size, better head and blaze, but not so well buttoned; No. 2, Henderson, wrong class. BULLF. (16): 1, spl., McQuiston, nice size, rich chest and back, finely capped; 2, Thomson, nice size, deep chest, rich back, well cut wing bars, presses; 3, 8, McClaymont not so thick set, but nice col., good hood and wing bars; 4, Sykes, nice size, rich in breast col., steady and well shown; 5, Watson, nice size, not so rich in col., good cap; 6 Taylor; 7, Palmer. LINNET, H.M. (27): 1, 7, Gribben, grand thick set body, nicely mkd. back and chest, well put down; 2, Greig, nice size, grandly mkd. front, nice white in wings; 3, Godfrey Bros., nice size, rare bold head, rather dry in col.; 4, McQuiston, fails a little in size, but rich in body markings; 5, Heard, nice size, steady and well shown; 6, W. Brown; 8, Crone. F.M. (11): 1, Greig, grand size, well mkd. back and front, steady and well staged; 2, Campbell, nice size, not so well mkd. but a good one; 3, Kerr, nice size, well coloured back and nice whites; 4, Webster, nice size, well mkd. front, a little unsteady; 5, Reid, nice one, will improve; 6, Conkie and Loudou; 7, Richardson; 8, Johnstone. SISKIN (8): 1, Calder, nice size, rich col., well cut bib and grand cap; 2, McGavin, nice size, good col., faint bib, improving; 3 Sykes, nice size, not so rich in col., faint bib; 4, Hutchison, nice size, dull in col., good cap, faint bib; 5, Drake, nice size, grand wing bars; 6, Webster; 7, Duncan; 8, Campbell. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (9): 1, McQuiston, Twite, nice col., well mkd. flanks, could do with more weight; 2, Neilson, Twite, nice size, well mkd., very unsteady; 3, Ritchie, Mealy Redpoll, not so large, but well mkd. and steady; 4, Sykes, Twite, nice size, col. and condition; 5, Campbell; 6, McLean; 7, Webster; 8, Taylor. LESSER REDPOLL (22): a grand class: 1, McQuiston, nice size, rich front, nicely mkd. flanks; 2, Gribben, grand size, rich back and front steady and well put down; 3, Lambie, well up in size, shapely bib and wing bars; 4, Kerr, nice size, col. and markings; 6, Perrie, nice size rather faint chest markings; 6, Campbell; 7, Brownlie and Cook; 8, Brownlie and Cook. GREENF., H.M. (20): 1, Davidson, nice size, rare thick set body, very steady; 2, Campbell, rare size, grand bold head, plenty of yellow in wings and tail; 3, Sykes better size, rich grassy green, a little unsteady when judged, or otherwise might have gone up one; 4, Watson, nice size, col. and cond.; 5, Calder, well up in size and cond.; 6, McGavin; 7, McPherson; 8, Sykes. F.M. (3): 1, McQuiston, nice size, rich in col., steady, plenty of yellow in wings and tail; 2 McLean, nice length, rather thin in body, but grand col.; 3, Cannt, nice size, rather dark in col., very steady. CHAFF. (13): 1, 2, Sykes both grand size, rich in col., grand whites, well shown; 3, McGavin, grand size, not so deep in tone, but rare whites and very steady; 4, Henderson, nice size, good col. and well put down; 5, Thomson, fails size, nice col. and markings; 6 Russell; 7, Crone; 8, Trotter. BRAMBLEF. (14): 1, 2, Sykes, grand pair, rich col. and grandly spangled; 2 fails slightly in size only; 3, McLean, nice size, rich front col., fine spanglings, well staged; 4, Lees, nice length, could do with more weight; 6, Paterson; 7, Smith; 8, Morley. YELLOW-HAMMER (16): 1, Crone, nice size, rich col., grand check and V markings; 2, Swann, nice size, rich in col., not so good in markings; 3, Adam, grand col. and size, very distinct check and V markings, well put down; 4, Strachan, well up in size, rather clouded crown, good obeck marks; 5, Gougan, fails a little in size, but nice marking; 6, Muir; 7, Calder; 8, Robertson. A.O.V. FINCH OR BUNTING (5): 1, Crone, Hawfinch, exceptionally rich in col. and size, inclined to be rather too lazy; 2, Sykes, not so massive, but rare col. and in grand order; 3, Hyslop, fails size and col., bit steady and well shown; 4, Taylor, Corn Bunting, nice size and markings, rather unsteady at times; 5, Loan, nice size, rather palo and indistinct in markings. SMALL SOFTBILL (7): 1, 4, Taylor, sweet Grey Wagtail, of nice size and in grand cond.; 4, White Wagtail, nice size, pure in white and very steady; 2, Davidson, nice sized Bearded Tit, rich col., nicely mkd., well put down; 3, McLean, well coloured Redstart, nice size and frostings, well staged; 5, Webster, Bearded Til, nice size, col. and cond.; 6, Macready; 7, Russell. LARGE (9): 1, spl., McQuiston, well known Chough, often described, still looking well; 2, Henderson, Waxwing, nice size, a little pale in col., will improve, nice waxings; 3, Sykes, Chough, not so large, but in rare order and well put down; 4, Duncan, Song Tbrush, nice size, well mkd. and steady; 5, Taylor, Blackbird, nice size, not yet in full bloom, well staged; 6, Chalmers; 7, McCorriskin; 8, Topping. BULLF. HEN (16): 1, McQniston, nice size, well coloured back, well cut cap; 2, Cowan, thicker set, rare wing bars and in grand order; 3, Campbell, well up in size, rather unsteady when we saw it; 4, 5, Mills, 4 nice size, col. and well shown; 6, Smith; 7, Mark; 8, Sharp. HEN SEED-EATING (9): 1, McQuiston, Bramble, nice size, well spangled back and bead; 2, Sykes, Corn Bunting, grand eye, well mkd. front, very steady; 3, Morton, nice sized Bramble, pale in col., fairly well spangled; 4 Robertson, very nice conditioned Crossbill, looks aged; 5, McLean, well mkd. Linnet, in good order; 6, Webster; 7, Crone; 8, Smart. GOLDF., FOR. (6): 1, Milks, grand size, nicely tanned chest, well cut blaze; 2, McLean, nice size, not so richly tanned, good moonings; 3, Fyfe, fails a little in size, grand buttons, a little short in blaze; 4, Campbell, nice size, a little down in tone; 5, Johnstone. SMALL (8): 1, McCready, very sweet Rainbow Bunting shown in grand order; 2, Park, very taking exhibit, in grand order and well put down; 3, McCready, Green Cardinal, rare size and col., steady and well staged; 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Arnott, a grand team, 4 Crimson-crowned Weaver, shown in spotless order; 5, Cuba Finch.

EDINBURGH O.S.

This old-established society holds its annual show in Buccleuch Parish Church Halls, Oct. 30. The entry was much the same as last year, and the quality was of a high standard, and very level throughout. Mr. J. Dalgleish had a grand team forward, and he secured most of the premier honours; his cup-winning buff pied was greatly admired. This bird won the special for best Scotch Fancy. There was also on exhibition a white Canary of the Yorkshire cross belonging to Mr. McPhail, of Gilmerton, and it was staged to perfection, and showed well up against the purple cage. Mr. Wm. Allan staged a grand Goldf.-Bullf. of good size, but it was scarcely finished moulting. Messrs. J. Carlow, Falkirk, and D. Brown, Edinburgh, judged the Scotch Fancy classes. Other varieties, Mr. G. Brown, Leith.

SCOTCH FANCY.—YELL. CK.: 1, Carson; 2, Dalgleish; 3, Paterson; 4, Hope; 5, Howden; 6, Veitch; 7, Drysdale; 8, Weston. YELL. PIED: 1, 4, Dalgleish; 2, Hope; 3, Paterson; 5, Allan; 6, Petrie; 7, Howden. YELL. FOUL: 1, 2, Dalgleish; 3, Paterson; 4, Weston. YELL. GRN.: 1, Dalgleish; 2, Allan. BUFF CK.: 1, West; 2, Hope, 3, Paterson; 4, 5, Allan. PIED: 1, 2, Dalgleish; 3, Menzies; 4, Paterson; 5, Hope; 6, Weston; 7, Munro; 8, Petrie. FOUL: 1, 3, Dalgleish; 2, Paterson; 4, Menzies; 5, Allan; 6, Howden; 7, Weston; 8, West. GRN.: 1, 4, Dalgleisb; 2, Menzies; 3, Allan. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Howden; 3, Weston; 4, West; 5, Drysdale. YELL. PIED: 1, Menzies; 2, Dalgleisb; 3, Weston; 4, Paterson; 5, 8, Allan; 6, West; 7, Weston. FOUL: 1, Brown; 2, Menzies. GRN.: 1, Paterson; 2, Dalgleish. BUFF HEN: 1, 4, Dalgleish; 2, 7, Howden; 3, Menzies; 5, Weston; 6, Martin; 8, Brown. BUFF PIED: 1, Dalgleish; 2, Munro; 3, 7, Menzies; 4, Paterson; 5, 6, Allan; 8, Martin. FOUL: 1, Paterson; 2, 4, Howden; 3, Martin; 5, Allan. GRN.: 1, Dalgleish; 2, Paterson; 3, Brown; 4, Thornton; 5, Allan. CLR. OR TKD. YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, 3, Carson; 2, Drysdale. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Carson; 4, Drysdale. CLR. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Carson. BUFF: 1, Carson; 2, Drysdale. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, McPhail; 2, 3, 6, 7, Drysdale; 4, McPhail; 5, Allan. DARK MULE: 1, 3, Allan; 2, 4, McPhail. BRIT.: 1, Carson; 2, Menzies; 3, 4, 5, 8, Laird and Mathew; 6, 7, Drysdale.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Whitby (Yorks).—Market Hall, Nov. 24. Judge, T. Wright. 7 classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, A.O.V. Can. or Mule 1, Brit. 2, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 1/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 17 to L. H. Smales, 48, Baxtergate, Whitby.

Darlington (Yorks).—Co-operative Hall, Priestgate, Nov. 27. Judges, W. A. Cowgill, F. Marwood. 42 open classes: Yorks 9 (2 nov.), Nor. 9 (2 nov.), Crest 2, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 11, For. 2, Sell 4. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 22 to F. Stothard, 81, Beaconsfield Street.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S. (Warwick).—Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, Nov. 24. Judge, H. W. Battye. 32 classes: Nor. 15 (2 nov., 4 sell.), Yorks 4, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Hyb. 3, Brit. 5, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 24 to F. A. Green, 64, Caludon Road.

Swansea (Glam.).—The Market, Oxford Street, Nov. 25. Judges, C. Houlton, H. W. Battye. 48 classes: Nor. 6, Yorks 5, Bord. 11, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mules 6, Brit. 17. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 if 9 entries, otherwise on sliding scale. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 22 to A. Hitchings, 80, Mysydd Road, Laudon, Swansea.

Blaenavon (Mon.).—White Horse Assembly Rooms, Nov. 25 Judges. J. Robson. 29 classes: Nor. 11 (3 nov.), Yorks 12 (4 nov.), Bord. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 6, Sell. 2, Rollers 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 if 9 entries, otherwise on sliding scale. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 20 to G. Broome, 82, King Street.

Dublin Y.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.—Antient Concert Rooms, Gt. Brunswick-street, Nov. 24-25. Judge, W. Mundell. 50 classes: Yorks. 28 (6 Nat. Col., 6 Nov., 6 Sell), Crests 2, Nor. 2, Scotch Fancy 2, Mules 4, Brit. 11, For. 1. Prizes on sliding scale. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 20 to W. C. Sholedice, 28, Haddington-road.

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BOSCOMBE F.A.

Fourth Annual Show, Curzon Hall, Bournemouth, Nov. 3. Considering so many fanciers have joined the forces, entries turned up very well, being over a hundred, and quality was A1, everything was ready, and cards up in good time. The Sec. and Committee worked well, and great credit is due to them for the manner the show was conducted. Mr. W. Haysom, Southampton, judged, and the awards were well received. The officials were Mr. M. Cook (chair.), Mr. E. Hutchins (vice-chair.), Mr. A. E. East (treas.), Mr. E. T. Hames (hon. sec.), and the following committee: Messrs. B. Howard, W. Newell, — Sullivan, S. F. Fisher, A. Marsh, Martin Cook, A. E. East, and Hutchins.

NOR., YELL. CK.: 1, sp, hc, Cook, mkd. wings and cap, stout body and nice full head, in the pink; 2, 3, Mrs. Farrer 2nd clear body nice feather, close up, loses to winner in head; 3, tkd. saddle, not quite the subs; vhc, c, Howard. BUFF: 1, sp, 2, Cook, cl., nice shape, good wing carr. and feather; 2, cl., just a wee bit narrow in head, nice body; 3, c, Thos. Farrer tkd. eye, nice stamp, but a little lighter in body; vhc, Hinves; hc, Parsons. HEN: 1, sp, vhc, Mrs. Farrer, good stamp, clear yellow, fine feather; 2, 3, Cook 2nd cl. buff, stands well on perch; hc Sullivan. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, sp, 3, Howard, grand bird, good neck and head, will improve; 2, hc, Cook, close on heels of winner; vhc, Hutchins; c, Mrs. Downing Farrer. HEN: 1, Howard, chubby body and silky feather; 2, 3, Cook, hardly size of winner, but on similar lines; 3, dark cap and wings, head not so round; vhc, c, Mrs. Farrer. YORKS., CK.: 1, sp, 2, 3, hc, Cook, yell., mkd. wings, nice body, good straight bird; 2, buff mkd. head and neck, stands well; 3, cl. buff, fails just a little in neck; vhc, Hutchins; c, Sullivan. HEN: 1, sp, 3, Cook, buff, good feather, straight as a rush; 2, vhc, Parsons, yellow, finely drawn. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, sp, 2, vhc, Hutchins, finely drawn yell., just a trifle flat on head; 3, Cook, buff, grizzled wings, a bit heavier than others. NON-FED: 1, sp, 2, Mrs. Farrer, yellow Norwich, nice body, head, and neck; 3, S. F. Fisher; vhc, Hinves; hc, Mrs. Lydford. PAIRS: 1, 2, Cook; 3, Mrs. Farrer. MULES AND HYB.: 1, sp, 2, Hinves, light Goldie-Can., buff, in fine trim; 2, dark Greenf.-Can., good body and fine feather; 3, hc, c, Hames, dark Goldie-Can., will improve; vhc, Cook. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (H.M.): 1, sp, Cook, Goldf., good blaze and buttons; 2, 3, Hinves, Goldf., close to winner, hardly so broad a blaze; 3, Bullf., very steady, rather pale in col.; vbc, Newell; hc, Hutchins; c, Sullivan. F.M.: 1, sp, hc, Hinves, Bullf.; 2, Marsh, Goldf.; 3, c, Sullivan, Bullf., all shown in good form; vhc Newell. LINNET, ETC.: 1, sp, Hutchins, Linnet, fair bird; 2, Fisher, Redpoll, could do with more cap; 3, Stone, Redpoll, similar to 2nd; vhc, Cook; he, c, Newell. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, sp, 2, Parsons, Bramble., nice col. and spangle; 2, Yellow-bunting, well up in col. and v's; 3, Hinves, Greenf., rightly placed; vbc, Fisher; bc, c, Newell.

BEDFORD.

Annual open show of the Bedford United C.B.S., Nov. 11, in the Town Hall, a very fine building for the event, being well lighted and free from draughts. Entries numbered a little over two hundred, and quality was really excellent, some very fine Norwich (which formed the bulk of the birds exhibited) being sent in by well-known breeders.. Mr. Sears, of Watford, won well in yell. cocks and buff hens, and also in the unflighted class. The classes limited to Bedfordshire had some birds quite equal to the open, the fanciers of the district being keen on the chubby ones, and sticklers for type and quality. The novices made a fine show, their birds being little inferior to the champions. The society is in a flourishing condition, with the following fanciers on the committee: Messrs. Gentle, Wilmot, Notley, Crawford, Hudson, Wright, Valentine, Brewer, Fincdon, Thompson, and Fowler, with Messrs. Beauland and Osborne as chair and vice-chairmen. The sec. is Mr. Artbur Simons, who had the management of the show, and had everything well in hand. Mr. H. Markham, a non-exhibitor, acted as judge's steward. The specials and prize money were presentd during the evening by the Ex-Mayoress. Mr. H. Norman judged.

THE OPEN CLASSES.

NOR. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Sears, grand massive bird, rich deep col., and plenty of bloom, well-filled head and neck, bold front, lovely qual.; 2, Silk, wee bit shorter, but scarcely the col. and qual., good head and width of shoulders, nice short wings; 3, Bateman, wonderful size, very bold and massive, grand qual of feather; 4, Lewis, lovely var., nice size, short, and well put together, good bold head; vhc, Jeyes; hc, c, Irons. BUFF (7): 1, Notley, massive bird, good type, well put together, bold head, nice short wings, grand feather of beautiful texture; 2, 4, Irons, beauty of type, nice clean sweep, well filled in all round, plenty of size, beaten cond., scarcely fit yet; 4th, somewhat smaller, but very choice, a real Norwich; 3, Silk, big bold bird, good head and neck; vhc, Jeyes; hc, Gayton; c, Bateman. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Notley, typical, good size, nice proportion, well moulded throughout, neat frill head, short wing, A1 qual.; 2, 3, Fennell, leader a good cl. ground col. and qual., well put together, very typical; 3rd, grand tkd., nice style and type. BUFF (4): 1, Scars, very massive, lovely type, wonderful full head and neck, good wings, neatly finished for a big one; 2, Fennel, grand var., wonderful size, very typical, and nicely proportioned, good qual.; 3, Lycett, good type, nicely moulded; 4, Lewis. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Scars, lovely buff, grand type, good size, well built, full head and neck, nicely tapered, full of qual.; 2, vhc, Silk, good cl., capital type, short and well put together, neat wings, nice qual. feather; 3, Lewis, very pure var. buff, typical, nice size, and full of qual., should make a good one; 4, hc, Jeyes, fine bold cl. yell., wee bit weak in head, but grand size, neat wings, and A1 qual.; c, Lycett. SELL. (6): 1, Gentle; 2, Valentine; 3, Gayton; 4, Wilmot; vhc, Dimmock; hc, Haigh.

OPEN TO BEDFORDSHIRE.

NOR. YELL. C.B.: 1, 2, Notley, beauties, very typical, capital size, leader very hot col.; 3, Valentine, head and wing mkd., grand size and type; 4, Corrie, capital cl., big bold bird, nice qual.; vhc, hc, Osborn; c, Hunter. BUFF (10): 1, Valentine, neck and tail mkd., grand type, good head, bold front, capital qual.; 2, c, Osborn, very short thick-set var., clean cut, grand cond.; 3, hc, Notley, typical, badly fed, which put it back; 4, Corrio, wing and tail mkd., grand size, very typical, neat head; vhc, Gentle. YELL. HEN (13): 1, 2, Valentine, good cl. leading, bold well filled bird, good wings; 2nd, var., nice size and type, good qual.; 3, vhc, Notley, big, bold cl., well balanced, fine qual. and cond.; 4, Corrie, somewhat smaller but lovely type, well proportioned, grand cond.; hc, c, Johnson. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Valentine, very thick-set cl., beautifully moulded, full of qual.; 2nd, another beauty, scarcely so full of polish, real Nor.; 3, Johnson, lovely cl., very typical, fine size, beaten cond.; 4, Gentle, good all-round, shade paler in col., but capital feather; vhc, Notley; hc, Corrie; c, Osborn. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Osborn, grand cl. yell., good size, bold front, nice rich col., lovely qual.; 2, 4, Valentine, big var., typical, neat head, good wing, sound cond. and qual. 4th var. buff, nice type, shade smaller; 3, vhc, Corrie, fine big cl., good type, scarcely the finish of winners; hc, Notley; c, Johnson. NAT. COL. (5): 1, 4, Wilmot, fine cl. buff, lovely type and qual.; 2, Dimmock, tkd. Yorks., nice size, good length and style; 3, Osborn, yell. var., fine size, sound col.; vhc, Notley. NOV. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Thompson, grand cl. yell., bold front, good size, fine cond.; 2, 3, 4, Hudson, fine team, leader a capital wing mkd. yell., in fine cond.; vhc, Coley; hc, Crawford; c, Stanton. BUFF (13): 1, 3, Coley, leader a very fine cl., good size and type, nice qual.; 3rd, wing and neck tkd., nicely moulded; 2, 4, hc, Crawford, capital var., good type and size, fine qual.; vhc, Thompson; c, Hurt. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Hudson, bold cl., grand size and type, nicely moulded, sound cond.; 2, 4, Crawford, leader lovely cl., similar bird, excellent qual.; 4th, bold bird, grand subs.; 3, c, Simons, big var., grand type and style, fine fettle; vhc, hc, Thompson. SELL. PAIRS: 1, Notley; 2, Corrie; 3, Johnson; 4, Valentine; vhc, Wilmot; hc, Gentle; c, Dimmock. A.O.V.: 1, Valentine; 2, Wilmot; 3, 4, Gentle; vhc, Notley; hc, Osborn; c, Dimmock. HYB.: 1, 2, 4, Wilmot, nice Goldf.-Linnet leading, lovely rich col., very fine cond.; 2nd, lightly mkd. Goldie-Can., nice qual., shade small; 3, Dimmock, richly col. Dark Goldie, grand qual. feather; vhc, Hunter; hc, Johnson; c, Day. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (8): 1, c, Wilmot, splendid cock Bullie, fine size, bold cap, nice full neck, wonderfully rich col., in the pink; 2, 3, Hunter, good Goldie, nice full face, rich col., good wings, fine qual.; 3rd, lovely hen Bullie, typical, sound col., full of polish; 4, Dimmock, fine Bullie, grand size, sound cond.; vhc, hc, Day. LINNET, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Brewers, good Redpoll and Linnet, both in capital cond.; 3, Day; 4, Wilmot. GREENF., ETC. (16): 1, Simons, good Chaffinch leading, capital col., good wings and whites, nice style; 2, Brewer, lovely Greenie, fine size, nicely proportioned, rich col., in the pink; 3, hc, c, Wilmot, capital Bramble, not over large, but nicely spangled, good col.; 4, vhc, Day, good Greenie, lovely rich col. A.O.V.: 1, Simons, one of the best Hedge Sparrows we have seen, lovely col. and in the pink of cond.; 2, Timans, very fine Thrush, good size, richly mkd., grand feather; 3, 4, Wilmot, grand Starling, good col. and richly spangled; 4th, Yellow Bunting, shade small, but capital col. and cond.; vhc, Day. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Timans, a grand team, Red-headed Lovebird, Singing Finch, pair of Peach-faced Lovebirds, and pair Yellow Budgerigars, all well shown and in very fine cond. JUNIORS: 1, vbc, Bridgman; 2, 3, Thompson; 4, c, Crawford.

GUISELEY, YEADON C.B.S.

First Old Members' Show, Oct. 30. Entries were a record for the society, 140 birds being staged, which proves that the Fancy in the district is in a flourishing condition, despite the war. Mr. Lunn, Bradford, judged, and gave entire satisfaction. Mr. J. H. Andrews won sp. most points and six 1sts; Mr. W. Long won spl. best unflighted; and Mr. H. Hardaker spl best vhc.

Class 1 (14): 1, 2, Andrews; 3, Brown; vhc, Wheatley and Son; hc, Hardaker; c, Dibb. Class 2 (13): 1, Andrews; 2, c, Brown; 3, Wheatley and Son; vhc, Dibb; hc, Fawcett. Class 3 (11): 1, 2, hc, Dibb; 3, Brown; vhc, Scott; c, Bunting and Son. Class 4 (14): 1, Cawood; 2, vhc, Wheatley and Son; 3, Dibb; hc, Long; c, Hardaker. Class 5 (18): 1, Long; 2, 3, Dibb; vhc, c, Brown; hc, Wheatley and Son. Class 6 (14): 1, 3, c, Andrews; 2, vhc, Wheatley and Son; hc, Bunting and Son. Class 7 (17): 1, Andrews; 2, Wheatley and Son; 3, hc, Long; vhc, Hardaker; c, Fawcett. Class 8 (11): 1, Bunting and Son; 2, Dibb; 3, c, Brown; vhc, Long; hc, Fawcett. Class 9 (6): 1, 2, Andrews; 3, Fawcett; vhc, Scott; hc, Long and Harrison. Class 10 (7): 1, Fawcett; 2, Wheatley and Son; 3, vhc, Long; hc, Andrews; c, Hardaker. Class 11 (5): 1, Andrews; 2, Scott; 3, vhc, Long; hc, Bunting and Son. Class 12 (10): 1, Wheatley and Son; 2, Bunting and Son; 3, Long; vhc, Rose; hc, Mountain; c, Dibb. Points up to date for Belgian cup: Champ.: Andrews 42, Dibb 38, Brown 25, Fawcett 23, Hardaker 17. Novices: Long 31, Wheatley and Son 21, Scott 18, Bunting and Son 14, Mountain 9, Cawood 6.—W. Rose, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH WESTERN O.S.

30th annual show, Buccleuch Parish Church Halls, Oct. 30. There was an entry of about 250, and quality was of a high order, especially in Norwich and Border Fancies. Some nice birds were also exhibited in the Scotch Fancy section. Mr Peter M'Niven secured the cup in this section with a nice yellow pied hen, with plenty of size and style. The B.F.C.C. Medal was won by Mr. J. Andrew with a charming yellow hen, staged to perfection. In Norwich Mr. Stronach, a novice, secured premier honours with a capital buff hen, a real Norwich all over. The judges were: Scotch Fancy, Mr. J. M'Lennan, Edinburgh; Borders, Mr. Wm. Thomson, Newtongrange; Norwich, Mr. James Winter. Their awards seemed to give entire satisfaction. The show was well patronised by the general public.

SCOTCH FANCY.—YELL. CK.: 1, Bowmont. YELL. PIED: 1, Cockburn. BUFF: 1, 3, M'Niven; 2, 4, Tait. BUFF PIED: 1, 2, M'Niven; 3, 4, Campbell; 5, Tait. BUFF TKD. OR GRN.: 1, Campbell. YELL. HEN: 1, Tait; 2, Bowmont; 3, Spillar. BUFF: 1, 3, Rodger; 2, M'Niven; 4, Proudfoot; 5, Muir. BUFF PIED: 1, Tait; 2, Proudfoot; 3, Rodger; 4, Campbell. BUFF TKD. OR GRN.: 1, M'Niven; 2, Burges; 3, 5, no name; 4, Bowman. BORDS.—CLR. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, 4, Aitchison; 2, 5, Michie; 3, 7, Rodger; 6, Holmes; 8, Aitchison. VAR. YELL.: 1, Aitchison; 2, Napier; 3, Rodger; 4, Hogg. BUFF: 1, 2, 6, Aitchison; 3, 5, 8, Michie; 4, Rodger; 7, Andrews. VAR. BUFF: 1, J. Aitchison; 2, 6, W. Aitchison; 3, Holmes; 4, 7, Rodger; 5, Napier; 8, Lile. CLR. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 6, Andrews; 3, 4, Rodger; 5, 8, J. Aitchison; 7, W. Aitchison. VAR.: 1, 3, 6, Rodger; 2, J. Aitchison; 4, Holmes; 5, Reid. CLR. OR TKD. BUFF: 1, 3, 5, J. Aitchison; 2, Michie; 4, 7, Michie; 6, Rodger; 8, Hogg. VAR.: 1, Cockburn; 2, Rodger; 3, Napier; 4, Michie; 5, 8, J. Aitchison; 6, 7, W. Aitchison. GRN. OR CINN.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, Andrews; 6, Lile; 8, Stewart. NOR. CLR. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Ballantyne; 2, 4, Stronach; 3, Napier; 5, 6, Wishart; 7, M'Ginty. BUFF: 1, 4, Ballantyne; 2, Grant; 3, 7, 8, Hogg; 6, Napier. GRN. OR VAR. BUFF: 1, Grant; 2, 3, M'Ginty; 4, Ballantyne. CLR. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, 5, Grant; 2, Napier; 4, Ballantyne; 6, Campbell. BUFF: 1, Stronach; 3, 5, Hogg; 4, Taylor; 6, Ballantyne; 7, Wishart. GRN. OR VAR. BUFF: 1, Stronach; 2, Campbell; 3, Napier NON FED: 1, Bowman; 2, 3, 5, Proudfoot; 4, Bowman; 6, M'Ginty. CREST: 1, 3, Proudfoot; 2, Tait; 4, Michie. C.B.: 1, 2, Tait; 3, Proudfoot. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Muir. MULE: 1, 3, Samuel; 2, Bowman; 4, Reid. BRIT.: 1, Michie; 2, Reid; 3, Spittal; 4, Hogg; 5, Taylor; 6, 7, Lile; 8, no name.

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REDCAR C.B.S.

Young stock show, Ship Inn, Marske, Oct. 23. There was a good entry of over sixty, quality being well up to the average, the judge, Mr. J. Meaburn, having a difficult task with some of the classes. However, his decisions seemed to meet with general approval. Many local fanciers took the opportunity to have a look round.

Yorks. Yell. Champ.: 1, Dixon; 2, 3, 4, Husband. Buff: 1, 2, Husband; 3, Dixon; 4, Clarke. Yell. Nov.: 1, Strickland; 2, Dunn; 3, Green; 4, Bell. Buff: 1, 2, Strickland; 3, Dixon and Alderson; 4, Dunn. Nor.: 1, 2, 3, Husband. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 3, 4, Husband; 2, Dixon and Alderson. Linnet: 1, Green; 2, Dunn; 3, Clarke; 4, Dixon and Alderson. Linnet (open): 1, Green; 2, Dunn; 3, Clarke; 4, Cleminson. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, 3, Dixon and Alderson; 2, Boagey. A.O.V. Brit.: 1, Boagey; 2, 3, 4, Dixon and Alderson. For.: 1, 2, Boagey.—W. Boagey, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX C.B.S.

Members' show of Canaries (cock birds only), Nov. 4, King Cross Band Room, Halifax. There was a capital entry of 69 birds for Mr. R. E. Hellliwell, Halifax, to judge, and his awards met with general approval

Open.—Cl. or Tkd. Buff Yorks.: 1, Savile; 2 and 3, Sutcliffe. Unflig.: 1 and 3, Stobart; 2 and he, Sharpe; 4, vhc, and c, Priestley. Even, etc.: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, 3, and vhc, Sharpe; 4, Savile; he, Priestley. Nov.—Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1 and 4, Horsman; 2, Mitchell; 3, Mitchell; vhc, Sladdin and Baldwin; he, Morton. Buff: 1, Thornton; 2 and c, Mitchell; 3 and 4, Gelder; vhc, Senior; he, Morton. Unflig.: 1, Wilson; 2, Stocks; 3, Speak; 4, Thornton; vhc, Senior; he, Sladdin and Baldwin; c, Horsman. Even, etc.: 1 and vhc, Corney; 2, Thornton; 3, Horsman; 4, Mitchell; he, Wilson; c, Stocks. Self or Foul Green: 1 and 2, Sladdin and Baldwin; 3, Sharpe. Nor. A.V.: 1, 2, 4, vhc, and he, Corney; 3, Townend.—A. SUTCLIFFE, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Monthly Table Show, Nov. 1, headquarters. Mr. W. S. Skinn, Slaithwaite, judged. Fifty-four birds were staged in six classes, all unflighted. Yorks., Mr. F. Sykes captured spl. for best bird in show, also spl. 2nd best. Yell. Ck. (13): 1, sp, best in show, F. Sykes; 2, he, Atkinson; 3, Wood; vhc, Townend; c, Hicks. Buff (11): 1, sp, 2nd best, F. Sykes; 2, 3, Townend; vhc, Shanks; he, Smithies; c, Atkinson. Yell. Hen (7): 1, c, F. Sykes; 2, Buttle and Copland; 3, he, Wood; vhc, Armistead. Buff (11): 1, vhc, F. Sykes; 2, Bray; 3, Hicks; he, Smithies; c, Whitehead. Cinn. Mkd. Ck. (3): 1, Buttle and Copland; 2, 3, Wood. Hen (9): 1, Smithies; 2, Buttle and Copland; 3, F. Sykes; vhc, Hicks; he, Wood; c, Cox. Principal points winners: F. Sykes, 117; G. Wood, 90; Buttle and Copland, 77; B. Townend, 54; A. Smithies, 48; H. Atkinson, 47; W. S. Skinn, 44; S. Hicks, 36.—A. Lawford, Sec.

BURNHOPE C.B.S.

Meeting and show held Black Horse Inn, Jaw Blades, Oct. 16, Mr. Chas. Mitchell chair, and a very good attendance. The way birds turned up at the table show was a credit to the members; 59 birds in 11 classes. Mr. J. Lowerson won spl. for most points, scoring 38; W. Cresswell and J. W. Robson tied for 2nd with 32, just beating C. Hogg 31. Mr. Wm. Elliot judged, and gave everyone satisfaction. Nor. Old Bird (8): 1, Hogg; 2, J. W. Robson; 3, Blackburn. Young (8): 1, 2, Hogg; 3, John Robson. Yorks. Old Bird (3): 1, 2, Cresswell; 3, J. W. Robson. Young: 1, 2, Cresswell. Bord. Yell. (5): 1, 2, 3, Lowerson. Buff (9): 1, 2, Lowerson; 3, Wearin. A.O.V. Can. (5): 1, 2, Lowerson; 3, John Robson. Mule: 1, Storey. Linnet (4): 1, Wearin; 2, Cresswell; 3, J. W. Rohson. Redpoll (9): 1, 2, J. W. Robson; 3, Hogg. A.O.V. Brit. (6): 1, Hogg; 2, Cresswell; 3, John Robson. We had a good number of visitors.—J. W. Robson, Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

Annual Show Oct. 30, in the Assembly Room, Duke of York Hotel, a capital room, admirably adapted for the purpose. The exhibits were nicely staged on the double tier principle down the centre, and round the room at a convenient height; a good entry was secured and quality was well maintained throughout; the Norwich section was perhaps the outstanding one for quality, some capital specimens being on view, but a number of them still require a little more time to line down. It has been our pleasure on many occasions to write of the excellent management that prevails here, and we were pleased to find the same high standard is well maintained; many of the officials are of long standing, tried and true, who have every detail in the working of a show at their finger tips, and everything was in perfect order; judging was over early, and awards promptly up as each class was judged. Mr. Wm. Harrison makes a capital sec., courteous to a degree, ever willing to carry out the wish of exhibitors, and to do his very best for everybody. We were pleased to note the great assistance he received in the clerical work both before and during the show at the hands of his daughter. The Society warmly appreciated her efforts, and shortly after the opening of the show a pleasing little ceremony took place, much to the surprise of the young lady. The Chairman, Mr. F. J. Weaver (who we were sorry to see looking in such poor health) on behalf of the society presented her with a beautiful gold wristlet watch. Miss Harrison, in a charming little speech, suitably responded. Mr. Arthur C. Brotherhood judged.

NOR., YELL., CL. OR MKD. (7): 1, Taylor, cl., good size and shape, nice full head, clear eye, well cut away, fine col. and cond.; 2, 3, Victor Williams, clrs., grand birds, of great size and subs., lovely type and qual., beaten to-day in col. and finish, will turn the tables later on; vhc, sp. best members Nor., also Sandiford's sp., Gough and Loach; he, Sanders; c, Shirley. BUFF (13): 1, c, Hathaway, cl., splendid size, bonny type, rare width and depth, short, well carried wings, grand head, best of qual. and cond., wins; 2, Shirley, wing tkd., nice size and shape, good head, not the subs. of leader, in good trim; 3, he, Victor Williams, cl., splendid size and type, rare good head, plenty of subs. and qual., hardly so fit; vhc, Collier. HEN (12): 1, Victor Wiliams, buff, bonny, cl., fine size and type, splendid head, short, thick neck, heaps of subs., nice bloom and qual., one or two tail feathers hardly full grown, still wins in a good class; 2, Gibbons, neck mkd. yell., nice size and shape, very cobby, good head, rare subs. and qual., takes sp.; 2, best members' Nor.; 3, Taylor, cl. buff, capital size, hardly so chubby as 1st, very neat, best of qual. and cond., good head, nicely finished; vhc Gough and Loach; he, Cundell and Rowley; c, Shirley. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, Hathaway, mkd. head, capital size, fine type, full head, nicely cleaned out, short, well packed wings and tail, hot col., best of qual. and cond., wins nicely; 2, Saunders, cl., good size and shape, very compact, nice sound head, well up in col. and qual., in good trim; 3, Collier, cl., well up in size, good type and feather, hardly so much subs. as leaders; vhc, Wood; he, c, Gough and Loach. BUFF (5): 1, Hathaway, cl., medium size, beautiful type, neat head, grand qual. and cond., nicely cut away, tight as a drum; 2, Wood, monster for size, good type, col. and qual. bit loose in feather, grand subs; 3, Gough and Loach, uneven mkd., nice size and type, good head, not so much subs., bit pale in col.; vhc, Garfield; he, Crundell and Rowley. HEN (12): 1, c, Emery, cl. yell., nice size, capital shape, well cut head, nicely cleaned out, short and cobby, rare qual. and subs., well put down; 2, vhc, Hathaway, var. buff, all that one could wish for, size and shape, good head, nice subs. and bloom, well worth her place; vhc, a fine hen, wet when judged; 3, Sanders, uneven yell., bonny type, capital head, well cut away, sound col. and qual.; he, Garfield. NOV., NOR. (11): 1, Byles, var. buff, grand size and cond., takes sp. best novice members' Nor.; 2, Welsh, cl. yell., good size and shape, nice head, rare col. and qual.; 3, Dudley, cheek mkd. buff, medium size, short and compact, good head, lovely qual. and cond.; vhc, Fessey; he, Miss Cullwick; c, Evans. HEN (5): 1, Miss Cullwick, cl. yell., nice size, very shapely, neat full head, good col., qual. and finish; 2, Lycett, tkd. yell., nice size and type, good col., rare cond. and qual., close up; 3, vhc, Hampton, uneven buff, capital head, bit longer in build; he, Fessey. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Fessey, mkd. buff, good size, very cobby, neat head, nicely shown; 2, Hughes, tkd. bull, shade larger, good head and type, nice qual., not so tight; 3, c, Hampton, capital cl. buff, bit smaller, good shape and qual., close up; vhc, Pritchard. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. (7): 1, 2, Gibbons and Weekes, leader, cl. yell., capital length, very shapely, neat head and waist, nicely filled back, good col. and qual., rare style and carr., sp. best members' Yorks.; 2, cl yell. shade longer, good wedge shape, finely drawn, capital legs; 3, Cowley, cl., nice length and shape, good col., qual., and bloom; vhc, Raybould; he, Hinton; c, Victor Williams. MKD. OR VAR. (6): 1, 3, vhc, Gibbons and Weekes, leader var. yell., grand length and shape, very neat waist, sweet head, good col. and qual., gets well up; 3, var. yell., fine length, stands well on grand legs, very shapely, hardly the qual. of leader; 2, Cowley, mkd. neck and wings buff, bit stronger in build, capital length and shape, good back and wing carr., nice qual. and bloom, shows well; he, Raybould; No. 2, Clarke, soft when judged. HEN: 1, vhc, Gibbons and Weekes, head mkd. yell., splendid length, well drawn, nice shape, col. and qual., well packed wings and tail; 2, Victor Williams, cl. buff, shade stronger in build, nice length, well filled back, gets well up, neat head, best of qual.; 3, no name, eye tkd. yell., nice length, finely built, good feather, very stylish; he, Stacey; c, Hall. UNFLIG. HEN (10): 1, Gibbons and Weekes, cinn. mkd. buff, long sided, neat head and shoulders, good shape and style, stands well on good legs, lovely qual. and finish; 2, c, Hall, cl. yell., nice length, a little shorter in side, very stylish, very neat throughout, close run; 3, vhc, Cowley, cl. buff, grand length, neat shoulders, nice back and carr., good qual.; he, Hinton. CK. (8): 1, sp, Hall, splendid length, neat shoulders and waist, well filled back, fine col., qual. and pose, sweet head, well finished; 2, c, Gibbons and Weekes, wing mkd. yell., rare length, beautifully drawn, nice shape and legs, bit slack in wing carr.; 3, Clarke, cl. buff, capital length, very shapely, nice head, good style and feather, close up; vhc, Raybould; he, Cowley. NOV. YORKS. (5): 1, vhc, Austin, uneven yell., rattling length, good shape, neat girth, well up on good legs; 2, he, Parker, cl. yell., better col., nice length; 3, Pritchard, cl. yell., good length and pose. HEN (5): 1, 3, Austin, leader, cinn. mkd. buff, lengthy, neat shape, full of qual.; 3, cl. buff, nicely drawn; 2, Parker, cl. yell., very nice length and qual., neatly built, stylish, not finished on head; vhc, Evans; he, Pritchard. UNFLIG. (9): 1, sp, Miss Cullwick, cl. yell., sweet shape, neat head and waist, rare qual. and col., stylish; 2, he, Austin, cl. yell., nice length and style, bit paler in col.; 3, no name, cl. buff, lengthy, good shape, fine qual. and cond.; vhc, Pritchard; he, Stacey. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, Weaver, foul mkd. green buff Nor., grand size and shape, capital head, in nice order; 2, Bendall, foul yell. green Nor., not the size of leader, good shape, head and feather; 3, Gough and Loach, foul buff green Nor., smaller; vhc, Bendall. DARK CAN. MULE (5): 1, vhc, he, Tonks, leader, Siskin Can., good size and shape, nice col. and qual., shows well, in rare trim; 2, 3, Hepworth, Goldf.-Can., nice size and shape, hardly up in blaze yet, will improve; 3, Greenf.-Can., medium size, nice shape, in grand fettle. LIGHT (2): 1, Hepworth, Goldf.-Can., nice size, unevenly mkd., grand qual. and bloom; 2, Tonks, same cross, not so big as leader. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (11): 1, Poole, Bullie, capital size and shape, very expansive cap of good col., nice breast and back col., nicely defined bars, steady, in good order; 2, Critchlow, Goldie, good size and shape, rich tanning, well buttoned, square cut blaze, hardly up in col. yet, in nice trim; 3, he, Tonks, Bullf., similar in size and shape to winner, good breast col., better wing bars, rich col. cap, but hardly the width of 1st; vhc, c, Camm. GREENF. OR LINNET (12): 1, 2, Davies, Linnet, good size and shape, rich nutty col., ticking profuse and distinct right through, steady, in capital trim; 3, Linnet, shade smaller, not much to choose between them, will be heard of again; 2, Dudley, Greenf., capital size, rare shape, nice head, good col. and qual., lovely bloom, well shown, quickly claimed; vhc, Poole; he, Tonks; c, Osbourne. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, vhc, he, Tonks, leader, sweet Siskin, good size and shape, very bright nat. col. nice lacing, good col. cap and bib, fine cond; 2, Raby, Siskin, nice size, better laced cap, not so clear in col. throughout as winner; 3, Osbourne, Redpoll, good size, very cobby, nice col. and cond. A.O. HARDBILL (8): 1, Poole, Hawfinch, fine size and shape, rich in breast and head col., well cut bib, good wings, in grand fettle; 2, Tonks, Bramble., nice shape and size, good flank ticking, nicely broken hood, good cond.; 3, vhc, Camm, Chaffinch, not one of the largest, but good shape and col. very steady, nicely shown; vhc, he, Ward; c, Hepworth. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Hepworth, Cbough, well up in size and shape, sound body col., rich col., legs, and bill, grand sheen; 2, Burrows, splendid Redstart, grand size, rich col., nice frosting, in perfect feather and cond., hard lines to meet the British giant. SELL. CAN (11): 1, Collier, unflighted buff Nor.; 2, he, Hampton, yell. Nor.; 3, Gough and Loach, var. buff Nor.; vhc, Gibbons and Weekes; c, Taylor.

HEMSWORTH C.B.S.

Members' show, Nov. 6, King's Head Hotel. Mr. E. Clegg, Dewsbury, judged, and gave every satisfaction. Class 1: 1, 3, Brooks; 2, Govier. Class 2: 1, Rusling; 2, Hall; 3, Taylor. Class 3: 1, Brooks; 2, Parkes; 3, Taylor. Class 4: 1, Taylor; 2, Parkes; 3, Govier. Class 5: 1, Rusling; 2, Taylor; 3, Govier. Class 6: 1, Brooks; 2, Parkes; 3, Smith. Class 7: 1, Parkes; 2, Kendrick. Class 8: 1, 2, 3, Parkes. Class 9: 1, 2, 3, Kendrick. Class 10: 1, 2, 3, Kendrick. Class 11: 1, Rusling; 2, Frost; 3, Geary. Class 12: 1, Rusling; 2, Howldcroft. Class 13: 1, Kendrick. Class 15: 1, 2, Frost. Class 16: 1, 3, Gorier; 2, Smith.—J. HALL, Sec.

PAISLEY & TANNAHILL (Amalg).

The 31st annual show of the Amalgamated Scotch Fancy Canary Societies of Paisley, The Tannahill, Old, and Burgh Club was held Nov. 6, in the North Minor Town Hall. Mr. Alex. Menzies, Burgh Club, won the first amalgamation prize with a yellow pied cock, and Mr. R. Price, also of the Burgh Club, second and a clean buff cock. Mr. J. Little, of the Old Club, was third with a clean yellow hen.

TANNAHILL CLUB.—Judges: Mr. P. McAdam, Jamestown; Mr. J. Henry, Govan. Yell. Ck.: 1, Fulton; 2, Ferguson; 3, Malcolm; 4, McDowall; 5, 6, Livingstone. Buff: 1, Rowell; 2, Alston; 3, Malcolm; 4, McDonald; 5, Fleming. Yell. Pied Ck.: 1, Moore; 2, Ferguson; 3, 5, Fulton; 4, Alston. Buff: 1, 6, Allison; 2, Livingstone; 3, Malcolm; 4, Kennedy; 5, McDowall. Foul Ck.: 1, 3, Ferguson; 2, McDowall; 4, Alston; 5, Fleming. Green: 1, Malcolm; 2, 3, Moore; 4, Fulton; 5, Kennedy; 6, Allison. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Ferguson; 2, Livingstone; 4, Moore; 5, Alston; 6, McDonald. Buff: 1, Fleming; 2, Powell; 3, Kennedy; 4, Allison; 5, McDonald. Yell. Pied: 1, 6, Ferguson; 2, McDowall; 3, Livingstone; 4, Fulton; 5, Hamilton. Buff: 1, Kennedy; 2, 3, McDowall; 4, 5, Livingstone; 6, Moore. Foul: 1, 3, McDowall; 2, Moore; 4, Alston; 5, Ferguson; 6, Powell. Green: 1, Kennedy; 2, Powell; 3, Malcolm; 4, Allison; 5, Hamilton. Club Specials: Cup, 2, 3, 10, Ferguson; 1, Fulton; 4, Kennedy; 5, 6, 11, McDowall; 7, Malcolm; 8, Fleming; 9, 13, 15, Livingstone; 12, 14, Powell.

OLD CLUB.—Judges: Mr. J. Price, Barrhead; Mr. A. McLaughlan, Govan. Yell. Ck.: 1, Kennedy; 2, McKinven; 3, Moore. Buff: 1, McKinven; 2, Moore; 3, Kennedy. Yell. Pied: 1, 2, Moore; 3, Little. Buff: 1, Moore. Foul: 1, 2, Little; 3, 4, McKinven. Green: 1, Kennedy; 3, Moore. Yell. Hens: 1, Little; 2, Kennedy; 3, Moore. Buff: 1, Moore; 2, Kennedy; 3, McKinven. Yell. Pied: 1, Little; 2, 3, Kennedy. Foul: 1, Kennedy; 2, 5, McKinven; 3, Moore; 4, Paterson. Green: 1, Moore. Club Specials: Best bird in club and 7th best, Little; 2, J. Kennedy; 3, 8, 10, D. Kennedy; 4, 5, 6, 9, Moore; 11, McKinven.

BURGH CLUB.—Judges: Mr. J. A. Stewart, Cathcart; Mr. J. Main, Coatbridge. Yell. Ck.: 1, Hunter; 2, Baird; 3, McArthur; 4, Wham. Buff: 1, Price; 2, Wham; 3, 4, Thomson; 5, Hunter; 6, Hair. Yell. Hen: 1, McArthur; 2, Menzies. Buff: 1, McArthur. Yell Pied Ck.: 1, Menzies; 2, 4, Thomson; 3, Price; 5, Wham. Buff: 1, Price; 2, Thomson; 3, 4, Menzies; 5, 6, Baird; 7, Wham. Yell. Pied Hen: 1, Thomson; 2, 3, Wham. Buff: 1, 5, Hunter; 2, Thomson; 3, Menzies; 4, Wham; 6, Baird. Foul Ck.: 1, McArthur; 2, Thomson. Hen: 1, 2, McArthur; 3, Thomson; 4, Hunter. Green, Ck.: 1, 2, Hunter. Hens: 1, M. Baird; 2, Menzies; 3, Hunter; 4, Hair. Club Specials: Best bird in club, 5th best, Menzies; 2, 6, Price; 3, M. Baird; 4, Wham; 7, 9, 10, Thomson; 8, 11, Hunter.

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(Report continued from last week.)

MR. H. W. BATTYE'S CLASSES.

YORKS., YELL. BREENS (11): 1, 3, Jones, real smart specimens, both selfs, capital pos., grand qual., good col., winner has it in style, stood 1st Manchester; 2, Stewart, nice pos., A1 feather and col., good back and nice wing carr., not quite so lengthy; 4, he, Elkins, stands well, superb feather, good length and of nice style, hardly the col.; vhc, Roberts; c, McDermott. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Jones, "right sorts," selfs, 1st lovely col., upstanding and lengthy, slashing qual., leggy and shows to perfection; 2nd, full of qual., lovely col., slim and good length, well on leg, close up; 3, 4, Metcalfe, capital col. and feather, nice back and wing carr., good legs, worth its place; 4th, superior feather and col., stands nicely, not so lengthy yet very taking; vhc, Riley; he, Rossignol; c, Mockridge. HEN (12): 1, McDermott, self, wonderful length, magnificent feather, lovely depth of col., delightful symmetry, the Manchester winner, a topper; 2, Jones, self, for pos., qual., col. and style all one need wish for, not the length quite, yet a gem; 3, Stewart, self, good in feather, nice length and pos., well lifted in back, neat wing carr., not quite so rich in col.; 4, he, Elkins, smart and stylish, well clothed and of good sound col., not so lengthy; vhc, Riley; c, Roberts. BUFF (11): 1, McDermott, self, we believe the Manchester 1st, a magnificent hen, hard to find fault with; 2, he, Steinart, very stylish self, A1 col. and qual., good back flights and tail, not far behind; 3, Metcalfe, self, nice pos. and length, good in feather and col., beaten a shade in finish; 4, vhc, Riley, self, lengthy and leggy, rich qual. and col., not quite so erect, still one we admired; c, Roberts. NDR. SELF OR FOL. YELL. (9): 1, c, Walker, foul, very massive build, slashing col. and qual., grand shape and carr., eye opener; 2, Handley, self, good in col. and feather, nice subs. of body, not quite so full in head expression, carries flights nicely; 3, vhc, Metcalfe, not bad shape, rich qual. and col., jaunty and in the pink, smaller in build; 4, Thornton, shapely, nice feather and col., not so tight; he, Ball. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Bruce, self, Manchester 2nd, moves up a peg to-day, lovely shape and feather, rich col., fine carr., gem; 2, Thornton, good in size and col., rattling qual., tight as wax, pressed strenuously; 3, Lowe, self, shapely, A1 qual., nice col. and style, well worth its place; 4, Ball, nice col. and feather, shapely, not the size, still sweet exhibit; vhc, Walker; he, Handley; c, Pugh. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Bruce, foul, capital shape and feather, rich col., rare size, delightful carr.; 2, vhc, Walker, foul, good in size and shape, A1 col. and qual., grand carr., very close up; 3, Thornton, self, lovely shape, grand col. and feather, rare size, fine carr. and cond., good as any in class; 4, Handley; he, Ball; c, Pugh. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Lowe, both A1 type, teeming with qual. and col., well up in size, held same position at Manchester; 3, Pugh, good in col. and feather, shapely and stylish, not quite the size, yet a sweet hen; 4, Thornton, self, well up in subs., shapely and of nice col., not so compact in feather, good carr.; vhc, Walker; he, Handley; c, Ball; No. 5, Hemming, w.c. BORD., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Montgomery, sweetly moulded, smooth as wax, delightful movement, A1 col., most pleasing, gem; 2, Johnston, rattling shape and qual., not a feather wrong, full of energy, pressed strenuously, beauty; 3, vhc, Middleton, rattling col. and qual., neat body and wing carr., beaten in head expression; 4, Coldbeck. BUFF (5): 1, Johnston, beautiful symmetry, smooth as polished marble, lovely col., full of character, topper; 2, Montgomery, shapely, magnificent feather and col., very little behind winner, a gem; 3, 4, vhc, Middleton, smart trio, all rattling qual. and col., delightful carr., in the pink, 3rd best shape. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Johnston, marvellous shape and col., best of carr., pretty as paint, shows for all she is worth, knock-out; 2, vhc, Montgomery, slashing shape, most charming; 3, Lawton and Sons, good in shape, A1 col. and qual., beaten a little in style and style only; 4, he, Middleton, smooth, good col., nice body, neat wings, not the head character. BUFF (5): 1, Johnston, gem for shape, superb qual. and col., magnificent carr.; 2, vhc, Middleton, real true character all through, can beat more than beats her, gem; 3, 4, Montgomery, both capital qual. and col., jaunty in carr., as like two peas. NOR. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 3, Crawshaw, leader a bouncer, wonderful col. and qual., fine head, thick neck, bold and deep front, lovely wings and tail, clean cut; 3rd, lovely col., shape and feather, grand carr., beaten in subs.; 2, Waters, teeming with qual., red hot, magnificent shape, clean under, beaten in size only; 4, Vardy, true type, feathered to perfection, richly fed, jaunty; vhc, Kaberry; he, Metcalfe; c, Spencer. BUFF (8): 1, Fielding, magnificent feather, rattling col., neatly frosted, grand subs. and shape, best of wing carr., topper; 2, Hirst, very shapely, plenty of subs., nice col. and qual., close up; 3, Taylor, not bad shape, good in feather and col., not the size, yet far from a bad one; 4, Crawshaw, capital shape, feather, and col., clean cut, we thought might have gone up one; vhc, Nicholson; he, Vardy; c, Waters. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Thomas, red hot col., silky texture of feather, magnificent shape and well up in size, beauty; 2, Crawshaw, var., rare subs., lovely col. and feather, grand shape and carr., well known, pressed; 3, Cook, var., delightful shape, A1 col. and qual., nice carr., beaten in subs.; 4, Waters; vhc, Vardy; he, Blease and Son. BUFF (12): 1, vhc, Thomas, magnificent shape, rare size, exquisite feather and col., jaunty carr., eye opener; 2, 4, Crawshaw, gems, both A1 col. and qual., well up in subs., clean cut away, little separates them; 3, Hirst, var., big, excellent shape, superb feather, paler in col., yet worth its place; he, Cook; c, Waters. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Crawshaw, delightful symmetry, line subs., exquisite feather and col., dainty carr.; 2, Fielding, cl., grand shape and qual., A1 col., not quite the size, but a lovely hen of true character; 3, Vardy, smart and most stylish cl., delightful shape, rich in col., A1 qual., the Mirfeton winner; 4, Hirst, shapely, of good feather and col., jaunty carr., not the size, but worth its place; vhc, he, Waters; c, Kaberry. BUFF (12): 1, Cook, with a magnificent cl., round as a ball, feathered to perfection, lovely col. and frosting, wonderful size, best we have seen this season; 2, Kaberry, cl., slashing feather and col., good in body, neat wings and tail, not so full in head points; 3, Thomas, good in shape and qual., capital col. and carr.; 4, Jeffries, nice shape, rich col. and well gowned, jaunty, not big but very sweet; vhc, Crawshaw; he, Steele; c, Nicholson. CNFLG. YELL. (13): 1, Nicholson, cl., we did not care for, too small and with poor head, but lovely col. and feather; 2, Waters, grand head and neck, bold chest, A1 col. and qual., nice carr., might have won; 3, 4, Crawshaw, beauties, cl. and var. respectively, former grand shape, size, col., and feather; 4th, ablaze with col., smooth as wax, A1 shape, not quite so heavy in build; vhc, c, Vardy; he, Cook. BUFF (12): 1, Cook, cl., slashing shape, exquisite feather and col., well up in size, jaunty carr., very promising; 2, Fielding, cobby, excellent qual. and col., best of wing carr., not of the biggest, but of the best; 3, Vardy, var., ablaze with col., very shapely, tight as wax, with luck should make up well; 4, Spencer, good in shape and feather, nice col. and frosting, clean cut, worth its place; vhc, Chilton; he, Blease and Son; c, Waters. UNFLG. HEN (12), bevy of beauties: 1, Thomas, yell., neatly moulded, smooth as wax, hot col., delightful carr.; 2, 4, vhc, Crawshaw, wing mkd. buff and cl. yell., both true type, rich in col. and well clothed, promising to do well for their owner in the near future; 3, Cook, rattling shaped cl. buff, tight as a Java, superior col., grand carr., one of the best; he, Blease and Son; c, Taylor.

MR. J. ROBSON'S CLASSES.

BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, he, Bennett, bewitching shape, qual., and col., fine cond. and carr., one of the best we have seen for many a day; 2, Large, grand contour, feathered to perfection, rich col., jaunty pressed hard; 3, Shackley, shapely, excellent feather and col., grand body and wing carr., wee bit wanting in head and neck; 4, Thariton good in shape and col., moves nicely, not quite so boxy in feather, vhc, Nelson; c, Wilson; No. 8, Egerton, abs. HEN (6): 1, Wilson, delightful outline, perfect in clothing, rich col., jaunty, and in the pink, treat to observe; 2, vhc, Bennett shapely, A1 qual. and col., good worker, very close up; 3, Large, good shape and col., nice carr., hardly so tight in feather; 4, Egerton; he, Shackley. BUFF, CK. (6): 1, Wilson, grand shape, smooth as wax, rattling col., in rare fettle; 2, Nelson, shapely, capital qual. jaunty, nice col., pressed for 1st place; 3, Large, rich col., A1 qual., neat head and nice shape, good 3rd; 4, vhc, Bennett; he, Parson. HEN (5): 1, Green, magnificent shape, rich qual. and col., delightful carr., gem; 2, Wilson, capital feather and col., rare shape, full of action, near on equal to winner, beauty; 3, vhc, Bennett, lovely shape and feather, capital col., fine head expression; 4, Nelson, one we liked. EVEN (5): 1, Pennington buff, sweetly moulded, magnificent col. and qual., shows for all it is worth, staged to the moment; 2, Garbutt, moves freely, well clothed, capital feather and col., extremely fascinating; 3, 4, Jameson, and 5, Knight, abs. YELL. VAR. (5): 1, Wilson, lovely shape and action, not a feather misplaced, slashing col., put down in masterly fashion; 2, Bennett, sweetly moulded, best of qual. and col., jaunty, in the pink, close up; 3, Parson, good in feather and col., nice carr., beaten in symmetry yet good one; 4, Nelson. BUFF (5): 1, Egerton, capital shape, smooth as polished marble, A1 col., pleasing carr., treat to observe; 2, Wilson, good in qual. and type, moves gracefully, not far away, put down well; 3, Pennington, rich col., tight as wax, neat head and neck, nice body and wing carr.; 4, Garbutt. YELL. GREEN, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Forrest, exceptional qual., grand col., shapely, best of carr. near on equal; 3, vhc, Middleton, nice expression of head, neatly shaped body, A1 col. and qual., worth its place; 4, Coldbeck; he, Clare. CREST CK. (8): 1, Dobson, wonderful subs., wealth of rich qual. feather, crest large and dense, delightful droop and centre, gem of gems; 2, Steele, heaps of feather, capital size, crest of very neat formation, hardly so thickly packed, still a beauty; 3, Dodd, buff cl. body D.C., rare feather and plenty of it, massive in build, crest of great size, grand shape and droop, worth its place; 4, Radley and Son, buff var. D.C., lovely veiny feather, shapely, crest, nice size and shape, real bonny specimen; vhc, Bewick; he, Mrs. M. M. Scott; c, Memmott. HEN (7): 1, Mrs. Scott, delightful feather, abundance of clothing, massive in build, magnificent crest throughout, topper; 2, Barker, buff var., shapely, A1 qual., nice subs., grand top end, only hardly so large, pleasing droop and rightly placed centre; 3, Steel, capital qual., nice shaped crest, neat in droop and centre, good 3rd; 4, Dobson; vhc, Evans; he, Radley and Sons. C.B. (8): 1, Barker, buff var., a monster, heaps of A1 qual. feather, wonderful rise and width of skull, fine turn over, lashed to perfection; 2, Memmott, buff var., grand subs. and shape, lovely qual., head points of great character, not far behind; 3, 4, Steel, beauties, not quite so huge in build, but superb feather and nice skulls, neatly browed, close together; vhc, he, Radley and Son; c, Bewick. HEN (5): 1, Memmott, cl. buff, bewitching, exquisite qual., grand size and shape, charming head character, with luck should do some winning; 2, Dobson, shapely, superb feather, good size, grand skull and lash, most promising; 3, Evans, capital qual., shapely, not the subs. of above, but shows true character; 4, Radley and Son; vhc, Moore. CREST, 1915 (9): 1, c, Radley and Son, buff var., wonderful subs., taking shape, immense quantity of lovely qual. feather, crest, large, and of grand formation, delightful droop and centre; 2, Barker, buff green, shapely, A1 feather, not quite so massive yet, a clinking crest of capital merit, with time and luck should be heard of again; 3, Edwards, nice in feather, good in contour, neat and nicely radiated crest, worth its place; 4, vhc, Moore, buff var., plenty of feather, nice shaped body, crest, picture like, but on the small side; he, Dodd. C.B. (5): 1, Edwards, wealth of feather, grand size and shape, rattling width and rise of skull, well browed, gem; 2, vhc, Radley and Son, shapely, superior qual., not so massive, quite, yet grand head character, can beat more than beat it; 3, Colton and Dawn, all there for qual., plenty of feather, neat skull and lash, worth its place; 4, Moore. NOV. CREST (10): 1, Whyatt, heaps of rich feather, well up in size, crest of capital shape, nice droop and neat centre; 2, Mrs. Scott, wealth of feather of A1 description, good shaped body, beaten slightly in head character; 3, Jeffries, rich feather, nice size and shape, not the bulk; 4, Taylor, neat all through, but wants more subs. and larger crest for present day requirements; vhc, Lawton and Sons; he, Hodgson; c, Richardson. C.B. (5): 1, Jeffries, shapely, good subs., plenty of feather, nice rise, and fair width of skull, well lashed; 2, Mrs. Scott, superb feather, shapely, capital size, beaten a little in head character; 3, Richardson, buff var., abundance of feather, nice shaped body; 4, vhc, Hodgson. HYB., CL., ETC. (7): 1, 2, Martin and Archer, cl. Linnet-Can. and Goldf.-Can, both wonderful exhibits, often described, we thought the former was beginning to show signs of age; 3, 4, Evans, beauties, both showing parentage to a nicety, in tip top form and benched in grand style; vhc, Oldham; he, Dibb; c, Hubbard. HEAVY MKD. (6): 1, Dr. M. A. Wilson, Goldf.-Can., yell., magnificent col., not a feather wrong, grand face, beautifully mkd.; 2, Jones, very smart and stylish Greenie, good in shape, size, and qual., put down in the pink; 3, 4, Andrews, yell. Linnet-Can., well up in subs., lovely shape and carr., rich col., markings, profuse and well defined; 4, Greenie, good shape and qual.; vhc, Colton and Dawn; No. 3, Parlett, wrong class. DARK (10): 1, Parlett, well known yell. Goldie-Can., looking fit to fight for a kingdom; 2, Dr. M. A. Wilson, Linnet-Can., rare size and shape, magnificent ecl., smooth as wax, one of the best we have seen for many a year; 3, he, Taylor, yell. Goldf.-Can., well up in size, capital face, rich in col., and well mkd., gem; 4, Martin and Archer, Linnet-Can., good in feather and col., nice carr., not size of 2nd, yet very bonny; he, Whitnut and Son; c, Wilson. A.O.V. (11): 1, Parlett, renowned yell. Greenie-Can., looking as well as ever, wonderful specimen; 2, 3, Oldham, Redpoll Can. and Siskin-Can., both true character and marvellous merit, shown for all they were worth, credit to their owner; 4, Dr. Wilson, yell. Greenie-Can., shapely, lovely feather and col., not the size of 1st, still a beauty; vhc, Andrews; he, Jones; c, Whitnut and Son. A.O.V. HYB. (6): 1, Martin and Archer, the often favourably commented upon Greenie-Chaff., truly a rarity and a topper; 2, Parlett, the noted Canary-Bullf., "White Rose," not looking so rosy as we have seen him, inner flights somewhat disarranged; 3, Dr. Wilson, Greenie-Chaff., qual. and col. all there, nice symmetry, not the subs. of winner; 4, Hubbard, neat Goldf.-Bullf., not a giant but extremely choice; vhc, Edwards; No. 6, Dewar, absent. BTDGBRIGARS (5): 1, 2, Shipton, yellows and greens respectively, lovely exhibits, absolute perfect feather, staged in a masterly manner; 3, Fletcher, green, large, grand bloom, treat to observe, pressed hard; 4, Silver, yell., in capital trim. PARRAKEETS, ETC. (12): rare class: 1, 4, he, Fletcher, magnificent team, Barrabaud, of glorious character leading; 4, Pennants, in delightful bloom, benched by a master hand, and a credit to owner; 2, Fletcher, Eclectus, treat to observe, not a feather wrong, well known winner; 3, Silver Blue-winged Lovebirds, marvellous merit, put down in stylish fashion; vhc, c, Colton and Dawn. WAXBILLS, Etc., (17): pleasing class: 1, Silver, Goldbreasts, in perfect form, found heaps of friends, wonderful merit; 2, 3, vhc, F. Howe, Combassous and Cordon Bleus, pretty as paint, and in delightful fettle; 4, he, Fletcher, St. Helena, in nice order, and well worth the place. A.O. WAXBILLS, ETC. (11): 1, Colton and Dawn, Parrot Finch, that greatly charmed, could not be staged better, real gem; 2, Howe, Melba Waxbill, bewitching, again put down "right"; 3, Fletcher, a very pretty Cuban pair, tight, and in great form, staged to the moment; 4, c, Colton and Dawn, Melbas, in lovely trim, fine throughout, and benched in an up-to-date style; vhc, Pitchford; he, Hubbard. WEAVERS, Etc. (8): 1, Silver, Ultramarine Combassou, most handsome creature, in the pink; 2, Knypers, Paradise Whydah, that drew great attention by its delightful merit; 3, Arnott, Jackson's Whydah, one of most charming merit, really grand; 4, Woods, Bullie, tight as wax, in faultless condition, the York winner; vhc, Chadwick; he, c, Fletcher. INSECTIV. (5): 1, 3, Arnott, Golden-Fronted Fruitsucker, in great form, and a very choice Scarlet Tanager, in grand col.; 2, Miss F. Barlow-Massicks, Trinidad Thrush.

MR. J. BESWICK'S CLASSES.

GOLDF. (11): 1, 4, Crichlow, bonny pair of "proud tailors," former rare size and shape, capital col., large square and highly coloured blaze, rattling bars and buttons, a gem; 4, good in shape and size, nice col., capital blaze, not quite so expansive, yet of great merit; 2, Evans, lovely col. and feather, A1 blaze, near on as good as 1st, also possessing neat bars and buttons, pressed strenuously; 3, Jones, nice shape and size, hardly so rich in col., or so well cut in blaze as above, still quite capable of annexing many high honours; vhc, Carter; he, Jones; c, Allen. BULLF. (16): 1, Woods, York winner, to criticise unfavourably one would have to be in a temper, a model put down in a most marvellous manner, wins; 2, Martin and Archer, a great exhibit, yet not quite the same finish as winner, still a beauty; 3, Wilson, good size and shape, nice cap, neat breast col., hardly the exquisite feather of those above; 4, Edwards, shapely, nice size and qual., neat cap, of A1 polish, not so rich in breast, but worth its place; vhc, Smith; he, Walsh; c, Walkden. LINNET (21): grand lot: 1, 3, Oldham, leader, one of the best coloured and pencilled exhibits we have seen for many a day, a big "good 'un," 3, capital col., hardly so large, yet wonderful qual., profusely and distinctly mkd., smooth as glass, good 3rd; 2, Parlett, marvellous col., shapely, nice subs., steady as a top, not equal to 1st in pencilling quite, wee bit muddy; 4, Dr. Wilson, nice shape and feather, not the size, neat in markings, and of good col.; vhc, Mrs. L. E. T. Dalton; he, Francis; c, Walsh. GREENF. (19), rattling class: 1, P. Walsh, marvellous size, lovely shape and col., grand carr., real knockout; 2, Fairhurst, wonderful merit, pressed the winner strenuously, pity there were not two firsts, worth one; 3, he, Blanchon, very shapely, A1 qual. and col., nice carr., not quite so massive; 4, vhc, Francis, good shape and qual., nice subs., hardly so rich or so tight in feather; c, Oldham. LESSER REDPOLL (16): 1, Clare, rare size, grand shape and qual., good col., finely mkd., gem; 2, Chick, well up in subs., shapely, A1 qual. capital col., close up; 3, Parlett, fine size and shape, good feather and col., not quite the finish; 4, Chariton, shapely but on smaller lines, rich col., very neatly mkd.; vhc, Francis; he, Jones; c, Smith. MEALY, ETC. (16): 1, Oldham, lovely coloured and wonderfully pencilled Twite, not a feather misplaced, rare size and carr.; 2, 4, Mrs. L. E. T. Dalton, Siskin, good size and shape, neat cap, capital col. and pencilling, treat to observe; 4, Twite, rich col. and qual., nicely mkd., in the pink; 3, c, Francis, Redpoll, rare subs., rattling shape and col., best of markings, a gem; vhc, Walsh; he, Offord. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (22), wonderful class: 1, 2, Chick, Bramble and Chaff, "clinkers," put down in perfect cond.; 3, Oldham, Bramble, great size, magnificent col. and feather, grandly tkd., a real topper; 4, Walsh, most attractive Challinch, good feather, size and shape, hardly the richness of col. of 2nd; vhc, Parlett; he, Francis. BUNTING (8): 1, Dr. Wilson, charming Meadow Bunting, shows itself to perfection, staged in great style; 2, Chick, Yellow Bunting, rattling subs. beautiful col. very shapely, magnificent head character, one of the best; 3, Francis, we did not locate; 4, he, Walsh. A.O. SEED-EATER (6), all Hawfinches: 1, P. Walsh, rare subs., grand shape, lovely col., well shaped bib, quite a picture; 2, 3, Francis, both good ones, former just beaten in col., latter not quite so large, still a brace of beauties, and shown for all they were worth; 4, Fletcher; vhc, Chick; he, Beech. INSECTIV. (7): 1, Darlow, Redstart, in full bloom; 2, Dyson, Blackcap, in rare fettle, could not have been staged better; 3, Walsh, Meadow Pipit, in great trim, and shown finely, good 3rd; 4, Bent, nice Redstart, not quite so well up in col. as 1st, still one we liked; vhc, Fletcher. A.O.S. (6): 1, Taylor, Cornish Chough, nice size and shape, lovely sheen, capital legs and beak; 2, Darlow, very charming Waxwing, smooth as glass, many thought might have won; 3, Walsh, Magpie of good character, well worth its position; 4, Walsh; he, Green.

The patronage of the following specialist clubs undoubtedly assisted greatly in bringing together the "cream" of the various sections: Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., G.C.A., B.F.C.C., N.P.C., and O.N.P.C.C.

BRECHIN.

Brechin C.B.S. held its 52nd annual show in the City Hall on November 6. The objects of the show were of a patriotic nature, viz., the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Fund, but we are sorry to report that entries were down from last year. This was not expected to happen in Brechin, as it is a well-known fact that at every show in Scotland the Brechin fanciers turn out well. The judges were: Nor., Mr. W. Allison, Aberdeen; Mord., Mr. J. Rentone, Methil; Brit. and For., Mr. R. Watson, Glasgow, and their awards gave general satisfaction. Favoured with beautiful weather, the show was well patronised during the day. The arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr. John Crabb, sec., and Mr. A. Robinson, assist. sec., backed up by a hard-working committee. G. Mitchell, Brechin, won the society's cup for best Norwich; J. Craig the society's cup for best Bor; and Black and Heudrie the rosebowl for most points in British. All these cups now become the property of the respective winners. A pleasant feature of the show was the very large number of lady friends who visited the show and took a lively interest in the exhibits.

NOR. CL. OR TICK YELL. CK. (13): 1, 2, Mitchell, leader nice type, lovely col. and qual., 2nd unflig., good shape, close up; 3, Stewart, fails only in qual. to leaders; 4, Taylor; 5, Piric; 6, Brand. BUFF (11): 1, Mitchell, plenty size and subs., good head; 2, Harris, similar type, fine col. and qual.; 3, McCue, not quite the subs. of leaders; 4, Pirie; 5, McLean; 6, Adam. YELL. VAR. CK. (10): 1, Grewar, heavy var., bold front, rare type and qual.; 2, Mitchell, good qual. and col.; 3, Pirie, lightly var., nice qual. and type; 4, Harris; 5, Ritchie; 6, Kennedy. BUFF (7): 1, Murray, fine col., very wild; 2, Dalgety, dark var., fine head and neck, good qual.; 3, Mitchell, not the size of leaders, grand type and qual.; 4, Hampton; 5, Strachan; 6, Allardyce. CL. OR TICK YELL. HEN (4): 1, McLean, nice type, bold front; 2, McLeod, similar type, better head; 3, Harris, good size and shape, close up; 4, Pirie. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Mitchell, leader nice head, bold front, good shape; 2, Strachan, good size and shape, fine cond.; 3, Adam, rich level col., good qual; 5, Sinclair; 6, Craig. YELL. VAR. HEN (9): 1, Mitchell, dark var., fine qual., nice head; 2, Grewar, same type, good cond.; 3, Pirie, good type and qual.; 4, Harris; 5, Weir; 6, Smith. BUFF (8): 1, Grewar, well-known dark var., good head and neck, fine size and shape; 2, Mitchell, good head and neck, fine cond.; 3, Murray, same type, fine qual.; 4, Calderwood; 5, Craig; 6, Pirie. UNFLG. CK. (15): 1, 2, 3, Mitchell, leader yell., rare head and neck, great size, lovely qual., wins cup best Nor. and S.P.C. medal, 2nd yell., grizzle cheek, fine head and neck, not the sub. of leader, 3rd buff var., nice exhibit; 4, Adamson; 5, Forrest; 6, Murray. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, Mitchell, leader yell. var., rare shape and qual., fine head, wide bold front, 2nd cl. buff, in grand order, 3rd cl. yell., fine shape and size; 4, Strachan; 5, Grewar. NON-FED CK. (6): 1, Murray, cl. yell., fine size and shape, nice col.; 2, Ritchie, massive buff green, fine head, grand qual.; 3, Mitchell, buff var., good qual. and col.; 4, McLeod; 5, McGuire; 6, Hampton. HEN (6): 1, McLeod, cl. yell, fine size and shape, neat round head, wins S.P.C. medal for best hen; 2, Smith, yell. var., nice qual., neat shape; 3, Stewart, fine type and qual. SELL. CK. (19): 1, Hampton; 2, Forrest; 3, Ross and Duncan. HEN (11): 1, Smith; 2, Calderwood; 3, Brand. BORD. CL. OR TICK YELL. CK. (14): 1, Jas. Patterson, neat round head, nice shape, fine wings; 2, Craig, similar type, nice round front; 3, 6, Crabb and Finlayson, neat shape, fine col. and cond.; 4, Arch. Robertson; 5, Nicol. BUFF (14): 1, 5, Craig, neat head, fine front, rare size, grand col. and qual.; 2, Crabb and Finlayson, nicely moulded, fine col., neat wings; 3, Sinart, neat exhibit, loses in col. to leaders; 4, Bennet; 6, A. Robertson. YELL. VAR. CK. (7): 1, 4, Craig, light var., nice col. and cond.; 2, 5, Crabb and Finlayson, eye and wing mark, fine shape, good col.; 3, Geo. Paterson, sweet var., close up; 6, Elliot. BUFF (13): 1, 4, Craig, line shape, nice front, carries wing well, grand col; 2, Bennet, lovely qual., well put down; 3, J. Paterson, nearly even, fine col. and cond.; 5, Wilson; 6, J. Taylor. CL. OR TICK YELL. HEN (10): 1, 3, Craig, nice head, fine round front, line wings and tail, 3rd same type, not far behind; 2, Bennet, shade small, but grand type and qual.; 4, Smart; 5, Wilson; 6, A. Robertson. BUFF (13): 1, Craig, grand exhibit, wins society's cup and B.F.C.C. medal best bird, sweet round head, fine front and back, nicely tapered away, wins; 2, Jas. Patterson, fine type and qual., nice wings and tail; 3, A. Robertson, finely moulded, neat exhibit; 4, Crabb and Finlayson; 5, Weir; 6, Bennet. YELL. VAR. HEN (15): 1, Jas. Patterson, nearly even, nice shape, col. and cond.; 2, Crabb and Finlayson, neat round head, fine col. and qual.; 3, Geo. Patterson, fine shape, nice wings; 4, 5, Craig; 6, J. Robertson, wins novice medal. BUFF (11): 1, Craig, neat round head, fine col., well put down; 2, Spence, nice var., fine type and qual.; 3, Robertson, nicely mkd., fine cond.; 4, Crabb and Finlayson; 5, Smart; 6, Irons. EVEN MK. (6): 1, Crabb and Finlayson, perfect eyes and nice wings, in lovely order; 2, A. Robertson, fails in marking to leaders, still a good one; 3, Stewart, nice, even, fine cond.; 4, Craig; 5, Lyall; 6, Hampton. GREEN OR CINN. (10): 1, Jas. Patterson, cinn., fine col., nice type and qual.; 2, Lyall, cinn., fine shape, close up; 3, Showler, green, sound col.; 4, 5, Sturrock; 6, Hampton. SEL. CK. (4): 1, 2, Robertson; 3, Craig. HEN (11): 1, Craig; 2, Bennett; 3, Smart

The remainder of this report had not come to hand when we went to press, and will be given next week.—Editor

HOLYHEAD C.B.S.

First annual show, Nov. 2; 33 birds staged. Mr. J. Keen judged, and gave satisfaction. Yorks. Vell.: 1 and 2, tl. Grilliths; 2, Maher. Buff: 1, James; 2, Doughty; 3, H. Griffiths. Tkd. or Var[illegible]o 2, Doughty; 3, Maher. Nor.: 1, H. Griffiths; 2 and 3, Evans. Mules: 1, H. Griffiths; 2, A. Griffiths; 3, Jones. Goldf.: 1 and 2, Griffiths; 3, Jones. A.O. Brit.: 1, H. Griffiths; 2, Jones; 3, H. Griffiths. Spl. best Can., R. Jones; best Goldf., A. Griffiths.—H. Griffiths, Sec.

EAST ARDSLEY C.B.S.

Members' show, Nov. 13, with a good entry and good quality. Mr. J. Chambers (Leeds) judged and gave every satisfaction. Linnet: 1, he, Burnell; 2, Walton; 3, A. Bedford; vhc, c, Summers. Greenf.: 1, 3, Burnell; 2, Walton; vhc, Summers. Goldf. and Bullf.: 1, 3, he, Burnell; 2, Pyrah; vhc, D. Bedford; c, Walton. Redpoll, &c.: 1, Burnell; 2, 3, Summers; vhc, Pyrah; he, A. Bedford; c, Walton. Class 5: 1, 3, Pyrah; 2, Walton; vhc, he, Burnell Mules: 1, Kendrew; 2, D. Bedford.—A. Walton, Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.

Eleventh annual show of the Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S., Nov. 12, 13, U.M. Schoolroom. In spite of the unsettled state of affairs the society gave a very liberal classification, and was rewarded by a record entry of nearly 800. Norwich were the strongest in numbers, including some of the cream of the Fancy. Yorks. were rather disappointing in number, but quality was good. Crests and Crestbreds were forward in stronger force than we have seen for some time, and recalled to our mind the palmy days of the Crest Canary in the Tyneside district; not only was the number good, but quality also was excellent. The champion of the section was Mr. David Scott's Crest, which won the President's silver cup for best bird in show. Border Fancy classes showed a falling off in numbers, compared with the very large classes we have been accustomed to see, but some extra grand specimens were staged of all the various colours. This district being such a hotbed of the green Border, quite a collection of top-notchers were fighting for premier honours. Mules were down in numbers, but British were up to the average.

The officials are such well known fanciers, and have had so much experience in show matters that it seems almost superfluous to say that all the work was carried out without any trace of fuss or confusion. The office-bearers are: J. Hands, Chair; G. Dobson, Vice-Chair; R. Havies, Treas.; G. Havver, Sec.; Committee, G. Simpson, J. H. Crass, T. Leek, Jos. Clark, C. Vallance, T. Fletcher, C. Graham, R. Davis, J. Hillary, J. Robson, J. J. Walker, T. Harrison, T. C. Crawhall, J. T. Reed. The judges were: H. W. Battye, Nor., Crests, and Yorks; T. Dixon, Borders; J. Maddison, Mules, British and Foreign.

NOR. YELL. (16): 1, Crawshaw, rare head and neck, stout body, hot col., grand order; 2, Thomas, eye tkd., very rich col., full head and neck, scarcely so stout in body; 3, Bates, fine size, cobby shape, lacks the col. of leaders; 4, Glendinning; vhc, Fleck; hc, Harrison; c, Morrison. BUFF (16): 1, McKay, fine size and subs., good head, full neck, capital feather and cond.; 2, Holden, good stamp all over, just beaten in col.; 3, Hirst, big and thick set, shows a bit more feather; 4, Bates; vhc, Mason and Anderson; hc, Crass; c, Thomas. HEN, YELL. (13): 1, 4, Lawson, fine size, shape, col., and qual.; 2, Hirst, almost, if not quite, as good as winner; 3, Crawshaw, grand for type, but beaten in col.; vhc, Morrison; hc, Moore. BUFF (17): 1, Crawshaw, grand cobby shape, full head and neck, extra qual. of feather; 2, Lawson, rare good front, but a little less subs. in body, in capital order; 3, Kaherry, massive body, excellent feather; 4, Jeffries; vhc, Hands; hc, Thomas; c, Smailes. UNFLIG. YELL. (20): 1, 3, Lawson, 1st, good head and body, hot col., pink of cond.; 3rd, fine type, best col.; 2, Crawshaw, close up to winner in all points; 4, Page; vhc, Matthewson; hc, Smith; c, Hands. BUFF (16): 1, Priestly and Tucker, good thick-set body, full head and neck, tight feather; 2, McKay, rare size and type, bit untidy at thighs; 3, Smailes, less size, but rare good shape and qual. of feather; 4, Makepeace; vhc, Holden; hc, Curry; c, Jeffries. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Moore, fine size, rare good type, col., and qual.; 2, Matthewson, cobby shape, good head and neck; 3, Hands, extra good col. and feather, good head, scarcely so stout in body; 4, Crawshaw; vhc, Priestley and Tucker; hc, Fox; c, Hirst. BUFF (13): 1, Crawshaw, grand size, type, and qual. of feather; 2, Thomas, capital size and shape, in rare cond.; 3, Hirst, little to find fault with, close up; 4, Hadden; vhc, Page; hc, Telfer; c, Crass. NOV., YELL. (10): 1, 4, Bell, grand size, type, and col., tight cond.; 2, Priestly and Tucker, hot col., fine size and subs., not to tight feather; 3, Bird, close up in all points; vhc, Proctor; hc, Hunter; c, Coates. BUFF (12): 1, Bell, good in size, shape, and feather, hot col.; 2, Makepeace, very close up, except not so good on head; 3, Bird, massive body, good feather and cond.; 4, Hunter; vhc, Cresswell; hc, Barnes; c, Telfer. CREST. CK. (13): 1, Scott, crest of wonderful size and density, perfect centre, not a feather out of place, closely packed at back, awarded the silver cup for best bird in show; 2, c, Dobson, grand length of head feather, but owing to the heavy droop the crest does not look so expansive as the winner; 3, Dickenson Bros., very neat, well-shaped crest, scarcely the size of leaders; 4, hc, J. Taylor; vhc, Mrs. T. Taylor. CREST, HEN (14): 1, Barker, large, well-packed crest, grand formation and droop; 2, hc, J. Taylor, crest of good size and density, scarcely so neat; 3, R. S. Bewick, large dense crest of good shape; 4, c, Armstrong; vhc, T. Bewick. C.B. CK. (14): 1, Armstrong, great width of head, real bull-neck, abundance of feather, very heavily lashed; 2, Barker, really grand bird, not far behind; 3, R. S. Bewick, yet another topper, a mass of feather from head to tail; 4, T. Bewick; vhc, Hutchinson; hc, Dobson; c, J. Taylor. C.B. HEN (5): 1, Mrs. T. Taylor, great amount of head feather, heavily lashed eyes, well-filled neck; 2, Armstrong, a capital hen, close up; 3, R. S. Bewick, grand feather; 4, Dobson; vhc, Gillespie. CREST, 1915 (8): 1, J. Taylor, large round crest, well-filled centre, grand droop; 2, Richardson, crest of fine size and shape, scarcely so well groomed; 3, R. S. Bewick, rare width of crest, good shape and qual.; 4, T. Bewick; vhc, Lawson; hc, Armstrong; c, Simpson. C.B., 1915 (14): 1, Mrs. T. Taylor, great width of head, well filled at back, good lash; 2, R. S. Bewick, really good, close up; 3, Riseborough, a mass of feather; 4, Richardson; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Lawson; c, Dickenson Bros. YELL. CREST OR C.B., 1915 (5): 1, 3, Simpson, both C.B., not much to choose between them; 2, 4, vhc, Dobson, 2nd, Crest, not over large, but very neat. CREST, NOV. (7): 1, 3, Morgan, good-sized crest of nice formation and qual.; 3rd, very similar; 2, Tate, large crest of good shape, not so well groomed; 4, vhc, c, Simpson; hc, Coates. C.B., NOV. (7): 1, 2, 3, Simpson, rare heads and bodies, any amount of feather; 4, vhc, c, Tate; hc, Graham. YORKS., CL. OR TK. YELL. (6): 1, 2, hc, Crawhall, long, well-rounded body, very smooth feather, rich level col.; 2nd, fine length, best of wings and tail, paler col.; 3, Stewart, erect pos., capital feather and cond.; 4, Williams; vhc, Hands. YELL., TKD. OR VAR. (3): 1, Everett, grand type, qual. and cond.; 2, Crawhall, equally as good, only beaten in feather; No. 1, abs. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Crawhall, rare length, well tapered, extra good feather; 2nd, also good, close up; 3, Wilman, grand pos., good wing and tail carr.; 4, Everett. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 2, vhc, Crawhall, capital length and pos., perfect wings and tail, close-fitting jacket; 2nd, not far behind, scarcely the grand finish; 3, Stirk, very neat all over, close up; 4, Archbold and Lascelles; hc, Oxley. BUFF HEN (4): 1, Crawhall, plenty of length, erect pos., beautifully moulded; 2, Stirk, capital type and feather, good wings and tail; 3, Leek, rare length, well-rounded body, best of cond.; 4, Hands. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Crawhall, fine length, stands well, nicely proportioned, hot col.; 2, Leek, plenty length, fine type, good wings; 3, Stewart, long and slim; 4, Hands; vhc, hc, Mather; c, Smith. BUFF (8): 1, Stewart, rare shape, extra good feather, rich col.; 2, 3, Crawhall, good length and shape, well up on leg; 3rd, scarcely so neat in wing; 4, Leek; vhc, Everett; hc, Stirk. HEN, A.C. (8): 1, 3, Crawhall, grand length, well drawn, capital col. and qual.; 2, Everett, plenty size, excellent feather, more shoulder; 4, Mather; vhc, Hands; hc, Leach; c, Stirk. YELL., NOV. (15): 1, 3, 4, Havis, long and slim, well up on leg, rare qual. of feather; 2, Cleverley, plenty length, but col., not so fine drawn; vhc, Reed; hc, Leach; c, Ferguson. BUFF (13): 1, Smith, fine pos., well tapered, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, Havis, grand length, close feather, bit more wright; 4, Oxley; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Knowles. HEN (14): 1, Leach, fine length, well proportioned, well on leg; 2, Havis, long and erect, close compact feather; 3, Cleverley, nice pos., capital wings, and cond.; 4, Oxley; hc, Read; c, Cresswell. BORD., YELL. (14): 1, Nicholson, a real typical Border, clean as a new pin; 2, 3, Morland, 2nd, almost as good as winner, perhaps scarcely so correct in head; 3rd, close up; 4, Espie; vhc, Purvis; hc, Hay; c, Wilson. BUFF (12): 1, Nicholson, extra good type, qual. of feather, wing carr., and moves like clockwork; 2, Hay, neat and compact all over, extra qual.; 3, Espie, fine type, and qual. of feather, put down in rare order; 4, Purves; vhc, Heslop; hc, c, Wilson. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Smith and Son, very fine, sweetly moulded little hen, nice carr., perfect feather and cond.; 2, Watson, very typical, excellent qual., close up; 3, Nicholson, as good as any, except perhaps a little uncertainty of one wing; 4, Watson; vhc, Hay; hc, Morland; c, Johnston. BUFF (11): 1, Espie, smart and typical, extra qual. of feather; 2, Watson, a size larger, but capital shape, and carr.; 3, Purvis, neat round head, perfect wing carr. and cond.; 4, Morland; vhc, Bates; hc, Weir; c, Nicholson. EVEN MKD. (4): 1, 2, Nicholson, outstanding pair for type, col., qual., and mkgs.; 3, Espie, not far behind; 4, Hillary. YELL. VAR. (2): 1, 2, Nicholson, well known cinn. mkd. leading, a grand pair. BUFF (9): 1, Johnston, good all round, as smooth as a bottle; 2, Nicholson, little to choose; 3rd, Hay, also good; all three worthy of a first; 4, Elliott; vhc, Walker Bros.; hc, Morland; c, Docherty. HEN (8): 1, Nicholson; 2, Bates; little to choose between them; 3, Espie, correct type and carr., extra good feather, close up; 4, vhc, Smith and Son; hc, Johnston; c, Greenwell. CK., NOV. (18): 1, 3, Heslop, 1st, cl. buff, grand type and qual.; 3rd, cl. yell., smart and typical; 2nd, vhc, A. Affleck, 2nd, green of nice shape, sound col., good pencilling; 4, Cossar; hc, Forster; c, Rinder. HEN (16): 1, Forster, buff, small and neat, perfect wings, excellent feather; 2, hc, Heslop, yell., sweetly moulded, fine carr.; 3, A. Affleck, very stylish green of rare col. and shape; 4, Rinder; vhc, Nicholson; c, Wilson. GRN., SLF. OR FL., YELL. (12): 1, Wilson, good type, feather, and cond.; 2, vhc, Johnston, all there for type and qual., sound col., distinct pencilling, put down in the best possible cond.; 3, Greenwell, also good in all essential points; 4, Rinder; hc, Reid; c, Montgomery. BUFF (13): 1, Whitelaw, smart and typical, fine carr. and cond.; 2, 3, Johnston, good type, qual., and finish, sound col. and mkgs.; 3rd, a bit more size, otherwise similar; 4, Reid; vhc, Montgomery; hc, W. Affleck. HEN, YELL. (13): 1, 2, 3, Johnston, a clean sweep, three typical birds of sound col. and distinct pencilling; 4, vhc, W. Affleck; hc, Espie; c, Reid. BUFF (12): 1, 2, 3, Johnston, another fine performance, 1st is full weight, but grand type and qual. of feather, and shows a remarkable amount of pencilling, and only in the latter point does it beat the second; 3rd is a little beaten in col., otherwise good; 4, Baxter; vhc, Greenwell; hc, Heslop; c, Montgomery. CINN. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Johnston, fine type and carr., sound col. and cond.; 2, Dick, neat all over, capital wing carr., col., and cond.; 3, Forrest, very rich col., excellent feather, in rare order; 4, Reid; vhc, McColl; hc, Wilson. BUFF (8): 1, Nicholson, smart and stylish, sound level col.; 2, Wilson, rare type and qual., close up; 3, Smith, extra good in feather and cond., sound col.; 4, Whitelaw; vhc, Forrest; hc, Cossar; c, Dick. HEN, YELL. (8): 1, Heslop, neat and typical, fine carr. and col.; 2, Wilson, sound col., silky feather, capital shape; 3, Smith, smart and shapely, capital carr., in rare order; 4, McCol; vhc, Dick; hc, Nicholson; c, Whitelaw. BUFF (5): 1, Smith, grand type and qual., sound col.; 2, Wilson, neat all through, excellent wings and feather; 3, Johnson, smart shape, good col. and cond.; 4, Whitelaw; vhc, Davison. CINN., NOR. TYPE (4): 1, 2, Mills, yell. and buff of good size and col.; 3, Mills and Anderson; 4, Armstrong. LIZARD (8): 1, 4, Heslop, clr. cap Gold, well spangled; 2, 3, hc, W. P. Barnes, both Golds of good col. and spangling; vhc, Johnson. SELL 20s. (10): 1, Dickenson Bros.; 2, Archbold and Lascelles; 3, Orton; 4, Tose; vhc, Dobson; hc, Gray. 15s. (19): 1, Hay; 2, Coates; 3, Mills; 4, Priestly and Tucker; vhc, Smith; hc, Hugill; c, Curry. 10s. (11): 1, Coates; 2, Oxley; 3, Wilson; 4, Tyson; vhc, Hands; hc, Dobson; c, Harkess. 7s. 6d.: 1, 3, Smith and Son; 2, Tyson; 4, Richardson. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Wilson, Redpoll-Bullfic, very nice col.; 2, Harkess, var. Goldie Can. DK. (6): 1, Wilson, rich-coloured Can.-Bullie; 2, Hooper, yell. Greenie, grand col. and cond.; 3, J. Dobson, big, stout, buff Linnet Mule, in rare order; 4, Appleton; vhc, Scott; hc, Douglas. GOLDF. (9): 1, Wright, fine cobby shape, bold head, wide, clean-cut, rich-coloured blaze, good wings and tan; 2, 4, Almond, good size and shape, big blaze, good tan, not so forward in col. as winner; 3, Wilson, grand stamp of Finch, not up in cond.; vhc, Reed; hc, Robson; c, Bearly. BULLF. (6): 1, Johnston, rare size and shape, very rich breast col., carried well down; 2, 4, Woods, very stylish Finch, in most perfect feather, beaten in subs. and col.; 3, Hooper, very rich col., a bit untidy at thighs, scarcely steady enough; vhc, Wilson; hc, Fisher. GREENF. (3): 1, Stewart, good size and col., best of cond.; 2, Hetherington, not the col.; 3, Brown and Ingoe, scarcely so stout. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, 3, Johnston, Siskin and Redpoll, good col., markings, and cond.; 2, Cresswell, large, good-coloured, steady Twite; 4, Bearly; vhc, Gray; hc, Hooper; c, Dickenson Bros. A.O. FINCH OR BUNTING (6): 1, Waters, extra good col. Chaffinch; 2, Wilson, Meadow Bunting; 3, vhc, Bertram, rich-coloured Bramble; 4, Hooper. LINNET, H.M. (11): 1, Wright, fine size, sound col., well mkd. front; 2, Glendinning, good shape and col., very steady; 3, Wilson, a good bird, scarcely ready; vhc, Woodhouse; hc, Hutchison; c, Brown. F.M. (19): 1, 2, Woodhouse, both good col. and well mkd. on front; 3, Smailes, grand size, very steady, beaten col.; 4, Handley; vhc, Waters; c, Bertram. FOR. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Almond, Melba and Grass Finches in grand bloom; 3, 4, Johnston, Coram Lory and Parson-finch, fine birds, in good order. MEMBERS' CLASSES. —NOR. YELL.: 1, Page; 2, C. Hands; 3, 4, Crass; vhc, hc, Morrison. BUFF: 1, 3, Morrison; 2, 4, Hands; vhc, Page; hc, Crass; c, Wardell. HEN, YELL.: 1, Hutchinson; 2, Hands; 3, Page; 4, Morrison. BUFF: 1, 2, Wardell; 3, Morrison; 4, Cross; vhc, c, Jas. Crass; hc, Cresswell. NAT. COL.: 1, 2, Hands. NOV.: 1, Page; 2, Wardell. CREST, CK.: 1, 2, Simpson. HEN: 1, Bewick; 2, vhc, Dobson; 3, 4, Simpson. C.B., CK.: 1, vhc, Dobson; 2, Bewick:

LEITH.

56th Annual Show, Nov. 13, in Junction Church Halls, a room of nice size with plenty of light, and birds grandly staged, round the side and up the centre. Entries were greatly over last year, and would number about 500. Scotch Fancies were a very nice lot and contained some grand birds, the cup winner in this section being Mr. G. C. T. Hope, Norwich were fairly well up and as regards quality were on about an average. The cup winner was Mr. W. Wall's with a grand, typical bird. Borders were exceptionally well filled, and contained some very typical birds of rare merit. We were pleased to see the cup winner in this section was the worthy Sec., Mr. G. Brown, he also won the B.F.C.C. medal. Crests, etc., although not forward in quantity, were there in quality. Mr. Moffat won special for best bird in this section. British, etc., were well filled, and contained some grand birds. The hardbilled cup winner was Mr. John Allan with a grand Bramble. Softbill cup, Mr. A. W. Watson, with a Blackbird of rare size. This being his third successive year of winning, the cup now becomes his property. Mules, etc., were nice in quantity, and variety, the cup winner was Mr. W. Allan with a grand Gold-Bullf. The girt class is a feature of this show; the society provides the cages, and members give six birds. This section could be better filled, for almost the same names appear year after year. We would be pleased to see other names another year, more especially from a few Norwich and Border exhibitors. The office bearers are a hard working lot, and the genial sec., Mr. Brown, is ably assisted by the Pres., Mr. Jas. Lumsden, who is ever looking after the interests of one and all; vice-pres., Mr. John Allan; committee, Messrs. E. Anderson, Buglass and Finnie, and Galloway; judges were Messrs. A. Hamilton, Pringle, Grewar, J. Hamilton, W. Thomson, and J. Sykes, Musselburgh, who all gave general satisfaction.

SCOTCH FANCY, YELL. CK. (10): 1, sp, Hope, grand size, style, and cond.; 2, Carson, not much behind, rare drive and top end; 3, 4, Dalgleish, grand size, and rare thickness through, presses hard; 5, Muir; 6, West. BUFF (5): 1, Paterson, grand length of side, grand head, takes pos. well; 2, 4, Dalgleish; 2, grand size, slightly thicker through, full of nerves; 3, Allen, not so massive in body, but a nice one; 5, Hope; 6, West. PIED (7): 1, Allan, grand size, decided drive, well set up shoulders; 2, Paterson, nice size, not so wide across, but of grand action and style; 3, Hope, much the same stamp and style; 4, Dalgleish. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Dalgleish, grand size, rare length of side, and nice set up shoulders; 2, Paterson, nice size, prominent in shoulders, takes position well; 3, Hope, not so thick through, but rare stylish action; 5, Drysdale. GREEN (4): 1, Dalgleish, nice size, rich in col., decided action and style; 2, Allan, nice size, well set up body, carries tail well under. YELL. HEN (5): 1, West, grand size, full of subs. and qual.; 2, Muir, nice size, well set up shoulder, and good top; 3, Muir; 3, Paterson, nice qual. and style, takes pos. well. BUFF (9): 1, Dalgleish, well up in size, and style, carries head and tail well; 2, Allan, grand size and action, fails if anything in thickness; 3, West, grand size, full of qual. and style; 4, 5, Rodger; 6, Drysdale; 7, Muir. YELL. PIED (7): 1, Dalgleish, nice size, stylish action, good top end; 2, Paterson, nice size, rare style, and easy action; 3, West, much the same style and qual. of winner; 4, Allan. BUFF (7): 1, Paterson, well up in size, rare length of side, full of nerves; 2, Allan, nice size, rare top end, grand worker; 3, Dalgleish, grand size, not so free action, but a good one; 4, Rodger. GREEN (5): 1, 3, Paterson, 1, grand style, rare qual. throughout; 3, nice size, rare action, fails slightly thickness; 2, Dalgleish, nice size, rare qual., takes easy action. NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (15): 1, sp, Walls, grand size, rare head and neck, carries wings well; 2, 7, Carson, nice size, rare qual. of feather, but not so close fitting; 3, sp, 6, Finnie, nice qual. of feather, good head; 4, Procter; 5, Drysdale. BUFF (23): 1, Watt, grand size, rare subs., rather short in head; 2, Moffat, nice size, rich in col.; 3, 4, Finnie; 3, nice length rather loose in feather; 5, Buglass; 6, Proctor; 7, Carson. YELL. VAR. (6): 1, Watt, grand size, rare qual., grand wings and tail; 2, 6, Buglass; 2, nice size, rich and silky in feather, good head and front; 3, 4, Forrest; 3, very typical, rare head and neck; 5, Blair. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Finnie, a nice pair, rich col. nicely staged; 3, Weir, nice size, well rounded back, carries wings well; 4, no name; 5, Proctor; 6, sp, 7, Turnbull. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (12): 1, sp, Watt, nice size, deep in chest, and well rounded back and neck; 2, 3, Finnie; 2, nice size, etc., fails slighly in qual. of feather only; 3, not so thick set, but rare qual. throughout; 4, Walls; 5, sp, Proctor; 6, Buglass; 7, Hutchison. BUFF (16): 1, sp, Walls, grand size, rare subs., very typical throughout; 2, Finnie, nice size, rare qual. of feather, grand wings and tail; 3, Carson, well up in size and qual.; 4, Watt; 5, Moffat; 6, Proctor; 7, Hutchison. VAR. (7): 1, 3, 5, 7, Finnie; 1, grand size rich and silky in feather, good head and neck; 3, nice size, well up in col., in grand order; 2, Proctor, much the same stamp, little to choose between; 4, Buglass. BUFF (7): 1, Buglass, grand type and style, rich col., good head; 2, sp, 5, Watt, nice size, very shapely, rattling order; 3, Proctor, grand size, rare qual. of feather, a little weak in head; 4, Walls; 5, Weir; 7, Hutchison. CINN. OR GREEN (7): 1, 2, 3, Watson, 1, grand, rich coloured cinn., foul tail, rare qual.; 2, well up in size, rich tone of col.; 3, not so large, but rare qual. and bold in front; 4, Walls; 5, Watt; 6, Blair. CREST (7): 1, sp, Moffat, grand sized body, very shapely crest and well centred; 2, Smith, grand, length of body, well formed crest of nice breadth of feather; 3, Moffat, nice size, not so shapely in crest but will improve; 4, Stevenson. HEN (2): 1, no name, well tapered body, nice bold head and nicely formed crest; 2, Smith, we preferred, slightly bigger in body and longer in crest feather. C.B. (4): 1, 3, Stevenson, grand size, very shapely body, nice bold head, and well lashed; 3, fails slightly in size, but rare depth of skull, with grand entrance; 2, Watters, nice size, rare width of skull and nicely lashed. BORD., CL. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Brown, perfect model and needs no

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3, 4, Simpson; hc, Graham. HEN: 1, Bewick; 2, Hutchinson; 3, 4, Dobson. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Leek; 2, Graham; 3, vhc, Hands; 4, Crawhall; hc, c, Havis. BUFF: 1, vhc, Crawhall; 2, Havis; 3, c, Graham; 4, hc, Leek. HEN: 1, 2, Crawhall; 3, hc, Graham; 4, Reed; vhc, Hands; c, Leek. NOV.: 1, 3, Reed; 2, Lynn; 4, hc, Rutter; vhc, Graham. BORD., YELL.: 1, 2, Hillary; 3, Simpson. BUFF: 1, 2, Hillary. HEN: 1, 2, Hillary. FAIRS: 1, 3, Hands; 2, Dobson. MULES: 1, Leek; 2, Lynn. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Reed; 2, Rutter. LINNET, H.M.: 1, Vallance; 2, Hutchinson; 3, Leek; 4, Hands. F.M.: 1, Hands; 2, Crass; 3, Simpson.

comments; 2, Dodds, nice type and qual., slightly loose at shoulders when we saw it; 3, Rodger, grand size and qual., feathers like wax; 4, Brown; 5, Stevenson; 6, Brown; 7, Hutchison. BUFF (22): 1, sp, Dods, grand size, close fitting feathers, well piped tail; 2, Brown, presses winner hard, rare type, rich tone of feather; 3, 4, Hutchison, 3, grand size and nice model, perfect wing carr.; 5, Stevenson; 6, Rodger; 7, Purvis. YELL. HEN (18): 1, sp, cup, 5, Brown, model, rich in col, rare jaunty carr.; 2, Dods, nice size, rare wings and tail, presses hard; 3 Muir, nice size, very shapely body, rare head and neck; 4, 6, Rodger; 7, Dods. BUFF (19): 1, sp, Dods, grand size, rare type and qual., ran wing and tail carr.; 2, Brown, very typical, little to choose; 3, Muir, nice size, close wing and tail carr.; 4, Drysdale; 5, Lumsden; 6, Hutchison, 7, Purves. TKD. (13): 1, Dods, grand size, cl., slight grizzle on head, rare qual. throughout; 2, Little, slightly tkd., rich col., close fitting feather, good carr.; 3, 4, 5, Brown, 3, grand size, rare type and qual., close in feather; 6, Hutchison; 7, Rodger. YELL. VAR. (7): 1, Brown, very sweet type and qual., nicely piped tail; 2, 3, 4, Rodger, rare beam, nice qual., and all in perfect order; 5, Dods; 6, Lumsden; 7, Drysdale. BUFF (17): 1, 3, Rodger, 1, grand type and style, close fitting feather, rare bold head; 3, much the same stamp, slightly loose at thigh; 2, Brown, nice type and qual. of feather, grand wing carr.; 4, sp, 7, Muir; 5, 6, Dods. YELL. GR. (11): 1, Dods, nice size, richly mkd. fails a little in under vent col.; 2, Hutchison, grand type and more solid in col., could have gone up; 3, Brown, nice size, not so distinctly mkd., nice piped tail; 4, 5, T. Allan; 6, Lumsden. BUFF (13): 1, no name, nice size, rich tone of col., and well mkd.; 2, 6, Lumsden, bolder in head, rare, rich col., and level throughout; 3, 4, 5, Dodds; 3, nice size and type, rare head, fails a little in col.; 7, Drysdale. HEN (16): 1, 2, Stevenson, typical pair, richly mkd., in rare order; 3, 6, Lumsden, nice size, rich in tone, little to choose; 4, Dods; 5, Brown. BUFF (11): 1, Dods, nice type, good col., nicely mkd.; 2, no name, nice size, very typical body, rare head and neck; 3, 5, Lumsden; 3, grand size, rich col., very distinctly mkd., might have gone up one; 4, Drysdale; 6, no name; 7, T. Allan. YELL. CINN. (4): 1, 4, Weir, nice size, rich in col. and markings, good head and neck; 2, Dods, nice type, rich tone of col., well piped tail; 3, Buglass. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 4, 6, Buglass, model, almost perfect, in every way; 2, same stamp, style, and qual.; 3, Dods, nice size, not so rich in col., close in feather; 5, 7, Weir. HEN (11): 1, 2, 3, 4, Buglass, grand team and no faults to find; 5, Dods; 6, Weir; 7, T. Allan. FOR. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (3): 1, W. Allan, nice size, rich tanned breast, well cut blaze, and nicely buttoned; 2, 3, Finnie; 2, nice size, rich back and front, fails slightly in size of blaze; 3, same comments. BRIT. GOLDF. (5): 1, Brown, nice size, rich front, nicely buttoned and steady; 2, Watson, grand size, rare size of blaze and tannings, fails through short in one wing flights; 3, Brown, nice size, good blaze and moonings; 4, Messer; 5, Finnie. LINNET (13): 1, Allan, grand size, rich breast and back, steady and well put down; 2, 5, 6, Anderson; 2, grand type, rich col., plenty of white in wings and tail; 3 T. Allan nice size, rich back, and well mkd. front; 4, Watson; 7, Weir. GREENF. NON-FED. (18): 1, 5, Messer, 1, grand size, Norwich type, rich grassy green, well put down; 2, 3, Allan; 2, grand size, close fitting feather, showing plenty of yellow in wings and tail; 3, nice size, not so rich in col., steady, and well shown; 4, no name; 6, Carson; 7, Adam. GREENF. FED (3): 1, 2, Finnie, 1, grand size, rich in colour and well fed; 2, nice size, rare rounded back and front, nicely shown; 3, Watson, nice size, not yet up in bloom, will improve. SISKIN (3): 1, Galloway, nice size, rich back, nice wing bars; 2, Adam, nice size and tone of col., slight bib, steady, and well put down; 3, Watson, grand coloured Siskin, minus feathers in one wing. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (5): 1, 2, Allan, 1, Twite, grand size and richly mkd., in grand order; 2, Twite, not so large, but grand col. and markings; 3, 4, Watson, Twite, nice size, rich in col. and well mkd., wants filling up; 4, Mealy, nice size, and col., well cut bib; 5, Mainland. LESSER REDPOLL (7): 1, Watson, grand size, rich col. and marking, well cut bib; 2, Rice, nice col. and rich poll, but not so distinct in flank markings; 3, Turnbull, nice size, well cut wing bars, and nicely shown; 4, Galloway; 5, Mainland; 6, Brown; 7, Weir. BULLF. (4): 1, Messer, grand size, rich back and front, good wing bars; 2, Purvis, nice size, grand cap, and in grand order; 3, Finnie, nice size, and col., steady, and well put down; 4, Watson. CHAFFINCH (10): 1, Allan, grand size, rich back and chest, steady, and well shown; 2, Watson, nice size, rich col., grand whites, well staged; 3, Allan, nice size, not so deep in chest, will improve; 4, Adam; 5, Hutchison; 6, Galloway; 7, Messer. BRAMBLE. (10): 1, sp, cup, for best seedeater, 1, 3, Allan, 1, grand size, rare spangled back and nicely mkd. flanks; 3 not of the same stamp as winner, but rare col. and markings; 2, Watson, grand size, rarely spangled fails slightly in flank markings; 4, 6, Galloway; 5, Adam; 7, Anderson. A.O. FINCH (1): 1, Allan, very nice Hawfinch, in grand order. BUNTING (10): 1, Finnie, Yellow Bunting, nice size, rich col., good cheek markings; 2, Allan, Corn Bunting, grand size, nicely mkd., steady and well put down; 3, Little, Corn, not so large, but nicely mkd., and steady; 4, Messer; 5, sp, Watson; 6, Galloway; 7, Anderson. SMALL SOFTBILL (3): 1, 2, 3, Watson, 1, Yellow Wagtail; 2, Whitethroat; 3, Grey Wagtail, all in grand order, rich in col., well staged. LARGE (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, sp, Watson, 1, Blackbird, grand size and col., steady and well shown, wins cup for best Softbilled; 2, 3, both Waxwings; 2, larger and richer in col., minus some flight feathers; 3, not yet finished moult, will greatly improve. SEEDEATING HEN (11): 1, Adam, Bullf., grand size, rare dense cap, well cut wing bars, well shown; 2, Galloway, very rich Bramble., steady and nicely staged; 3, sp, Watson, Bullf., nice col., rare cap and wing bars; 4, Watson; 5, Mainland; 6, 7, Rice. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, W. Allan, Goldie-Bullie, grand, not yet up in tone, shows parentage well; 2, 5, Hutchison, very rich coloured Greenie mule, spoilt through having light tail; 3, Adam. DARK (12): 1, Hutchison, grand rich coloured Greenie mule, rare size and nicely staged; 2, sp, Watson, Goldie mule, grand size, well up in col. and steady; 3, Finnie, Greenie mule, nice size, fails to winner in col. and fineness of feather; 4, Galloway; 6, Messer; 7, W. Allan. GIFT (12): 1, sp, Messer; 2, Forrest; 3, Lumsden; 4, Walls; 5, Brown; 6, Hutchison; 7, Galloway.

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CHESTER.

Chester C.B.S. held its Open Show, Nov. 13, the venue being the Temperance Hall, an eminently suitable place in every way, spacious and well lighted by daylight and electric, and within easy reach of the railway stations. The efforts of the Society resulted in a successful show, an entry of close on 500 being secured, an average of over ten per class throughout. The grading of prize-money was rather of an unusual order, as follows: 1'p to ten entries on the sliding scale; ten to twenty 10/-, 6/-, 3/-, 2/-; twenty entries, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-, 2/-; thirty, 14/-, 7/-, 4/-, 3/-, 2/-; forty, 16/-, 8/-, 6/-, 4/-, 3/- and judging from the many remarks we heard expressed, the arrangement seemed to be much appreciated by exhibitors.

Norwich opened the list, six classes bringing together an entry of seventy-seven, and a grand lot they were; in this section the winner of the coveted special for best bird in show was found in Mr. W. H. Williams' well known marked buff, a typical Norwich all over, bearing his age remarkably well, although we have seen him carry a little more substance than at present. We understand this is the third occasion on which he has gained this distinction at Chester, a good performance. Four classes were put on for Novice Norwich, but they only mustered thirty-five; nevertheless, several really typical birds were among them, notably the winners in the yell. class; Norwich greens were under the patronage of the Green Canary Association; these brought together forty-five entries. Taken all through they were a fine lot, full of true Norwich properties and sound in colour. Sixty-three Yorks. toed the mark, and a capital lot they were, about the pick of them being the winner in the buff class, a thigh-kicked of wonderful length and shape. Yorks. Greens—which were again under the patronage of the C.C.A.—did not fill so well as their chubbier brethren, only thirty-three being benched. Although many of them were of true Yorks. character we did not think the colour was quite so sound as we have seen. Novice Yorks. responded well, the four classes bringing together sixty-two entries—the hen class, with twenty-one entries, thus having the distinction of being the highest class in the show. Borders had the patronage of the Southern Border Fancy Club, but were somewhat of a failure, the six champion classes only providing thirty-seven entries, the Novices being a little better with slightly over seven per class. Quite a lot of the Borders were too late for judging; all Messrs. Madagan's, Elston's, Bacon's and Burton Bros'; the latter did not reach the show until 6 o'clock at night; hard luck this, but all in the game these troublesome times. Mules and hybrids made interesting classes with fifteen entries, the winner—a very nice Greenie-Bullie—being the runner-up for special for best bird in the show. British were a nice collection, the winning Goldie being a gem. The Hawfinch, Linnet and Chough each topping its class stood well out.

Of the management we have nothing but the highest praise, the staging being nicely arranged at a convenient height, where every bird could be viewed in comfort, the birds receiving splendid attention at the hands of a grand set of stewards. We noticed that several cases of birds that unfortunately arrived late had some extra attention bestowed on them in Secretaries' room immediately upon arrival. An early start was made with the judging, which was over in good time. All birds from a distance were packed and dispatched to the station before six o'clock. Prize-money was paid out to successful exhibitors present at the show during the evening. Mr. L. Cavanagh, as Hon. Sec., did wonderfully well; possessing fine tact, method and ability, he was ever at his post working like a Trojan. He was ably assisted too by Mr. A. Hibbert, who seemed to vie with his partner in their joint endeavours to cope with the many duties that came their way. The cup for four nominated birds fell to the lot of Mr. McAndrews, the runner-up being Mr. F. Taylor. Mr. Walley secured the Members' Nomination Cup, Mr. Challinor being runner-up. Mr. Guy judged Novice, Selling and Gift classes, and Mr. Battye the remainder.

NOR. YELL. (14): 1, Cooper, cl., nice size and type, good clean cut head, grand wing carr., rare col. and qual., well put down; 2, Turner, cl., larger and more subs., good deep chest, well cut away, not so fit as winner; 3, Metcalfe, good size, cl., rare good head, grand type, nice qual., bit paler; 4, Green, el., nice size and type; vhc, Jones and Chester, good uneven, might have stood up; hc, Green; c, Williams. BUFF (15): 1, c, Williams, well-known mkd., grand type, beautiful clean cut head, rare sub. and qual., shown in lovely bloom, takes spl. best in show; 2, Turner, mkd. head and wing, bonny type, good head and full neck, short, well carried wings and tail; little untidy at waist; 3, Fielding, massive cl., grand head, well filled neck, nice subs., loses wing carr.; 4, Bennett, grand size and sub.; vhc, Gardner; hc, Jones and Chester. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Fielding, beautifully moulded cl., well up in size, nice chest, rare full head, grand col. and qual., well cut away, very fit; 2, Jones and Chester, cl., nice size, hardly the depth of chest, grand head, fine qual. and cond., paler in col.; 3, Barker, grand size, rare full front, lovely head, nice qual. and sub.; 4, Amery, delightful cl., bonny type, best of heads and body, we liked for 2nd; vbc, Turner; hc, Lloyd; c, Joues and Chester. BUFF (15): 1, vhc, Jones and Chester, cl., fine qual., rather on the slim side; 2, Barker, uneven, fine size, rare deep chest, full well cut head, nice carr. and subs., good qual., bit loose at waist; 3, c, Cave unever mkd., nice size and type, good head, short wings and tail, nicely carried, well filled neck, fine qual., in splendid fettle; 4, Turner, bonny cl., splendid shape, bit free in feather to-day; hc, Lloyd; No. 12, Jones and Chester, unnoticed, bonny lady, we liked as well as any. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, spl., Bowyer, mkd. left wing, lovely type, col. and qual., nice broad head, well cut away, grand wing carr., in splendid fettle; 2, Jones and Chester, uneven, shade smaller than winner, nice head, little paler in col.; 3, Turner, cl., of nice type, best of heads, good cl. eye, nice depth of front, short and compact, fine col. and feather; 4, Cooper, bonny cl., grand size and shape, warm col., must have pressed hard; vhc, Turner; hc, Cave; c, Emery; No. 11, Brotherhood, grand cl., too late for judging. BUFF (13): 1, Brotherhood, cl., fine size and type, splendid head, grand sub. and qual., short and well carried wings and taiy, nice col. and bloom; 2, Fielding, cl., shade smaller than winner, full well cut head, nice round chest, short compact wings, in nice order; 3 Bowers, uneven, good size, col. and feather, hardly so good in head, shown a bit too fat; 4, Cave; vhc, Turner; hc, Rayners; c, Lloyd. GR. YELL. (12): 1, 4, Walker, foul mkd., grand Norwich type, well up in size, deep and broad front, rare width of skull, nice subs. and cond.; 4, foul mkd., nice size and shape, not so fit; 2, McAndrews, self, not the size and shape of 1st, good head, sound col. and qual., grand wing carr., in nice cond.; 3, Handley, self, well up in size and [illegible] fit in brst. nice col. and qual.; vhc, Thornton; hc, Blower; c, Metcalfe. BUFF (12): 1, Bruce, lovely size and shape, good head, well packed wings, nice subs. and bloom, good qual. and cond.; 2, Barker, well up in size, better width and depth of front, well cleaned out, loses a little in head, fine subs. and qual.; 3, McAndrews, good size, grand head and neck, fine qual., wee bit untidy at waist; 4, Thornton, fine size and type, grand head, close up; vhc, Hayward; hc, Handley; c, Booth. YELL. HEN (11): 1, McAndrews, self, bonny size, lovely type, full well cut head, well filled neck, short flights and tail, fine qual. and cond.; 2, Thornton, similar in size and shape, good head, loses a little in wings, hardly so fit; 3, hc, Walker, foul tail, good type, hardly so cobby; 4, Handley, foul mkd., nice bird, wet when we saw it; vhc, Bruce; c, Barker. BUFF (10): 1, McAndrews, lovely shape and size, best of heads, cl. eye, fine subs., short and compact, grand qual. and finish; 2, Blower, grand size, not so chubby as winner, good head and neck, nice qual. and bloom, hardly so tight in feather; 3, Pugh, bonny hen for size and shape, not so full in head, nice subs. and qual.; 4, Thornton, neat shape, short and compact; vhc, Hayward; hc, Abbott; c, Walker. NOV., NOR. YELL. (11): 1, Jones, cl., good size, bonny type, splendid head, well cleaned out, short wings and tail, lovely col. and qual., best of fettle, clear win; 2, Fox, nice size and shape, hot col., best of qual., hardly so clean in head as winner, fine cond.; 3, Rushton, well up in size, grand type, good head, not so full in neck, paler in col., longer in tail; 4, Bracegirdle, non-fed cl., good shape, not the head, of leaders; vhc, Woodfine; he, c, Williams; No. 9, w.c., yell. Yorks. BUFF (9): 1, Price, nice cl., med. size, grand col. and qual., rare frosting, neat head, shade long; 2, Byles, grand uneven mkd., fine size, shape and subs., best of wing carr., rare col. and cond., we liked for 1st; 3, Rushton, very nice cl., grand head, nice size, col. and cond., well cut away; 4, Bracegirdle; vhc, Rice; he, Mrs. Gray. HEN (8): 1, Price, variegated yell., good size, lovely type, short and compact, rare width and depth, nice head and neck, well cleaned out; 2, Woodfine, tkd. buff, nice size and shape, broad full head, good qual. and subs.; 3, Neale, cl. yell., real good type and size, rare col. and qual., nicely cut away; 4, Bracegirdle, uneven buff., bonny type, short and chubby, rare qual., worth her place; vhc, Rushton; he, Pugh; c, Fox. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Rushton, var. buff, med. size, rare head, fine col. and qual.; 2, Jones, cl. buff, better size and shape, nice head, well cut away, in rare trim, we made 1st.; 3, 4, Woodfine, var. yell., grand col. and qual.; 4, var. huff, nice qual.; vhc, Pugh; No. 6, Jones, w.c., as an alleged overyear bird. YORKS., YELL. (10): 1, Hibbert, neck tk., rare length, beautifully drawn, nice wedge shape, bit thick when we took our notes; 2, Jones and Chester, cin. mkd., fine length and shape, good back and wings, neat waist, shows well, fine col. and qual.; 3, Walker, uneven mkd., capital length, well packed tail, stands well on clever legs; 4, Walkden; vhc, Helsby; he, Johnson; c, Parker. BUFF (9): 1, Rowlands, thigh tkd., fine long-sided bird, well filled back, very neat at girth, rattling pos., good legs; 2, Taylor, wing tk., bit stronger in build, rare length and shape, neat head, in good order; 3, c, Hibbert, cl., all there, for length and shape, nice length of side, good head and back, loses in wing carr.; 4, Benson and Young, capital cl.; vhc, Johnson; he, Parker. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Hirst, neck and wing tkd., nice length, delightful shape, sweet head, neat waist, wings and tail, well packed, shows well, grand cond.; 2, Taylor, neck tkd., shade longer, bit stronger in build, good back, nice qual.; 3, Rothwell, cl., fine length, sweet head, loses wing carr.; 4, Hibbert; vhc, Johnson; he, Walker; c, G. Johnson. BUFF (10): 1, Taylor, cl., lovely shape and qual., nice length, nicely filled back, tail well wrapped, shows well; 2, Rothwell, cl., bit shorter, grand type, very stylish, lovely head and back, nice qual., loses in wing carr.; 3, Parker, hardly the length, but shows for all she is worth, nice qual. and shape. 4th Hemming; vhc, Walkden; he, G. Johnson; c, Helsby. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, spl., 2, P. Hirst, leader head mkd., nice length, capital shape, nice round head, neat girth, best of backs and wing carr., shows well, some thought an overyear bird, with no green tinge in flights; 2, better length, bit stronger, stands well on good legs; hardly so nicely finished; 3, Rowlands, neck tkd., rattling length and shape, rare col., gets well up on nice legs, close up; 4, Hibbert, head and wing mkd., grand qual., smart and slim vhc, he, Johnson; c, Walkden. BUFF (12): 1, Hibbert, cl., fine length, slim in build, neat head and shoulder, capital shape, shows well, a true Yorkie; 2, Johnson, cl., longer than winner, but not so good in shape, well filled back, gets well up, in fine order; 3, vhc, P. Hirst, wing tkd., well drawn out, sweet head, nicely filled back; 4, Hibbert, shade smaller, capital shape and feather; he, Metcalfe; c, Taylor. GREEN YELL. (10): 1, McDermott, grand length, long sided self, neat head and shape, nice col. and qual., secondaries hardly packed up; 2, vhc, Jones, self, hardly the length of 1st, nice shape, neat head and girth, good qual. and pose; 3, Postlethwaite, self, med. length, nice shape, fails wing carr.; 4, Stennart, nice length and shape, close up; he, Metcalfe; c, Rogers. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Metcalfe, leader self, grand length, neat shape, capital head and back, nice carr. and cond.; 3, self, very shapely, nice length, grand qual., loses in wing carr.; 2, Jones, nice length and shape, not so good in back, long sided, neat waist, nice cond.; vhc, Postlethwaite; he, McDermott; c, Rogers. YELL. HEN (8): 1, McDermott, self, grand length, good legs, sweet head, nice back and pose, fine qual.; 2, Rowlands, self, shapely, shows well, wings and tail well packed in fine order, must have pressed; 3, Jones, foul mkd., not quite the length, nicely filled back, get well up; 4, Johnson; vhc, Postlethwaite; he, Hiekson; c, Stennart. BUFF (7): 1, Metcalfe, self, grand length, neat head, very shapely, good qual., crosses wings a bit; 2, Rowlands, little finer in build, shade shorter, well carried wings and tail, nice qual., shows well; 3, McDermott, foul, nice length, good head, nicely filled back, neat waist, good feather; 4 Hickson; vhc, Stennart; he, Handley; c, Rogers. NOV. YORKS. YELL. (12): 1, 3, Walley, leader fine length, long sided, good head and back, stands well on raro legs, nice col. and qual.; 3, built on fine lines, nice length, bit thin in neck; 2, Challinor, nice shape, good qual., not so fit as winner; 4, Bradbury, cin. mkd., rare length, nice shape, close up; vhc, Pritchard; he, Helsby; c, Johnson. BUFF (15): 1, Stuart, cl., nice length, very nice shape, neat head and well filled back, shown well, in nice feather; 2, Challinor, capital length and shape, long sided, gets well up, nice qual. and cond., paler in col.; 3, Helsby, hardly the length, nice head and shoulder; 4, Johnson; vhc, c, Walley; he, Farrel. HEN (21): 1, he, c, Walley, neck tkd. and yell., capital length, nicely filled back, sweet head, neat waist, fine qual. and pose; 2, Appleton, cl. yell., grand length, neat head, good pose and qual., not quite so long sided; 3, Challinor, cl. yell., hardly so long, nice shape and qual.; 4, Farrel, buff, grand length, not so well filled in back; vhc, Stuart. UNFLIG. (10): 1 Walley, neck tkd. yell., well drawn, neat head and shoulders, capital legs, nice carr., very smart; 2, c, Bradbury, cl. yell., nice length, very neat at girth, grand pos., bit shorter on leg; 3, Owen Jones, tkd. yell., beautiful length and shape, grand col. and qual., shapely, shade flat on head, still good; 4, Challinor, cl. buff, fine length; vhc, Veal; he, Helsby; c, Bradbury. BORD., CL. OR TKD., YELL. (9): 1, Hudson and McFarlane, cl., very neat shape, sweet head, moves nicely, nice carr. and cond.; 2, 4, Nelson, cl., shapely, nicely cut head, nice col. and qual.; 4, not so neat in head and waist; 3, Last, nice shape and carr., sweet head, fine action, good qual.; vhc, Cavanagh. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Nelson, leader very neat shape, grand head, nice carr. and qual.; 2, similar in shape, loses wing carr.; 3, Roberts, we could not find; 4, Last; vhc, Hudson and McFarlane. HEN (7): 1, 3, Nelson, cl. buff, sweet exhibit, neat shape, free mover, good feather crosses wings at times; 3, nice cl. buff, capital action, perfect wings; 2, Roberts, cl. yell., shade thinner in neck, nice feather. MKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Last, eye and wing mkd., very shapely, nice head, good carr. and action. BUFF (4): 1, Cavanagh, eyes and wing mkd., sweet shape and head, shade thick at waist, nice qual.; 3, Roberts, uneven mkd., good shape, very warm in col., neat head, nice qual.; 2, Hampson, cin. mkd., shapely, inclined to cross wings at times, good head and feather. GREEN. OR CINN. (5): 1, Cavanagh; 2, Clair; 3, Hampson. We regret our notes on this and three following classes have been mislaid. YELL. (11): 1, Stafford; 2, Warburton; 3, Edgington; 4, Morgan Thomas; vhc, hc, Gill; c, Barnett. BUFF (9): 1, Edgington; 2, Stafford; 3, Cavanagh; 4, Morgan Thomas; vhc, hc, Hutchinson; c, Gill. HEN (6): 1, Cavanagh; 2, Morgan Thomas; 3, Gill; 4, Barnett; vhc, Hutchinson; hc, Stafford; c, Gill. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, 2, Guy, junr., leader Dark Crest buff, capital length and radiation, neat centre, nice broad leafy feather; 2, mkd. buff C.B., fair lash, bit narrow at entrance; 3, Booth, Grey Crest, nice spread, little more open in centre; 4, Morgan Thomas, uneven mkd. Border. SELL. (19) 1, Ellis; 2, Hepwood; 3, Last; 4, Dixter; vhc, Appleton; hc, Dixter; c, Guy, junr. MULE OR HYB. (15) 1, vhc, Palmer, Grecnf.-Bullf., med. size, nice cap and shape, good breast col., in capital cond.; 2, 3, Booth, leader four-pointed Goldf.-Can., buff, nice size, feathers twisted at throat, best of qual.; 3, Bramble-Chaffie, nice size, shows cross nicely, very wild; 4, Hubbard, Goldf.-Bullf., good size, col. and cond., rare flush; hc, Morgan; c, Aitken. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (12): 1, Mrs. Gray, topping Goldie, grand size, wide square-cut blaze of rare col., rich in tanning, good moons and bars, in fine order; 2, Poole, Bullie, capital size and shape, large, well-cut cap, coming well down, good breast and back col., very steady and in rare trim; 3, Davies, Goldie, shade smaller than winner, not the width of face, rich col. blaze, good body col.; 4, Leicester, Goldie, fair size, well up in blaze, grand bars; vhc, Pritchard; hc, Johnson; c, Hemmings. LINNET OR TWITE (12): 1, vhc, Davies, Linnet, good size, nice cone shape, sound body col., profusion of lacing, rare bloom; 2, Nicholas, Linnet, nice shape, pale in col., ticking rather indistinct; we preferred 3, Hepworth, a Linnet of grand size, Norwich shape, very rich body col., grandly laced, very steady and in beautiful cond.; 4, Hampson, Linnet, nice one, bit smaller; hc, Leicester; c, Hemmings. REDPOLL OR SISKIN (8): 1, Clair, Lesser Redpoll, good size and shape, very rich in col., nicely laced, good bib, very steady and in nice bloom; 2, Hepworth, Mealy, good size and shape, nice col. and ticking, wee bit slack in feather to-day; 3, Nicholas, Lesser Redpoll, grand size, shape and col., well laced, hardly so showy as winner; 4, Morgan, Lesser Redpoll, paler in col.; vhc, hc, Hemmings; c, Pritchard. A.O. HARDBILL (10): 1, Poole, clinking Hawfinch, grand size and shape, rich breast col., deep chestnut on head, large clean cut bib, very steady, in the pink; 2, Aitken, Yell. Bunting, well up in size, very good col., V nicely defined, in good order; 3, Rothwell, very good Chaffie, not one of the largest but excellent shape and body col., nice head and wings, steady, in fine trim; 4, Hepworth, Hawfinch, good size, nice shape, sharply cut bib, well worth his place; vhc, Hampson; hc, Sterling Seed Co.; c, Williams. SOFTBILL, LARGE (4): 1, Hepworth, Chough, good size and shape, lustrous legs and bill, sound body col., carries nice polish; 2, Hemmings, Song Thrush, grand size, rich body col., beautifully spotted breast, in fine cond., an old winner and still looks well; 3, Wilkins, Song Thrush, nice size and shape, very steady; 4, Fletcher.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Members' show, Oct. 20, Park Chapel Schoolrooms. 114 birds staged. Mr. P. Mason judged and gave satisfaction to all. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. York (5): 1, Farrar; 2, Midgeley; 3, Walker; 4, Taylor; vhc, c, Walker. Buff (3): 1, Walker; 2, Farrar; 3, Midgeley. Unflig. Yell. (8): 1, Taylor; 2, c, Walker; 3, 4, Cruise; vhc, Bousfield; hc, Farrar. Buff (7): 1, vhc, c, Cruise; 2, Walker; 3, Laycock; 4, Northrop; hc, Bousfield. Ev., &c. (7): 1, Midgeley; 2, Farrar; 3, 4, c, Taylor; hc, Walker; vhc, Northrop. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen (7): 1, Laycock; 2, Northrop; 3, Taylor; 4, Farrar; vhc, Midgeley; hc, Rushworth; c, Walker. Buff (8): 1, 2, Stables; 3, Midgeley; 4, vhc, Walker; hc, c, Laycock. Ev., &c. (11): 1, 4, Bousfield; 2, c, Taylor; 3, Cruise; vhc, Midgeley; hc, Laycock. Nov. Cl. or Tkd. Yell (4): 1, 3, Wheelwright; 2, Spencer; 4, Verity Buff (5): 1, Hargreaves; 2, Wheelwright; 3, vhc, Verity; 4, G. S. Taylor. Unflig. Yell. (6): 1, Wheelwright; 2, vhc, Spencer; 3, 4, Hargreaves; hc, G. S. Taylor. Buff (5): 1, 4, Hargreaves; 2, 3, Wheelwright; vhc, Wroe. Ev., &c. (8): 1, Wheelwright; 2, c, Hargreaves; 3, Wroe; 4, hc, Verity; vhc, G. S. Taylor. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen (5): 1, 4, Spencer; 2, Wroe; 3, Wheelwright; vhc, Hargreaves. Buff (8): 1, 2, Wroe; 3, Verity; 4, vhc, Wheelwright; hc, G. S. Taylor; c, Spencer. Ev., &c. (6): 1, 3, Wroe; 2, 4, Wheelwright; vhc, c, Hargreaves. Sell. Ck. (6): 1, vhc, hc, Walker; 2, Farrar; 3, Bousfield; 4, Rushworth. Hen (5): 1, 2, Walker; 3, vhc, Farrar; 4, Bousfield.

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ARDWICK AND MANCHESTER.

The Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A. held its second annual open show, Nov. 13, in St. Thomas' Schools. The room is very comfortable for exhibits and visitors alike, well lighted, warm, and free from draughts, and within easy distance of the city, the trams practically passing the door. An entry of 512, being an increase of 60 over last year, augurs well for the future of this society, who had the pluck to run a show despite the troublesome times. A good classification, backed by substantial prize money, and the adjudication left to two specialist judges, brought out all the cream of Lancashire and Yorkshire. Being blessed with a working President, Rev. C. E. Gaul, ably assisted hy the Rev. J. W. Wragg, no wonder tho society flourishes. These are the men we want in the Fancy, men who are not afraid to pull their coats off and do their bit in unpacking alongside the working-man fancier. Mr. J. Spencer is the head of the secretarial department, and right well he knows his duties; one would think he has been in the habit of running Crystal Palace Shows by the thoroughness of all his work. Manchester seems to be the natural home of ideal show managers. Mr. Hall makes a rattling good assistant. Mr. A. E. Thorpe is the Paymaster-General, and a good help in the Sec.'s office. A hard-working and obliging band of stewards were headed by Messrs. Boothman and Parish, and all did their share to make everything comfortable. Mr. S. Oldham, President M. and N.C. C.B.S., looked after the wants of the Britishers.

The N.P.C. gave full cup patronage, and right royally they turned up. Everybody acknowledged it the best show of Plainheads we have had out for some time. This section was in the hands of Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, of Liverpool, who went in strictly for type and quality. The honours were evenly divided, some marvellous exhibits being put down.

Yorkshires did not come up to previous numbers, but some exhibits of the first water were staged, while the wee gems were a feature of the show. Mr. Bennet's team, all the way from Kelso, took all the firsts, and deserved them. Mr. Middleton scooped the pool in Greens with a choice lot.

Open Amateur Norwich proved a great section, some birds of correct type being put down. 63 in four classes, and hardly a bad bird out, speak volumes for the variety.

Visitors turned up well, the room being packed all the afternoon. We noticed one gentleman all the way from Norwich. We did not catch his name, but we found he was president of two societies in that city. He was very keen on buying a few good birds to take home. The winning yellow hen was invited to a new home at Norwich, but we think her nest is too well feathered in Brunswick Street, Chorlton-on-Medlock. When a fancier is so keen that he travels to a show, and lands in a strange city at two o'clock in the morning, he deserves to take something good back with him. The judges were: Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, Canary Classes; Mr. C. Houlton, British, Lizards, and Lancashires; and their awards were well received.

Mr. J. W. Metcalfe's Classes.

YORKS., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Knowles, red hot, lengthy, excels in qual., stands on good pins, staged to perfection; 2, Potts, very racy, straight as a rush, long sided, pipe tail, full of go; 3, Dykes, again erect and fearless, leggy, round as a bottle, only fails qual. to above; 4, Bulmer; vhc, Tansey; hc, Green; c, Henderson and Crosby. BUFF: 1, Dykes, real topper, great length and style with it, marvellous feather, A1 pos., stands away; 2, Bulmer, another good one, erect, nice wedge shape, natty head, shows a few waist feathers; 3, Woodward, red hot, no better qual. to be found, trifle short on leg, otherwise good 'un; 4, Henderson and Crosby; vhc, Knowles; hc, Darlington; c, Green. HEN (7): 1, Knowles, cin. mkd. yell., charming damsel, rare shape, neatly braced wings and tail, full neck, put down nicely; 2, Dykes, eye mkd. buff, wonder for qual., runs winner very close, capital back, full of nerve; 3, Hutchinson, racy yell., straight as an arrow, capital type and qual., any of above could win, so equal were they; 4, Tansey; vhc, hc, Richards; c, Hendersou and Crosby. UNFLIG. YELL., CK. (7): 1, Knowles, graud character of a Yorkie, sharp col., which gives a good appearance, wedge shape, and well-carried flights; 2, Henderson and Crosby, thicker, but hardly so good in outlines, good top end, rare qual.; 3, Dykes, long-sided, well-carried wings and tail, excellent qual. and col., fails at top end to above; 4, Tansey; vhc, Potts; hc, Hutchinson; c, Darlington. BUFF (6): 1, Dykes, rare type and qual., round as a pencil, nice length, very showy; 2, Bulmer, big one, hut not quite qual. of 1st; will make a good stock bird, good legs; 3, 4, Woodward, 3rd, grand top end, nice feather, bit soft, must have felt the cold; vhc, Knowles; h, Potts. UNFLIG. HEN (9): 1, Knowles, sweet buff, leads her court well, rare qual., sweet head and neck, well-braced wings and tail, steady as a rock; 2, Tansey, wing mkd. yell., very cocky appearance, upright and bold, stands on nice legs; 3, Henderson, cap mkd. yell., bit soft, looks a good one; 4, Dykes, very racy yell., glorious feather, neat Yorkie, grand carr.; vhc, Henderson and Crosby; hc, Bulmer; c, Woodward. NOR., YELL., CK. (14): 1, vhc, Crawshaw, eye and wing mk., short and thick, red hot, bold head and neck, good carr. of wings, moves very free; 2, Thomas, cl., big bouncing exhibit, grand qual. for its size, rare head and neck, clean cut; 3, hc, Cook, grizzle cap, full of true Nor. properties, very broad back, excellent feather; 4, Marsh, heavily variegated, very short and compact, full of qual., clean cut away; c, Turner. BUFF (14): 1, Crawshaw, variegated, wonder for type, grand head and cheeks, correct carr. of wing, clean as a cameo; 2, Rev. J. W. Wragg, cl., smart, marvel for feather, bold head and neck, just a bit upright, worth its place; 3, Cook, variegated, wonder for shape, great head and neck, closely carried wings and tail, lets its waist feathers down; 4, Thomas, wing mkd., big fellow, good feather with it, broad and shapely; vhc, Wharton; hc, Hirst; c, Marsh. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Rev. J. W. Wragg, variegated, big one, but very clean cut, broad back, thick set, short, and compact wing carr.; 2, 4, A. G. Smith, variegated, grand size, shapely, nice qual., well balanced throughout, moves slugishly; 4th, very cobby, bold cheeks, nicely rounded chest; 3, Braybrook, eye and wing mk., short and thick, full of qual., broad back, clean cut, very neat; vhc, Crawshaw; hc, Brown; c, Mattinson. BUFF (9): 1, Cook, a real marvel, great subs., magnificent feather for a big 'un, thick set, Liverpool and Manchester winner in fresh hands; 2, Stafford, another bouncer, but shade longer, capital carr. of wings and tail, clean cut away, a good one; 3, Thomas, gem for qual., nicely moulded, full of true Nor. properties, excels in cond.; 4, Harrison and Vint, rare subs. and type, massive head and cheeks, well staged; vhc, Wharton; hc, Blease and Son; c, Rev. Wragg. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Turner, a wonder, often described, will make history; 2, Crawshaw, neck mkd., a rare thick-set one, marvel

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for qual., clean cut away; 3, Boothman, not a big one, but smart, neat head and neck, a true Norwich; 4, Thomas, another of the right sort, thick body, good wings; vhc, Rowbottom; he, Spencer; c, Braybrook. BUFF (10): 1, Marsh, bold head and neck, thick-set body, not the best of wing carr., but earns its place; 2, c, Cook, red hot, full of qual., gives above a rare chase, put down in usual "Ten Acre" style; 3, Spencer, big one, round head, thick-set neck, nicely carried wings and tail; 4, he, Rev. Wragg, var., will improve, nicely moulded; vhc, Braybrook. UNFLIG. HEN (14): 1, Stalford, grand yell., full of subs., short wings and tail, clean cut, moves well; 2, c, Cook, ideal buff, rare mealing, short and compact, bold cheeks and eye, either of above can win; 3, Thomas, yell., marvel for qual. and type, deep chest, well-braced wings and tail; 4, Trengove, mk. tail, full of true Nor. properties, excellent feather, well staged; vhc, Rowbottom; he, Blease and Son. BORD. YELL. CK. (10): 1, he, G. Bennett, marvel for qual., moves well, clean cut away, marble head and sweet contour; 2, vhc, Royle, cl., a bit stronger, topper for qual., well-braced wings, in faultless form; 3, Walkden, variegs., sweet expression, round head, true Border type; 4, Drinkwater, cl., shapely, and full of swank, tail feathers growing out; c, Garbutt. BUFF (7): 1, 2, G. Bennett, beauties, in rare trim, marble heads, the last word in qual., either can win; 3, Royle, rare shape, full of go, shows nice contour; 4, Egerton; vhc, Garbutt; he, Drinkwater; c, Walkden. YELL. OR BUFF HEN (13): 1, vhc, G. Bennett, mkd. buff, glorious feather, sweet head and carr., clean cut; 2, Royle, cl. yell., marvel for type and cond., well moulded, very jaunty and free; 3, Egerton, cl. buff, neatly moulded head and neck, well-braced wings, excellent carr.; 4, Colbeck, var. yell., topper for style and cond., neat wings, lovely head; h, Garbutt; c, Drinkwater. CINN. OR GREEN. YELL. CK. (4): 1, 2, Middleton, yell. green, rare col. and markings, clean cut, round head and shapely neck; 2nd, cinn., rare tone of col., neat type, and well put down; 3, 4, Colbeck. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Middleton, very smart, lovely head and neck, well-braced wings and tail; 2nd, just a bit too keen, puts himself at wrong angle, otherwise good; 3, Long, foul, shapely and good feather; 4, Drinkwater. HEN (5): 1, 2, Middleton, buff, very compact and full of type, glorious feather; 2nd, yell. cinn., lovely tone of true cinn. col., put down in form; 3, Colbeck, buff cin., shapely, correct angle, clean cut; 4, vhc, Long. A.O.V. (7): 1, 3, he, Edwards, grizzle Crest, well radiated from centre, comes well over beak; 3rd, C.B., rare skull and lashings, very leafy feather; 2, Fields, foul Nor. Green, monster, excellent type, good feather and col.; 4, vhc, c, Broadhead. AMAT. YORKS. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Hird, rare legs, long sided, nice top end, full of swank, put down in form; 2, Pickup, wedge shape, bit faulty in wing carr.; 3, Eastwood, yell. cin., rare type, straight as a gun barrel, nice qual. and col.; 4, Allman; vhc, Brown; he, Nixon; c, Tonks. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Allman, straight back, well filled in neck, A1 pos.; 2, Nixon, neat, well-braced wings, clean waist; 3, Green, marvel for qual., erect and fearless, bit unsteady; 4, Eastwood. HEN (10): 1, Brown, lovely lady, sweet head and neck, capital cond., stands on good legs; 2, 3, Aldridge, straight as a rush, rare wings and tail, very compact; 3rd, upright pos., long-sided, clean waist, full of style; 4, he, Hird, A1 style, well-braced wings, shows a slight frill; vhc, Pye; c, Allman. A.V., 1915 (9): 1, Gilbert, grand youngster, straight as an arrow, round shoulders, gets up well; 2, Pye, charming feather and cond., full of swank, close up; 3, Green, rare feather, capital style, neat top end, wedge shape; 4, Aldridge, rare character, full of go, compact wing carr.; vhc, Nixon; he, Howarth; c, Allman. AMAT., NOR. YELL. CK. (14): 1, Lawton, bold stamp, broad head, without brow, perfect in wings and clear cut; 2, Catlow, variegs., neat head, full neck, broad chest, well staged; 3, Fields, clear, bit longer, boat shape, bold head and cheeks; 4, he, c, Wilkinson, cap. mkd., full of good points, but a bit smaller; vhc, Rev. Gaul. BUFF (14): 1, c, Marsland, neck and eye mk., cobby, short in flights, clean carried tail, put down in style; 2, Nichols, cl., bold head and cheeks, eye correctly placed, broad back, clean cut, only beaten qual.; 3, Johnson, variegs., big one, rare feather, bold head, shapely; 4, Buxton, cl., bit longer, otherwise real good one, capital col.; vhc, Steel; he, Mallard. HEN (17): 1, Weston, charming variegs. buff, wonder for type and col., envy of all present; 2, Fields, cl. yell., rare qual., bold head, broad back, clean cut away; 3, Taylor, cl. yell., bold eye, well-defined shape, wings in right pos.; 4, Steel, a real good buff, easy second if she had been washed; vhc, Mallard; he, Rev. Gaul; c, Dean. BRED 1915 (18), a real good class: 1, Barber, bouncer of a buff, full of qual., good cheeks, and well mealed; 2, Nichols, yell., bit coarse in feather, but right shaped, moves well, A1 type; 3, Steele, buff, hot stuff, rare head and neck, well-carried wings; 4, Rev. Gaul, marvel for qual., bold head and cheeks, well put down; vhc, Ordish; he, Deane; c, Marsland. SELL 20s. (13): 1, Parlett; 2, Potts; 3, Wallwork; 4, Collinge; vhc, Bennet; he, Brown; c, Jones. SELL 12s. 6d. (13): 1, Marsland; 2, Catlow; 3, Collinge; 4, Brown; vhc, Lingard; he, Smith; c, Jones.

MEMBERS' CLASSES.

YORKS. YELL. CK. (1): Noonan; 2, Taylor; 3, Hird. HEN (6): 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Noonan; 4, he, Fletcher; vhc, Hird. NOR. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 4, Spencer; 2, vhc, Thorpe; 3, Peters. HEN (6): 1, vhc, Peters; 2, Holland; 3, Spencer; 4, Chilton; he, Rev. Gaul. YELL. CK., 1915 (7): 1, Peters; 2, Bennet; 3, he, Rev. Gaul; 4, c, Spencer; vhc, Sykes. HEN (8): 1, 2, Chilton; 3, Rev. Gaul; 4, Richards; vhc, he, Spencer; c, Sykes. YORKS. YELL. CK. (4): 1, 3, Noonan; 2, Lane; 4, Abitt. HEN (2): 1, Noonan; 2, Lane. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, c, Lane; 2, Taylor; 3, Wharburton; 4, he, Walshaw; vhc, Parish. HEN (9): 1, c, Lane; 2, Taylor; 3, Wharburton; 4, Walshaw; vhc, he, Blinston. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Wharburton; 2, Lane; 3, Thomas; 4, Walshaw. A.O.V. (4): 1, 3, Lane; 2, 4, Blinston.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

Lancashires and Lizard classes were confined to members of the L. and L.F.A. Lancashires only came up in small number, but these were of the right sort, Mr. Filton putting down a very strong team. Lizards were much better for numbers, and the cream of to-day were present. A few good Mules and Hybrids were shown. British birds were of very good class all through, and some of the best of to-day were scoring high in the cards. A very good entry was seen in members' Canary classes, and most of these were especially good birds, and keen competition resulted.

LIZARD, GOLD, CLR. CAP: 1, Hamer, beautifully laced, plenty work, fine size, rare col. and tight cond.; 2, Barnes, smaller, well-laced back, etc. SILVER: 1, Hamer, very even profuse spangling, nice size and good feather; 2, Mrs. Burgess, equal in spangle, shade smaller; 3, Barnes, fine big bird, not quite so fully laced on back. BKN. C. GOLD: 1, Barnes, most profuse in spangle, rare size; 2, Ridgard and Stansfield; 3, Hampshire; 4, Rukin; vhc, Hamer; he, Millinglon; c, Teasdale; a very good class all through. SILVER: 1, Rukin; 2, Teasdale; 3, Barnes; 4, Ridgard and Stansfield; vhc, Millington; he, Hampshire; a lot of the pick of this breed. GOLD HEN: 1, Howard, a real good one, well and evenly spangled; 2, Mrs. Burgess; 3, Rukin; vhc, he, Ridgard and Stansfield; c, Teasdale. SILVER HEN: 1, Barnes, a beauty; 2, Hamer; 3, Howard; 4, Hampshire; vhc, Rukin; he, Teasdale. LANCS. COPPY, YELL.: 1, Fitton, immense, easy win; 2, Ridgard and Stansfield, good one. BUFFS: 1, Fitton, regular giant; 2, Collinge; 3, Ridgard and Stansfield. P.H. YELL: 1, 2, Collinge; 3, Ridgard and Stansfield. BUFF: 1, Fitton, wonderful subs.; 2, 3, Ridgard and Stansfield. BRED 1915: 1, Fitton, size and coppy, well ahead of others; 2, Ridgard and Stansfield; 3, Collinge. A.V. HEN: 1, Fitton. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (10): 1, Hayter, well-known Goldf., A1 order; 2, Edwards, equally good Bullf.; 3, Brade, Goldf., immense blaze, but is short of finish to win; 4, Affleck and Crosswell, nice Bullf., paler cols.; he, Walkden; vhc, Davis; c, Mores. LINNET, all leaders very good ones: 1, Parlett, fine size, shape, col., markings, and cond.; 2, Fairhurst, very large head, duller markings, tight cond.; 3, vhc, Oldham, well known pair, in fine order; 4, Hughes, rare good size and chest, beaten in col.; he, Moores; c, Beswick. TWITE, ETC. (12): 1, Oldham, grand Twite; 2, 4, Hayter, rare Mealy Redpoll and a good Twite, close up; 3, vhc, Middleton, nice Siskin and very good Lesser Redpoll; he, Fairhurst; c, Parlett. Mr. Jeffreys' birds came too late for judging. GREENF. (9): 1, Fairhurst, well-known champion; 2, Hayter, very fine col. and cond.; 3, Oldham, very cobby buff, nice order; 4, Fletcher, smaller, fine yell., and A1 cond.; vhc, Chick; he, Affleck and Cresswell; c, Brade. BRAMBLE, ETC.: (1), Oldham, very fine Bramble, all over a good one; 2, 3, Chick, Chaffinch, not quite preened up to-day, and a good Bramble for spangling and cond., shade smaller than first; 4th, Fairhurst, good size Bramble, light spectacles spoil face. A.O.V. HARD: 1, Fairhurst, very large Hawfinch, in fine cond.; 2, Brade, good Yellow Bunting; 3, 4, Chick, very smart smaller Hawfinch and good Yellow Bunting, just beaten in head markings. A.V. SOFT: 1, Darlow, perfect Waxwing; 2, Hammond, capital Blackbird; 3, Affleck and Crosswell, Pipit, wings wrong. DARK CAN. HYB. (9): 1, 2, Parlett, yell. Greenf.-Can. and yell. Goldf.-Can, both in grand fettle; 3, 4, vhc, Oldham, Siskin, Redpoll, and Greenf. Canaries, all in good order; he, Berwick; c, Shaw. A.O.V.: 1, Brade, well known Greenf.-Bullf., in grand cond.; 2, Edwards, fine Goldie-Bullie; 3, Wilson, big Goldf.-Greenf. FOR.: 1, Shaw.

MEMBERS' CLASSES.

YORKS. BUFF CK.: 1, Fletcher. 1915: 1, Radford; 2, Hird; 3, Taylor; 4, Gilbert. HEN, 1915: 1, Hird; 2, Radford; 3, Gilbert; 4, Noonan; vhc, Taylor. NOR., CL., ETC., BUFF: 1, he, Chilton; 2, 3, Spencer; 4, Peters; vhc, Thorpe. HEN: 1, Peters; 2, 3, Thorpe; 4, Sykes; vhc, Holland; he, Spencer. YEL. CK., 1915: 1, Taylor; 2, Warburton; 3, Thomas; 4, Lane. HEN, 1915): 1, Lane; 2, Walshaw; 3, Warburton. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Hill. A.O.V.: 1, Hill.

Special winners were: Silver Challenge Cup and two Gold Medals, Oldham. Points: 1, Lane; 2, Oldham; 3, Chilton; 4, Spencer; 5, Hird; 6, Peters; 7, Noonan. Best Nov. Nor., Lane; ditto Yorks, Noonan.

DERBY C.B.S.

57th Annual Members' Show, Normanton Hotel, Derby, Nov. 13, upwards of 170 young birds were staged, the old bird classes were not so large as previously, and in British classes also there was room for improvement. In the young bird classes a great keenness was shown, fine specimens of Norwich, Yorkshire, and Mules proved that the members are making rapid strides by improving their stocks. The Norwich cup was won by Mr. C. Oliver with a clear buff cock, a fine upright bird, good feather, clear cut, and good head. Mr. G. York won the Yorks. cup with a cl. yell. cock, good head, long flights and tail, well up on legs. Winners of point medals: Nor., Roberts; Yorks., Barton; Crests, Colledge; Mules, Seamer; Brit., Watts. The show was undoubtedly a great success, and a fine improvement upon any previous show, the committee and hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Jordan, worked very hard to attain this. Mr. J. H. Roe, Birmingham, judged. Mr. J. Parnell won Sandiford's medal, with a lightly marked yellow cock, very hot indeed. CL. OR TKD. YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, Drakeley; 2, Watts; vhc, Roberts; he, Jordan; c, Sharman. BUFF: 1, Oliver; 2, Tongue; 3, Watts; vhc, Sharman; he, Roberts; c, Hodgskinson. MKD. OR VAR. YELL.: 1, Roberts; 2, Morrell; 3, Twells; vhc, Hodgskinson; he, Tongue; c, Oliver. BUFF: 1, Morrell; 2, Cratchley; 3, Twells; vhc, Smith; he, Watts; c, Roberts. YELL.: 1, Roberts; 2, Watts; 3, Jordan; vhc, Morrell; he, Twells; c, Drakeley. BUFF: 1, vhc, Watts; 2, Roberts; 3, Oliver; he, Sharman; c, Morrell. HEAVILY VAR. OR GREEN: 1, Jordan; 2, Oliver; 3, Drakeley; vhc, Tongue. PAIRS: 1, Twells; 2, Oliver; 3, Jordan. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, York; 2, 3, Cockeram; vhc, Ilsley; he, Barton; c, Pass. BUFF: 1, Barton; 2, Pass; 3, he, Cockeram; vhc, Ilsley; c, York. MKD. OR VAR. YELL.: 1, he, York; 2, Barton; 3, Pass; he, Ilsley; c, Elkins. BUFF: 1, Ilsley; 2, Elkins; 3, Barton. YELL. HEN: 1, York; 2, Cockeram; 3, vhc, Pass; he, Smith; c, Barton. BUFF: 1, Barton; 2, vhc, Cockeram; 3, Pass; he, Elkins. A.O.V.: 1, Elkins; 2, Barton. PAIRS: 1, Elkins; 2, Barton; 3, Wood. SELF. OR FOUL GR.: 1, 2, Barton; 3, vhc, c, Elkins; he, Wood. NOV. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Hurst. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, vhc, he, Seamer; 3, Bousfield; c, Parnell. CRESTS, DARK BUFF: 1, 2, 3, he, Colledge; vhc, Stevens. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Stevens. C.B.: 1, 2, Colledge; 3, vhc, Stevens. PAIRS: 1, Colledge; 2, Stevens. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, Wilmot. GOLDF.: 1, Seamer; 2, Ramm; 3, Bousfield. BULLF.: 1, 2, Watts; 3, Ramm; vhc, Bousfield; he, Heighton; c, Seamer. GREENF.: 1, Seamer; 2, Bousfield; 3, Ramsey; vhc, Ramm. LINNET: 1, Bousfield; 2, Jordan; 3, vhc, Ramm; he, c, Bamsey. SISKIN, Etc.: 1, 2, Watts; 3, Ramm; vhc, Bousfield. BRAMBLE.: 1, Barton; 2, Watts; 3, Heighton; vhc, Bamsey; he, Ramm.

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CAMBUSLANG.

Annual show, Free Gardener's Hall, Nov. 6. The hall is most comfortable and well lighted, and the method of setting the staging round the walls leaves plenty of room for visitors in the centre. Entries were about as usual here, but quality, as a whole, has been of a higher order, though some real good specimens were on view, notably a Bearded Tit and a capital Waxwing, both of which were disqualified by the judge as being Foreigners. The former, the best in its class, was kept out of the tickets altogether, while the latter received 1st and spl, but was debarred from competing for the cup. A deal of talk was indulged in by visitors, some of whom were of the opinion that the Waxwing ought to have shared the same fate as the Tit, i.e., kept out of the tickets altogether, if considered a Foreigner, while all seemed satisfied that it was the best bird in the show. That honour, however, fell to another bird of the same owner, Mr. A. Crawford. The President and the genial Sam Lindsay are still swaying the rod of management, and with an able and willing committee, had all their duties well under weigh and disposed of in a masterly fashion early in the day, leaving plenty of time for a good look round. Mr. G. Smart, Carmyle, judged Canaries, and G. Martin, Hamilton, British. One notable feature in connection with the above society is the great interest taken in the "Great War" by the President, Mr. A. Crawford, who, with great ingenuity and thoughtfulness, has been able to form a scheme whereby the Red Cross Society of the district may benefit to the extent of close on £100. Books of numbered tickets have been issued to members, and every subscriber of 3d. is to participate in the drawing for 14 Canaries. £60 is already in hand, and the fund, which was to close with the show, has had to remain open for another week, owing to an accident which had happened in a pit causing a delay in the handing over the various books and moneys not yet accounted for.

CLEAR OR TCK. NOR. COCK, 1915. 1, spl, Proudfoot, yell., good size, nice level col. and qual., neatly braced and stylish; 2, 3, Crawford, buff, not just the size of winner, but neat and well-proportioned over, will improve, 3rd fine qual. buff, good level col. and neatly gathered wings and tail. HEN: 1, Haddow, medium-sized good quality buff, nice bead and neck, neat, shapely, and well-braced, nicely staged; 2, Proudfoot, neck-marked buff, nice size, good qual. feather, neat carr., not just so "girthy" as leader; 3, Green, nice bull, fine texture feather, good head and neck, perfect carr., runs tight up on 2nd. VAR. COCK: 1, 2, Haddow, bull, nice shape and size, well filled, good qual., requires steadying a bit, 2nd cap mkd., good size and col., well up on winner for qual.; 3, Shaw, wing and eyes mkd., sweet qual. and type, runs tight up for pos. HEN: 1, 2, Haddow, cap and wing mkd. yell., nice size and feather, good carr. and style, 2nd cap and neck mkd. buff, fine qual., nice type, shapely and more chubby, cleaner cut away behind, our choice; 3, Green, heavy mkd. buff, nice feather and carr. OLD NOR. COCK, N.-F.: 1, Green, heavy var. buff, plenty size, nice subs., good body feather; 2, Leighton, nice var., good feather and carr., neat top end, more cobby; 3, Gray, sweet qual. var., neat and well braced, a shade rought in feather, but value for position. HEN: 1, spl, Pearce, nice size var. buff, good size, well coupled and neatly made, perfect carr., wins well; 2, Crawford, cl. yell., nice head and neck, rich feather and fine carr., scarcely finished moult yet, should improve; 3, Green, cl. yell., good size and col. OLD CK, FED: 1, Proudfoot, well made clear yell., stylish and neat, good qual; 2, Crawford, cl. yell., more massive in size, fine head and neck, trifle longer in feather; 3, Haddow, var. buff, similar in build to 2nd. HEN: 1, Shaw, neat, good qual. cl. yell., short and typical body, neat wings and tail; 2, Crawford, slightly grizzle cap mkd., neat chubby build, equally as good as winner; 3, Green, nice qual. broken green, fine size, good cond., nice full head and neck. CL. OR TKD. BORD. CK., 1915: 1, spl, cup best young Canary, Leighton, cl. buff, neat shapely little fellow, nice carr. and style, right type, finely braced and neatly got up, wins well; 2, spl, Brownlie, cl., fine col. and neatly tapered body, closely-carried wings and tail, neat across shoulders; 3, Pearce, rather smaller built, A1 qual., neat and shapely, sweet head and neck, and good ear. HEN: 1, Leighton, nicely coupled buff, well proportioned and neat, good one; 2, Brownlie, yell., good cond., nice qual.; 3, Marshall, buff, neat well-drawn body, finely carried wings and tail. VAR. CK.: 1, Leighton, bull, nice weight, fine shape and style, neat carr.; 2, Brownlie, good col. yell., neat wings and close tail; 3rd we could not find. HEN: 1, Leighton, almost a 5-point buff, grand head and neck, fine wings and tail, neatly rounded and well balanced, top qual., in the pink; 2, Lindsay, good col., broken green, nice qual. feather, neat carr.; 3, Lindsay, mkd. head and wings, nice carr. and qual., nice type. EVEN MKD., 1915: 1, 2, 3, Brownlie, all even Cinn. mks., leader capital qual. feather, neat shapely body, A1 carr., wings and tail, 2nd, 3rd rather stronger in build, nice type and carr. GREN OR CINN. CK., 1915: 1, Pearce, yell. cinn., sound in col. and pencilling, nice type and qual., neatly drawn body, fine carr., in the pink; 2, 3, Lindsay, yell. and buff green, leader good in size and type, grand carr. and sound col., neatly pencilled, 3rd rare type and qual., finely braced. HEN: 1, Brownlie, nice yell. cinn., right build, well drawn and shapely, neat, boxy, and clean cut, in top cond.; 2, Lindsay, green, top type and qual., neat carr. and stylish; 3, Brownlie, another cinn., nice qual., very little behind winner. OLD BORD. CK.: 1, sp, Pearce, tkd. yell., in A1 bloom, a good one for type and qual., neat head and neck, well braced; 2, Lindsay, beautiful even mark buff, capital stamp, nice head and neck, neat type and A1 qual., neat all over, was winning when we made our notes; 3, Brownlie, cl. yell., stronger in build, nice col. and size. HEN: 1, Pearce, grand stamp, cl, buff, fine head and neck, neat wings and tail, fine feather, in fine order; 2, spl, Pearce, good shape, nice qual., just loses in carr. and headpoints; 3, Brownlie, buff cinn., nice qual., well built, neat in carr. VAR. MULE OR HYB., 1915: 1, 3, Allan, nice sized heavy mkd. Goldie Mules, leader more subs., lovely feather and without blemish; 2nd we could not find. DARK: 1, cup, best Brit. Mule or Hyb., and 2, spl, Crawford, leads with topping jonque Goldie Mule, rare size and col., plenty subs., will improve yet and be heard of again, 2nd nice Greenf.-Goldf., in good feather, showing the cross well, will carry more col. yet and improve; 3, Lindsay, nice buff Goldie, in good cond., nice size and good col., not quite finished. GOLDF.: 1, spl, Shaw, good size, nice col., rich crimson face, good depth and expanse, deep yell. wings, bars, and fine buttons, in nice feather and steady; 2, Ballantyne, good col. and marks, nice face, loses in size; 3, spl, Crawford, larger than 2nd, purer in whites, nicely tanned, not up in col. yet. LINNET: 1, Pearce, nice size and col., neatly pencilled and plenty white in flights, could be a trifle steadier; 2, spl, Crawford, steady and A1 cond., nice nutty, evenly pencilled font, just tails size; 3, spl, Taylor, quite good, rich in col., but lacks steadiness. GREENF.: 1, spl, Davidson, easy winner, fine size, A1 rond., nicely fed, rich in ground col. and deep yell. wings, steady; 2, spl, Green, nice size, nat. col., soiled in plumage through unsteadiness, a trifle lucky; 3, Crawford, nicely fed jonque, not the size of winner, but for col. and cond. quite equal, might have gone up a step. BULLF.: 1, Davidson, nice size, good feather; 2, Taylor, real Britisher, good size, rich ground col. and fine cap and wing bars, could have been better staged. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Ballantyne, R.-M., in the pink, nice size and steady; 2, Pearce, nice F.-M., good feather and cond., nice poll and bib., neatly pencilled, well put down; 3, Lindsay, good one, in nice feather, nice pencilling and line lanning, nice poll and bib, hard up in the run for pos.; No. 2, good specimen, unnoticed, hard lines! MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE: 1, Crawford, nice Twite, in fine order, not one of the largest but finely pencilled and steady, deep ground col., wins well; 2, Taylor, Twite, nice feather and pencilling, fails in steadiness; 3, Davidson, Twite, nice size and cond. SISKIN: 1, Taylor, fine size, good nat. col. jonque, nice cap and markings, steady, with another moult should take some stopping; 2, Davidson, C.F., in A1 fettle, nice rich col. and markings, beaten in size; 3, Ballantyne. BRAMBLE: 1, Davidson, nice one for size and col., steady and in nice feather, good in spangling, wins nicely; 2, 3, Taylor, former nice col., good feather, beaten for size and steadiness, 3rd larger and richer in col., with time will be the better of the two, unsteady. CHAFFINCH: 1, Crawford, top cond., nice size and rich in col. and marking, steady and nicely staged; 2, Taylor, nice feather, well up for size and steadiness, not quite the depth of col. of winner; 3, Brownlie, nice Finch, but wild. HEN FOR MULING: 1, Crawford, capital Greenie, spanking cond., staged to win; 2, Pearce, nice little Siskin, in good feather and steady; 3, Ballantyne, good Bullie. A.O.V. SMALLER: 1, Allan, nice Cirl Bunting, fine feather, very steady; 2, Ballantyne, nice Yellowhammer, for size and cond., headlines not yet as clear as hot competition requires; 3, Taylor, Yellowhammer, not much behind; 2, No. 4, Bearded Tit, in lovely cond., disqualified as a Foreigner. LARGE: 1, spl, magnificent Waxwing, in perfect style, not a ruffle in feather, beautiful waxes, one of the best, very steady, hard lines, indeed, to be disqualified. Mr. Crawford; 2, spl Taylor, good Hawfinch, in perfect feather and steady.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Show, Nov. 13, Westmoreland St. Schoolroom. The entry was good and quality A1. Yorks. as usual were the feature. The Chairman is Mr. T. Ridal one of the best. Messrs. J. Woolhouse and A. Sparkes are most practical as understudies; treas. is Mr. L. Falding, the British bird expert. The secs., Messrs. C. Tomlinson and E. Sisson are a brace of real workers. Stewards who worked willingly and energetically were Messrs. A. Hobson (Sec. Sheffield C.B.S.) and Son. Mr. W. Vardy judged.

YORKS. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, 3, vhc, Jones; he, c, Pickering; 4, Bingham and Furness. Buff: 1, Ridal; 2, 3, he, Pickering; 4, Bingham and Furness; vhc, Drabble; c, Butler. Mkd. Ck.: 1, 2, Ridal; 3, Jones; 4, vhc, he, Pickering; c, Bingham and Furness. Yell Hen: 1, Ridal; 2, 4, Bingham and Furness; 3, he, c, Pickering; vhc, Jones. Buff: 1, 2, Ridal; 3, 4, Bingham and Furness; vhc, Pickering; he, Drabble. NOR., Cl. Etc. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, J. and L. Woolhouse; 4, A. Hobson. Buff: 1, 2, 3, J. and L. Woolhouse; 4, vhc, he, c, A. Hobson. Hen: 1, 2, 3, vhc, J. and L. Woolhouse; 4, he, Hobson. NOV. YORKS., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2, Fretwell; 3, Parsons; 4, Bagshaw; vhc, Goodison; he, Welch; c, Biggin. Buff: 1, Biggin; 2, 3, Welsh; 4, c, Bagshaw; vhc Fretwell; he, Williams. Mkd.: 1, Biggin; 2, 3, he, Fretwell; 4, c, Williams; vhc, Bagshaw. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, 4, Welch; 2, he, Biggin; vhc, c, Fretwell. Buff: 1, vhc, Welch; 2, Sisson; 3 Biggin; 4, he, c, Fretwell. NOV., NOR., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Gears; 3, Sisson. Buff Ck.: 1, 2, vhc, Gears; 3, Goodison; 4, Everard. Hen: 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, Gear; 4, Sisson. OLD BIRDS, Yorks: 1, Welch; 2, Ridal; 3, Wall; 4, Bagshaw; vhc, Sisson; he, c, Williams. Nor.: 1, Goodison; 2, 3, he, Hobson; he, vhc, Sisson. Brit.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Fallding; he, Shimeld. Cup winners: Members, Yorks, Ridal; Nor., Woolhouse; Nov. Yorks, Biggin; Nov. Nor., Gears; Mr. Hobson, Ramsden's sp. medal; Mr. Parsons, Sandiford's.

CRYSTAL PALACE AND PENGE

Annual show, Nov. 10, Alexander Hotel, Penge. A large room was kindly lent for the occasion by the host, Mr. A. Hutton, who, as usual, gave valuable aid in erecting staging, etc., and assisted in several ways to make the show the complete success it proved. Although the fixture clashed with the mixed show at Croydon (several fanciers being members of both) the entry was good. Mr Fairman won well in yellow cocks, and Mr. Hutton staged a grand unflighted yellow hen, which stood at the top in the hen class, beating the old birds fairly easily. Special for best champion was secured by Mr. Hutton with a good yellow Norwich; Mr. Ramsey winning the one for Novices with a good cinn.-marked Yorks. Mr. Cory won in British with a charming Bramble. The cup for four nominated birds was taken by Mr. Hutton, and Mr.. Cory won the British cup. The show was well managed by Mr. Fryett, the Sec., Messrs. Verrall, Cory and Hutton lending valuable assistance. Mr. H. Norman judged. Nor., Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Hutton. Buff: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Hutton. Mkd.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Hutton. Unflig.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Hutton. Yorks., Yell. Ck.: 1, Fairman; 2, Foxen; 3, Hutton. Buff: 1, 3, Hutton; 2, Fairman. Hen: 1, vhc, Hutton; 2, Fairman; 3, 4, Foxen. Variegs.: 1, Fairman; 2, Hutton. Unflig., Yell.: 1, 2, Hutton; 3, 4, Last. Buff: 1, Hutton; 2, Last; 3, Foxen. Bord., Buff: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Last; 4, he, Rev. Soames. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, Last; 4, vhc, Rev. Soames. Nov., Nor. Ck.: 1, 2, Verrall. Hen: 1, Martin. Variegs.: 1, 2, Verrall. Unflig.: 1, 4, Verrall; 2, 3, Legg. Yorks., Yell. Ck.: 1, Howick; 2, McIntyre; 3, Ramsey; 4, Ramsey; vhc, Brown. Buff: 1, Brown; 2, Howick; 3, Powell; 4, Fryett. Hen: 1, Howick; 2, McIntyre; 3, Brown; 4, vhc, Ramsey; he, Foxett. Variegs.: 1, Ramsey; 2, Fryett. Unflig. Yell.: 1, he, Ramsey; 2, 3, Powell; 4, Howick. Buff: 1, Howick; 2, 4, Powell; 3, vhc, Fryett. Bord., Ck.: 1, 2, Martin. Hen: 1, 2, Martin. Goldf.: 1, Ramsey; 2, 3, 4, he, c, Cory; vhc, Hutton. Bullf.: 1, 2, 3, Cory. Linnet: 1, 2, Gullis; 3, 4, vhc, he, Cory. Redpoll: 1, 4, c, Gullis; 2, 3, Cory; vhc, Fryett; he, Whiffen. A.O.V.: 1, 3, 4, Cory; 2, Rev. Soames; vhc, he, Gullis; c, Verrall. Insectiv., Large: 1, 2, 3, Cory. Small: 1, 2, Gullis. Mules: 1, Hulton; 2, Whiffen

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SORE FEET (E. W. H.).—See that the cage floor and perches are kept as clean as possible until the feet are quite healed again, and it would assist to attain this object if you kept the floor well strewn with clean pine sawdust for the time being. Also see that the perches are made of a nice soft pine wood, and of a suitable size and shape for the bird to perch comfortably on them. Catch the bird and bathe the feet for a few minutes each morning and evening for a week or so with a warm solution of Wych Hazel—a teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of warm water. After bathing dry gently and carefully anoint with a little lanceylin ointment, but do not leave any surplus grease about them to collect dirt or refuse from the cage floor. You may also add to the drinking water every second day for a week or so ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea.

SLACK PLUMAGE (Norwich H.).—The bird has evidently got badly run down by the moult and accompanying diarrhœa. Try what a few weeks of the following treatment will do for her. Keep her in a comfortable temperature, but you need not overheat her, and see that she is free from cold direct draughts or rapid extremes of heat and cold. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only. Every third day give separately a small teaspoonful of scalded summer rape, and on the intervening days give first a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and well dusted with carbonate of bismuth, and next half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp (see that it is sound and sweet in the kernel), niger, rape, teazle, and maw. Do not give any green salad, but a morsel of banana or raw carrot may be given as a substitute for green food. In the drinking water every second day for a week add four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid, then miss a week, and resume and give it again for another week. If bird is not well in, say, a month, please write again, and repeat particulars, and I will advise you further.

REFERENCE WANTED (J. W.).—Sorry, but it is an unalterable law that no particular dealer can be singled out for mention in these columns. For reasons which must be obvious it would be most unfair to do so. Therefore, I can only advise you to watch our prepaid advert. columns for a week or two, where you will find no lack of birds on offer now, or consult a copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, wherein you will find the names of the principal breeders and winners last season. If you write to any well-known respectable breeder, stating what price you are prepared to pay, and asking for birds on approval against deposit of the agreed price with our Editor, you should not fail to get every satisfaction. From now onwards till the middle of February is the best time to purchase stock. As you appear to be starting from the bottom of the ladder I would advise you to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager would send you for 7d., post free, and well digest its contents between now and the beginning of next breeding season, which should begin about the end of March. No advantage is to be gained by starting earlier.

A VAPOUR BATH (H. R.).—Here is the rough and ready fashion of giving a vapour bath when other appliances are not easily available. Place the bird in an open wire cage in the centre of a table and cover the cage over with a small blanket or shawl, supported over the cage so that there is an inch or two of empty space over and all round the cage. Then place beneath the cover a mug of nearly boiling water, and arrange cover around the mug so that the steam will be confined beneath the cover and within the cage. Allow it to remain 15 or 20 minutes, then remove the mug, but leave the cage standing covered for another half-hour or so. Then remove bird to its own cage, and keep a light cover over it for a day or two in order to protect it from chills. I rather fancy you defeated the object of the former treatment by removing the bird from the cold room before the cod liver oil would undo all that might have been done to bring on the moult, and now you may very probably have to wait until next spring before the moult takes place. Without moving the bird again you may try the following treatment for a week or two. Give two vapour baths with an interval of three days between them. In addition to the staple seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts niger, white millet, teazle, linseed, and maw, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with cayenne and sprinkled with soft sugar. In the drinking water during the same time add twelve drops of sweet spirit of nitre and five of syrup of saffron every second day.

AN IMPROVEMENT (W. H.).—Glad to hear the bird has made so much progress under the treatment advised. To complete the cure as far as possible see that the bird is kept as free as possible from the exciting causes of the trouble as outlined in previous reply, and keep it rather on the warm side for this winter. Continue giving the medicine advised before in alternate weeks until it has had three more weeks' treatment. Instead of giving bread and milk or any other soft food for the next two months make a little of the following paste and keep a morsel stuck in the wires of the cage for the bird to peck at when it likes. Mix together on a hot plate a teaspoonful of pure honey, ditto of cod liver oil emulsion, as much powdered grain of paradise as will cover a shilling, a similar quantity of chlorate of potash, and a sufficient quantity of finely powdered biscuit to bring the whole to the consistency of soft cheese. When cold it will become a little harder, and may be cut into cubes to stick conveniently between the wires.

BAD PLUMAGE (K. Fitzpatrick).—See reply to "H.R." Oct. 9 issue, and treat your bird the same, with the exception that you give three vapour baths during the course of the first week, and offer the bird an ordinary bath on each of the remaining days, and also allow it to bathe daily if it will do so afterwards. For vapour bath place the bird in an open wire cage on a table; cover all over with a small shawl or woollen wrap, leaving a few inches of space between cage and covering all over, then introduce beneath cover, and place near cage, a mug of nearly boiling water. Allow to remain so for 20 minutes, then remove mug, but leave the cage covered for another half-hour. Then return bird to its proper cage, and keep a light cover over it for a time to avoid all risk of chills.

VARIED (E. V.).—(1) It is not unusual for birds when getting old to become rather erratic as to the season for moulting. They may not only moult late, but even defer the process until the following spring. Considering the bird's age, and the fact that she is apparently quite well in health, I do not advise you to attempt to force a moult upon her. Leave the process to Nature. (2) So far as my experience goes, hen Canaries are not perceptibly shorter-lived than cocks. I should certainly say that a hen, or cock either, 7½ years old was quite a respectable age. Very many live considerably longer, but probably the great majority die younger.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Buttye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

(3) Only a post-mortem could reveal with any certainty what was the nature of the substance on the bird that died. It is quite possible it may have been a fatty tumour, but I am more inclined to think it was merely an accumulation of fat due to overfeeding.

HEAD UNDER WING (Bonnie Doon).—I should expect this bird to be past any relief before this reply can reach you, and you do not give any real clue to the nature of the trouble. If still living, place it in a quite warm temperature, but see that it is fairly equable and quite free from direct cold draughts. Add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky and 12 of syrup or rhubarb daily for three days, and after this give instead five drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. If the bird is in poor condition or the appetite is poor, give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar daily during the week. If not then well, please write again, referring to this reply, and give more particulars about the symptoms shown by the bird, especially the condition of the bowels and the breathing, and if any wheeziness is present.

SCRATCHING THEMSELVES (F.F.C.).—Birds are not necessarily infested with insects because they scratch themselves a good deal just now. The scratching and shaking of their plumage may be nothing more than their natural attempts to throw off the rapidly-loosening feathers. If the birds are showing any signs whatever of moulting, do not worry about this scratching at all, but if they are not moulting, you may give a morsel of bread and milk dusted with flowers of sulphur every second day for a week or so, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water 20 drops of fluid magnesia.

BREEDING ROLLERS (Veriest Novice).—(1) Yes, you can certainly breed Rollers in a cold room, just as well and freely as any other variety. (2) Song is a question of strain and efficient training more than anything else. There is no best singing variety among them. (3) Sorry, but I cannot mention names; it would be too obviously unfair to all others. (4) You should get a decent cock for 20s., and hens about 4s. or 5s. each. But this, of course, depends upon the vendor and the value he places upon the birds to himself. Your idea of beginning with a cock and two hens is a good one. See reply to "E. G. Miles" in Oct. 16 issue, which will also apply mainly to your queries.

WHEEZY YORKS. IN FLIGHT (Jack, Watford).—The flights are either exposed to direct draughts or extremes of temperature in all probability, and the birds affected are just those that are most susceptible to these baneful influences. You should first see to it that these exciting causes are removed. Then you may give to each group containing affected birds three heaped teaspoonfuls of soft food with 20 drops of sherry and six of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Do this every second day for a fortnight, if necessary, and on the alternate days add to each ounce of drinking water six drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine and sweet spirit of nitre.

TO INCREASE SIZE (A. Jones).—You do not give any idea as to the way the birds have been bred, but I rather suspect you have been inbreeding them and thus reduced the size. To get a fair increase in size next season I should advise you to introduce two fresh birds, a cock and a hen, to mate up with your own birds. Get the cock as large as possible, consistent with typical properties, and a closely-feathered buff. Mate this with your largest buff hen, which is close-feathered and not of coarse quality. The hen you should get of medium size, but with plenty of substance in front of the perch and loxy-feathered, and one which is bred from good large stock. This bird should also be a buff, and you should mate it with the largest yellow cock of your own stock. Keep all the young from these two pairs showing a material increase in size for mating up with your own stock the following season, keeping the pairs as distantly related as the number of your stock will allow you to do. In the third season you should find a substantial increase in the general size of your birds.

A LARGE SWELLING (Dudor).—I do not think there is anything worse the matter with this bird than being in a gross, plethoric condition. Give a staple diet of summer rape only with just a pinch of canary seed on the top each morning. In addition give a fairly liberal allowance of green food, such as watercress, daily, and twice a week half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts niger, white millet and teazle. Limit the diet solely to this for a month, and during this time add to the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week. Then omit the drugs for a week, and after that resume them and give again for another week, continuing the above dietary all through the course. Don't paint anything on the abdomen at all. If bird is not all right at the end of the month, please write again, and repeat particulars, and I will advise you further. Glad to hear the last advice was so successful.

RUFFLED NORWICH HEN (F. E. R.).—(1) I am afraid the prospects of getting this hen through the moult are not hopeful. Try what the following treatment will do for her. Give her three vapour baths, as you will have seen described in this column, with an interval of two days between each. Keep in a fairly warm temperature, and with a light cover thrown over the cage. In addition to your present staple diet give every second day for a fortnight half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water 20 drops of whiskey, five of syrup of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. Give a spray of watercress daily. If the bird has not commenced to cast feathers by the end of the fortnight, stop the medicines, and place the bird, still covered, in a decidedly colder room for a few days, but see that it is quite free from cold draughts. Leave it there for a week, by which time the moult should have made a good start, and then take it back to the warmer room and give the same medicines again as above for another fortnight. The staple diet you name is quite passable, but taken altogether a simple mixture of canary and rape only, at most, is the best. (2) If the seven-years-old cock is still in good health and active next spring there is no reason at all why he should not breed successfully. Age alone certainly will not debar him. Indeed, judging from his performances three years ago and the fact that he has had a long rest since, I should expect him to make a good average record in the breeding cage next season.

FLYING LOOSE IN ROOM (M. B.).—(1) There should be no difficulty in finding out whether your birds, flying loose in a room, are pestered with grey lice by catching one that seems most pestered when the hands are nice and warm, and holding the bird in the lightly-closed hand for a minute or two. If the bird is really infested you will soon find the lice running nimbly about your own hand. You may also turn up the feathers at the base of the neck and base of tail, and examine the skin in these parts, beneath the wings and on the flanks. (2) Strong, healthy birds kept under these conditions may very safely be allowed to bathe every day throughout the winter if they wish to do so, but you should always offer the bath in the early part of the day during the winter months. (3) To catch the birds readily you need a net, similar to a butterfly net, or a fisherman's landing net, but with a mouth at least 15 inches in diameter, and a five or six-feet handle. With this, and a little discretion and skill in wielding it, you should have no difficulty whatever in capturing any bird you wish in a very short time. To catch one haphazard I found, when I had birds flying loose in this manner, a common trap cage, into which the bird hops through the top on to an automatic perch, baited with hemp seed, a ridiculously easy method; but this would not act so well if you wanted to catch particular individuals. (4) If you find the birds infested with lice, you may quite safely, three times a week for a month, offer a bath to which you have added sulphuretted potash in the proportion of a small teaspoonful to a pint of the bathing water. It will not rival eau de Cologne, but will prove efficacious for the object in view, which is the main point after all.

TO CURE A COLD (A. B.).—Aconite is a powerful and dangerous poison, and as there are other remedies for colds equally efficacious, and quite safe and harmless, you do not lose anything by not being able to purchase the former drug. Keep the bird in a comfortable and fairly equable temperature, free from direct cold draughts, or extremes of temperature, though you need not overheat it, and for two days in every three for a week or so add to the drinking water five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre. This should suffice to quite remove any ordinary cold. If there are any signs of hoarseness, a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day may be added to the usual dietary for a week or so.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

MULES OR CANARIES? (T. Campbell).—The Linnet-Canary cross is such an easy one that you would be as likely to produce it as anyone else. If your Canary cock was in the moult when he ran with the hen, it does not seem to me possible for him to fertilise eggs. I have never yet heard of one doing so, although strange things do happen in the bird world. What I would advise you to do is to exhibit one of them again, under a well-known judge. Get to the show yourself and have a chat with him, and whatever his decision is he will be able to give you his reason for it. I fear in these times, when railway traffic is so disjointed, it would be too far to send them down here, although I should very much like to see them.

BULLFINCH WITH SWELLING (Perplexed).—I anticipate that the trouble with your Bullie is caused through your method of feeding. Seeds are all very well, and form the staple food to feed them upon, but in addition the birds should have an assortment of green food and berries. I fear all would be in much the same condition as your bird if we fed on all meat and no vegetables. Give it at once as much Glauber salts as will cover a sixpence dissolved in two tablespoonsful of water, and let him have it to drink for one day, then miss a couple of days and repeat. Take a walk into the country lanes and collect a good big bunch of privet berries, and give him a spray of them daily. They will keep some time placed in damp sand or water and stood in a cool position. Bathe the eye with warm water with half a spoonful of boracic acid dissolved in it. I would also advise you to send to this office for the Nutshell booklet on the Bullfinch, and treat according to the directions given. The Bullfinch mixture you mention may not be quite the correct food for him. These mixtures are frequently sold for any Finch. Your better plan will be to follow the advice given in the book, buy the seed separately, and mix it yourself.

STUCK IN THE MOULT (Hugh S. Irvine).—Your bird has caught a chill, and unless you restart him in the moult you will lose him. Place him in a cosy corner of the room and partly cover his cage with some thin material. Get 3d. of saffron from the chemist, 1oz. of glycerine, and ½oz. tincture of gentiau; add to it half-pint of rum. Let it stand for a couple of days and give 15 drops in his drinker every other day. When he has well started again discontinue it, but be careful he does not catch cold.

FEEDING A NIGHTINGALE (Gale).—It is the usual thing to allow birds in captivity to have as much food as they require, and there should be no harm in doing so, providing it is of good quality and free from mustiness. If you think the insect life you gave him causes trouble, I would advise you to reduce the quantity somewhat. Many fanciers are not quite so liberal as you are, and yet they have good results. As a rule, most insectivorous birds are rather heavy feeders, and it is as well to occasionally given them an aperient. I would also advise you to induce him to partake of a fair quantity of soft fruit; it will assist very much in keeping him in healthy condition.

CANARIES WITH FINCHES. (??——).—You do not say in your letter the sex of the Canaries that you think of adding to your collection. If they are cock birds, there should be no difficulty, as birds of one sex, as a rule, live amicably together, but if they are hens you could only keep them there during the winter, for as the spring approached their presence would cause considerable trouble among the others. Of course, I am presuming that all the birds you have now are males, although you omitted to mention it.

UNNATURAL GREENFINCH (Greenie).—It seems to me almost unnatural for a Greenfinch not to eat rape. Many will almost live on it, thrive well, and be contented, but, of course, the cause is that he has been badly reared and pampered. Have you tried him with it soaked or germinated, or rape alone, with nothing else? If he still persists in doing without it I would advise you to slightly increase the quantity of linseed, just sufficient to prevent constipation from eating so much of the drier seeds. (2) I would certainly continue with the soaked corn; I frequently use it myself. (3) He can do without the sunflower, although it is good food for them, and an extra quantity might take the place of the rape; it would be better than the extra linseed. (4) Most Greenies will eat the berries. (5) Only try him with one hen. As a rule they are sulky and spiteful forced to mate with another partner.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/2); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds" All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

CONCERNING REDPOLLS (Novice, S.P.).—The difference between the Mealy and the Lesser Redpoll that first strikes the observer is in the size, many Mealies being half as big again as some of the Lessers. The latter is a brownish bird with very little white about it, whereas the Mealy is much greyer in colour with the wing coverts tipped with white and the body heavily streaked, he is a much heavier feathered bird than the Lesser, some specimens being quite rough in appearance. The difference in the sexes is most apparent when the birds are getting their spring plumage, the cock Mealy having a crimson head and breast which is absent in the hen. The cock Lesser has also this colour on the head and breast, and a rufous patch on the rump, the hen lacks the breast colour and also that of the rump.

BREEDING REDPOLL CANARY (A. Allan Vincent).—The above cross is not a very difficult one to produce, and the usual method is to use a Lesser Redpoll cock and a yellow Norwich Canary. Redpolls as a rule are very free breeders, and will mate with almost anything. To breed Hybrids fit for exhibition it is necessary to procure the very largest Redpoll it is possible to get. Of course, the Mealy is much larger than the Lesser, but the accepted theory is that these do not breed so freely as the Lesser, although personally I have had no difficulty in that; the Mealies I have tried have bred as freely as the Lesser, but another drawback in using the larger bird is the certainty that almost all the young will be buffs, even although the hen is a yellow. Up to the present I have produced nothing but buffs when mating in this manner, although other breeders may have been more fortunate. (2) A book that would interest you is the "Secrets of Hybrid Breeders, post free 1s. 2d., from this office. It describes the experiences of many well known Hybrid breeders.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

PARROT WITH FITS (E. E. C.).—I do not keep queries or replies by me, so I am unable to refer to previous instance. Give the bird at once three drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the beak and repeat this daily till the bowels have been thoroughly relieved, then keep them moving quite freely, but not watery-loose, by giving doses of the aperient as necessary. Get from your chemist a dozen 3-grain powders of bromide of potassium, and give one of these daily, for three successive days, by dissolving it in a little syrup, and then stirring it into the drinking water, which should consist of about one ounce (two tablespoonsful) and be given in a glass, china, or crock vessel; a metal receptacle must not be used. It is well to put something soft in the bottom of the cage, so as to remove all possible chances of its injuring itself while struggling—peat moss litter answers well; hay is not so good, as it gets round the bird's feet. Only keep one perch in the cage, a good thick one, and have this fairly low down. Remove the wire grating from above cage tray and do not use at all till the attacks have ceased. If the Parrot gives any signs of an attack coming on, give one of the powders at once; if not, use the twelve powders up as above, with a week's interval between the doses of three. Report progress in a fortnight, and then state fully how it has been fed previous to the attacks, and whether it is over-fat or merely in good condition, and give its symptoms during the fourteen days as fully as you can.

BIRDS, ETC., FOR CONSERVATORY AVIARY (W. T. R.).—It would be better to cover the glass of the roof immediately over the aviary with roofing felt. This would make it more comfortable for the birds both in winter and summer. All clear glass must be covered with wire netting (1in. mesh) on the inside. The trees in pots are quite in order. Drive some staples into the brick wall and, with the aid of binding wire, fasten thereto some faggots of twiggy branches (pea-stick size). The bases of the branches should be 18in. above the floor, and their tips touch the roof. Behind these branches hang up about a dozen rush nests (mixed sizes), as sleeping quarters and nesting receptacles. You have accommodation for from 6 to 8 pairs, according to their size. The following would make a very nice series, both for beauty and song: Pairs each of Pekin Robins (easily kept on cake crumbs, stiff milk sop, ripe fruit, and a few live insects; very attractive), Zebra Finches, Orange-breasted Waxbills, Bib Finches, Orange-cheeked Waxbills, Green Singing Finches, Pink-cheeked Waxbills, and Green

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Care Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Singing Finches; also 2 cock Weavers, say, Taha and Napoleon, for the sake of colour when in nuptial plumage. In addition to what you supply for the Goldfinch and Canaries, put in a mixture of canary, white and Indian millet in equal parts, and also supply millet sprays. You would find our Nutshells, "Pekin Robin," "Avadavats," and "Waxbills," 2½d. each, or "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 2d., all post free from our manager, very helpful. Cannot recommend special traders in this column. All the birds named are advertised in "C.B." from time to time.

OBTAINING A TALKING PARROT (W. T.).—In sending you a reply per post I have indicated several advertisements in the last issue which would meet your requirements. Most dealers of reputo would give you a written guarantee; at least, no vendor having a reliable bird for sale would need to withhold it, and I should refuse to purchase from any who declined. Of course, it is always best to procure an established bird, though more costly, and also, if possible, to see it or get some friend to do so and test its tameness, etc., before purchase. In recent issues of "C.B." there have been many likely adverts., and if those I have indicated do not produce what you want, then choose others from future issues on similar lines till you are suited. Do not deal with a stranger except by the deposit system. At the same time keep in view that a known really good bird is never cheap, except under very special circumstances, and one usually looks askance at an advt. offering a bird with high qualifications at a "give-away" price. I think the indications I have given should procure you what you want, but if any point is not clear, write again and I will reply per post.

GARDEN AVIARY (Budgie).—In so small an aviary it would have been better to have the roof entirely covered in, and I suggest you now making a flat board with a square of glass in the centre large enough to cover the wire portion of the roof, and hinge it to the back piece with draw hinges, then it could be removed altogether during fine warm weather and would be easily put over for wet periods and permanently for the winter months. The aviary would answer well as a Budgerigar aviary, especially if you improve it as above. The Virginian creeper will do no harm, but the Budgies will soon kill it, I fear. If you can buy birds straight from an aviary you can put them out at once, but birds that have been caged or flying loose indoors must not go out till the spring. Two pairs will be sufficient to start with. They breed more or less all the year round once started, but it is best, as far as possible, to confine them to March to October.

PEACH-FACED LOVEBIRDS WITH FINCHES (Rusticus).—I have seen them kept with Finches and apparently agreeing well, but seeing that they are none too amiable, even with Parakeets twice or thrice their own size, when breeding, the wise will not attempt it. Making full allowance for all the individualism possible, Peach-faces are pugnacious birds, and it is not fair to subject Finches to the posible peril of their formidable beaks. With you (Hants) they would be hardy in any reasonable aviary with a small shelter attached, and a couple of small barrels for nesting operations. They would winter comfortably in an entirely unheated room, and the accommodation you propose for them would be ample. Some new importations arrive in a debilitated condition and need careful nursing at first, but if you procure an established (acclimatised) pair, they are little, if any, more difficult to keep than Budgerigars.

YOUNG YELLOW-FRONTED AMAZON (W.C.).—Your diet is fairly correct, but the seed mixture might be improved. Supply the following: One quart each oats, hemp and sunflower seeds; one pint each canary, white millet, dari, small maize, and shelled monkey nuts, and a gill of chillies. Well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Providing the bird is not thin, it should not now be necessary to give it boiled maize. Chemical food will form a useful tonic, but you must watch against constipation. The bowels should move quite freely without the voidings being watery-loose. To secure this put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia into the drinking water, in lieu of the chemical food, as often as may be necesary. The moult of newly-imported birds is very irregular. Some Parrots are just about through the moult, others halfway, and others but just commencing. Newly-imported birds sometimes seem to moult more or less right through the first year of their stay over here. Keep it where it will get light and air, and yet be out of draught. It is possible to give it a light spraying during the winter. Spray it about noon and choose a bright warm sunny day for the purpose, and afterwards be careful of cold winds till the plumage is dry again.

SHARP CLAWS (E. M. L.).—Unless the claws are abnormally long it is simply a case of cutting off the sharp points with a pair of nail pincers as often as may be necesary, and with a tame bird this will be simple indeed. In cutting a Parrot's claws the only thing to guard against is cutting back into the quick, for if you do this it bleeds rather badly, but in cases of mishap a touch of Friar's Balsam soon stops the bleeding. It should not be difficult to cut them yourself, but the claw must be held steady with one hand while you manipulate the pincers with the other. The better plan is to get someone who knows the bird to hold it for you, and so leave both your hands free to hold the toe while cutting back the claw, as a slip might mean amputating half the toe.

PARROTS AND INFECTION (Richmond).—Personally, I never indulge Parrots so far as to permit them to feed from my mouth, as perfect chumminess and confidence is possible without. If a Parrot is suffering from an infectious disease communicable to human beings, and it is allowed to feed from its owner's mouth while suffering from such disease, then the owner would most probably pay the price of his, or her, folly. To assert that every Parrot has this, that, or the other, is absurd. Even with chickens and pheasants which you quote, they get the gape-worm by being on infected ground. All do not have it, and the same principle applies generally. Many of a Parrot's ailments would probably not infect a human being at all, but that is no reason why such a bird should be fed from the mouth. Such liberties should only be permitted with proved healthy individuals, but every creature has at least little ailments in the course of its life, and, small or serious, they are not always at once apparent; so, personally, though I have had, and have, some uncannily tame ones, they have never fed from my lips. As regards toys and amusements for Parrots, you are quite right. Most of the ills of caged Parrots have their origin in ennui, which the provision of a few toys soon obviates. But why not put a spoke in the wheel of freedom and amusement for Parrots yourself. How easy, under a pseudonymn if you prefer it, to describe your toys, the use it makes of them, and the amount of liberty you allow it, etc. I am sure the Editor would be very pleased to find you the space.

GALAH GREY PARROT (H. Thomas).—Galah is one of the vernacular names for the Roseate Cockatoo. The grinding of the beak is quite natural, though it is also a sign of indigestion, especially if accompanied with gaping. Give it a more varied seed mixture. One quart each canary, white millet and hemp, one pint each oats, sunflower seeds, and shelled monkey nuts. Well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Supply ripe fruit daily and you can give as extras: raw carrot, dry boiled potato, pieces of bread, biscuit and plain cake. Keep cuttlebone, Parrot grit, and a thickish piece of a branch (for it to exercise its mandibles upon) continually in the cage. Nearly all Galahs are chimmy, droll birds, but the majority are not great talkers; but there are fairly numerous exceptions, and if you take pains in training it, there is no reason why your bird should not develop the power of speech.

IS IT FINGER-TAME? (E. L. S.).—If it was as tame as represented, it ought by this to have become accustomed to you and to be doing the same to you. Of course, you must not confine it to the stick, but quietly seek to induce it to step from the stick to your finger. At any rate, you must not take it out-of-doors till it is quite accustomed to go about on your finger indoors and will fly from and return to your finger at any time. The difficulty out-of-doors is that there are such unexpected sources of fright, during one of which scares the bird might fly right out of sight of its home and be unable to find its way back; though when once they have become accustomed to a place the homing instincts of birds are marvellous. Write to its former owner. Your dictary is satisfactory. Avoid scaring it, but unless you offer your hand to it continually, it will grow out of its earlier habit. It will moult very soon or not till spring.

BIRDS FOR C.P. AVIARY (C. W. L.).—If you have Java Sparrows, a pair each of Grey and White would, with the two nest-boxes, fully occupy your cage, as they are large birds, and more or less bullies, too, so that small species mixed with them would fare badly in so confined a space. The White variety should ultimately breed in the cage, and probably the Grey also. You could put, say, three cock Weavers with them, which would give a dash of colour to the whole; good kinds would be: Napoleon, Red-billed, and Madagascar Weavers. As an alternative selection of small birds the following should make a nice show: Pair each of Zebra Finches (breeders), Silverbills, Golden-breasted Waxbills, Bib Finches, and Avadavats. For the first selection you would have to supply canary and white millet mixed in equal parts, a millet spray, soft food when they are feeding young, also green-food, grit, water and cuttlebone; with one or two mealworms per bird per diem, for the Weavers. This dietary would also meet the need of the second selection, but for the former you must put one large rush nest in the top of each section, for the latter two medium-sized rush nests to each section, the twiggy branches for perches, and while it is in season flowering and seeding grass is the best green-food; during the winter months ripe apple and frame lettuce may take its place. If your choice falls on the second selection get our Nutshell, "Waxbills," and "Avadavats," 2½d. each, post free from our manager, the treatment given therein would meet the need of all the birds in this series.

AMAZON WITH COLD (J. W. M.).—Stop giving the ten-sop at once, and if she calls for it, soak the bread in a strong mixture of chemical food and hot water. Bathe or spray the nostrils with a dilute glyco-thymoline solution. Though Parrots are not hearty drinkers, it is cruel to keep them entirely without water, but you will have to be careful in introducing it now, or the bird will do itself harm by over-drinking. Put a small vessel in containing a little water, and as soon as the bird has had a few sips take it away and do not offer again for a little time—offer it about three times a day at first, then a little more frequent, and in about a fortnight's time it should be safe to leave the water in the cage altogether. For one day put five drops of tasteless castor oil on the soaked bread, and whenever the voiding becomes at all stiff repeat the dose; at the same time, while moving freely, the bowels should not be allowed to remain watery loose. When not giving the castor oil put 8 to 10 drops of cod-liver oil emulsion to the soaked bread. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. You can add nuts, and pieces of biscuit and plain cake to its dietary. Also keep a piece of cuttlebone in its cage continually, and put a pinch of Parrot grit on the top of its seed daily. Report progress in about three weeks.

AILING BUDGERIGARS (Mrs. Cole).—Re the bird with the swollen foot, is there not some fancier or vet. whom you could let see it, as from your latest details, it would appear to be either a deformity or a dislocation, or a fracture left to set of itself, and it will not be of any use to the bird again; however, if there is no one you can show the bird to, if after about three weeks things should be just where they are now it will be far best to painlessly destroy it. As regards the second bird, where are you keeping them? It is evident that it has been in a draught and so caught a bad chill somehow, as these birds are so hardy that merely cold weather of itself would not bring it to this condition, and it must have been subjected either to damp or cold. I really cannot say whether it will recover or not definitely; if you have nearly cured it then it should, but if you have merely checked the trouble temporarily then it is probable it will die. Keep it in a warm equable temperature (not in a stuffy corner), and out of reach of draught. If it will eat it, lightly spread a small piece of bread with cod liver oil emulsion, then moisten it with boiling milk, give this daily for a time. Get the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts; for use, take one teaspoonful of the mixture to two tablespoonfuls of water, and give this daily till the cold yields. If there should be any signs of constipation give one drop tasteless castor oil direct to the mouth from a quill, as often as required.

AMAZON PARROT WITH SORE MOUTH (J.B.W.).—Get a box of honey and borax, and put a little in its mouth twice daily till the month is quite clean—there are several ways of administering this, viz., lightly spreading it on a piece of bread, biscuit, or plain cake, or if the bird is playful and will bite at a piece of stick, then put a little of the mixture on the stick, and when the bird bites at it it will take the honey and borax, but only a clean stick must be put in the mixture. The bowels must be kept moving quite freely, but not watery loose; to effect this put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water as often as may be necessary, and when not giving the magnesia lightly colour the water with chemical food. Give the bird, say, one tablespoonful of boiled maize—boil till soft, drain off all water, then put ten drops of cod-liver oil emulsion over it, and when cool supply to the bird—the boiled maize must be prepared fresh daily. You say nothing as to how you have been feeding, and this makes a helpful reply rather difficult. The dietary should consist of a seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and such extras as pieces of bread, biscuit, and plain cake. Keep cuttlebone and grit continually in the cage. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Report progress in about three weeks' time.

BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON SLEEPY (R.W.C.).—It is a bad practice to put a healthy bird by the side of a new arrival, before the condition of the latter has been ascertained. The new bird should be fed for a time as it had been before coming into your possession. The dietary for established birds is: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, pieces of stale bread, biscuits, etc., but no table scraps, tea, coffee or milk sops should be given. One can only say that it will entirely depend on the bird's condition how long it will take to come round, and I should not trouble about the talking till it gets more lively; also I should keep the cage of the Cockatoo at some distance from it, yet where the birds can see each other, as they've already been introduced. In addition to the diet named above I should give boiled maize for a time—boil till soft, drain off all water, and then put over it ten drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and when cool supply to the bird. The bowels must be kept moving freely, but should not be watery-loose. As required, to secure this "happy medium," put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking-water; and when not giving this, lightly colour the drinking water, with chemical food. Give it a piece of bread or plain cake daily, lightly spread with honey and borax. When the bird is fit, if the Cockatoo is a talker he should help the other bird; they are sure to mimic each other, so if he has any unpleasant raucous calls they had better be kept apart. Cuttlebone and Parrot grit should be kept in the cage regularly, but till it has become accustomed to the latter only a pinch daily should be given.

TREATMENT OF PEACH-FACED LOVEBIRDS ETC. (H.J.E.).—(1) A seed mixture of 1 quart each canary and white millet, one pint oats and ½ pint safflower seeds—well mix the whole and keep up a continuous supply of same. (2) The temper of most pairs of Peach-faces in the nesting season effectually prevents them being kept with other species, though there are exceptions which are fairly amiable, but they are safer alone. Success is more probable in the aviary, but there is no reason why they should not breed in a roomy cage, say, three feet square at base and about the same height. A small barrel makes a good nest receptacle. (3) I assume that the Plumhead is in a cage. In addition to your present dietary give it a few drops (7 to 10) of cod liver oil emulsion daily on a piece of sponge cake or anything similar. Secure free movement of the bowels, not undue looseness, by an occasional laxative in the drinking water (one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia is the best), and also put it on a course of chemical food.

GREY PARROT ILL (Make Up).—You had better get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our Manager, and keep and treat your bird as advised therein. The dietary should consist of seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, pieces of stale bread, biscuit and plain cake; also Parrot grit, cuttlebone and water. Dissolve three drops of tincture of opium in a little syrup, and stir this quantity into the drinking water on three successive days, then repeat again after an interval of three days, the water into which you stir the above should consist of two tablespoonfuls of warm water and one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia. Do not give any more tea sop, but in lieu of same soak the bread in a strong liquid of chemical food and warm water. To keep up its strength give ten drops of cod liver oil emulsion on a piece of sponge cake or anything similar it will eat. Keep it warm, out of draught, yet not in a stuffy corner. Remove and burn the voidings promptly.

PARROT WITH DIARRHŒA (Mrs. D. B.).—I have turned up the previous reply and I can add but little thereto. You must continue the treatment in all respects, but into the milk preparation put several pieces of stale household bread, not sufficient to entirely absorb the milk—some liquid should be left round the bread. Regulate the water supply as already advised, and burn the voiding at once. Keep the bird warm and out of draught, yet not in a stuffy corner. Offer it pieces of arrowroot biscuit at intervals during the day, and keep a piece of cuttlebone in the cage. If the beak is abnormally long it should be cut back, but be careful not to cut back to the vein. A small log of wood in the cage may help the bird to keep its beak properly trimmed. Put a little honey and borax in its mouth daily for the next month.

SEEDS FOR SENEGAL PARROT (E. M. K.).—There is no hard and fast rule, but I always found this species very fond of canary seed, and I used the following mixture with good results: One quart canary seed, one pint each oats, white millet, hemp and sunflower seeds, and half a pint of shelled pea nuts—well mix, store in dust tight tins and keep in a dry place. Ripe fruit, pieces of biscuit, plain cake, cuttlebone and Parrot grit must be regularly supplied. You can also supply other nuts, such as Barcelona and walnuts, shelled or unshelled. If you find an undue quantity of the small seeds left, you can reserve them after picking them clean and then add more large seed to them. However, after filling up the seed-tin in the morning, do not replenish again during the day, so long as there remains any seed in the tin—all Parrots eat their favourite kinds first.

PARROT LAYING IN CAPTIVITY (B. Cook).—Such cases are by no means uncommon. For one day put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water, and repeat the dose after an interval of three days. On other days lightly colour the water with chemical food. In addition to the ordinary seed diet, fruit and nuts, supply pieces of bread, biscuit or plain cake (either will do, whichever the bird prefers), that have been lightly spread with cod-liver oil emulsion. Such as fruit, biscuits, nuts, etc., can be offered freely; tempt its appetite with such as it favours most, so as to encourage it to eat as much as possible. It would be wise to keep it fairly warm, as egg-laying, at any rate for the first time after such a period, is always accompanied by risk. Keep cuttlebone, grit, and a lump of mortar rubbish in the cage.

BREEDING IN WINTER (Enid).—Many breeders just leave their birds to go on breeding or not, as they please, all the year round; others take down all nest receptacles, but this does not stop danger of exhaustion, as they often attempt to nest in holes on the ground, etc.; and yet others seperate the sexes for the winter, and if you can conveniently do this, it is the better course, as it gives the birds a period of rest, and you are more likely to get good results from three nests than from four or five or more under other conditions. I consider the period they can be associated together for breeding purposes to be from April to October inclusive. I also consider it better if they can be in divisions of the aviary out of sight of each other during the separation period. When you put the sexes together again, only put those up for breeding that are absolutely fit in every respect.

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J. H. Booth.—Not contagious. Enteritis followed digestive disturbance. The latter either through errors in dieting, or the too free use of rich foods, producing a catarrhal inflammation of the mucous membrane of the intestines, with consequent inflammatory changes. The bird was in a depleted nutrition, rendering the subject an easy prey to incondition and very anæmic.

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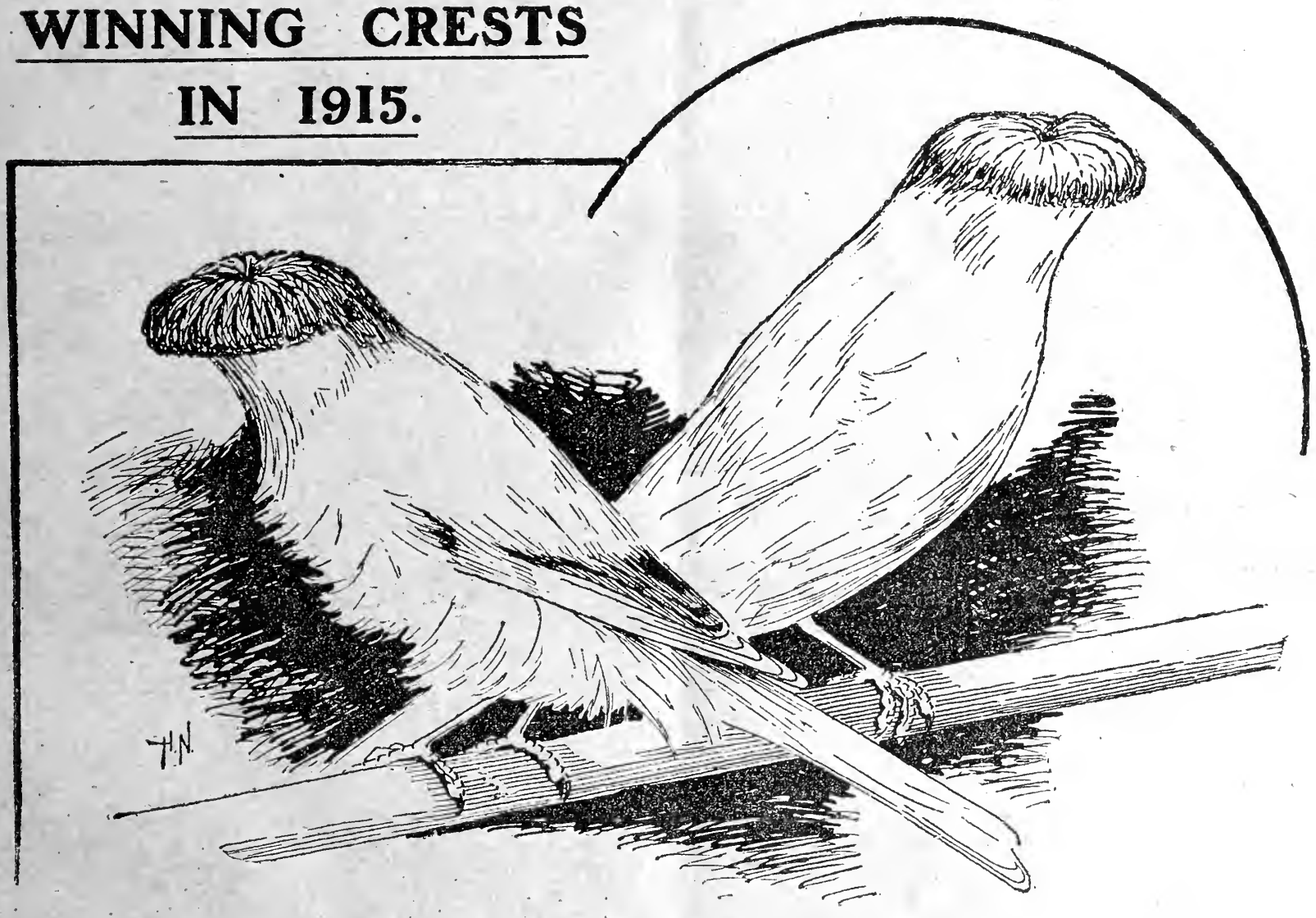

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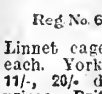

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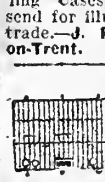

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CHAFFINCHES, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Blackbirds, singing, Linnets, Hawfinches and Jays, Magpies and Redpolls, Canaries, Thrushes, cheap; stamp reply: Naturalist, 298, Lillie-rd., Fulham. (66)

COCK Goldfinches 2/-, hens 1/-; cock Bullfinch 2/6, hens 1/6; cock Linnets, 1/-; Redpolls, 6d.; cock Woodlarks 2/6, hens 1/6; bright mixed aviary birds, 6/- dozen: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (78)

REDBREASTED cock Linnets, three for 1/3, 4/6 dozen; outstanding cock Larks, great size, three for 1/3, 3/6 dozen, three dozen 10/-; Thrushes, Blackbirds, cocks, 1/- each, three for 2/-; Goldfinches, 3/6 pair; three Goldfinch Mules, big, dark, believed 1 cock, 2 hens, 5/- lot to clear: J. Whiteley, Catcher, Boston rd., Holbeach. (79)

NOTICE!

Finest lot cock Linnets and Larks in England; Singing lond, 1s. 1s. 6d., 2s. 6d. each; wanted canaries, British Birds: Brain, 288, Lichfield-rd., Aston, Birmingham. (09)

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SPLENDID cock Goldfinches, 1/6, 2/-, six 7/6, 14/- dozen; selected, 2/6, 3/-, six 9/-; few beauties, 5/- each; cock Linnets, Skylarks, 8d., three 1/6, six 2/6, 4/- dozen; dozen mixed aviary cocks and hens, including Goldfinch, 4/6; trap cage and cock Linnet caller, only 1/9; grand cock Thrushes, 2/- each; show specimens, cheap; satisfaction guaranteed: Broxup, 27, Stock-st., Burnley. (80)

MACE, NATURALIST

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CANARIES.

Border Fancy.

BORDERS, yellow and buff cocks, in song, 5/6 each, hens 2/6; approval: Askew, 10, Tomlinson-rd., Ashton, Preston. (73)

PRIZE bred Borders, cinnamons, greens, marks, clears, at reasonable prices; approval: Glass, 80, Quarry-st., Hamilton. (77)

SMART cock birds from 7/6, pairs from 10/6; right type, rare quality; approval: Robson, 28, Camdengrove, Peckham, London. (11)

VERY fine clot Border Canaries, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, and 10/6 each; hens 2/6: Harris, 55, Beak-st., Regent-st., London, W. (73)

SEVEN good pairs Borders, bred from winners, 10/- pair, exchange pullets; approval: Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, S. O., Wales.

ROBERT LAMBIE, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire, has greens and cinnamons, winners, and some of his winners for sale; approval, stamp. (77)

FINE typical buff Border cock, 1914 bred, guaranteed to win, will deposit with Editor; 7/6: M. L. Ross, St. Leonard's-rd., Forres, N.B. (69)

GRAND lot of green Border Fancies for show or stock, price reasonable; taken approval, stamp reply: D. Sturrock, 1, Lawrence-st., Dundee. (79)

BORDERS, from prize winners, must clear; hens, 2/6; cocks from 6/6; pairs from 8/6; variegated and greens: Daw, 31, St. John's-rd., East Ham. (58)

NOTICE, grand lot Border fancy, for show or song, cocks 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each, matched pairs 5/6; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (29)

BORDERS. A few good birds, good quality and colour; cocks from 7/6, hens 2/6; approval, cash or deposit: Plympton, 36, Ermine-rd., Lewisham, S.E. (70)

FOUR typical yellow cinnamon Border cocks, 7/6 each; approval, stamp; exchange one for large yellow pink-eyed Norwich hen: Kirkhope, Bootmaker, Sanquhar. (63)

R. CLAYDON has some grand Borders to sell, good colour, type, quality, including last year's winners; must sell reasonable; inquiries invited: Oatlands Drive, Weybridge. (73)

BORDER, prize, even mark breed, two yellow marked cocks, almost even marks, both matched to typical buff hens, 30/6 pair; cheap to clear: Robert Aitchinson, Soller Knowe, Biggar. (77)

BORDERS, can now part with grand birds, for show or stock, clear or marked cocks, from 6/-, hens, from 4/-; great bargains; write now; approval: Irons, Park-place, Brechin, Forfarshire. (77)

EXHIBITION, even-marked, yellow cock, grand type, 7/6; even-marked yellow hen, 5/6, winner; also clears, marks, cocks and hens; approval; state wants: Walker, 12, Tower-rd., Tweedmouth. (66)

GREAT successes, see reports last week, Ardwick, Manchester, Glasgow, medal Sheffield; can supply some bargains from 7/6; matched pairs from 15/-; stamp: George Bennet, 102, Bowmont Villa, Kelso.

HAVE decided not to exhibit this season, and having bred 100 youngsters, many fit to win, plenty to select from, in all colours, show or stock, at war prices; approval; stamp: Dan Hamilton, 239, Low Waters, Hamilton. (53)

HAVING decided not to show this year on account of sickness, I am offering all of my birds for sale or exchange, including last year's winners, exchange; also some very good youngsters for show and stock; seen any time excepting Sundays; deposit: Pearson, 24, Longthwaite-rd., Wigton, Cumberland. (69)

BORDERS

wanted, one thousand Border cocks, also pairs; highest prices given by any dealer in Great Britain; send offers along: G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham.

Crests and Crestbreds.

CREST and crestbred for sale, also cages cheap: Shea, 229, Caledonian-rd., London, N. (78)

GREEN C.B. hen, Evins direct (1914), bred from two crests, bargain 10/6: Colley, 12, Goodman-rd., Leyton. (72)

WANTED a few really large Grey Crest 1915 hens: H. E. Steel, Arundel House, Cheltenham.

MRS. THOS. TAYLOR'S champion strain, a few good birds for sale; approval, stamp reply: 68, Edward-st., Gateshead. (65)

A FEW good matched pairs, Crest and Crestbreds, some odd Crestbred cocks, cheap; approval: Wright, 28, Stewart-rd., Falkirk. (60)

EVINS BROS., offers crestbred cocks 20/-, 30/-, crested cocks 10/-, 20/- each, only a few left for sale, no hens: 259, High-st., Exeter. (75)

CRESTS and crestbred cocks from 12/6, pairs from 25/-, bred from prize stock; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (58)

CRESTED hens, two buff, light, one green, one variegated, from 10/- to 30/- each; approval, deposit: Williamson, 24, Newcastle-rd., Nottingham. (76)

MASSIVE, 1914, clear crestbred cock, 21/-, good 1915 clear crested hen 12/6, grizzle 1914 crested hen 7/6; approval: William Stevens, 9, Colvile-st., Derby. (74)

ONLY four pairs crests left, must clear next fortnight, 25/- and 30/- a pair only, worth treble; deposit, approval: Calam, 50, Baxtergate, Whitby, Yorks. (61)

THREE Crested hens, green, fit for show, 50/- each; several other Crests and Crestbreds; reasonable approval; deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham. (44)

HIGH-CLASS Crests, 35 years breeder of the best, many winners sold; some grand birds for sale, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (17)

TWO wing marked dark crests 20/- each, one ditto, 15/-; variegated Crestbred, winner, 20/-; clear body grey crest, 15/-; all cocks; clear crestbred hen 10/-: J. Gillespie, 19, Allergate, Durham.

GRAND crests and crestbreds, cocks and hens, must reduce stock, will sell cheap; at Luton Members' Show, crest cup, special for best bird, 2 firsts, 2 specials, 2 seconds; approval: Bennett, 74, Boyle-st., Luton, Beds. (73)

REV. JOYCE, Wellington, Somerset, can supply crests and crestbreds (best blood) in matched pairs from 40/-; singles same rate, all bred for quality and vigour; some of the chief winners this season again are from birds bred by him; stamp; state price.

MILLS, 96, Junction-rd., Northampton, first cross coppy cock, 1914, 60/-; extra large grizzle hen, same breed, 20/-, 1915; dark crested cock, 1914, 40/-; green crested cock 30/-; crested hens 20/- to 60/- each; several crests and crestbreds cheap; state wants; approval. (74)

LADIES and gentlemen.—As I and four sons are now doing our duty to our King and Country, I have to dispose of the following crest and crestbred Canaries and a few Norwich Plainheads, singly or in pairs; on approval; I have won over 500 prizes; please apply to: Pte. J. Nichols, 2/4 Norfolk Regt., Canary Fancier, Imperial Hotel, Gt. Yarmouth. (70)

WHOLE stock of Crests for disposal, 1914 15, strong, healthy birds; Crestbred cocks, large, variegated, heavy feathered, 17/6; green, 20/-; variegated, 10/-; ditto, 7/6; heavy variegated dark Crest cock, 15/-; hens: variegated dark Crest, 20/-; buff grizzle Crest, 8/-; variegated dark Crest, 10/-; all worth double; no reasonable offer refused; approval: John Morrison, Glas, Huntly. (69)

CLEAR body dark Crested cock, 3rd Cheltenham, 80/-; wing-marked dark Crest cock, 84/-; yellow variegated Crestbred cock, 3rd Cheltenham, 63/-; nearly green Crestbred cock, 60/-; large grey-crested hen, with green Crestbred cock, 60/- pair; large clear Crestbred cock, 20/-; grey Crest hen, with green Crstbred cock, 40/- pair; several good Crest and Crestbred cocks and hens, 10/- to 20/- each; approval: T. Gilbert, Hope Cottage, Hill-st., Coventry.

CRESTS and Crestbreds. Hens, variegated Crestbred, unflighted, 15/-; green C.-B., 12/6; capped variegated Crestbred, 15/-; grey Crested, 12/6; ditto unflighted, 17/6; small ditto, 6/-; Crestbred 6/-. Cocks: Variegated Crestbred, unflighted, 12/6; wing marked buff, dark crest, 20/6; clear buff Crestbred, 20/-; lightly variegated, unflighted, 15/6; green Crestbred, unflighted, 17/6; green Crestbred, 21/-; all cold-room bred and healthy; approval: H. E. Steel, Arundel House, Cheltenham.

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ALL my cinnamons for sale, cheap, in one lot, or pairs: L. Roberts, Ironmonger, 56, Johnston-st., Blackburn. (49)

MASSIVE 1914 buff cock, good head, neck, and carriage, Mrs. Deacon's strain, grand quality, 30/-: Platt, 5, Bramford-lane, Ipswich. (75)

EXCHANGE large light exhibition Goldie male for large cinnamon marked, Norwich cock; sell 15/-: G. Wells, Yard 126, Kirkland, Kendal. (75)

Belgians.

BELGIANS.—Several good birds for sale, from my winners at leading shows; approval: Horrill, King Edward-st., Barnstaple. (76)

BELGIANS, two good pairs, also some odd cocks and hens, from prize winning strain; approval: Bennett, Little Herton, Sticklepath, Barnstaple. (44)

Greens.

NORWICH greens, yellows, and buffs, from 10/- each; approval; no single yellow hens: Jenkins, 85, Church-st., Widnes. (451)

YORKSHIRES, cocks, 2 fowl buffs 15/-, 6 do. 10/-, 2 yellows 7/6; hens, 3 yellow, 8 fowl buff, 6/-: Holmes, 2, Kenmare-rd., Wavertree. (72)

L. F. HARDING, winner outright of Norwich C.C.A. cup, three 1sts and 2nd last Palace show, has a few choice pairs for disposal: 29a, Market-st., Wellingboro'. (71)

Lancashires.

LARGE Lancashire Plainhead, cock or hen, 10/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (76)

Dutch Frills.

WANTED Dutch or French frill cock, reasonable price: Wells, College Green, Bristol. (75)

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

J. C. BARNES, Norwich and Yorkshire specialist. Winner of numerous silver cups, medals, etc.; well-known strains. Better blood unobtainable. Grand specimens to spare; both varieties; reasonable; approval; inspection cordially invited; inquiries solicited; stamp: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

J. HODDER, breeder of high class Norwich, winner of championships; good birds from 7/6 upwards; approval; stamp: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

FRANK F. LAWSON, Norwich Specialist, 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle, one of the best exhibition strains in the Fancy. Stock birds from 10/- each. Pairs from 20/- upwards. Stamped inquiries solicited.

N LEESE, breeder of Norwich, winner of Crystal Palace diploma and silver medal, Horticultural Hall diploma, silver rose bowl, gold medals, etc.; a few good birds ready now; approval: N. Leese, 60, Alexandra-rd., Normacot, Staffs.

JUDGE SILK, 27, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.—The greatest Norwich specialist in England. This strain has produced more winners in champion classes than any other show and stock birds; always for sale; approval. (67)

TWO pair typical Norwich, only 8/- pair: Broxup, Stock-st., Burnley. (80)

WANTED, a large quantity of Norwich; best price paid: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr Tydvil. (79)

FEW colour-fed Norwich; prices reasonable; on approval; state wants: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (59)

WHAT offers for two good Norwich cocks, and hens: H. Compton, 35, Coombe-st., Bruton, Som. (75)

WANTED, large Norwich, fair price given for good stock: Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (46)

TWENTY Norwich must be cleared shortly, from 10/6 pair; 3 pair cinnamons 12/6, or 30/- lot: Spann, Stivichale. (79)

EXCEPTIONALLY well-bred cocks, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 6/-, 7/-; pairs, 12/-, 16/-: Fyfe, 100, Craighall-rd., Glasgow, N. (73)

SOLID brass hanging cage, grand singing Norwich Canary, 8/6 lot; cage cost double: 201, City-rd., Manchester. (73)

SEVEN large Norwich hens, 2/6 each, or reasonable offer for lot, all healthy: Kelly, 67, Gatton-rd., Tooting, S.W. (71)

GRAND year-old variegated buff stock cock, 35/-, nat.-colour: F. A. Hargreaves, Brunswick Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne. (70)

MR. PAVEY, Norwich pairs reasonable; these are consistent breeders; stamp reply: 5, Grove-rd., Abbey Wood, S.E. (69)

BEAUTIFUL young Norwich cock Canaries, yellow or mottled, with cage, 9/6: Saxby, Church-st., Heathfield, Sussex. (71)

FOUR Norwich cocks, 6/- each; 8 hens 3/-; mostly colour fed; exchange 40/- lot: Woodhouse, 21, Millgate, Newark, Notts. (74)

SEVERAL pairs first class Norwich for sale, going cheap; also eight pure cinnamon hens: Croxon, Crown Dairy, Lowestoft. (76)

WINNERS, yellow hen, 15/-; clear buff cock, ticked buff cock, 12/6; several others cheap: Girlin, 22, Wensum-st., Norwich. (80)

D. DEVOY, high-class, typical, Norwich cocks, 10/-, yellow and buff hens, 10/- each, pairs 20/-: 23, George-st., Stranraer. (25)

WANTED, pair high-class Norwich; exchange pedigree Airedale bitch, value £2, and cash: Pearce, 231, Cathedral-rd., Cardiff. (72)

I HAVE some splendid Norwich Canaries; cocks, 5/6, 6/6; hens, 1/9, 2/-, 2/6: Syd, Mothersole, 20, Humberstone-rd., Leicester. (57)

STOUT unflighted Norwich fed cocks, 6/-; hens, 4/-; pairs, 9/6; approval, deposit Editor: Smith, 102, Russell-st., Northampton (75)

EXCHANGE buff Norwich cock, C.F., for clear yellow hen, 1915; no rubbish wanted or given: Rosie, 12½ High-st., Fraserburgh. (72)

STEPHEN TWEDDLE, Wimberley-st., Blackburn, breeder and exhibitor of Plainhead Norwich, has few birds for sale; stamp reply. (52)

NORWICH cocks, full song, 5/-; 6/-; clear hens, 2/6, 3/- each; approval, deposit: Royston, Trentlocks, West Bridgford, Nottingham. (74)

BUFF cocks, 1914, 12/6; unflighted, 10/6 each; buff hens, 5/- each; all large birds, clear and variegated: Crofts, 105, Bohemia-rd., St. Leonard's. (72)

GOOD yellow Norwich cock, winner, 15/-; or exchange clear buff cock; approval anywhere; yours first: P. Woodrow, Tailor, Shaftesbury. (72)

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich, for song or show, cocks 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each, matched pairs 6/-; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (29)

BRAYBROOK has few real good yellow and buff unflighted cocks, 15/- to 25/- each; all hens sold; approval: 9, Stanley-st., Brierfield, near Burnley.

FEW smart typical birds, cocks from 10/6, pairs from 15/-; all clean moulted and healthy; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (11

SYMONS BROS., Melbourne, Liskeard, Cornwall, have 150 Norwich and Crest from 10/- upwards; purchasers winning with the same stock; approval. (57)

BURGESS, Eastover, Bridgwater, old exhibitor, offers Norwich buff cocks, quality, size, type, 10/- each; hens, 5/-; approval; exchange new clothing. (70)

SEVERAL good Norwich cocks, size, quality, from 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6 upwards, fit for show, colour fed; approval: Grout, 64, Hughenden-rd., Norwich. (73)

CHAMPION Norwich; reducing stock; latest wins cup, best in show; good stock or show birds; state wants, stamp: Clarke, 69, Felixstowe-rd., Ipswich. (73)

MR. Greenwood has ten pairs of Norwich Plainheads, matched for breeding, 10/- to 15/- per pair, mostly 1915; approval; stamp: 28, Haydon-st., Swindon. (75)

BUFF cock, 2 1sts and sp. only time shown, 21/-; yellow var. cock, 15/-; see Poplar report last week; also 3 buff hens, 7/6 each: Marhoff, 1, Stanfield-rd., Bow. (74)

SIX prize-bred Norwich cocks, variegated and clears, C.F., from 10/- up; guaranteed on full song; one clear buff hen, 7/-: Apply, Hodges, Temple-st., Macsteg. (73)

TYPICAL Norwich cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- upwards; hens 4/- upwards; cash or easy payments; stamp reply: Rossell, 85, Whitton-rd., Hounslow, Middlesex. (72)

EXCEPTIONALLY handsome lot of young Norwich cock Canaries, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, and 10/6; hens, 2/6: Harris, 55, Beak-st., Regent-st., London, W. (73)

SUPERB pair typical Norwich, bred from cup winners, size, substance, quality, 30/-; others, 12/6, 15/-; approval: Bennett, Holly Bank, Connah's Quay, Chester. (75)

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CLEARING out the whole of my Norwich (non-fed), rare type and quality birds; cocks from 7/6, hens from 7/6; approval, deposit: Wm. Barr, Bishopview, Cardenden, Fife. (77)

GOOD typical Norwich, clears and greens, also good 1914 green Crestbred cock, with 1913 green Crestbred hen, Barnett's strain, 25/-: Levatino, 12, Foster-rd., Chiswick, London. (70)

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, Ayrshire, having decided to dispose of all his high-class Norwich, offers exceptional bargains; many winners; all large; inspection invited; letters only. (59)

A. E. LEECH has a few buff cocks to dispose of from his champion winning strain; good stock birds from 15/-; can be seen any time by appointment: 14, Cambridge-rd., Mile End, E. (74)

DR. Weekes, Tower House, Languard-rd., Southampton, has three buff cocks for disposal, from 15/-, related to his winners, Cardiff, Cheltenham, Bournemouth; approval, deposit. (70)

NORWICH cocks, yellow and buff clear, also variegated; hens, yellow and buff, grand condition, bred from winners, 10/6 to 15/-; approval, deposit: Ramsay, 28, Brechin-rd., Arbroath. (77)

D. CARSTAIRS, 263, High-st., Perth, has 30 prize and prize-bred Norwich and Borders for sale; see report Perth show; all non-fed 1915 birds, in perfect health; stamp reply; approval. (74)

MR. Eckersley has only a limited number to spare this season from his famous strain, which has produced some of the finest Norwich ever seen: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (76)

CLEAR yellow cock and buff hen, £1; ticked yellow cock and buff hen, 15/-; clear buff cock and ticked yellow hen, 15/-; approval: Mitchell, Confectioner, Oldham-rd., Failsworth, Manchester. (75)

JAMES Stark, absolute winner Norwich Amateur Challenge Cup, offers big yellow cock, 1914, good stock bird, price 20/-; several nice hens from 7/6; approval; stamp: 110, Oak-st., Norwich. (77)

CHAMPION Norwich, large, with good heads, good type and feather, well matched pairs or single birds, winners sold every season; 35 years breeder; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham.

FINEST foundation: Owing to military duties, Spillman and Gill and Pethick strain; all birds for disposal, cheap; single, double, and large flight cages: Tomsett, S.N.P.C., 84, Endwell-rd., Brockley. (74)

LARGE variegated buff cock, very typical, splendid stock bird, 30/-; big clear buff cock, splendid quality and carriage, 20/-; also several buff hens, all healthy; approval: Kerr, Richmond-rd., New Barnet.

THIRTY grand high-class Norwich hens for sale, yellows and buffs from 10/- each and upwards; all my own breeding: Mr. John Richard Faux, Portland-villas, Wood-lane, Hucknall Torkard, Nottinghamshire. (69)

1st, 3rd Preston, 2nd, two 3rds, 5th Accrington, two 1sts Manchester, 9 entries altogether; few Norwich, unflighted buffs and yellows, both sexes, 6/- to 15/-; my breeding: Stuttard, 23, Perth-st., Accrington. (71)

W. A. Wilson, Crystal Palace, Norwich, winner Challenge Cup, Leeds, Gold Medals, Trophies, etc., has both show and stock birds for disposal; see report York, three firsts: 61a, Bayswater-pl., Roundhay, Leeds. (77)

GRAND stock birds; yellow cock, 20/-; buff cock, 20/-; two buff hens, 6/- each; 1914 birds; 1915 buff cock, 10/-; fed; fit for competition; all bred from show birds: Worrell, "Ravenswood," St. James'-rd., Sutton. (72)

G. DOWELL, breeder of high-class Norwich, has for sale about 50 typical birds; cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6; approval; cash or deposit: Spread Eagle, Langport, Somerset (late of 4, Beer-st., Yeovil). (58)

UNFLIGHTED clear buff cock, 1st Kirkintilloch, Novice Class, 15/-; two unflighted buff var. cocks, 7/6 each; 1914 buff var. cock, 7/6; yellow green hen, 5/-; approval, deposit: Donnan, 37, Industry-st., Kirkintilloch. (76)

N. LEESE, winner at Manchester, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, also at Burton 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, I have a few good pairs from 20/- upwards; also odd cock from 10/- each; on approval: 30, Alexandra-rd., Normacot, Staffs.

MASSIVE ticked buff cock, lovely quality, type, 35/-; marked yellow ditto, 30/-; variegated buff, large head, fine stock bird, 20/-; also two yellow hens, 15/- each; all healthy; on approval: Kerr, Richmond-rd., New Barnet.

LUTON Show prizewinners last week: Massive variegated buff cock, 1st and special, 30/-; extra larged marked buff, 3rd, same class, 25/-; splendid shape clear buff, 2nd 25/-; approval; deposit: Webb, 22, Frederic-st., Luton. (74)

WANTED, 2 unflighted high class Norwich hens (buffs), cold room or aviary bred; exchange highly typical yellow Norwich cock (unflighted), or sell 12/6; splendid 1914 cinnamon Yorkshire hen, typical bird, 5/-: Harpham, Printer, Spilsby, Lincs. (72)

TO clear, my best three champion Norwich, had no time to col.-feed them; two buff cocks and one yellow hen, all massive birds and winners, first 50/- gets them, real bargain; no approval; guaranteed healthy: Goodman, 24, Bedford-rd., Kempston, Bedford. (68)

TWO grand yellow cocks, £2 and 30/-, and one clear buff, 15/-, 1st Birmingham, 1914; also six buff hens, 7/6 each; two dark Mules, will make winners, 30/- each; cheap to clear; all birds sent on approval, cash or deposit: H. Bell, "Lyndhurst," 2, Clements-st., Coventry. (69)

HAVING little time to show, can spare some good Norwich; this strain has been built by me, has won throughout England and Scotland, and is reliable; recent wins Wolverhampton, Reading, etc.; prices 7/- upwards; approval; stamp, particulars: Geo. Saunders, 158, High-st., Quarry Bank, Staffs. (73)

SURPLUS stock cheap to clear from winners of silver medal and numerous prizes; 4 buff hens, 4 buff cocks, 3 yellow cocks, all unflighted, 10/- each; monster var. buff hen, 20/-; 2 large clear buff hens, 15/- each; offers lot; good type and quality; approval, deposit: Moorman, Carisbrooke, Isle Wight. (73)

YOUR opportunity.—Have some of that famous strain, Chalmers' Kirkintilloch Champion Norwich, at less than half value; good type, quality and health; F.W. rung; single 6/-, 8/-, 10/-; pairs, suitably matched, 10/-, 14/-, 17/-; approval, cash or deposit: Mathewson, Station House, Dalmogoyne, Stirlingshire. (69)

T. HUTTON offers high class Norwich birds; 2 clear buff cocks, winners, 1914 bred, 30/- each; 2 clear yellow cocks, winners, 1914 bred, £1 each; large massive buff self green cock, 1914 bred, 30/-; ticked buff hen, 15/-; non-fed yellow cock, 1915 bred, 15/-; these are all first class birds; stamp for reply: Ivylea, Larbert, Stirlingshire. (79)

I AM disposing of a few of my winning bred Norwich; yellow marked cock (winner), buff variegated hen, 40/- pair; buff cock, 30/-; two unflighted buff cocks and two unflighted hens, yellow and buff variegated, from 15/- each; these birds are bred from winners, a few of them related to 1st prize buff variegated cock at Lochgilly show last month; approval: F. B. Craik, Brae-Knowe, Forfar. (80)

HUMPHRIES strain.—Ticked buff hen, splendid type, 7 firsts York, 45/-, large variegated yellow cock 25/-, another 20/-, variegated buff 15/-, clear buff 10/6, variegated yellow hen 10/6, another 7/6, clear 10/6, variegated buff 10/6, another 7/6, clear buff 10/6, unflighted clear buff cock 10/6, variegated 12/6, unflighted buff hens 15/-, 12/6, and 10/6; all splendid value: Robinson, Wednesfield, Carr-lane, Acomb, York. (56)

J. C. Barnes, well-known strain, 25 years' study, winner of Cups, Medals, etc., at leading shows, also winner of Sheffield Challenge Cup outright (3 years in succession); few grand thick-set Norwich to spare, true type, A1 quality and colour, plenty of substance; cocks from 20/-, hens 10/- up; several special pairs, correctly matched, £3 to £5; inspection invited: approval: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

CHAMPION Norwich, holder Oxford Challenge Cups, silver ernet, Reading; first, special, Leicester, claimed £10 10/-; two winners claimed Reading last week; large unflighted yellow cock, winner, 40/-; ticked unflighted yellow cock, winner, 25/-; variegated unflighted yellow cock, 10/6; variegated unflighted buff cock, good stock bird, 12/6; large green yellow hen, colour producer or Dark Mules, 7/6; approval, receipt cash; wanted, two unflighted good typical buff hens, exchange to value: Lewin, 58, Marlborough-rd., Oxford. (74)

J. T. CLARK

Has for disposal, a few pairs of well-bred Norwich and Yorkshires, from 12/6; approval: 29, Ashby-rd., Watford, Herts. (14)

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A GENTLEMAN wishes to dispose of all his prize bred Norwich and Yorkshires, 15/-, 20/- pair; cages, etc.; approval; enquiries invited, enclosing stamp, to Mr. Papple, 24, Lauranec-st., West Hartlepool.

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HIGH-CLASS Glucke, Randall and Welton, 10/6, 8/6, 7/6; hens 3/6 2/6; approval: Lloyd, 140, Gresty-rd., Crewe. (195

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NOTICE, grand lot Rollers, cocks 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each; matched pairs, 5/6; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (29)

DEEP water Glucke Rollers, prize strain; cocks, 15/-, 20/-; hens 4/6 each: Parker, 12, Friston-st., Ladywood, Birmingham. (79)

BEAUTIFUL young Seifert Roller cock Canaries, singing nicely, accept 4/6 each: Miss Jones, Harlech House, Aberystwyth. (79)

PURE Randall's, two high-class Schoolmasters for sale, 1915, 15/- and 20/-, rung; approval, deposit: 122, Holly-aven., Wallsend. (77)

YOUNG songster Canaries for sale, guaranteed cocks, on song, 4/6 and 5/- each: Arthur Munks, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts. (42)

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EIGHT high-class Roller hen, Randall's, 1915, cold-room, healthy birds, 2/6 and 3/- each: Hilton, Queen's-rd.-terrace, Littleborough. (69)

HIGH-class water glucke Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung; cocks, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/-; hens, 4/6; approval: T. Hilson, 35, Botany-la., Ashton-under-Lyne. (73)

HIGH-CLASS Glucke Rollers, 1915 cocks, from 10/6; hens, 3/6; approval; few breeding cages and shutter-cages, cheap: Earnshaw, 51, Rook-st., Nelson, Lancs. (69)

THREE smart Roller hens, 4/- each; exchange for schoolmaster; would give extra cash for good bird; offers, approval: Slater, Fruiterer, Carlisle-st., Dresden, Staffs. (71)

SPLENDID Roller cocks, in full song, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, upwards; hens, 3/-, upwards; cash or easy payments; stamp reply: Rossell, 85, Whitton-rd., Hounslow, Middlesex. (72)

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GRAND lot of rich yellow and variegated young Roller cock Canaries, exceptionally good songsters, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/-; hens 2/6: Harris, 55, Beak-st., Regent-st., London, W. (73)

HIGH-class glucke Rollers, cocks, 12/-, 15/-; hens, 4/-, 5/-; same strain as my Cups and Medals winners; Mr. Willows' strain; approval, cash or deposit note: Morris, 36, Dale-st., Wrexham. (73)

1915 ROLLER cocks, in song, organ trained, Randle's strain; a few pairs left, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; beautiful long thrills and low warblers; extra hens 2/- each: Rushworth, 228, Padiham-rd., Burnley. (80)

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HIGH-CLASS British Rollers, best money can buy, cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; schoolmasters, 10/6 each; hens 2/- each, 18/- a dozen; will send any distance my risk; any arriving dead replaced; approval, cash or deposit: Day's Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (75)

I HAVE for sale about 60 Roller Canaries, this term's birds (rung), all singing day and gaslight; inspection specially invited; also Yorkshire Terrier dog, weight 3½ lbs.; exchange little Pom. bitch, or sell £1: George Simpson, 31, Oxford-st., Leigh, Lancs. (79)

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RANDALL'S cup strain, all wearing closed club ring; B4X1, scored 18 points Rossendale, grand schoolmaster, 25/-; worth 30/-; B4x9921, scored 18 London International Roller contest, 25/- only; B4x9931 and two Waterglucke hens, can breed winners, 27/6; young cocks, with good length and variety of tours, 15/-; approval; deposit; all customers during the last six years have bought the first Roller cock sent, except one, 12-2-1915: Atherton, Member Roller Club, 36, Christian-rd., Preston. (57)

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MESSRS. AMBLERS, champion Yorkshire Breeders, winners of highest honours possible for over 30 years; many championships Crystal Palace, including championship last Palace show. As we are not exhibiting have some of the best Yorkshires living for disposal, show or stock birds, wonderful length, teeming with quality, bred direct from our championship winners; pairs matched to breed winners, 15/- to 60/-; single birds proportionate; these are not dealers' Yorkshires, but the highest possible breeding; approval: Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorkshire. (64)

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I have 6 high-class Yorkshires, cocks, clears, left, 5/6 each; unseen clear: Tolley, Highlands, Woldingham, Surrey. (80)

GRAND young, typical Yorkshire cocks, from 6/6 to 10/6 each; approval: Revill, saddler, Willingham-st., Grimsby. (77)

SIXTEEN high-class Yorkshires, cocks 5/- each, hens 3/- each, cold room bred: H. Gamble, Brompton, Northallerton. (74)

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YORKSHIRES, good birds, colour-fed, cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-: Apply, Percy Lane, 1, Arboretum-rd., Worcester. (480)

YORKSHIRES, prize bred cocks, in full song, 8/-; make good stock birds: Draper, 47, Palmerston-st., Battersea Park-rd. (76)

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EXCHANGE two pairs of stock Yorkshires for two pairs of stock Norwich; yours first: Taylor, 155, Old Fallow, Cannock. (76)

SAM HAIGH has some high class yellow Yorkshire cocks for sale; prices reasonable; approval: 21, Range Bank, Halifax. (75)

PRIZE bred Yorkshires, buff hens from 4/-, cold room bred, cash or deposit: Hamilton, 12, Glaketon-st., Coalburn, Lanarkshire. (72)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, show or stock birds, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-: Robertshaw, 59, Hammond-st., Halifax. (37)

HANDSOME Yorkshire cocks 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- upwards, hens 4/- upwards, cash or easy payment; stamp reply: Rossell, 85, Whitton-rd., Hounslow, Middlesex. (72)

THIRTEEN Yorkshire Canaries, good singers, two breeding cages, one flight cage, £2 2s.: 22, Montielle-rd., Streatham Hill. (78)

COCKS, 2 tkd. yellow, 2 cinnamon yellow, 2 buff, 10/- each; hens, 2 yellow, 3 buff, 5/- each: Holmes, 2, Kenmare-rd., Wavertree. (72)

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SEVERAL clear, green and cinnamon marked show Yorkshires, colour-fed; prices reasonable; on approval: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (59)

CINNAMON marked Yorkshire hen, grand feather, 7/6; green marked, 6/-; yellow, 6/-; buff, 6/-; approval: R. Pinnell, Warminster. (78)

RARE chance for beginners, Dykes, clearing out pairs and singles; write and inquire; cash or deposit: Spurr, 15, Abbot-st., Lincoln. (74)

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ENLISTING. Buff cock, 15/-; yellow cock, 15/-; yellow hen, 10/-; buff hen, 7/6; see Poplar next week: Mathoff, 1, Stanfield-rd., Bow. (74)

NOTICE, grand lot Yorkshires, for song or show, cocks, 3/-, 5/-, 7/6 each, matched pairs, 6/-; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (29)

YORKSHIRES, a few matched pairs, also odd cocks and hens for sale, including winner at Clapham and L.P.O.S. shows: Neighbour, 12, Arthur-rd., Holloway. (62)

FOR sale, two Yorkshire cocks, unflighted, one 1st prize winner at Feather Show, yellow and buff, 6/6 each: Miss Garland, Barkham Manor, Wokingham. (79)

YORKSHIRE cocks, from 6/-, hens from 3/-, pairs from 10/-, all from my winning strain, and natural colour, 1915 birds: John Mitchell, West End, Marazion, Cornwall. (74)

SPLENDID lot of Yorkshire cock Canaries yellows, buffs, and splashed, in full song, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/-; hens 2/6: Harris, 55, Beak-st., Regent-st., London, W. (73)

W. WELLS, Midland champion, offers about 40 superb stock or show birds, mostly unflighted, absolute bargain prices; approval: Helmside, Erdington, Birmingham. (77)

YORKSHIRES, colour fed, grand condition; cocks 6/6 upward, hens 3/- upwards; own breeding; approval; no dealers: Williams, 862, Penistone-rd., Owlerton, Sheffield. (46)

BUFF cock, winner, 30/-; cost £4; another, 3rd Bournemouth, 1914, 15/-; unflighted buff cock, 10/-; and others: Bousfield, Midgham, Queen's Park West Drive, Bournemouth. (69)

FOUR pairs of Yorkshires, 26/-, cocks on full song, also large buff cock and yellow hen, cock can win open class, novice, 12/6 pair, worth double: North, Greenside, Acomb, York. (75)

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PURE pedigree Yorkshires, strictly our strain, one of the best in Fancy, own breeding only, guaranteed; thirty only, 12/6 up.; cash or deposit: Nattrass, Raby-avenue, Bishop Auckland. (28)

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YORKSHIRES, clear yellow cock, marked buff hen, ticked yellow cock, clear buff hen, 15/- pair; ticked yellow cock, £1, or exchange for good yellow hen to value; approval, cash or deposit: Gawne, Tennis-rd., Douglas, I.O.M. (69)

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, upwards; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 10/6, upyards; approval; carriage paid: Edgar King Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (78)

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SIXTY high-class Yorkshires, every bird own breeding, from my winners, see show reports, cold room; inspection invited; approval deposit; cocks from 7/6, hens 5/-: Radford, 128, Sandy-lane, Charlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (72)

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CHAMPION Yorkshires: Grand lengthy cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards; smart erect racy hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, upwards; matched pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, and upwards; approval; deposit: Beaumont, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield. (72)

STOCK of high-class typical Yorkshires for disposal, including winners, several grand, lengthy stock birds, yellow and buffs, cocks and hens; inspection invited Fridays and Sundays; price reasonable; approval: Drew, 15, Dudley-st., Brooks Bar, Manchester. (72)

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PALACE OF THE NORTH.

GATESHEAD AND DISTRICT

Cage Bird Society 16th Annual Show, Rochester St. Sunday Schools, Saturday, December 11. 51 Open Classes. Champions and Novices catered for. Specialist Judges each Variety: **Messrs. F. W. Laidlow, Thos. Almond, Jas. Stewart, A. Montgomery, and Jas Maddison.** Schedules to last year's exhibitors, others please apply. Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance, 1/6. All classes stand, whether competition or not. No Sliding Scale. **Entries close Dec. 6th.—W. Curry, Secretary, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.**

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December 11th & 12th

We have engaged **Mr. Chas. Houlton,** Lancashire's most respected judge, who will take Borders, Brit. and Mules, while in **Mr. J. W. Metcalfe** we have secured "the man of the moment" for Yorkshires and Norwich. We are out to keep things going, not to make money. Full patronage of the Green Canary Association. Classification up to date. Prize-money guaranteed. Anyone who has not had a schedule will be supplied by return. Write—**W. Middleton, Northenden Rd., Sale, or H. Whitney, Brook-st., Sale.**

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Twitterings.

The winning ticket of the bird and cage given away at our recent show, was No. 853, writes Mr. A. Freestone, Sec., Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S., 79, Clarendon-st., Leicester. Holder can have same by applying.

AYR AND DISTRICT C.B.S. Annual Open Show, **25th Dec., Y.M.C.A. Hall, Ayr.** Judges: **Messrs. Dalton, Baird, Chalmers, Hislop, Steel.** B.F.C.C. patronage. 6 Classes Sc. Fancy, 9 Bord., 5 Yorks., 18 Hyb., Brit., For., 10 Nor.—**H. M. Ferguson, Sec., 37, Whitletts Road, Ayr.**

PORTH & RHONDDA VALLEY C.B.S. First Annual Open Show, **Thursday, Dec. 9th.** Judges, T. L. Castree, Mountain Ash, and E. J. Davies, Cardiff. Liberal classification. **Entries close Dec. 4th postmark.—J. H. Bevan, 66, Pontypridd Road, Porth, Glam.**

MARDY - RHONDDA, Glamorgan 1st Annual Open Show of Cage Birds, Poultry, and Pigeons, on **Thursday, Dec. 16th.** 18 Classes Cage Birds, including Novices and Local. Unflighted Nor. and Yorks. guaranteed. Entry fee, **1/3.** Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and Specials. **Judge, O. E. Hodge, Esq., Bristol. Entries positively close Dec. 9th.** Schedules now ready from above address. Competitors for Hyde's Special must have their cages marked by Hyde's coupons, also state on entry form "Hyde's Specials."—**D. D. Jones, Sec., 19, Edward Street, Mardy.**

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RED CROSS WAR FUND SHOW, ON SATURDAY, DEC. 11. Judges, D. Black, W. S. Clark, R. Martin, J. Goodfellow. Best classification offered this season. **Entries close 6th December.** Schedules from—**W. S. Wilson, Sec., Glendyne, South Park Road, Hamilton.**

Mr. J. E. Pinnock has changed his address from 6, Palm Street to 379, Carscube Road, Glasgow.

Mr. Allen Radley has removed from 205, King Street, to 6, Highfield Terrace, Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield.

Private Jas. B. Clarke writes:—"Please thank all those readers of CAGE BIRDS who have kindly sent me papers. I will write them all soon."

My yellow-green Border Fancy cock was 1st at Blaydon and not Wilson, as stated in your report, writes Mr. W. Affleck. The same bird was 2nd at Manchester, not Johnstone as stated.

The sec. of the City of Birmingham C.B.S. writes as follows:—"Although we are holding our open show, Dec. 1 and 2, on licensed premises, fanciers will be pleased to know it will not make any difference to the opening of the show during prohibited hours. Show open first day; Wed., from 3 till 9.30; second day 12 till 8. During prohibited hours the entrance to show room will be through side entrance in Hill Street."

We are running our annual open show on Dec. 2, writes Mr. W. R. Powell, hon. sec. Aberavon C.B.S., and we should be pleased to receive the support of fanciers, as we are catering for open and novice sections, also natural colour classes. Handsome cup to be won 3 times not necessarily in succession for best bird in show. Gold centre medals for each section. Patronage of Welsh C.B.C. Entries Nov. 28. See advt.

I am very much obliged to you for the trouble you have taken with regard to my Canary, writes Mr. E. Barnwell (Coventry). I am following the advice given, and the bird seems to be getting well again. I am one of your many readers who go through CAGE BIRDS weekly from cover to cover, including most of the advertisements, and after your courteous treatment I shall certainly take an added interest in the journal.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. R. Hutchinson, Sec. Stanley Empire F.F. and C.B.S., that I have to announce the sad loss our Treasurer has sustained in the death of his daughter. Members will join with me in extending deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Smith in their sad bereavement.

The sympathy of all fanciers will go out to Mr. John Crabb, of Crabb and Finlayson, Brechin, and Sec. of Brechin C.B.S., whose youngest son died last Monday of diphtheria, following an attack of measles, writes Mr. J. M. Finlayson. This has, of course, delayed the settling up of Brechin Show, but fanciers are assured that everything will be attended to this week.

In the report of the Chester Show, Yorks. Yell., Etc., should read: 2nd, Benson and Young, not Jones and Chester, and in Unflgh. Buff, hc, Benson and Young, not Metcalfe as reported, writes Mr. W. Young.

We are holding our annual show in the Conservative Club, Church Street, Radcliffe, Dec. 4, writes Mr. Geo. Lord, sec. Radcliffe C.B.S., and we hope the fanciers from surrounding districts will pay us a visit; we will give them a hearty welcome.

Runner up for non-members' cup at Chester, writes Mr. L. Cavanagh, hon. sec., should read Nelson, not Taylor, as stated. Winners of singing birds in draw were A. Allen, Mary Booth, Dr. Hastings, T. Sutton, G. Salmon, Clubbe, S. Hancock, F. Humphreys, T. Munsell, O. Beck, and Mrs. Smith.

We have received the balance sheet of the Charlotteville (Guildford) Fanciers' and Utility Stock Keepers' Society. The several table shows held have resulted in a profit of £3 6s. 5d., and the cash in hand amounts to £6 9s. 7d., as against £3 12s. 4d. brought forward, besides which there is stock in hand valued at £3 19s. 7d.

The November issue of "Bird Notes," the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, is mainly filled with accounts of breeding successes by various members, and these are of a very interesting nature. The Marquis of Tavistock contributes notes on the Brown-quilled Rock Dove, and Major Perreau tells of the birds within a hundred yards of his compound in the Punjab.

Prize Money Paid.

We are informed that prize-money has been paid in respect of the following shows; if any winners have been overlooked, they should apply to the respective secretaries:—Halifax, Reading, Muirkirk, Ardwick and Manchester, Chester.

First in the Field.

At the meeting of the Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S., held Nov. 16, the date of the 1916 show was fixed for Nov. 4 and 6.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

Well-known Greenfinch Changes Hands.

My Greenfinch, winner of ten firsts and five seconds in two seasons, writes Mr. W. P. Campbell, was claimed at catalogue price at Glasgow and Dis. show, where it was 2nd.

Do You Know Him?

We have been listening to a story about a cup awarded to a fancier by a few friends to commemorate the arrival of twins on the anniversary of his wedding day. The recipient says he has not had a night's sleep since the presentation, for he has been unable to get to know whether the cup has been won outright by him, or whether he must win it three years in succession!

Thanks all Round.

The show committee of Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A. desire to express their thanks for the excellent report in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Spencer, Hon. Sec. I have received so many replies from exhibitors, thanking us for the excellent treatment received that I am unable to reply to all individually. We would like to say that we fully appreciate their kindness in assisting our efforts, and we hope to have a continuance of their support at our future fixtures.

THE NEW POSTAL REGULATIONS.

The attention of correspondents is directed to the fact that under the new postal regulations only one ounce can be sent for one penny. From one to two ounces the postage is twopence, and one halfpenny extra is charged for each additional two ounces. Reporters and correspondents who have to send long communications should please use very thin paper and be careful to prepay the postage in full, or we have to pay double the deficiency on delivery.

THE BIRDKEEPERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

Ayr C.B.C.

SIR,—The following members are serving with the colours:—Pte. Wm. Lyall, R.S.F., in the trenches; Pte. A. Telfer, R.S.F., wounded; Corpl. R. McKay and Pte. R. Aitken, 2nd Ayrshire Yeomanry; Sapper W. Lovie, R.E.,; Pte. Thos. Cowan, 2nd/5th R.S.F.—HUGH M. FERGUSON, Sec. and Treas.

Leeds C.B.S.

SIR,—I write to inform you that two other of our members are serving in His Majesty's Forces, Mr. C. Walker and Mr. W. Bolton. Mr. Bolton is a cage maker, and has closed down his business until the end of the war, when he hopes that all his customers will again patronise him.—E. NORTON, Hon. Sec.

Harrogate C.B.S.

Please add to your Roll of Honour of Cage Bird fanciers the following:—Mr. John H. Walker, A.O.C., and Mr. G. Ireland, R.E. These two fanciers are well-known, having gained many prizes with Yorkshire Canaries. The latter was the breeder of the Unflighted Yellow Yorkshire Hen which won at Sheffield last week, and was claimed at £5 5s. We wish them every success.—G. H. Barrwell, Hon. Sec.

"The Sunflower Seeds I advertised in CAGE BIRDS of Nov. 6th were all sold out before I got my copy for November 13. Some parcels were sent a considerable distance, 300 miles or more from Bearsted. I had orders from the Isle of Wight, Devonport, Liverpool, Huddersfield, West Hartlepool, etc. I hope to grow a larger quantity next year."—W. BENNETT (Bearsted).

"Thirty two replies to my advert. up to to-day (Sunday). Fanciers making enquiries might enclose a stamp, my stock is not unlimited, and the Post Office a mile away. Am busy returning money this post."—T. HAYTER (Beeston).

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PAINTING AND ENAMELLING SHOW AND OTHER CAGES.

By R. T. Campbell (Dunfermline).

(Continued from page 243.)

OF late many show cages have been made up with three-ply wood, and although this makes a very light cage and saves time in the dressing of the wood, the grain of the wood is much rougher, and sometimes, even although it is picked wood, we find a ruggedness in it which does not make a very nice surface for painting on. Moreover, you will find that three-ply wood springs at the joints much easier than ordinary woods, and is apt to show open joints before long.

To treat wood which is open in the grain, give it a coat of oil first; then with a little distemper or duresco in the stiff state, and with the aid of a flat knife, scraper, or plane iron, draw a little of either over the surface of the wood, when you will find the "pores" are all filled up. Let this harden, after which give it all a slight damp with cold water and polish it all over with the pumice stone again. When the cage is dry again give it a second coat of oil paint, sandpaper down again, apply a coat of flat paint, and then enamel for a finish.

The Use of Size or Glue.

I have read from time to time in CAGE BIRDS letters in which the writers recommend a coat of size or thin glue as a ground work, or priming coat, but in my opinion this is not a system that can be recommended; it is far too ready to crack, clip, or peel off. If you are pressed for time on your job, better give the new wood a thin coat of spirit varnish first. This will save time, as it dries in a few minutes, and you can proceed to paint over it after having sandpapered it over and filled up any holes.

As regards the painting of loose fronts, lay them out on a piece of paper and dab the paint, as it makes a better job than trying to paint them as you would do anything in the ordinary circumstances.

For the painting of flight or breeding cages I prefer oil paint and enamel to distemper or "Duresco"; I find it more profitable in the end; one cannot wash with any freedom any of these cold water paints, and in the case of breeding cages, when you wish to start off each round in the most healthy condition, enamel can be washed over, dried, and the birds replaced in a few minutes, whereas when you re-distemper a cage, it takes at least three hours before you can run back the birds with safety.

You will find it much easier to do the outside than the inside of your box cages. If they be new cages you can use spirit varnish first, if you like, or give two coats of oil paint, then a coat of flat black, but if you prepare the black paint yourself, see that you are a little more liberal with the patent driers, as the black pigment needs more driers than white lead. Then finally use black enamel, although personally I like to use as a finish a good japan got from some coach-painter. If you let the black enamel or japan stand by the fire a short time, or on the hob of the kitchen range with the lid removed, it will work more freely, and this also helps to harden it.

For the re-enamelling of wire cages, such as Border Fancy or Yorkshire show cages, I expect anyone will find ways and means of making a decent job of the outside, but some little ingenuity is required to make the same job of the interior. Some of these cages are made on a punch-bar frame, and made to detach from the base of the cage. You should find no difficulty in doing up these cages, provided you have a brush very short in the handle, cut down in fact to the top of the binding; but the easiest plan is to gently remove the bottom of the cage and proceed to use the short-handled brush and then refasten the bottom by using a fine wire nail.

When washing any of your cages, never use a strong solution of soda, it surely will take the face or finish off your paint or enamel, but always use a little disinfectant in the water.

Never Leave Brushes About.

Never leave your paint or enamel brushes lying out, or in the paint for any length of time, but place them in a hardware pot with water well up on the binding.

It is not within the scope of this article to treat on the various shades of paint and enamel used at the present day on the show cages in use, except you are compelled by the particular specialist club you may be showing under. Pay attention while visiting any good show to the colour of the show cages used by the leading exhibitors, and if you are convinced that the colour of the cage is helping to enrich the plumage of the bird, then try and reproduce it.

But very often you find it a difficult job to carry forth the exact shade in your eye until you continue to make the experiment. Well, one good plan is to ask your painter for an old colour sample board (these boards are about twelve inches square), and you will find something like 50 different shades of paint. Cut this board up into suitable sizes that can be carried in the vest pocket, and at the next show you visit, spot the cages and make a mark on your boards against the particular shade you wish to copy. Many a good wrinkle can be picked up this way, and after you have mastered the cage question perhaps you may be able to "keep in" with the better-half by applying your artistic tastes in making "The House Beautiful."

HOW I BRED MY WHITE CANARY.

By E. WILCOX (New Sawley).

WITH pleasure I accede to the Editor's request to furnish a few particulars concerning the White Canary I have exhibited this season. The bird is a hen, possessed of really good Norwich properties, and in this respect could hold her own in good company. I have only exhibited her once previous to the present season. This was at Long Eaton, under Mr. J. H. Roe, when she beat my best buff hen, which had stood first at Ilkeston, etc. I entered her as a buff hen, to which colour she inclined when colour-fed. I sent her to Alfreton show this season and entered her in the natural colour class, when I suppose the judge wished to disqualify her, but accepted the committee's decision to let her remain. I maintain that white is her natural colour. What say the critics?

Bred from a good-coloured buff cock and yellow hen, both clear, I noticed when in her nest feather she was unusually pale in colour. I hoped by colour feeding to improve this, but was unsuccessful. I did not exhibit her, as stated above, because of her pale colour, knowing that I could not hope to win when I had to sacrifice colour. I therefore decided not to colour-feed her this season, intending to exhibit her in the natural colour classes, when to my surprise she moulted out clear white. I sold a buff hen from this bird last season, and I learn from the buyer that she also has bred a pure white hen.

I find on reference to my pedigree book that her ancestors on the female side were invariably labelled "pale in colour." I account for this peculiarity in the following manner: Some two or three years ago I was engaged in building up a strain of Muling hens, hoping by this means to breed a much-coveted clear Mule. I proceeded to carry out my own idea to attain my object, viz., to breed only from the palest-coloured birds, and then to pair father to daughter and vice versa. I certainly got my birds very pale in colour, and had quite fifty per cent. of variegated Mules, whilst I found at least one clear Mule dead in the nest at a few days old; I suppose the good usually die young.

When I took to exhibiting Norwich Plainheads, I cleared my muling stock out with one exception, a really good buff hen, which I decided to introduce into my strain of Norwich. I quite think that to this hen belongs the honour of being great-great-grandmother of the white specimen now in my possession. I sometimes think that if I had persevered in my way of breeding muling hens I might ere this have bred a pure white Mule.

But I must not dream of what might have been, but rather look at things as they are, and whilst not wishing for a moment to belittle any kind of bird, I modestly affirm that there are few things more beautiful than a good exhibition Norwich Plainhead Canary.

If these few remarks give as much pleasure to some fancier in the reading as to myself in the writing, I shall be amply repaid for any little time spent for the good of the Fancy in general and our paper in particular.

Correspondence.

Thanks from Gallipoli.

SIR,—I want to say how very thankful I am to you for copies of your splendid paper, CAGE BIRDS, which I received on Nov. 1. I shall distribute the extra copies, and try to get some recruits for the Fancy on our return home.

S. WOONS.

Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

Booming the Yellowhammer.

More Specials Offered.

SIR,—I read with interest the announcement in your issue of Nov. 20 of Mrs. Dalton's fine offer of a 10s. special for a Yellowhammer at Cardiff, and doubtless CAGE BIRDS will duly tell us something of the winner.

I would like to see other societies expand themselves a bit in the Bunting class, and if there are any other societies giving the Yellowhammer a run who care to accept modest specials in kind (books, etc.), I shall be pleased to make an offer to the first half-dozen applicants after publication of this letter.

A. S. REEVE.

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Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Novice Question: A Moot Point.

SIR,—I have won several first prizes in open competition in the United States, but have not won one in the open in this country. I should be glad if you would inform me if I am eligible to compete in "Novice" in England, or if I should have to enter in open classes.

F. A.

[This is a point which, we think, has not yet arisen in England, and, as we have never met with a similar case, we hesitate to give an opinion. We should be inclined, however, to say that our correspondent, having won in open competition, should exhibit as a champion. We should be glad to hear our readers' views on the point. Possibly the birds which "F. A." had to compete against in the U.S.A. were not by any means of the quality to be met in our own open classes, and this might be a factor to be considered in coming to a decision.—Editor CAGE BIRDS.]

Watford Crisis Over.

The Annual Show to be Held as Usual.

SIR,—It gives me great pleasure to announce that Watford C.B.S. will be able to hold its show in the Halsey Hall as originally intended. The Military Authorities have notified that they will not require this hall for the present, and they have been informed that the premises are let for Dec. 8 and 9. All we ask now is for the liberal support of the Fancy, as a reward for our efforts to "keep the flag flying." A liberal classification for Canaries and British, in addition to an exceptional one for foreign birds, is provided, for an entry fee of 1s. 6d. We are in negotiation with the railway company to get some better arrangements to facilitate the despatch of the exhibits at the close of the show, thereby remedying the inconvenience of last year. There is a good train service from Euston and a through service of fifteen minutes from South London by the Bakerloo, via Willesden. We trust the Fancy will support us both by exhibiting and visiting our show, and then we shall feel amply rewarded.

R. J. PRETTY.

The Value of Wild Seeds to Exhibition Britishers.

SIR,—Many Sheffielders will be pleased, as I am myself, that your artist displayed his undoubted ability by depicting my winning Greenfinch in your last issue. Some correspondence has recently taken place in your columns concerning the merits or demerits of feeding British birds on wild seeds during the moult. A few words of my experience, I hope, may not be considered out of place. My birds are moulted out of doors, and are given all the wild seeds they will eat whilst in season. I have the advantage of growing most of the wild seeds in my garden. My birds have an abundance of this fresh wild food as required, and during this time the ordinary seeds in the pots are mostly untouched, the birds showing a decided preference for the former. The wild seeds and foods (with plenty of water for bathing and drinking) are all the "colour food" my birds have, yet they receive praise for their colour in your show reports, and do well on the show benches. I do not wish to insinuate that there are not some very good birds exhibited that are moulted on hard seed and colour food. I, however, have a preference for the food the British bird is most used to in its wild state, also to get them to the nearest approach to their natural colour.

P. WALSH.

The Trouble of the "Sweating" Hen.

SIR,—From Mr. Smitheson's reply I am afraid he has not learned much wisdom, despite his great experience. I can give him some start in years, and quality of the variety he names, but I may say I have lost hundreds of pounds worth of birds through this so-called "sweating" business, and still I do not blame the birds, but the breeder. I for one cannot accept his theory, for I have always found the hen that cleans her nest best and longest brings forth the most and best-developed young.

J. BASTOCK.

A Hall for London's Proposed Great Show.

SIR,—In CAGE BIRDS of Saturday last I note you hint at the possibility of a big London show being held early next year. To those who have the matter under consideration, may I suggest as a venue the People's Palace in the Mile End Road? Only a few days ago, one of the Kennel Clubs held a most successful show there, and I believe I am correct in saying that in past years many a good cage-bird show has been held in this fine building; so why not again?

A. W. FARMER.

Hon. Asst. Sec., Leyton C.B.A.

A Mistake Made en Route.

SIR,—Would you inform your readers as to the reason my birds were not at Haltwhistle show? They were sent off on Thursday night, but arrived home again on Saturday morning, never having been at the show. Another box of birds from Brechin went by the same train and arrived all right. Could all expenses be recovered from the railway company?

JOHN CRAIG.

[If the fault was clearly that of the railway company—this would seem to have been the case—then Mr. Craig should certainly claim of them the return of the amount paid for carriage on the outward journey, also the amount of his entry fees at the show.—EDITOR, "C.B."]

Do Birds Kill Imprisoned Young?

SIR,—I read with interest in your valuable paper of the 13th Nov. the letter on the above. I think I can give you an instance which bears out Mr. Green's case. An uncle of mine got two young Thrushes, and placed them in a farmer's garden one Friday afternoon within reach of the parent birds. Going ever to see the farmer on the following Sunday, his son passed the remark that the Thrushes were all right. My uncle and the farmer went and smoked their pipes in the greenhouse, which was situated in the garden. They had been there about an hour when the son came back and said the Thrushes were dead. When they went to the cage there the birds were lying with their legs pointing skywards.

CURIOUS.

Another Aspect of the Novice Question.

SIR,—Being a regular reader of your paper, CAGE BIRDS, I should be greatly obliged if you will let me know what constitutes a novice. I was at a recent show, and heard a lot of remarks concerning the winner of novice open cup. He lives in the same house as his father, also his father has got a great interest in the birds that won. Now I would like to know whether he should not have been showing in open classes, considering his father is an open champion, but was not showing at this show, only his son. Another exhibitor entered his wife's birds in the novice class, but the entries were returned, stating she was not eligible for novice, as her husband was a champion, and she would have to show in open competition. I would like to know your opinion about two persons residing in one house. I and others I know have always been of opinion that where two exhibitors resided in one house, and one was champion, the other had to show in open. Why I am asking you this is because a raw novice run him a dead heat with points for cup, only losing it because the winner had more prize money to pick up. I consider it hard lines on beginners if this is allowed to go on at open shows, but I will leave it with you, trusting you will give me a fair and plain answer in your next issue.

NOVICE.

[The show rules of most societies with which we are acquainted distinctly state that all exhibitors residing in the same house must show in the highest section in which any one of them may have to compete. Thus if one is a champion all must show as champions. We were under the impression that this was the rule governing the novice sections at all shows—it obtains at the Crystal Palace.—Editor CAGE BIRDS.]

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The British Roller C.C.

Young Bird Points Competition.

Sir,—As exhibitors are writing me with regard to their position re the Provincial show, kindly make it known that the B.R.C.C. Young Bird Point Competition does not take place at that show. Exhibitors can please themselves about sending their birds for competition; at the same time they must bear in mind that any points they may score will not count in the B.R.C.C. Young Bird Point Competition.

J. W. Norris.
Hon. Sec. British Roller C.C.

Short Entries and the Cause.

Sir,—We often read about short entries. I think the rules and classes should be made to suit all fanciers. I am a great fancier of the Goldfinch, and I have bred mules about 70 years. I generally keep 4 or 5 Goldies and I think I have the best now that I have ever had. I had a great desire to enter it at Newcastle show, but found there are seven or eight classes each for the Canaries and only the half one for such a popular bird as the Goldfinch: the Bullfinch enjoys the other half. How the judge can give satisfaction with two birds having no resemblance to each other I cannot think. He would be entitled to a medal. If I was judge I would pass on to the next class, and they might cast lots for the first prize. I think, too, that nine in a class is too many for the half-prize money limit. Just imagine the judge awarding you first prize, and when you go to get it you are told that you are only entitled to half prize money, as there are only nine birds in the class. We live in excitable times.

William Richardson.

A Charity Show at Bristol.

Sir,—I beg the favour of space to refer to Bristol Show, classification of which is appearing, I believe, in Cage Birds this week. All profit on the show is to be given to the Bristol Police and Fire Brigade Children's Home. This is especially fitting, for no less than 243 of the Bristol Police and Fire Brigade have joined the colours, and I know others anticipate doing so. I may add that since the war commenced, the committee of the Home have made no appeal whatever to the public for a penny.

With regard to our own society, I may mention that at least three of our present small executive committee have joined the colours, and another recent member holds a commission in the R.F.A. We have been obliged to curtail our classification somewhat, but this does not affect the cage bird section so much as others, for we shall have a very fine special room available for the cage birds, lighted solely from the top, and absolutely free from all possible draught. The preparation of catalogue will naturally be more difficult in these times of shortage of labour, and I would therefore appeal to fanciers not only to help a most deserving cause by sending entries, but also to assist us by sending early.

H. Brooks,
President, Bristol F.A.

Birds as Tame as Dogs.

The Young Goldfinch that Gladly Returned Home.

Sir,—Apropos of Mrs. M. J. Parker's charming account of a Chaffinch's friendship, I could, as a result of a life experience of birds, give many similar stories. I recall one incident that occurred 20 years ago in the county of Durham. I presented to my sister a "grey pate" Goldfinch, which became very tame and was a great pet. He was allowed much liberty in the living room of the family, and one day escaped through a window accidentally left open. He flew straight over the fields to a wood hard by. Several miners, who are inveterate bird lovers, assisted my sister in an effort to recover him, but eventually he was lost to view. On the following day I suggested another attempt, without outside help. My sister carried the cage in her hand and walked through the wood calling "Goldie, Goldie." Soon we heard his voice approaching, and presently Goldie perched in a tree over our heads and sang with all his might. The cage was put on the ground, and we stood a few yards away. Without hesitation "Goldie" flew down and entered, allowing us to walk up and make him a happy "prisoner" again. He exhibited the greatest delight on being restored to his old home.

F. T. U.

[We are sure our readers would be delighted to hear of the further instances mentioned by our correspondent.—Editor Cage Birds.]

The Shows.

BRECHIN.

(Report of Show concluded from page 250.)

MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, Mackie, Goldie-Can., grand col., nicely fed, in the pink; 2, hc, Fyfe; 2, Goldf.-Bullf., cross, good col., nicely staged; 3, Anderson, sweet exhibit, in lovely plumage; vhc, Reid; c, Black and Hendrie. GOLDF. (12): 1, Palmer, wins well, good size, champion blaze, A1 col. and cond.; 2, Christie, good one, not quite so rich in col.; 3, Adams, grand size, lovely tanning, best of cond.; vhc, hc, Black and Hendrie; c, Bisset. BULLF. (9): 1, Sykes, good size and col., lovely cap and bars, very steady, grand cond.; 2, Douglas, well up in size, A1 col.; 3, Palmer, grand cap, rich col., lovely bars, in the pink; vhc, Steele and Sons; hc, Christie; c, Campbell. SISKIN (8): 1, Calder, gem of the first water, grand cap, col. and markings; 2, vhc, Black and Hendrie, best of col., nice cap, lovely wings; 3, Sykes, good size, rare cond.; hc, Fyfe; c, Bisset. REDPOLL OR TWITE (11): 1, McLean, a grand coloured Twite, nice size, A1 markings; 2, Campbell, fine large Redpoll, best of col., well turned out; 3, Sykes, Twite, good col. and marking, very steady; vhc, c, Steele and Sons; hc, Black and Hendrie. LINNET (10): 1, McLean, a gem, good size and col., lovely whites; 2, 3, Hird, two very good ones, nicely mkd., grand col., staged to perfection; vhc, Sykes; hc, Black and Hendrie; c, Greig. GREENF. (10): 1, Sykes, a stormer, well up in size, col., and markings, steady as a rock; 2, Calder, good size and col.; 3, Fyfe, Black and Hendrie. BRIT. HEN (9): 1, Robertson, very pretty Crossbill, in grand feather; 2, Adam, Chaffinch, steady; rare cond.; 3, c, Greig, Thrush, good feather, lovely markings; vhc, Sykes; hc, Swankie. A.O. BRIT (14): a grand class: 1, Sykes, lovely Bullfinch, tight in feather, rare cond.; 2, Robertson, staged to perfection, very steady, best of plumage; 3, Mackie, lovely Chaffinch, good col.; vhc, Swankie; hc, Douglas; c, Black and Hendrie. FOR.: 1, Swankie, wins well, in splendid feather; 2 Robertson. SELF. (8): 1, Weir; 2, J. Adam; 3, Greig; vhc, Douglas; hc, Fyfe; c, Black and Hendrie. GIFT (19): 1, Mitchell; 2, Craig; 3, Wilson; vhc, Sinclair; hc, Crabb and Finlayson; c, Adams.

N.W. GLASGOW.

Third Annual Show, Nov. 20, in the Blythswood Halls, a very comfortable room for the purpose, being roomy and free from draughts. Nearly 350 birds were neatly staged on the three tier principle all round the four sides. Despite the miserable weather visitors turned out gamely, the hall being packed from end to end. Owing to the dense fog birds were far from being at their best, which must have caused the judges considerable trouble, as the judging was done in gas-light, but was got through in good time. The management were a very capable body of fanciers; Sec. P. Houston is obliging and courteous to all, and is strongly supported by Pres. R. B. Gibb, vice-pres. P. Thorn and J. Stewart, jun.; committee, Messrs. Philips, Paterson, Findlay, Loan, Adams, Brown, Taylor, Crawford, and Stewart. The six valuable trophies were on view, the winners are; Best young Scotch Fancy, J. Young; young Nor., also young (rung) bird, P. Houston; young Bord., W. Loan; best young Yorks., J. E. Pinnock; Brit., E. Taylor. Judges were: Scotch Fancy, J. Smith, Howood, and G. Blackstock, Glasgow; Nor., W. Grewar, Lechgelly; Bord., J. Craig, Brechin; Yorks., J. McLellan, Renfrew; Brit., A. W. Watson, Edinburgh.

YOUNG BIRDS, NOR., CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Thom, good size, fine head, neck, and col.; 2, Gallacher, better qual., nice head and front, even col; 3, Cummings, Grizz. head, wet when judged, good size and subs.; 4, 5, Cummings. BUFF: 1, Burt, fine head, neck, and qual., could do with more subs.; 2, Crawford, good head, neck, front, and qual., shade smaller; 3, Burt, nice size, and subs., trifle rough; 4, 5, Houston; 6, Stewart. VAR. YELL. CK.: 1, Thom, almost 4-ptd., medium size, fine head and neck, short flights; 2, Crawford, green, capital qual. and col., fine front and head. BUFF: 1, 7, Thom, almost green, nice size and sub, rare head and deep front, splendid qual; 2, 5, Gallacher, fine short body and flights, good size and qual., loses in head; 3, 4, Stewart; 3, better size and head, fine front and flights, fails cond.; 6, Houston. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Stewart, tkd. wing, fine head, neck, and qual, neat flights; 2, 3, Crawford; 2, tkd. head, good size, nice head, qual. and flights; 3, hot col., fine size, coarser in feather; 4, Houston. BUFF: 1, 2, sp, best young Nor., and best rung bird, Houston, rare head, neck, and qual., fine short body and flights; 2, 5, 6, Crawford; 2, close up, scarcely so bold head, fine size, qual., and col., good front, neat flights and tail; 3, Thom, grizz. neck, good subs., nice qual., neat wings; 4, Stewart; 7, Brown. VAR.: 1, 2, 4, Crawford, 1, capital qual., fine shape, neat flights and tail; 2, good size and qua..; 3, 5, Burt; 3, nice size., qual., and col.; 6, Gallacher; 7, Houston. BUFF: 1, 2, Crawford, 1, neck and wing mkd., good qual. and col., fine size; 2, capital qual., neat flights and tail; 3, Gallacher. BORD., CL. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 4 sp., Loan, 1, cup, and medal winner, best Bord., excellent qual. and col., A1 sheen, nice round head and body, best of wing carr., and style, correct weight; 2, shade thin at neck, capital qual col. and wing carr.; 3, Brown, paler in col., grand qual. and well braced; 5, 7, Phillips; 6, Ingram, fine class. BUFF: 1, 4, Brown, 1, sweet shape and qual., nice weight and style, faulty flights; 2, Loan, capital qual. and wing carr.; 3, Gibb, excellent qual., neat flights and tail; 5, 6, Phillips; 7, Ingram. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, sp, Brown, runner up, wee gem, capital qual., very tight in feather, fine wing carr., nice head and body; 2, 3, 4, Loan, 2, close up, shade thin at neck; 3, fine qual. wing carr. and style; 5, Ingram; 6, Gibb. BUFF: 1, 2, 6, Loan, 1, smooth as a billiard ball, neat flights, shape, and style; 2, nice weight, well drawn, A1 qual. and sheen; 3, 4, Paterson; 3, sp, well braced flights, fine shape and style; 5, Brown. FOUL CK.: 1, 2, Loan, 1, saddle mkd., yell., marvellous qual. and col., neatly made; 2, tkd. head, buff, well drawn; 3, Ingram, eyes and wings marked yell., neat head and flights. HEN: 1, Houston, grizz. front, fine qual., weight, and wing carr.; 2, Loan, sweet shape and qual. A.O.V. CK.: 1, Houston, wing and neck mkd., yell., capital qual. and wing carr.; 2, 3, Phillips; 2, heavily mkd. yell., grand qual., neat wings; 3, same markings, buff, well braced; 6, Brown; 4, Paterson; 5, Graham. HEN: 1, Phillips, green, foul tail, good col. and qual.; 2, sp, Coombe, cinn., solid col., nice shape and wing carr.; 3, Houston, cinn., fine style. YORKS., CL. YELL. CK.: 1, sp, 2, Pinnock, 1, best young Yorks., capital length, qual. and col., smooth front, nice pos., crosses at times; 2, fine, slim type, rare qual.; 3, Gibb, nice length and qual.; 4, Houston, fine length and type, rough in front. BUFF: 1, sp, 7, Houston, 1, capital length, neat and slim, well up on legs; 2, sp, Gibb, good pos. and style, fine, slim type, good wings, scarcely so smooth front; 3, Pinnock, nice flights and qual., behind length; 4, 6, Findlay; 5, Boullet. YELL. HEN: 1, Pinnock, fine length, pos. and style, nice qual.; 2, Boullet, slim built, good qual. and wings, nice pos.; 3, Gibb., slim type; 4, Houston. BUFF: 1, 2, Pinnock, 1, capital qual. and flights, smooth front; 2, mkd. wings, same stamp; 3, Gibb, fine type, good qual.; 4, sp, Houston. A.O.V. CK.: 1, 2, Pinnock, head and wing mkd., rare col. and length, neat head; 2, neck and wing mkd. buff, fine lenght, qual. and pos.; 3, Gibb, even mkd. buff. HEN: 1, Gibb, even mkd., buff, fine qual., good wings. SCOTCH FANCY, CL. YELL.: 1, Phillips, fine, snaky head and neck, good length of side, nice shoulders, pos., and style; 2, Thom. BUFF: 1, Swanson, rare size and thickness, nice head and neck, prominent shoulders, gets tail well under; 2, Young, lighter, got up, fine head and neck; 3, Hannah, fine shoulders; 4, Pringle. YELL. HEN: 1, Swanson, fine drive and action, takes pos. smartly, not a big one; 2, sp, Hannah, gets head well down, fine shoulders; 3, Young, nice length of side. BUFF: 1, Young, nice head and neck, good shoulders and action; 2, Hannah, fine action; 3, Phillips; 4, sp, John Young; 5, Pringle. YELL. PIED: 1, Phillips, fine length of side and action; 2, John, young, nice pos., nervy; 3, 4, Pringle. BUFF: 1, 2, J. Young, green, snaky head and neck, good pos.; 2, green, fine action; 3, 4, Pringle; 3, pied, nice length of side. HEN: 1, sp, best S.F., J. Young, good action, gets tail well under; 2, Swanson, green, nice head, neck, and shoulders. BUFF: 1, Jardine, nice length of side, good shoulders; 2, 3, Pringle; 2, fine thickness, pos., and style; 3, Green, slow in action. MULE AND HYB.: 1, 2, Campbell: 1, var. Goldie, fine size and cond., bit wild; 2, dark greenie, good size and col. OLD BIRDS, NOR., YELL. CK.: 1, Stewart, cl., fine size, rare head, front, and qual; 2, Gallacher, good size and qual., bit browed; 3, Findlay, good size and col.; 4, Crawford; 5, Cummings; 6, Taylor; 7, Houston. BUFF: 1, Gallacher, var., rare size and subs. of body, fine qual.; 2, Houston, var., shade small, nice qual. and col.; 3, 5, J. Thom, fine size; 4, P. Thom; 6, Burt; 7, Findlay. YELL. HEN.: 1, Stewart, excellent qual., good size and subs., fine head; 2, Burt, mkd. wing, fine size and subs.; 3, J. Thom, nice front and qual.; 4, Crawford; 5, Stewart; 6, Houston. BUFF: 1, 3, Crawford, 1, grand stamp, fine short cobby body, good head and neck; 3, fine front and qual.; 2, Paterson, claimed, good size and qual.; 4, Gallacher; 5, 7, Stewart; 6, Houston. NON-FED.: 1, Gallacher, buff var., rare size and subs.; 2, 4, 6, Stewart; 2, yell. var., our choice, fine shape and qual., good head and size, short body and flights; 3, 5, Houston; 3, cl. buff, nice size and equal; 7, Graham. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, 4, Loan, bright eye and wing mkd., finely made, A1 qual.; 2, Phillips, cl., sweet qual. and shape; 3, Findlay, green, nicely laced; 5, Paterson. BUFF: 1, 3, Loan, both cl., nice qual. and wing carr.; 2, 4, Findlay; 2, cinn.; 4, green. YELL. HEN: 1, Findlay, green, good qual. and col.; 2, Loan, cl., neat wings, and shape. BUFF: 1, Brown, tkd., splendid qual., well braced; 2, 3, Paterson; 2, tkd. neck; 3, var., both capital qual. and typical; 4, Ingram; 5, Loan; 6, Graham. YORKS, YELL. CK.: 1, Pinnock, rare length, qual., and col., neat head, neck, and shoulders, good pos.; 2, J. Houston, fine slender type, nice qual. and col.; 3, sp, Findlay, good length and style, well up on legs; 4, sp, Bullet. BUFF: 1, sp, Pinnock, great length, fine qual., good wings, style, and pos. YELL. HEN: 1, Boullet, eyes and wing mkd., medium length, nice qual., clean front, good wing carr.; 2, Pinnock, cl., very fine qual., smooth front, better length, fails wings; 3, Findlay, good length and pos. BUFF: 1, Pinnock, heavily var., plenty of length, good qual., nicely balanced wings, stands well; 2, sp, Houston, cl., capital qual. pos. and style, neat wing carr.; 3, 4, 5, Findlay, nice trio, good length and style. SCOTCH FANCY, CK.: 1, 3, 4, Stewart, jun.; 2, 7, Pringle; 5, Jardine; 6, 8, Phillips. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Stewart, jun.; 3, Phillips; 5, Swanson; 6, Jardine; 7, Young. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Brown, crest. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 4, McNicol, 1, almost cl. Goldie mule, fine qual. and col., well put down; 2, very nice col. Linnet-Bullie, fine size, shows cross well; 3, Campbell; 5, Brown. GOLDF.: 1, 8, McNicol, fine square cut face, of good size, in full bloom, good tans and whites; 2, Taylor, F.M. grand face, tannings, and flights, nice size and shape; 3, Henderson, nice face, well up in col., scarcely so expansive, fine order; 4, sp, Adams; 5, Manson; 6, Swanson; 7, Campbell. BULLF.: 1, Taylor, good size, shape, and col., fine cap and bars; 2, Davidson, good stamp, shade paler in col., rare cap, prominent wing bars. LINNET: 1, sp, Davidson, rare size and shape, finely laced front, well closed, in good flights and back; 2, 3, J. Brown, grand pair; 2, better col. than winner, more open front; 3, same stamp, good col. and cond.; 4, Taylor; 5, Campbell; 6, 7, A. Brown. GREENF.: 1, Henderson, grand stamp, buff, rare head, neck, and front, rich flights, fine size, shape, and col.; 2, Davidson, yell., capital col. and qual., good size, shape and cond.; 3, Campbell, yell., fine shape, col., and size, good order; 4, Manson; 5, Gibb; 6, J. Brown; 7, A. Brown. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Davidson; 4, 5, Campbell; 6, A. Brown. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, 4, 6, A. Brown, 1, grand size, cobby shape, neat bib, rare col. and cond., finely laced; 2, J. Brown, close, race, more cobby, darker tone, good size and shape, behind in lacing; 3, Taylor; 5, Campbell; 7, Gibb. CHAFF.: 1, Manson, grand size, shape, and col., fine head, good whites; 2, 5, 6, Adams; 2, hot col., rare size, shape, pure in whites, close race; 3, J. Brown, another fine one, grand size and shape, shade paler; 4, Taylor, good class. BRAMBLE.: 1, Davidson, rare size, hot col., well down, good spangling, fine shape and cond.; 2, Taylor, close up; 3, 5, 6, A. Brown; 4, Manson; 7, Adams. BUNTING: 1, Henderson, grand Yellow capital col. and marking, nice V, good size, shape and cond.; 2, Taylor. Corn; 3, 4, A. Brown. HEN: 1, Manson, Bramble.; 2, McNicol, Bullie; 3, Taylor, Brambler.; 4, Gibb, Siskin. SMALL BRIT.: 1, 2, sp, Taylor, Grey Wagtail, Glasgow winner, wonderful cond., fine size and col., well staged; 2, Davidson, Bearded Tit, rare order; 3, 4, Taylor; 3, White Wagtail pure in col. capital cond. LARGE: 1, sp, best Brit, 1, Taylor, Great Grey Shrike, getting very rare, put down in his usual grand style; 2, Adams, magnificent Blackie, great size, and sheen, rare beak and legs, well put down; 3, Henderson, grand Waxwing, very rare qual. of feather, wonderful col. and cond.; 4, C. A. Brown; 5, Loan. FOR. GOLDF.: 1, Henderson, rare deep face, full bloom, good size, pure in whites; 2, Taylor, fine width of face, scarcely so rich; 3, Adams; 4, McNicol. PAIRS: 1, Houston; 2, 3, Crawford, Nor. BORD.: 1, J. Houston. YORKS.: 1, 2, sp, J. Houston. SCOTCH FANCY: 1, Jardine; 2, Young; 3, Stewart, jun.; 4, Phillips. HYB.: 1, Campbell. GIFT, 12 entries were forwarded, kindly given by Messrs. Gibb, P. Thom, Crawford, Loan, Pringle, Young, J. Thom, J. Brown, Coombie, Paterson, J. Houston, P. Houston; four specials were allotted to the first four birds; judge's slip with awards missing.

READING.

The Fanciers of Reading once more succeeded in holding a very fine exhibition in the Palmer's Hall on Nov. 17. Although the collection was slightly below previous years in numbers, it was nevertheless a grand display, and the open classes filled excellently. It was in the members' section that the falling off occurred, and this through the many men at the front or engaged at war work. Quality was of the very highest class, and one could not wish to see a better collection of the popular varieties. The committee this year added a couple of Border classes with excellent results, and will no doubt extend them another time; the birds staged were some of the best of the Southern birds. Norwich were a grand lot, type, quality, and size being well represented. Mr. Saunders, of Haslemere, won in yell. and buff cocks, with two beauties, taking the special with the yellow for best Norwich. The unlighted buff class was a good one, and very little separated the wingers. Mr. Silk's birds arrived too late for judging, although sent off in good time the day before. In this matter this exhibitor has been particularly unfortunate, his birds being late for the L. and P.O.S. Show, and only arriving just in time at Bedford. Yorks. were a very level lot, and needed careful sorting over, some of the winners were very fine specimens. The special for best in the show was secured by a lovely yell. unlighted owned by Mr. Last, a first year champion who is doing remarkably well. Although the members' section was not so full as on previous occasions the quality was quite up to the mark, and we heard of several of the winners changing hands at the catalogue prices, the total sales amounted to £17 2s. 6d. As usual the Foreign section was particularly choice and attracted quite its share of attention from the visitors. Mr. A. Silver did remarkably well, staging a winner in every class. The management was all that one could desire, and everything was in proper order and for this the society and exhibitors have to thank Mr. O. C. Smith, the secretary, who is quite keen, and a real worker, his committee consisting of the following fanciers:—Messrs. Munday, chairman; Brooker, vice.; Yates, Dearlove, Laurence, Meadowcraft, George Brewin, Eggleton, Larcom, Pyke, and Foster, all worked well. The hall is well lighted, and beautifully warmed, and a little music was provided during the afternoon and evening. Mr. H. Norman judged.

NOR. YELL. (12): 1, vhc, Saunders, very fine, short, thick set bird, good head and wings, rich col. and lovely silky feather; 2, Sears, the Bedford winner, grand head, full Bullfinch neck, scarcely so deep as leader, but very hot col. and qual.; 3, hc, Lovegrove, not quite so massive, but a real Nor., all over, and well put down; c, Stubbs Bros. BUFF (12): 1, hc, Saunders, not the largest in the class, but excelling in type, qual. of feather, and general proportions, a real Norwich; 2, Lovegrove, wonderful size, and good in type, and wing carr., scarcely so nicely proportioned as winner, but quite worthy of its position; 3, Greaves, not a monster, but quite good, full head, and neat clean cut, and nicely braced wings, grand qual.; vhc, c, Noyce; hc, Hens (8): 1, Frost and Rogers, wonderful size for a yellow lady, beautifully proportioned and filled in, full head and neck, nicely cut away; 2, Gough and Loach, another charmer, not a monster for a buff, but beautifully shaped, clean cut, excellent wing carr., lovely qual.; 3, Greaves, good yell., nice type, although scarcely so full fronted as leader, neat head, good wings and tail, and fine col.; vhc, Saunders; hc, Sears; c, Kerr. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, Gough and Leach, grand size, bold front, full head and neck, capital wings, nice tone of col., excellent qual., should make up well; 2, Fellow, beauty, quite as good on points, nicely rounded in front, scarcely so deep in col.; 3, Saunders, quite the type and style, red hot col., lovely qual. feather, not quite so massive; vhc, Larcom. BUFF (16): a real good class, the leader, Saunders, a bird of marvellous col. for a buff, massive, full fronted, neat, full head and neck, nice short wings and tail; 2, Sears, charming wing mkd., excellent type, almost perfection, just a crossing of the wings spoils the outline, otherwise a gem; 3, vhc, Lovegrove, another good one, fine size, very typical, nicely proportioned, good qual., well up with leaders; hc, Greaves; c, Noyce. YORKS. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Hoyle, lovely wing and eyes, tkd., grand length and style, well up on perch, nicely balanced, smart wings, neat tail, in the pink; 2, Cook, grand cl., long and shapely, neat head and neck, capital wings, fine qual.; 3, vhc, Runchman, charming cinn. mkd., fine length and style, good pos., free, nicely balanced, A1 qual.; hc, Montague; c, Nicholls. BUFF (5): 1, Fulford, the Bournemouth winner, as fit as a fiddle, a real Yorkie, all over, wonderful feather; 2, Pinnell, grand head, tkd., rare length of side, good wings and tail, capital shoulders, smooth front, A1 qual.; 3, Hoyle, typical, nice pos., neat head, grand wings, shade rough in plumage, but when fit a good one; vhc, Yates; hc, Clarke. HEN (8): 1, Montague, none too clean, but a winner all over, stylish, fine pos., nice length, neat head and good shoulders; 2, Fulford, grand hen, but scarcely at her best, beautifully proportioned, grand shoulders and back, capital wings; 3, hc, Runchman, good buff, fine length, stylish, well up on leg, neat wings, A1 qual., in fine fettle; vhc, Last; c, Hoyle. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, sp, best Yorks., Last, charming, fit as a fiddle, lovely type, grand length, tightly braced wings, rich col., lovely qual.; 2, Troke, another beauty, grand length of side, good shoulders and back, neat wings, fine qual.; 3, Fulford, scarcely so large, very neat and stylish, well up on leg, fine pos., hot col.; vhc, Nicholls; hc, Runchman; c, Yates. BUFF (8): 1, Fulford, another Bournemouth winner, lovely 4-ptd., beautifully moulded, finest pos. and style, good head and shoulder, grand qual.; 2, Troke, fine length, typical, neat head, good shoulders, fine cond.; 3, Clarke, smart wing tkd., nicely balanced and moulded, good shoulders and back, lovely qual.; vhc, Nicholls; hc, c, Runchman. BORD., OLD BIRDS (14): 1, Montague, lovely buff, grand type and style, free, neat head, nicely rounded front, well braced wings, as tight as wax; 2, 3, Last, two charming birds, leader a lovely yell., nice size and style, well balanced, good movement, sound cond.; 3, buff, fine qual., grand type, well moulded, sound col.; vhc, Philpot; hc, Cooper; c, Clayton. YOUNG (16): 1, Cooper, charming yell., all there for type and qual., good style, neat head, smart wings, capital cond.; 2, Last, good buff, grand col. and qual. of feather, nicely rounded, capital wings, neat tail, in the pink; 3, vhc, hc, Madagan, very fine yell., grand type and style, good head, back, and wing, scarcely the bloom of winner, but a real Border, well shown. A.O.V. (13): a good class leader, Edwards, very fine VAR. Crest., grand formation, good centre and nicely drooped all round, thick and well veined; 2, Filleid, grand Dutch Frill, massive, bold looking bird, lovely even mantles, good under curls, full of feather, excellent qual.; 3, c, Burgess, charming Silver Lizard, nice size and type, neat, even spangle.

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ling, sound, rich col., lovely cond.; vhc, Steel; he, Hayllug. GOLDF (9): 1, sp, Bowler, capital Finch, good, bold, expansive face, clean cut and fine, rich col., grand wings, good deep chestnut, in fine order; 2, Gough, somewhat smaller, but full of qual., full blaze, of capital shape, rich chestnut breast, grand wings; 3, Mitchell, grand blaze and wings, hardly so rich in breast col., nor in quite the cond.; vhc, he, c, Edwards. A.O.V. (7): 1, Barrows, lovely Redstart, fine size and shape, rich col. all through, in the pink; 2, Poole, grand, massive Hawfinch, lovely shape, good, clean cut bib, excellent col., in grand order; 3, Beard, nice Siskin, shapely, good size, capital, dense cap, and wings, well laced, grand cond.; vhc, Hubbard; he, Tilly. MULES (5): 1, 2, Lamb, charming, nearly clear Goldie-Canary leading, good size, in the pink; 2, Siskin-Can., excellent shape, well mkd.; 3, Gorton, var. Goldie, nice size, shapely, fine cond. HYB. (16): 1, 3, Lamb, the now well-known Greenfinch-Chaffinch, leading, lovely exhibit; 3, Fine Goldf.-Bullfc, capital col.; 2, Edwards, very full fronted, excellent col. and qual.; vhc, Edwards. SELL. £1 (16): 1, Foster; 2, Fellows; 3, Nicholls; vhc, Dr. Weekes; he, Dearlove. 12s. 6d. (12): 1, he, Dearlove; 2, Poole; 3, Dr. Weeks; vhc, Dick; c, Gough. TOR., LOVEBIRDS (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Silver, a lovely team, Madagascar Lovebird, fine Yellow Budgerigars, beautiful Blue-wing Lovebirds, all in fine cond.; he, c, Shipton. PARROTS (4): 1, Hon. Mrs. McLaren Morrison, lovely pair of yellow-headed Conures; 2, Silver, good pair of red-headed Lovebirds, grand size and col.; 3, Mrs. Buckler, massive blue-fronted Amazon, in very fine feather. CORDON BLEUS, ETC. (6): 1, vhc, Silver, charming pair of gold-breasted Waxbills, lovely col. and plumage; 2, Hon. Mrs. McLaren Morrison, grand pair of Firo Finches, nicely matched, grand feather and col.; 3, he, Hubbard, orange cheeks, good size, shapely, and good order. JAVAS, ETC.: 1, 2, vhc, Silver, three coloured Mannikins, leading, and good Combassou, all in fine cond.; 3, Hubbard, very fine African Silverbills, good col. and cond.; he, Shipton. A.O.S. (7): 1, vhc, he, Silver, Ultramarine Combassou, very deep blue plumage, with coral red beak and legs, a most lovely bird; 2, c, Hubbard, grand Jackson's Whydah, in good order and perfect plumage; 3, Hon. Mrs. McLaren Morrison, lovely Rainbow Bunting, good col. and grand cond. INSECTIV. (3): 1, 2, Silver, beautiful pair of Yellow-winged Sugar-birds, charming birds, in the best of cond.; 2, grand purple-headed Starling, big, bold bird, of grand col. and plumage; 3, Stuart, nice bare-eyed Thrush, fine bold bird. MEMB., NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Lovegrove; 3, Wren; he, Cooper. BUFF: 1, Wren; 2, vhc, Dearlove; 3, Cooper; he, c, Lovegrove. HEN; 1 2, 3, Lovegrove; vhc, Lewin; he, Wren; c, Smith. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Lewin; 2, vhc, he, Lovegrove; c, Gough. YORKS. BUFF: 1, c, Sergt. Thomas; 2, 3, vhc, Cooke; he, Shelcott, HEN: 1, 2, vhc, Cooke; 3, he, c, Thomas. UNFLIG.: 1 3, c, Thomas; 2, vhc, he, Cooke. MULE: 1, sp, vhc, Wren; 2, c, Munday; 3, Foster; he, Mrs. Smith. GOLDF.: 1, 3, Wren; 2, Gough; vhc, he, Shelcott; c, Colburn. A.O.V.: 1, Shelcott; 2, Vince; 3, Mrs. Smith; vhc, Wilson; he, Miss Garland. AMAT., NOR.: 1, 3; vhc, Foster; 2, he, c, Larcom. HEN: 1, c, Foster; 2, 3, vhc, he, Larcom. UNFLIG.: 1, vhc, he, Foster; 2, 3, Larcom; c, Wilson. NOV., NOR.: 1, Hatch; 2, Wilson; 3, Colburn. HEN: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Hatch; vhc, Colburn. UNFLIG.: 1, vhc, Wilson; 2, Hatch; 3, he, c, Mrs. Murton. YORKS.: 1, 2, Towndrow; 3, Shelcott. HEN: 1, Miss Garland; 2, Yates; 3, Hunt. UNFLIG.: 1, Towndrow; 2, he, Shelcott; 3, Yates; c, Miss Garland.

CARDIFF.

The annual show of the Cardiff B.S., held Nov. 17 and 18, Carlton Hotel, proved a huge success. The officials were beaming with satisfaction at the great entry of nearly 1,000 exhibits. The staging was arranged in three tiers high all around the room and down the centre, and nicely draped in royal blue, presented a charming effect. On the far side row upon row of Norwich, in the centre and at the end the Yorkshires and Borders, and on the other side the Mules, Hybrids, and British, all at a convenient height to be seen without any inconvenience. And such exhibits! Undoubtedly the cream of the Fancy, and in the pink of condition; small wonder that the judges did not finish their task until close on 6 o'clock. Truly a grand response to the diligent labours of the members of the society and their hard-working committee, all of them true fanciers, leaving no stone unturned that would add to the success of the show. The Chairman, Mr. S. F. Whetton, was here, there, and everywhere, with a cheery word for everybody, ably seconded by the Vice, Mr. E. J. Banks, another fancier who puts his heart into the work, and the committee, Messrs. H. C. Smith, Rev. Jolliffe, E. James, D. Raymond, W. Merrit, S. Wiseman, P. Braith, J. Pearce, A. Ball, and A. Deere, all of whom worked with a will. The stewards, two of the younger members, the Rev. C. E. Jolliffe and Mr. S. Wiseman, worked a full eight hours' shift without a murmur, and are to be congratulated on their efforts. The sec., Mr. E. Thomas, is well known, and when we say he did his part in his usual good style this speaks volumes. He was ably assisted by Mr. A. Ball, who got through a tremendous amount of work, and found nothing too much trouble. We must also not forget another old friend, Mr. E. J. Davies, who undertook the feeding and watering of the birds. To individualise among the birds would be almost unfair, so many real champions were meeting together, while the novice section also contained some choice exhibits, many of whom could have given a good account of themselves in the champion classes. Yorks. numbered nearly 300. Borders were a capital display, not far short of a hundred, in seven classes, all full of life and vigour. Mules and Hybrids were a show in themselves, not far short of a hundred of the best in the Fancy, altogether forming a wonderful collection. Last, but not by any means least, the British section, headed by the Goldfics, with their scarlet faces and golden wings, completed one of the finest exhibitions ever seen in the Principality. Messrs. Payne and Roe judged. Special winners were: Nor. Cup, Bowl, best unflg., Hyde's, Houghton; Yorks Cup, Bale; Bord. Cup, Pratt; Brit. Cup, Chick; Members' Cup, Bale.

MR. J. H. ROE'S CLASSES.

NOR., CL. BUFF, CK. (10): 1, Houghton, grand size and shape, well-rounded head, compact wings and tail, bountiful col.; 2, Stubbs Bros., beautifully moulded, good deep chest, neat head, full neck, grand col. and qual.; 3, 4, Allsopp, close up, true type, good round head, full neck, plenty of chest, short, well-braced wings, lovely mealing; 4th, very shapely, trifle smaller, but for type and qual. hard to beat; vhc, no name; he, Slocombe; c, Gardener. TKD. BUFF (18): A grand class, two sets of winners here easily: 1, Collins, cap mkd., a real good one, true Nor. properties, good head, neck, nicely rounded chest, short wings and tail, good col. and mealing; 2, W. Davies grizzle mkd., close up, correct type, good subs., best of head and neck, perhaps hardly the polish; 3, he, Houghton, saddle mkd., good wings and tail, neat head and neck, nice size, hardly qual. of leaders; 4, Tedstone, lightly var., good size, neat wings and tail, trifle longer than winners; vhc, Lewis; c, Spillman. YELL, HEN (14): 1, Spillman, cl., good col. and qual., nice shape, but some thought a bit hicky; 2, Collins, good col., very shapely, rather on the small side, and both might have given way to the 3rd, Davies, cl., grand size, beautiful shape, lovely qual., well-backed wings, a trifle paler in col. than leaders; 4, Addison, eye tkd., good col. and qual., hardly the head properties of leaders; vhc, c, Tedstone; he, Jolliffe. UNFLIG. YELL., CK. (24): Another wonderful class for type and qual.; 1, W. Davies, cl., blaze of col., nice size and shape, good wings and tail cond., qual. and cond.; 2, Allsopp, eye tkd., real gem, wonderful size, grand head and neck, beautifully moulded body, clean cut behind, good short wings and tail, a trifle paler in col. than leader, some preferred to win, a bird to be proud of; 3, Stubbs Bros., head tkd., lovely qual. and col., nice type, trifle smaller than leaders; 4, Sampson, cl., good size, very shapely, loses head properties; vhc, Allsopp; he, Tedstone; c, Selby. HEN (11): 1, Collins, cl., real gem, lovely col. and qual., neat head, well filled neck, good deep chest, neat wings and tail; 2, 4, Stubbs, good one, full of col. and qual., grand type; 3, Jones, rather soft when we took notes, good col., lovely qual.; vhc, Houghton; he, Sampson; c, Turner. NOV., YELL., CK. (17): 1, 2, Jameson, cl.rs., good size, nice subs., lovely col. and qual.; 3, Powell, var., grand col. and qual., trifle longer; 4, Morton, var., good col., nice size and shape, loses in head points to leaders; vhc, Waters; he, Williams; c, Wolfreys. HEN (17): 1, Dr. Weeks, cl. yell., beauty, grand col. and qual., neat head, well-filled neck, good subs., correct wings and tail; 2, Williams, cl. buff, grand size and qual., a trifle heavy behind, and inclined to crouch, otherwise really good; 3, 4, Sidney, cl. buff and var. yell., very neat exhibits, good type and qual., loses in size to leaders; vhc, Williams; he, T. and G. Davies; c, Richards. UNFLIG., HEN (13): 1, Nener, cl. buff, lovely qual., rather pale in col., nice size, good shape, best of wings and tail; 2, 4, c, Phelps, foul green, good size, nice shape, rather loose in feather; 4th, cl. buff, good shape, hardly subs. of leaders; 3, Pounsett, buff, shade smaller than leaders, nice col. and qual., very shapely; vhc, Jenkins; he, Rev. Morris. YORKS., CL. BUFF, CK. (13): 1, Mrs. Holloway, grand col. and qual., true type, neat head, good shoulders, straight back, nice pos. and leg; 2, Pritchard, grand length, nice pos., good nerve, lovely col. and qual., best of wings and tail; 3, Newell, good col., lovely qual., nice straight back and length, well up on leg; 4, c, James and Wells, good col., nice qual., lovely length and pos., trifle flat on head; vhc, Hall; he, Morgan and Phillips. TKD., ETC., BUFF, CK. (12): 1, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, lightly var., lovely length, good head, neck, and shoulders, grand length and pos., plenty of nerve, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Smith, tkd., trifle slimmer, nice col. and qual., good length, well braced wings, stands well, hardly as nicely rounded head; 3, Pritchard, lightly var., capital length and pos., nice col. and qual., hardly the subs.; 4, James and Wells, eye and wing mkd., loses in length, lovely col., and qual., nice type and cond.; vhc, Watkins; he, Bale; c, Dyke. YELL. HEN (18): 1, Smith, tkd., rare feather and col., nice head, neck, and shoulders, good length, nice pos.; 2, Ellis, non-fed., lovely qual. and col., grand length, good leg and pos., well braced wings and tail; 3, Dykes, cl., close up, grand col. and qual., nice length, neat head and neck, best of wings and tail, grand nerve and pos.; 4, Owen, tkd., trifle paler, and col., lovely qual., good straight back, nice wings, tail, and pos.; vhc, Howard; he, James and Wells. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (19): grand lot: 1, Thompson, cl., grand depth, col., straight as a gun barrel, best of wings and tail, splendid leg; 2, Dykes, topping, cl., hardly as deep col., lovely qual., good straight back, neat head and neck, very nervy; 3, Ball, cl., lovely col. and qual., good back and wing carr., nice length, good pos. and nerve; 4, Thompson, cl., hardly length, leaders, nice type and qual., good pos. and leg; vhc, c, Greenslade; he, Ellis. YELL. HEN. (18): grand class: 1, Gregory, tkd., good length, stands well, neat head and neck, well filled back, best of wings and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Everett, grizzle, mkd., nicely feathered, good length and pos., well filling wings and tail, stands well; 3, Dykes, cl., capital col. and qual., nice length and pos., hardly as nervy; 4, Bale, good qual., trifle paler, good length and subs., trifle flat on head; vhc, Ashman; he, Hubbard; c, No. 18, no name. NOV., YELL. CK. (15): 1, Davis, cl., grand col., lovely qual., nice length, good straight back, neat wings and tail, well on leg; 2, Lewis, cl., good col. and qual., nice pos. and leg, good type, close up; 3, Smith, var., lovely qual., nice head and neck, good straight back and pos., hardly length leaders; 4, Thomas, cap mkd., good length, nice pos., hardly as good head; vhc, Dallimore; vhc, Latham; c, Phillips. HEN (14): 1, he, c, cl. buff, Raymond, very shapely, capital length, good nerve, nice col. and qual., grand leg; 2, Latham, eye and wing mkd. yell., lovely col. and qual., nice straight back, good length and nerve; 3, Walls, grizzle mkd. buff, neat head, wing and tail, good nerve and pos.; 4, Osborne, cl. yell., nice col. and qual, good length and nerve, nice pos. and leg; vhc, Llewellyn. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (23): 1, Blackmore, lovely col. and qual., neat head and neck, nice straight back, good pos. and leg; 2, Morgan, close up, good length, plenty of nerve, well braced wings, nice pos.; 3, Tucker, trifle paler, grand length, good back, wings, and tail, stands well on leg; 4, Bennett, very nervy, nice length, good col. and qual., loses head; vhc, Egerton; he, Parry; c, Morgan. BORD., CL. YELL. (10): 1, Madagan, real gem, true to type, lovely qual., feather like wax, grand col.; 2, Jenkins, close up, lovely type and qual., nice col., perfect cond.; 3, Owen, very shapely, good col. and qual., hardly the polish; 4, Hocking, grand col., best of shape, lovely qual., well put down; vhc, Pratt; he, Wiseman; c, Hughes and Woods. TKD., ETC. CK. (10): 1, 2, Elston, eye and wing mkd. buff and yell., real gems, lovely col. and qual., correct type, very jaunty, in the pink; 3, Jenkins, lightly var., nice type and qual., grand cond.; 4, Hughes and Woods, cheek and wing mkd., nice type and qual., trifle filled at neck; vhc, Macdonald; he, Payne; c, Wiseman. HEN (19), a grand class: 1, Raymond, cl., lovely type and qual., neat head and neck, very shapely and jaunty; 2, Jenkins, cinn. mkd., superb qual., nice shape and cond.; 3, Madagan, cl., correct type, lovely col., A1 cond.; 4, Owen, cl., nice type, lovely qual. and cond.; vhc, he, Hocking; c, Elston. NOV. (12): 1, 3, Watts, correct type, nice col. and qual.; 2, he, Beard, very shapely, nice qual. and cond.; 4, Evans; vhc, Haddinott; c, no name. CAN. MULE, CL., ETC. (14): the electric light had to be turned on whilst this class was being judged, and from now on it was almost impossible to correctly describe the col. of exhibits in these or British classes: 1, vhc, Martin and Archer, "Perfection" cl. Linnet-Can., often described, not looking his best to-day, wins on variety; 2, Ball, Jonque Greenie-Can., grand col., lovely qual. and cond., with a bit more size, would be a topper; 3, Collins, eye and wing mkd., Goldie, another well-known exhibit, in perfect order; 4, Crone, lightly mkd., Goldie, nice size and shape, grand cond., and qual.; he, Hughes and Woods; c, Jones and Davies. DK. GREENF. (12): 1, Parlett, the old champion, still looking well, grand size and shape, lovely cond.; 2, Collins, good size, very shapely, nice qual. and cond; 3, Allsopp, good size, lovely qual., in A1 cond.; 4, Crone, very shapely, hardly subs. of leaders; vhc, Taylor; he, Dr. Wilson; c, Andrews. A.O.V. (13): 1, 3, Crone, Can.-Bullfc., often described, grand col. and size, looking as well as ever, a real champion; 3, Redpoll-Bullfc, charming exhibit, good size, beautiful order; 2, 4, vhc, Dr. Wilson, Greenie-Chaffinch, and Chaff-Bramble, two grand exhibits, in lovely order; c, Jeffreys. GOLDF. H.M. (14): 1, Collins, beauty, large, expansive, good coloured blaze, best of tans and wing bars, grand shape and size, easy win; 2, 4, Chick, shade smaller, neat faces, good col. tans, nice qual. and cond.; 3, Lucas Bros., very shapely, good square blaze, nice tans, bars and buttons; vhc, Holborrow; he, T. and J. Davies; c, Thomas. BULLF. (17): 1, 3, S. Jones, jun., good cap and bars, nice breast col., grand size and shape, in splendid order; 2, Poole, F.M., shade larger, very thick set, nice col., good cap and bars, neat exhibit; 4, Edwards, shade smaller, good col. and cond., nice cap and bars; vhc, Lloyd and James; he, Lucas Bros.; c, Holborrow. LINNET, H.M. (15): 1, Parlett, very shapely, nice col., well laced, good size; 2, vhc, Nicholas, some preferred shade larger, good col. and qual., a wealth of lacing, a trifle heavy behind, or might have won; 3, he, c, Mrs. Dalton, good size and shape, shade paler col., well laced, in fine order; 4, Jeffreys, good size and shape, nicely laced, A1 cond. SISKIN, ETC. (15): 1, Oldham, Twite, nice size and shape, lovely qual., well laced; 2, c, Mrs. Dalton, sweet Siskin, grand col. and qual., beautiful shape, lovely eye markings, a little gem; 3, Jeffreys, grand F.M. Redpoll, one of the best we have seen for some time, real wagon-horse shape, grand size, beautifully laced, should moult a topper; 4, Parlett, good Twite, looking well, when we saw him many preferred to win; vhc, Gregory; he, Reese. A.O. HARDBILL (20): 1, Thomas, grand Corn Bunting, splendid size and shape, good col., well laced, very steady; 2, Oldham, Bramble, nice size, well spangled, good cond., and shape; 3, Collins, Yellowhammer, fine size, well defined marking, good V.; 4, Jeffreys, large, shapely Chaffinch, nice whites, good cond.; vhc, Chick, good coloured Bramble; he, c, Ford. THRUSH, ETC. (4): 1, Lean and Son, Blackbird, good size, nice col., good crocus beak and eye ceres; 2, Peterson, neat, well spangled Song Thrush; 3, 4, Ford, Blackbird and Thrush, little to choose between winner and leader. FOREIGN (1): 1, Nicholas.

MR. J. H. PAYNE'S CLASSES.

CL. OR INV. TKD. NOR. YELL. (10): 1, 2, Collins, clinking shape, deep round chest, full neck, round head, good flights and tail, deep level col.; 2nd, lovely qual., rich col., good shape, nice back, not quite so full in front; 3, c, Mortimer, rare head and neck, grand shaped body, full of qual., nice full checks, loses in col.; 4, Weeks, good shape, lovely qual. of feather, nice wings and tail, beaten in head; vhc, Houghton; he, Mabbett. TKD. OR LGTLY. TKD. YELL. (14): 1, 4, Stubbs, Bros., neck tkd., grand shape, nice head and neck, lovely feather, good back, in grand order; 4th, saddle mkd., grand qual., rich col., good shape, beaten in head; 2, Davies, mkd. eyes and wings, hot col., good feather, nice back, flights, and tail; not so cobby; 3, Houghton, eye and wing mkd., grand feather and col., short flights and tail, nice shape; vhc, Spillman; he, Jones; c, Allsopp. MKD. OR FOUL GREEN (11): 1, James and Wills, yell., good col., full of qual., nice shape and size, grand head and neck, in good order; 2, 4, Houghton, buff, full round front, rare head and neck, short flights and tail, good feather and col.; 4th, good shaped buff, good back, wings, and tail, nice round chest, good feather; 3, Allsopp, yell., lovely qual., shapely, good head and neck, neat wings and tail; vhc, no name; he, Davies; c, James. BUFF, HEN (18): 1, vhc, Davies, short cobby body, good shape, lovely head and full neck, short wings and tail, grand feather, in the pink; 2, 4, Houghton, grand size and shape, nice col. and feather, full neck, nice back and head; 4th, grizzle tail, nice shape and feather, not quite so good in head; 3, James and Wells, shapely body, good head and neck, capital col., well up in qual.; he, Sampson; c, Weeks. UNFLIG., BUFF (12): 1, 2, Houghton, regular stormer, needs no comment, Cheltenham and Leicester winner; 2nd, grizzle capped, lovely shape, grand col. and qual., short wings and tail, nice feather, full neck, bad to beat; 3, Stubbs Bros., cl., lovely col., full of qual., nice back, wings, and tail, not quite so full fronted, still a good one; 4, Addison, nice shape, good flights and tail, good feather; vhc, Jones; he, Allsopp; c, James and Wells. UNFLIG. BUFF, HEN (15): 1, Houghton, rare shape, round as a ball, short wings and tail, good wide shoulders, grand feather, and full of style, claimed at catalogue price; 2, Tristem, good shape, lovely col., beautifully feathered, nice flights and tail, not quite so thick set; 3, Mabbett, nice shape and feather, neat tail and wings, good qual., not quite the col.; 4, Collins, hot col., good shape, head and neck, short tail and wings, wants steadying a bit; vhc, Tedstone; he, Jolliffe; c, Slocombe. NOV., BUFF, CK. (19): 1, Brown, lovely shape and feather, nice wings and tail, good col. and qual.; 2, Lewis, good shape, nice feather and col., not so short in wings and tail; 3, Davis, nice shape, col., and feather; 4, Morton, nice shaped variegs.; vhc, no name; he, no name; c, no name. UNFLIG., CK. (18): 1, Williams, yell., good shape, col., and feather; 2, Lewis, buff, hot col., shapely body, good feather; 3, Jenkins, mkd. yell., good col. and feather, not quite so short in body; 4, James, hot-coloured wing mkd. yell., good feather; vhc, Wolfreys; he, Morris; c, Never. YORKS., CL. OR INV. TKD. YELL (15): 1, Greenslade, straight as a pencil, good col. and feather, well on leg, grand pos., nice wings and pipe tail; 2, c, Bale, rare length, lovely feather, stands well, long flights and tail, in grand form; 3, Weeks, nice back, wings, and tail, good pos., hit down in col.; 4, Gibbons and Weeks, slim built, well on leg, good stand and style, not quite so smooth on breast; vhc, Thompson; he, Ellis. TKD. OR LGTLY. MKD. YELL. (13): 1, Bale, mkd. head, eyes, and wing, straight as a rush, poses well, lovely col. and qual., neat tail and wings; 2, Thompson, neck tkd., lovely feather, well on leg, good pos. and style, not quite so hot in col.; 3, Bowden, mkd. cheeks and wing, grand pos., good feather, lights, and tail, not quite so slim; 4, Morgan and Phillips, slim built, well on leg, good back and neat head, beaten on chest; vhc, Everett; he, Smith; c, James and Wells. HEAVILY MKD. FOUL GR. OR CINN. (12): 1, Bale, yell., grand length and well drawn out, beautiful qual. of feather, grand pos., well on leg, piped tail, and long flights, well packed; 2, Gibbons and Weeks., yell., straight and stylish, nice pipe tail, good back and wings, grand feather, rich col.; 3, Pritchard, yell., slim built, good in pos., nice feather, not quite so lengthy; 4, Dykes, buff, good length, nice qual., stands well; vhc, Weeks; he, Hughes and Wood; c, James and Wells. BUFF, HEN (17): 1, Pritchard, cl., lovely feather, smooth as glass, well on leg., grand pos., nice head, neck, and back, rare length; 2, vhc, Greenslade, neck tkd., lovely feather and pos., neat tail, well packed flights, not quite the length; 3, Hubbard, nice length and pos., good feather and style, neat tail, bit pale in col.; 4, Ellis, mkd. cheek and wings, slim built, good pos., and straight; he, c, Smith. UNFLIG., BUFF (19): 1, Dykes, gem for length, pos., col., and qual., straight as a rush, stands like a Guardsman, in grand form; 2, 3, Greenslade, grand feather and pos., well on leg., nice tail and neat wings, not quite the length; 3rd, good length, nice feather, long flights, and piped tail, stands well; 4, Bale, lovely feathered variegs., nice feather, stands well, pipe tail; vhc, Jones; he, Mrs. Halliday; c, Griffiths. UNFLIG. BUFF HEN (20): 1, Dykes, cl., charming young damsel, fine length, col., pos. and feather, well braced wings, pipe tail, beautifully toiletted; 2, Bale, mkd. cheeks and wing, tight as boxwood, grand back, piped tail, nice long, well-packed flights, stands well; 3, Greenslade, grizzled saddle, straight, nice feather and tail, good pos., not the length; 4, Thompson, neat and stylish, nice feather; vhc, Gibbons and Weeks; he, Nichells; c, Griffiths. BUFF CK. (17): 1, Griffiths, cl., good stand, nice feather and col., straight as a pencil; 2, vhc, c, Raymond, slim built, nice col. and feather; 3, Egerton, lengthy, cap and wing mkd., good pos. and feather; 4, Smith, mkd. wings, nice feather, neat tail and flights; he, Morgan. UNFLIG. HEN (18): 1, Chisholm, lovely feather, well on leg, good pos.; 2, Barrow, hot col., nice feather, stands well; 3, Tucker, good length, nice pos.; 4, Thomas, nice feather, neat tail, good back; vhc, Bense; he, Bennett; c, Wilkes. UNFLIG. BUFF CK. (24): 1, Raymond, good pos., nice feather and qual., well on leg; 2, Osborne, close up; 3, Alexander, nice back, wings and tail, good length; 4, Quinlan, close up; vhc, Griffiths; he, Dallimore; c, Lewis. BORD. CL. OR INV. TKD. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Pratt, gems, feathered like glass, grand shape and style, neat heads, wings and tails, in the pink; 3, Boddinott, lovely feather, nice shape and carr., neat tail and wings; 4, Madagan, beautiful col., nice feather, good head and neck, not looking its best; vhc, Pearce; he, Evans; c, Elston. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (9): 1, Madagan, grand col., sweetly moulded, grand carr. and style, nice feather, wings and tail, neat round head, in good form; 2, 3, Pratt, both grandly feathered, shapely bodies, jaunty carr., neat head, wings and tails; 4, Jenkins, good feather and shape, neat head, neck and tail; vhc, Macdonnell; he, Owen; c, Wiseman. A.O.V. BORD. (8): 1, 4, c, Wiseman, yellow green, lovely shape and feather, sound colour, nice head, wings and tail, 4th buff green, grand feather, nice shape, neat tail and wings; 2, Jenkins, yell. green, good col., shape and feather, not quite so sound on throat; 3, he, Hughes and Wood, good feathered and shapely buff cinn., nice col.; vhc, Allen. CAN. MULE, DK. GOLDF. (15): 1, Lamb, lovely feather, good size and shape, nice face and bars, in grand fettle; 2, 3, Jefferys, good ones, well up in col., nice feather and cond.; 4, Crone, grand col., rare flush, well defined bars, a bit rough on breast; vhc, Richards; he, Parlett; c, Davies. CAN. MULE, LINNET, ETC. (21): 1, Jefferys, Linnet, grand size and shape, full of col. and qual., grandly mkd., a gem; 2, Oldham, yell. Siskin, beautiful feather, nice shape and size, and well defined markings; 3, Andrews, Redpoll, grand feather and col., well up in size, a good one; 4, Taylor, good col. and well mkd. yell. Siskin, nice feather; vhc, Lamb; he, Wilson; c, Crone. HEN (10): 1, Martin and Archer, cl. Goldie, good size and shape; 2, Collins, Goldie, cl., lovely feather, nice shape, not quite the size, two grand exhibits and close together; 3, Edwards, Goldf.-Bullf., rare size and shape, grand feather, well defined markings; 4, Ball, variegs. Green-Can., good size, shape, feather and col.; vhc, c, Andrews; he, Heal. GOLDF., F.M. (21): 1, he, Cookham, rare blaze, expansive, rich col., nice bars and buttons, well tanned, steady as Old Time; 2, Ball, good blaze, bars and buttons, nice back, well tanned breast; 3, J. W. Ford, rich col. blaze, capital bars and buttons, not so steady; 4, Lloyd James, good square cut blaze of good col., nice wing bars and well tanned, close up; vhc, Jefferys; c, Peterson. GRENEF. CK. (17): 1, Holborow, grandly feathered, nice shape and col., good bold skull and well barred; 2, Gregory, lovely col. and feather, nice bars not quite so big; 3, Emerson and Winstone, good shape and feather, grand bars, nice col.; 4, Nicholas, grand feather and well barred, nice shape, close up; vhc, Oldham; he, Bobbett and Wall; c, Jefferys. LINNET, F.M. (18): 1, 2, Bancroft, gems, grand shape, feather and pencilling, stylish, very steady; 3, Osborne, well pencilled, nice col., shape and feather; 4, Holborow, grand feather, nice shape and col., loses just a bit on flanks; vhc, Davies; he, Bobbet and Wall; c, Heal. HAWF. OR WAXWING (5): All Hawfinches: 1, Thomas, real beauty, good size, grand col. and feather, well defined and shapely bib, good bars, in rare form; 2, Collins, good size and shape, nice body col., well barred, loses in cut of bib; 3, Chick, good col. and feather, beaten in size; 4, Davies; vhc, Ford. HARDBILLED HEN (11): 1, Collins, Bramble, exquisite feather, beautifully spangled, rare shape, full of style, very steady; 2, Heal, nice feathered and well mkd. Corn Bunting, nice col. steady; 3, Reise, beautifully feathered and steady Chaffinch, nice tone of col., in good bloom; 4, vhc, Chick, good col. and feathered Yellow Bunting, nice size and shape; he, Offord; c, Emerson and Winstone. SOFT-BILLED (1): 2, c, Pearce, nice feathered Tit. GIFT (2): 2, Bale; 3, Howard.

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COWDENBEATH.

4th annual open show, Nov. 20, in the Drill Hall. Everything was in first rate order, in spite of the worry the officials had to undergo, owing to the hall being occupied the previous evening, which meant some of them remaining up all night. The birds were well staged, with plenty of light all round. Entries were up, being a record for Cowdenbeath, the total was 886. Mr. Sneddon, the pres., vice, J. Beattie; sec., A. Robertson; treas., T. Menzies; committee, Cunningham, Largan, Paterson, Clayton, Cowan, Kirk, Anderson, Stewart, Baxter, were all a hard-working lot. The judges were: Messrs. Hope, D. Hamilton, Lindsay, A. Harris, who took Mr. Fleming's place owing to his having enlisted, Mason, and Henderson. There were many outstanding exhibits in each section, and all throughout quality was up to high-water mark and competition was very keen. Special cup winners were:—Best in show, W. Allison; best local, J. Sneddon; Yorks., R. Heggie; points, R. Heggie; Nor., W. Grewar (outright); Brit., J. Sykes.

THE SCOTS FANCIES.
Judge, Mr. J. D. C. Hope.

CL. OR DBL YELL. CK. (3): 1, Stenhouse, fine drive, good shoulders, nice length of side, good depth of breast, fine pos.; 2, Cook, good drive, neat head, well filled shoulders, good length, nervy; 3, Thomson. HEN (4): 1, 4, Fotheringham, nice head, good head and neck, fine shoulders, grand length, gets well into perch; 2, Archibald, fails pos., not quite the depth through; 3, Barrier, good top end, nice action. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Cowan, grand head, neck and shoulders, well filled back, nice length of side, gets well into perch, wins; 2, 3, Keil, good ones, leader best subs., close up; 3, not so good in shoulders, good length; 4, Thomson; 5, Cook; 6, Archibald. HEN (9): 1, Simpson, grand drive, quick action, good shoulders, fine length; 2, 5, Keil, very little behind leader, good shoulders, well filled in, nice length; 3, Henderson, fails shoulders and length, nice action; 4, Cook; 6, Stenhouse. PIED OR GR. CK. (5): 1, H. Bennet, sweet head, good neck and shoulders, fine length; 2, 4, Henderson, close run, fails in thickness, good mover; 3, Simpson, fails shoulders, good head and neck, good length; 5, McGregor. HEN (5): 1, 3, Cook, neat head, fine neck, well filled shoulders, good length, gets well to perch; 2, Thomson, fails drive and action, fine otherwise; 4, Cowan; 5, Johnston. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Simpson, good top end, fine drive, good shoulders, nice length; 2, Cook, close up; 3, Harrison, fails in depth through, good length; 4, Gray; 5, Fotheringham; 6, Allan. HEN (9): 1, 5, Montgomery, grand hen, fine head and neck, well filled shoulders, determined drive, full of action; 2, Simpson, another good one, fails neck and shoulders a bit, good length; 3, Fotheringham, good length, not so well filled in, good action; 4, Bennet; 6, Cook. SELL. (1): 1, Allan; 2, Bennet; 3, 4, Cook.

THE BORDER FANCIES.
Judge, Mr. D. Hamilton.

CL. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Baxter, nice level col., grand wings, neat head, well put down; 2, G. Bennet, must have pressed, barely finished in face, grand action and qual.; 3, H. Bennet, tkd. neck, bit unsteady, grand front, well put down; 4, Symon; 5, Wood; 6, Cunningham. HEN (15): 1, Smart, a real "guid wee hen," correct model, grand qual.; 2, Roy, inclined to cross at times, a little empty in neck, rather lucky; 3, G. Bennet, nice front and well cut away, in the pink; 4, Montgomery, needs a wash and can go further; 5, Baxter; 6, Reid. BUFF CK. (17): A grand class: 1, Murray, put down in grand order, every feather in its place, nice round body, neat head, sound col., deserved its place; 2, Smart, finely braced wings, nicely mealed, fails in col. only to winner; 3, G. Bennet, correct type, but failing to act, seemed like feeling the cold, spotless condition; 4, Voy; 5, Harper; 6, Arnott, might have been further up. HEN (15): 1, Purvis, strong hen, neat head, good body, rare pos., grand qual.; 2, Montgomery, smart little hen, but washing when reporting; 3, Paterson, sweet, nicely rounded, fine length of leg, like boxwood; 4, Tods; 5, G. Bennet; 6, H. Bennet, we liked very much. YELL. VAR. CK. (12): 1, G. Bennet, cap and cheek grizzle, rich col., grand qual., inclined to frill in breast; 2, Cockburn, eyes, cap and wings marked, bit rough in neck, A1 type; 3, Cunningham, strong bird, rather long behind the spar, lovely feather, pressed by 4, Paterson, but inclined to spread tail; 5, Elliot; 6, Laurie. BUFF (9): 1, Tods, nice head, finely rounded, tapered away finely; 2, G. Bennet, our choice, lovely qual. of feather, put down in perfect order; 3, 4, Spence, really good bird, but fails in cond.; 5, Forsyth; 6, McDougall. YELL. VAR. HEN (9): 1, Hadden, very soft when reporting; 2, Cockburn, cinn. mkd., in breeding condition, lovely type and qual., might have won; 3, Tick, cinn., grand head, but fails behind spar. BUFF (10): 1, Smart, grand little hen, teeming with qual., wins easily; 2, H. Bennet, not quite so good in type, but for quality all there, grand cond.; 3, Montgomery, nice qual., feather, unsteady; 4, 5, Spence; 6, Taywell. EVEN MKD (4): 1, Oxton, yell, neat eyes, unsteady; 2, Milne and Hillson, buff cinn., rare quality, needs a wash; 3, Lyall, cinn., fails in eye marks, qual. all right, well placed; 4, Carmichael. GREEN CK. (28): Best class in section and took a lot of sitting: 1, Lambie, yell gr., very typical, excels in back markings; 2, Baxter, buff green, equally good in type, rather stout in body, fine condition; 5, Johnstone, not so good in buff as leaders, light throat; 4, Reid; 5, 6, Whitelaw. HEN (17): 1, spl., B.F.C.C. Green medal, J. Baxter, lovely typical buff green hen, one of the best greens out this season; 2, 5, Johnstone, 2nd a wee beauty of a yellow, correct shade and markings, pressed; 3, Montgomery, buff green, not finished moult yet; 4, Reid; 6, Lumsden. CINN. CK. (13): 1, Dick, we missed; 2, Montgomery, grandly col. bull, wild, grand markings and qual.; 3, Dods, yell, looking a bit soft or might have stood one up; 4, Whitelaw; 5, Lambie; 6, Cook. HEN (17): 1, Smith, typical yell., rare head and col., distinct back and flank markings; 2, Lyall, buff cinn., crosses wings a bit, level col.; 3, Dick, A1 for type, unsteady; 6, Lambie; 5, Shanks. SELL. CK.: 1, 3, G. Bennet; 2, Oxton; 4, Reid; 5, Cumming. HEN: 1, Anderson; 2, H. Bennet; 3, G. Bennet; 4, Lyall; 5, Thomson; 6, Oxton.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARIES.
Judge: Mr. W. Priest.

CL. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 2, 3, Heggie, a grand trio from the Glasgow Yorkie enthusiast, 1st great length, well set on pins, grand col., 2nd just as good type, fails to leader in head and col, 3rd hardly so erect and not the length of the others; 4, McLellan, might have gone one up; 5, Park; 6, Stewart. HEN (6): 1, 2, 4, Heggie, 1st well set up, grand pos. and col., 2nd hardly so slim as its mate, fails in head; 3, Park, non-fed, rather full in front. BUFF CK. (8): 1, 2, 6, Heggie, 1st rare bird for qual., sound, level col., 2nd better wing carr. and qual., but fails in type to winner; 3, McLennan, not far behind, but frilled in breast, grand cond.; 4, Gray; 5, Hoyle. HEN (5): 1, Gray, might be a little longer, but sweet type and qual.; 2, 3, 4, Heggie, 2nd teeming with col., tails in wings, 3rd not so good in pos, well fed; 5, Price and Young. VAR. CK. (19): 1, 3, Heggie, nice eyes and wings, faultless cond., one of the best Yorkies in hall; 2, 5, Park; a bonny natural col., just beaten in condition; 4, Heggie; 6, Hoyle. HEN (4): 1, 2, 4, Heggie, 1st long and slim, well fed, beautiful wing carr., 2nd looking soft; 3, Low, cinn. mkd., in grand order, we liked. UNFLG. YELL. CK. (8): 1, 2, 6, Heggie, not much between the leaders, 1st wins on col. and cond.; 3, Gray, fine lengthy bird, put down well; 4, McLellan; 5, Kinnear. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Heggie, 1st wing mkd. buff, unsteady, 2nd rd. buff, could have led, grand wing carr.; 3, McLellan, cl., good, grand feather, bit pinched in head; he, Bruce; 5, McLellan. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 3, Heggie, 1st a perfect model, slim and erect, well fed, nicely groomed, 3rd could pass as a sister, but not so good in pos.; 2, Park, buff, must have pressed the 1st, but beaten for want of a wash; 4, Hoyle; 5, McLellan; 6, Law. SELL. (5): 1, McLellan; 2, Jelfray; 3, Park; 4, Beattie; 5, Torley.

THE CREST SECTION.
Judge, Mr. J. Lindsay.

CREST CK. (7): 1, 4, McLaren, grand large crest of good formation, neat centre, lealy feather of grand length; 2, Whitton, close up, not the same spread, nor so round in crest, good drop; 3, Howie, not so large in headpiece, or so well thatched, good quality of feather; 5, Forsyth; 6, Prentice. HEN (5): 1, 4, McLaren, grand crest, fine veiny feather, well laid on; 2, Sneddon, hardly so large in crest, very neat centre, fine qual. of feather, gets local cup for best members'; 3, Low, not so dense in crest, well laid, good texture of feather; 4, Bruce and Gunning. C.B. CK. (6): 1, McLaren, grand skull, fine frontal, plenty of width, well lashed, fine length of feather; 2, Hector, fails only in formation of skull to winner, well lashed with feather of good quality; 3, 6, McIntosh, good skull, fails in length of feather; 4, Howie; 5, Duns. HEN (10): 1, McLaren, fine doned skull, nice beetle brows, great length of feather; 2, McIntosh, close up, fine skull, good length of feather, not the same qual.; 3, Summers, fine skull, well lashed, good browing; 4, Whitton; 5, Sneddon; 6, Low; good class. 1915 CREST COCK (8): 1, 3, McLaren, good once, leader has it in size, length, and spread of crest, grand shaped crest, nice centre, lovely droop, fine leafy feather; 2, Low, close up, hardly so well laid on, nice length of good veiny feather; 4, Whitton; 5, Scott; 6, McIntosh. HEN (5): 1, Sharp, nice round crest, fine centre, well laid on feather of good texture; 2, Low, hardly the length of feather or so well laid on; 3, Melville, neat crest, split on one side when we saw it, lovely leafy feather; 4, Prentice; 5, McLaren. C.B. CK., 1915 (7): 1, 2, Melville, grand skull, broad and well rounded, nice brows, fine length of feather, 2nd close up, not so massive in build, nor so good in skull formation; 3, Sharp, close up, good length of feather; 4, Whitton; 5, Scott; 6, Prentice. HEN (9): 1, Sharp, rare good hen, fine skull, clothed with feather of good length, well lashed; 2, McLaren, close up, good skull, well browed, dense feather; 3, Whitton, another good one, hardly so well furnished; 4, Bruce & Gunning; 5, Prentice; 6, Scott. SELL. (10): 1, 4, Sneddon; 2, Spence; 3, Low; 5, McDougall; 6, D. Murray. SELL., C.B. (6): 1, W. Blyth; 2, Simpson; 3, Spence; 4, Prattis and Son; 5, Summers; 6, Morris.

THE NORWICH PINHEADS.
Judge, Mr. A. Harris.

CL., YELL., CK. (10): 1, Mitchell, hardly full enough in neck, hot col. and qual., fine wings and tail, in fine bloom; 2, Murry, Glasgow and Dis. winner, we liked for 1st, bold head, bit browy, full neck, fine body, wings and tail, good qual., fails a bit in col. to winner, and not the same bloom; 3, Hector, good head, neck, wings, and tail, good shape, hardly the size of leaders; 4, Grewar; 5, Taylor; 6, Moffat. Hen (5): 1, Foote, tkd., nice head, neck, wings, and tail, good size, rare body shape, hot col., wins; 2, Grewar, close up, fails wings a bit; 3, Allison, Glasgow and Dis. winner, rare head and neck, great qual., pale in col.; 4, Smillie; 5, Oliver. BUFF, CK. (10): 1, Mitchell, hot one, great size, bold head, neck, good body, fine shape, hot col., fine qual.; 2, Martin, fails size, lovely qual., fine shape; 3, Smith, rare head and neck, longer in barrel, good wings; and tail carr., fine col. and qual.; 4, McLeod; 5, Murray; 6, Robb. HEN (4): 1, S.P.C. medal, Strachan, good wings and tail, good qual. and col., bit too thick behind, sort; 2, Mitchell, not looking so well to-day, hold head and neck, good body, fine wings and tail carr.; 3, McLeod; 4, Lister. VAR., YELL. (6): 1, Allison, a topper and no mistake, takes cup for best in show, great size, hardly the shape of head, but good, full neck, graud body, broad chest, fine wings and tail, good qual., well staged; 2, Grewar, good head and neck, good body, wings, and tail, better col. and qual., not so steady; 3, Hampton, good head, neck, hardly so good in shape; 4, Smillie; 5, Mitchell; 6, Murray. HEN (6): 1, Muir, short stout body, good wings, tail, and qual.; 2, Grewar, full head and neck, good body, fine wings and tail, good qual.; 3, Smith, fails a bit in head, great body, fine wings and tail, good qual., well up to size. BUFF, VAR., CK. (5): 1, Mitchell, great size, good body, nice wings and tail, hot col.; 2, Kerr, loses in qual. and size, good head, and body shape; 3, Hampton, longer in barrel; 4, Strachan; 5, Murray. HEN (9): 1, Thomson, great size, good body, wings, and tail; 2, Grewar, good full head and neck, short stout body, good wings and tail, good qual.; 3, Gibson, close up, good head and neck, fine body, wings, and tail; 4, Murray, might have been in the money; 5, McCue; 6, Langan. UNFL. YELL., CK. (10): 1, Allison, good head and neck, fine type, good wings and tail, lovely qual., wins; 2, 4, Martin, close up, fine size, good type and qual., fine wings and tail; 3, Grewar, good head, fails neck, good body, wings, and tail; 5, McCue; 6, Langan. HEN (14): 1, Lawson, sweet hen, not a big one, fine type and qual.; 2, Martin, presses hard, better in head, not the same qual.; 3, Lister, larger, good head, neck, and body shape, fine wings and tail, inclined to lift one wing sometimes; 4, Mitchell; 5, Murray; 6, Langan. BUFF, CK. (6): 1, Murray, var., good head, neck, short stout body, crosses wings at times, fine wing and tail carr.; 2, Lister, fails head, short stout body, hot col., patchy on flanks, fine qual.; 3, Grewar, good head and neck, hardly so stout, good qual.; 4, Lugton; 5, Bishop; 6, Sloan. HEN (12): 1, 6, Mitchell, wins, good head, full neck, short stout body, good wings and tail; 2, Martin, close up, hardly so typical; 3, Stewart, var., fails head, short stout body, good qual., fine wings; 4, McCue; 6, Murray. NON-FED., CK. (13): 1, 6, Grewar, round head, full neck, good body, broad chest, good wings, tail, and qual.; 2, Smith, var., fails head, stout body, good qual. and wings; 3, Hampton, good head and body shape; 4, Langan; 5, Lister. HEN (11): 1, 6, Grewar, buff var., good head and full neck, stout body, could do tightened up a bit; 2, Allison, close up, good type and qual.; 3, Kerr, another good one, close up; 4, Smith; 5, Murray. GREEN OR CINN. (8): 1, Stewart, good type and qual., good head and neck, fine wings; 2, 3, Grewar, 2nd, fails qual.; larger, stout body; 3rd, good heart, neck, and stout body, good qual.; 4, 5, Wilson; 6, Hutton. SELL., CK. (17): 1, Korr; 2, Pirrie; 3, Bishop; 4, Sloan; 5, Martin; 6, Barrie. HEN (6): 1, Myles; 2, Thomson; 3, Lugton; 4, Pirrie; 5, Barrie; 6, Myles.

S.P.C. CLUB SHOW.

CL. YELL., CK.: 1, Mitchell, a good one, good head and neck, fine body, rare type and qual.; 2, Martin, round head full neck, hardly so full in body, fine wings and tail; 3, Black, good typical one, hardly so well up in size; 4, Foote. VAR. (9): 1, Mitchell, good stamp, full neck, good body, full of qual.; 2, Taylor, longer in side, full head and neck, fine wings and tail; 3, Adamson, good head and neck, good body, hardly so stout, hot col. and qual.; 4, Mitchell; 5, Grewar; 6, Allison. CL. BUFF CK. (9): 1, gold medal, Martin, real good one, full of type, grand qual., wins; 2, Harper, good full head and neck, not so shapely; 3, Nelson, close up, good head and neck, round body; 4, Murray; 5, 6, P. Murray. VAR. (6): 1, Martin, good head, neck, and body shape, fine stamp, good qual.; 2, Lawson, round head, full neck, good type and body shape, fine wings; 3, Mitchell, fails qual., good col., full round head; 4, Nelson; 5, Grewar; 6, Hector. CL. YELL., HEN (10): 1, Harper, typical and sweet, nice head and neck; 2, Allison, good head and neck, hardly the qual.; 3, Nelson, larger, not the finish; 4, 6, Martin; 5, Mitchell. BUFF (3): 1, Gardiner, good stamp, full of type; 2, Black. VAR. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Mitchell, good head and neck, grand body, full of qual.; 2, Nelson, nice type, full of type, hardly the qual.; 3, J. C. Murray, fails head a bit, good body, fine qual.; 4, Hector; 5, Gardiner. BUFF (4): 1, 4, Marshall, a beauty, gets gold medal and sp. for best, lovely type, size, and qual., wins easy; 2, Martin, fails in qual. to winner; 3, J. Mitchell, close up, fails in shape a bit, good qual.

THE HYBRID SECTION.
Judge, Mr. J. Mason.

LIGHT CAN. MULE (2): 1, Heggie, well known Greenie, needs no description; 2, Campbell. DK. (9): 1, McQuiston, grand Goldie, rare size and shape, extensive blaze; 2, Kennoway, Linnet, good qual. and col.; 3, 4, Heggie, grand Greenie and Goldie, Greenie could have been up one (a grand Jonque); 5, Storrar; 6, Naysmith. VAR. (9): 1, Heggie, old Greenie, looking himself; 2, McQuiston, fine Goldie, grand face, fails in size to winner; 3, Robertson, one of the best variegs. Greenies we have seen; 4, Wood; 5, Finnie; 6, Nicol. HEN (6): 1, McQuiston, a bonnie Greenie, yell. var., wins easy; 2, Malcolm, nice buff Goldie, almost even mkd.; 3, Lister, dark Greenie, wants size; 4, McLean; 5, Stuart; 6, Edwards. SELL.: 1, Strachan; 2, Gilchrist; 3, A. Dewar; 4, Raith; 5, McLean. BULLF. HYB. (3): 1, Staines, grand Goldie, splendid bird, shows his points well, great subs.; 2, Campbell, Linnet, nice one, could win almost anywhere. HYB. (A.O.V.) (6): 1, McQuiston, bonnie Redpoll-Goldie, a wee gem; 2, Williams, another sweet one, wants colour, a youngster; 3, Heggie, attractive Greenie-Chaffie, well set down, not so hot as some; 4, Williams; 5, Nicol; 6, Gilchrist.

THE BRITISH BIRDS.
Judges: Goldf. and Bullf., Mr. Henderson; others, Mr. Mason.

GOLDF. (8): 1, Strachan, splendid size and qual., monster Finch, grand blaze and colouring; 2, Hutchison, a little smaller; 3, Palmer, splendid tanning and bars, hot stuff; 4, McLoy; 5, Whitbrock and Allan; 6, Batis. BULLF. (13): 1, McQuiston, a great Bullf., excels in size, splendid head and body qualities; 2, Hardie Bros., we liked for col., rare breast, and cap perfection, slightly rough on lower parts and thighs; 3, Thomson, just fails in col., otherwise all there; 4, Messer; 5, Sykes; 6, Lister. GREENF. (FED): 1, 4, Adamson, old winner, needs no describing, stands time, and wears well; 2, Raith, nice Jonque bird, well staged, teems with col., fails body; 3, Campbell, good Greenie, wants time; 5, Russell; 6, Sykes. NON-FED (15): A good class: 1, Calder, grand Jonque, excels in col.; 2, 3, Sykes, 2nd, well-known winner, only beaten to-day in ground col.; 3rd, must be in it, in fact could not separate; 4, Messer; 5, Wood; 6, Thomson. LINNET (12): 1, McQuiston, fine bird, grand solid col., nicely pencilled, shows well; 2, Marnock, massive, rare col., brown as a "nut," wants claws and goes back; 3, McQuiston, another good one, put down in best style; 4, Campbell; 5, Greig; 6, Sykes. F.M. (15): 1, Lambie, big one, rather open in breast work; 2, Naysmith, most typical, beautifully pencilled, only a little short of head; 3, Campbell, nice Linnet, not so distinct in markings, nice brown; 4, McQuiston; 5, Grieg; 6, Morris. Some in the ticket were very wild, and plumage suffered thereby. SISKIN (9): 1, McQuiston, nice wee Siskin, wins easily; 2, 3, Sykes, 2nd, non-fed, smart bird, fails mkgs. to winner; 3rd, fed, a bit rough in plumage, gone slightly patchy in feeding; 4, Nairn; 5, Calder; 6, Johnstone. MEALY REDPOLL, CK. (6): 1, 3, Sykes, 1st, outstanding Twite, rare subs., will improve; 3rd, Twite, not so large, but neat; 2, McQuiston, hot col., presses hard; 4, Hutchison; 5, 6, Stewart. LESSER (13): 1, Connachar, fine Poll, shows well, splendid bib and col. right; 2, McQuiston, fails mkgs. to winner, not so massive; 3, Findlay, we could not place at all, rather rough looking; 4, no name; 5, 6, Lambie. BRAMBLE AND CHAFFIE (11): 1, 3, 4, Sykes, 1st, grand Bramble, rare size, fine cap and spangling; 3rd, another grand one; 2, McQuiston, Bramble, presses hard, great subs., markings all there; 5, 6, Sykes. BUNTING (8): 1, 3, Raith, both Yellowhammers, 1st, an old winner, splendid v. and check mkgs.; 3rd, not so well up, age will improve; 2, Sykes, fine Corn Bunting, in good plumage; 4, Strachan; 5, 6, Russell. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Sykes, all Hawfinches, put down in Mr. Sykes's usual style; 4, Russell. HEN., BRIT. (9): 1, McQuiston, Glasgow winner, nice Bramble, fine body col., and carries good cape; 2, Adamson, good Corn Bunting, well worth its place, requires col.; 3, Campbell; 4, Sykes; 5, Strachan; 6, Staines. SMALL SOFTBILL (3): 1, 2, 3, Sykes, 1st, Yellow Wagtail; 2nd, Grey Wagtail, nice specimens; 3, Whitethroat, a little rough. LARGE (6): 1, 2, 4, Sykes, 1st, we missed; 2nd, well known Chough; 4th, nice Missel Thrush; 3, Stoddart, bonnie Waxwing, well staged, beaten, but not disgraced. SELL.: 1, Sykes; 2, Strachan; 3, Anderson; 4, Sykes; 5, Dewar; 6, Campbell. SMALL FOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Arnott, a grand team, absolutely his class. LARGE (1): Yule.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

HALIFAX.

26th Annual Exhibition of the Halifax O.S. in the Friendly and Trades Hall, St. James'rd., Nov. 19 and 20. Considering the present state of affairs, and the clashing with a Yorkshire Union Show within seven miles, the show must be described as a great success. Entries numbered 476, the full classification and good prize money helping no doubt to make the show a success. The show room is spacious and lofty, is well lighted, and free from draughts. in Mr. Harry Clegg, the society has without doubt one of the best secretaries in the North of England, and one who has proved himself quite capable of controlling any show, no matter how large it may be, and in Mr. H. Lord it has an ideal president. The show stewards, Messrs. Speight, Relfe, Horsman, and Mitchell, got through their duties in a business-like manner. Mr. E. Helliwell had full charge of the packing and sending away of all the exhibits, and the way in which it was carried out proves the society had chosen the proper official for the work. These, along with several other workers made up a strong team of real good fanciers. The novices were the mainstay of the show, 11 classes having an average of nearly 21 per class. The open Norwich classes averaged 14 per class, and open Yorks. 12.

Quality was quite up to the standard. The Norwich came up best, and these were well worth going a long way to see. Yorkshires were a splendid lot. British birds had only a smallish entry, but amongst them were a few real gems. The novices were probably the best lot seen out this season. Mr. Crawshaw won Ramsden's special, and Mr. Spencer Sandiford's. The Society promised half the gate to the local comfort fund for the soldiers at the front, and we hope it was a real bumper. The judges, Messrs. Mundell and Battye got through their duties in good time, and seemed to give every satisfaction.

MR. H. W. BATTYE'S CLASSES.

CHAMP. CL., ETC., NOR. YELL. (16): 1, 2, Crawshaw, cl., plenty of subs., level col., grand head and bold breast, rare wing carr., stands well on perch, a gem; 2, even mkd., correct type, very hot in col., lovely shaped head, round breast, nicely balanced, not quite as large; 3, Cook, mkd., head and wing, nice shape and style, rich col.; fine cond.; 4, Kaberry, cl., grand size, nice col., rare shaped head, fails in chest; vhc, Heap; hc, Spencer; c, Turner. BUFF (13): 1, 4, Thomas, grand size, mkd. on back, splendid head, rare front, very bold, lovely qual., gets well across perch, well balanced; 4, tkd. head and wing, nice shape and style, very cobby, stands well; 2, Crawshaw, var., extra qual., good head and neck, plenty of subs., just a shade thick at thigh, will improve; 3, Hirst, var., nice type, rare head and breast, fails in col.; vhc, he, Wharton; c, Ball. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Hirst, cl., beauty, grand shaped head, level neck, full breast, carr. perfect, rich col., stands correct on perch, fine cond.; 2, Crawshaw, cl., plenty of subs., splendid head, well balanced, not as well made in front as leader, staged well; 3, Ball, cl., grand type and qual., but gets up too much; 4, Wharton, mkd. head and wings, lovely shape and type, beaten in size; vhc, Stafford; hc, Airton; c, Spencer. BUFF (11): 1, Thomas, cl., lovely shape and style, best of head, nice bold breast, fine silky feather, well balanced on perch, in best cond.; 2, Cook, cl., grand head and breast, gets well across, plenty of subs., nice cond., not staged as well as winner; 3, Crawshaw, mkd. head and wing, nice size, good breast, fails in head; 4, Jeffries, cl., nice type, good head; vhc, Heap; hc, Kaberry; c, Lloyd. UNFLG. CK. (25): 1, Cook, cl. buff, splendid size and full of subs., grand head and well breasted, rich, sound col., rare wing carr., A1 carr., a real gem; 2, vhc, c, Crawshaw, even mkd. yell., very hot col., correct type, nice head and breast, well balanced, hardly as much subs. as 1st.; 3, Priestley, cl. buff, grand head, lovely qual., fails in breast; 4, Grainger, cl. yell., rare size and type, hardly as bold in front; hc, Airton. HENS (11): 1, Cook, cl. buff, plenty of subs., grand shaped head, nice bold breast, very cobby, sound col., stands correct on perch, wins; 2, vhc, Crawshaw, cl. buff, beautiful shape and type, fine qual., smaller, stands well, level col.; 3, Thomas, cl. yell., lovely type and qual., stands well across; 4, Marsh, buff mkd., very long and well made all round, gets up too much; he, Meadowcroft; c, Granger. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (9): 1, Davies, Goldf., splendid col., rare square and beautiful blaze, lovely bars and buttons, best of cond., shown in fine style, a real topper; 2, Dr. Wilson, Bullf., very rich col., for shape and cond., unbeatable, finely capped, and well cut bars on wings, staged well; 3, Blakely, Goldf., grand size and shape, beaten in richness of col.; 4, Blencoe, Bullf., very rich col., nice cap, and wing mks. rather less; vhc, Affleck and Cresswell; hc, Marsh; c, Benn. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, 3, Davies, grand Linnets, leader beautifully coloured and pencilled, fine cond., a gem; 3, larger, but beaten in richness of col., correct shape, nice subs., neat markings, staged well.; 2, Inman, Twite, splendid size, nicely mkd., best of cond., rare type, very steady, put down in fine style; 4, Haigh, Linnet, grand col. and pencil mks., rather less; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Dr. Wilson; c, Blakely. BRAMBLE. OR CHAFFINCH (10): 1, 2, Macpherson, 1, Bramble., a beauty, lovely col. and speckles, A1 qual., rare size and shape, very steady; 2, Chaffinch, one of the best, very large, feathered like glass, rich col., shows well; 3, 4, Dr. Wilson, Bramble., grand size and shape, hardly as rich in col. as 1st, rather stronger built, fine cond.; 4, Chaffinch, lovely type, rare qual., not as steady; vhc, Inman; hc, Benn; c, Fairhurst. GREENF. (8): 1, Fairhurst, a real gem, correct type, lovely col. and qual., rare carr., steady as a rock; 2, c, Inman, another beauty, feather tight as wax, lovely shape and col., rare carr., staged well.; 3, Haigh, rich dark col., finely feathered, nicely balanced; 4, vhc, Macpherson, grand shape, but rather less fine cond.; hc, Blakeby. A.O. HARDBILL (6): 1, vhc, Macpherson, Corn Bunting, beautiful specimen for richness of col. and cond., unbeatable, put down in best style; 2, Haigh, Yellowhammer, lovely type and qual., richly coloured, rare carr., staged to the moment; 3, Dr. Wilson, Meadow Bunting, correct type, A1 qual., shown well; 4, Fairhurst, Hawfinch, rare subs., grand shaped bib, lovely col.; hc, Inman. SOFTBILL (6): 1, 3, Bent, Golderest, a real beauty, rich col. and trained to perfection, fine col., very steady; 3, Wryneck, lovely type, feather like silk, nicely moulded, fine cond.; 2, Affleck and Cresswell, Bearded Tit, splendid cond., nice col., lovely qual., rare finish shows well; 4, vhc, Benn, Thrush, very large and shapely, beautifully speckled, fine cond. SELL. (22): 1, Wilkinson; 2, Ambler; 3, Mottram; 4, Wilson; vhc, Saville; hc, Pilling; c, Howarth. HEN (10): 1, 3, Lord; 2, Lumb; 4, Ambler; vhc, Ball; hc, Mottram; c, Stansfield. NOV., CL., ETC., NOR. (17): 1, Rolfe, buff, mkd. on head, grand size, plenty of subs., splendid head, full neck, bold breast, rich cobby shape, sound col., well balanced on perch, wins; 2, Tucker, cl. yell.,

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rare shape and style, rich in col., nice wing carr., hardly as good breasted, and stands up too much, wants more training; 3, Brear, tkd. buff, nice type, full of subs., good head and chest; 4, Wilkinson, yell. mkd., hot in col., grand head and wings, not as bold in front; vhc, c, Cook and Son; he, Craven. HEN (12): 1, Fildes, beautiful win tkd. yell., splendid type, rich level col., good head and breast, nice back, stands well across, shown well; 2, Rolfe; cl. buff, rare shape, very tightly feathered, sound col., lovely qual., rather less than winner.; 3, Hudson, cl. yell., nice head and wings, lovely col., not quite full in breast; 4, Wilkinson, buff mkd., good feather, and cond., rather short of subs.; vhc, Corney; he, Alexander; c, Cook and Son. UNFLIG. CK. (16): 1, he, Mitchell, cl. buff, very massive, rich in col., grand shaped head, bold breast, stands correct, extra qual. of feather, fine cond.; 2, Fildes, var. yell., hot col., very stylish, nice round head, full chest, hardly as much subs. as the leader; 3, Cook and Son, buff mkd., grand size and qual., fails a little in head, good stock bird; 4, Stansfield, tkd. yell., nice shape, col., and qual., not so big; vhc, Hudson; c, Townsend. HEN. (10): 1, Brear, yell. mkd., beautiful lady, for type and qual., unbeatable, lovely head, back and wings, level col., in best cond.; 2, Fildes, cl. yell., another beauty, nice head, bold breast, cobby body, fine silky feather, gets well balanced on perch; 3, Corney, buff, mkd., good body, full head and neck, nice qual.; 4, Stansfield, yell., heavily var., excels in qual., rich col., nice type; vhc, c, Coad; he, Milnes.

MR. W. MUNDELL'S CLASSES.

Yorkshires were a fine lot of birds, many noted winners being benebed. The novice section was a real treat. 170 birds in seven classes speaks well for the Halifax Society, which caters well for this section. In the hen class 39 birds were staged, and many good birds were standing cardless.

CL. or TKD. YELL. YORKS. (12): 1, Dykes, good head and neck, clean on breast, well up on leg, nice flights and piped tail, full of qual., pos. A1; 2, Stobart, pale col., full of qual., grand wings and tail, neat round head, very leggy; 3, Morrison, uneven mkd., pale col., boxy feather, well placed wing, neat piped tail, very stylish; 4, Helliwell, nice type, good wings and tail, neat round head, full of qual.; vhc, Bingham and Furness; he, Tansey; c, Thornton and Robertshaw. BUFF (11): 1, Dykes, grand pos., well up on leg, good head, fine wing carr., piped tail, full of qual; 2 and 4, J. Thomas, eye, cheek and wings, rich level col., very typical, good wing, even piped tail, good head, clean on breast, 4 rich col., long flights and tail, long feather, good head, unsteady, wants more training; 3, Ellis, wins sp for members' cl., neat head, grand wings and tail, wild; vhc, Stobart; he, Harrison; c, Burdekin Bros. HEN (13): 1, Dykes, yell., lovely qual., neat head, grand wing carr., piped tail, very stylish and steady; 2, Self, yell., pos. A1, grand breast, feather like wax, well placed wings, piped tail; 3, Smith Bros., buff, good head and breast, rare length, grand wings and tail, boxy feather, very typical; 4, J. Thomas, buff, on the strong side, rare breed hen, long flight and tail, well on leg, good pos.; vhc, Thornton and Robertshaw; he, Helliwell; c, Priestley. UNFLIG. CL., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Dykes, shade strong, lovely qual. of feather, good head and wings, neat tail, rare pos; 2 and c, Harrison, blaze of col., good pos., nice wings and tail, fails a little in neck; 3, Self, neck and wing tkd., boxy feather, grand wing carr., piped tail, neat head pos.; 4, Burdekin Bros., variegated, boxy feather, rare length and pos., well up on leg, good wings and tail, very steady; vhc, Smith; he, Rigg. BUFF (13): 1 and 2, Seager, pale col., boxy feather, nice wings and tail, grand pos., neat head, very steady, 2 lovely feather, level col., wings nicely placed, piped tail, good head; 3, Priestley, eye and wing mkd., rich col., boxy feather, good wing carr., neat tail, very typical; 4, Morrison, good col., neat round head, clean on breast, rare pos., grand wings and tail; vhc, Tansey; he, Dykes; c, Helliwell. HEN (17): 1, Sharpe, boxy feather, grand wings and tail, pos. A1; 2, Bingham and Furness, well on leg, good wings and piped tail, neat head, clean on breast, rare carr., we like; 3, Thornton and Robertshaw, rich level col., rare length and pos., bit loose on waist; 4, Dykes, neat head, wings, and tail, very stylish; vhc, Harrison; he, Rigg; c, Smith Bros. GREEN HEN (6): 1, Lumb, yell., stylish, and teeming with qual., grand wings and tail, neat round head; 2, Ellis, yell. not so long, neat head, grand level col., good wings and tail; 3 and vhc, Riley, buff, small, very typical; 4, Riley, buff, small, neat head, good wing carr.; he, Sharpe. NOV. CL., ETC., YELL. (23): 1 and 3, Speak, wing mkd., great length, boxy feather, good head, clean cut away behind, nice pos., compact tail, 3 shade on the strong side, nice type and qual., good head and wings; 2, Ambler, rich col., full of qual., good head, nice wings, piped tail, bit too stout; 4, Richardson, level col., neat wings and tail, well drawn out, good in feather, a shade strong; vhc, Barnes; he, Horsman; c, Cliff. BUFF (25): 1, Craven, pale col., boxy feather, neat round head, good wings and piped tail, well up on leg, very steady and well put down; 2, Thornton, rich level col., boxy feather, good head and chest, nice wings and piped tail, a bit short on leg; 3, Bower, pale col., rare length of wings and tail, nice pos., round head; 4, Smith, pale col., boxy feather, nice wing carr., piped tail, pos. A1, very steady and well benched; vhc, Fewster; he, Fisher; c, Mitchell. HEN (39): 1, Mitchell, grand feather and wings, piped tail, lovely col., neat head; 2, Speak, boxy feather, well up on leg, piped tail, good head, neat breast and waist, we liked; 3 and vhc, Sugden, very typical and shm, lovely qual., grand wing carr., piped tail; 4, Barnes, good length, very typical, boxy feather, piped tail, level col; he, Field; c, Greaves; many good birds left out of cards. UNFLIG. YELL. (23): 1 and 4, Speak, heavily mkd., rich col., nice type, full of qual., neat head and breast, stands well up, very steady, 4 heavily mkd., rich level col., typical, good head, nice wings, piped tail; 2, Fisher, pale col. silky feather very stylish, neat head, clean on front, nicely drawn; 3, W. Fisher, eye tkd., rich col., good leg, long flights and tail; vhc, Sykes; he, Stansfield; c, Radford. BUFF (17): 1, Bower, shade strong, good leg, long flights, well placed, piped tail, good round head, very typical; 2, Ellis, very slim and stylish, neat head, clean on breast, good leg, piped tail, full of qual.; 3, Firth, well drawn out, neat head, good neck and breast, very typical, full qual.; 4, Foulson, slim, boxy feather, well up on leg, good wing carr.; vhc, Greaves; he, Norvall; c, Wilson; No. 1, Stacey, absent 28. HEN (31): 1, Sugden, yell., a gem, neat round head, clean on breast, feathered like wax, grand wing carr., piped tail, pos. A1, very steady; 2, Sutcliffe, buff, boxy feather, lovely col., grand wings and tail, well up on leg, good head, typical; 3, Raynor, yell., nice type and qual., bit soiled; 4, Mitchell, buff, full of qual., nice flights, piped tail, lovely shape; vhc, Firth; he, Whitham; c, Speak. GREENS, SELF or FOUL (16): 1 and 2, Sladdin and Baldwin, 1 yell., rich level col., good head, nice type, well shown; 2, buff, foul tail, nice type and qual.; 3, Stansfield, buff, good flights and tail, very stylish; 4 and vhc, Horsman, yell., nice type, good head, well on leg; he, Norvall; c, Thornton.

HALTWHISTLE.

Haltwhistle C.B.S. held its fifth annual show, Nov. 19-20, in the Mechanics' Hall, and a more suitable hall it would be difficult to find, there being plenty of space, and a good light from all sides. The society courageously put on a liberal classification, which merited better support than they received; 420 entries for 56 classes is not very encouraging. The show is run by a small, but very enthusiastic, body of fanciers, including the well-known Border exhibitor, J. Nicholson; Mr. Bowerbank, who has bred quite a number of good Mules; Mat Phillipson, the British bird enthusiast, who can tell you exactly what species of British birds visit that part of the country throughout the year; Mr. W. Tallantyre, Sen., who is keen on the Borders, and has bred a few well-known winners (it is certainly not owing to any lack of energy on his part if the show is not a complete success), and a few more willing workers, who acted as Stewards, and whose names we fail to remember.

British were the best-filled classes in the show, the class for Goldfinch and Bullfinch having 21 entries. The cup for three nominated birds bred 1915 was won by Mr. J. Nicholson, the runner-up being Mr. J. Johnson. The judges were Mr. W. McMillan, Borders; Mr. T. Dixon, Norwich and Yorks.; Mr. J. Maddison, British, etc.

BRD., YELL., CK. (15): 1, B.F.C. novice medal, Tallantyre, a little beauty, round, and well filled all over, neat to a degree, very rich col.; 2, Nicholson, shows itself well, just a bit tighter drawn up than winner, and scarcely the bloom; 3, Hay, very typical, neat head and wings; vhc, G. Bennet; he, Crabb and Finlayson; c, Heslop. HEN (12): 1, Nicholson, very stylish, neat round head, good wings; 2, McLaughlan, fine size and type, rare qual. of feather; 3, Bennet, good, close up; vhc, Smith and Son; he, Biggins; c, Tallantyre. BUFF, CK. (13): 1, 3, Nicholson, good all over; 2, Bennet, hard to find fault with, well put down; vhc, Patterson; he, Biggins; c, Sewell. HEN (13): 1, Tallantyre, small and neat, rare type and qual.; 2, Patterson, extra qual. of feather, capital head and wings, shows well; 3, Heslop, very typical, in grand bloom; vhc, Bennet; he, Nicholson; c, J. W. Johnson. VAR. YELL., CK. (8): 1, vhc, c, Nicholson, cinn. mkd., really good all over; 2, Lawson and Son, cinn. mkd., fine type and feather, close up; 3, Pennington, grn. mkd., very smart shape, good head and wings; he, Bennet. BUFF (10): 1, Heslop, small and neat, rare qual. of feather; 2, Meekley, very stylish, good feather and finish; 3, J. Johnson, excellent qual., very typical, well put down; vhc, Nicholson; he, J. W. Johnson; c, Brown. HEN (12): 1, Nicholson; 2, Smith and Son, both good, little to choose between them; 3, Johnson, good, but inclined to be a bit soft; vhc, Patterson; he, Smith and Son; c, Crabb and Finlayson. EVEN MKD. (4): All Nicholson, and well known. GRN. OR CINN. YELL., CK. (12): 1, 2, Johnston, 1, green, grand type, well filled all over, sound col., distinct pencilling; 2nd, sound level-coloured cinn. of rare type and carr.; 3, Lawson and Son, green, good col., pencilling, and cond.; vhc, Patterson; he, Blakey; c, Render. BUFF (11): 1, Nicholson, cinn., rare good shape, sound col.; 2, Fox, green, extra qual, of feather, well pencilled; 3, Espie, another green, close up; vhc, Affleck; he, Render; c, Johnston. YELL., HEN (8): 1, vhc, Johnson, cinn., rich level col., rare good type, in perfect order; 2, Affleck, very smart typical green, good col. and mkgs.; 3, Heslop, very neat well-shaped cinn., of good col.; he, Espie; c, Shearer. BUFF (7): 1, he, B.F.C.C. Medal, Johnston, green, extra qual. of feather, pure in col., and a wealth of distinct pencilling; 2, 3, Heslop, fine type and qual., scarcely so clear in col. and pencilling; vhc, Lawson and Son; c, Greenwell. YELL., CK., NOV. (7): 1, J. Sewell, 4-ptd., neat size and type, rich col., in grand cond.; 2, Furness, cl., very smart and typical, in rare bloom; 3, c, A. Affleck, good stamp of green, capital col. and pencilling; vhc, Topping; he, J. Sewell. BUFF (12): 1, A. Affleck, cl., neat head and wings, perfect feather and cond.; 2, Topping, 4-ptd., very good, close up; 3, Render, very typical green, of good sound col.; vhc, Render; he, c, Furness. HEN (12): 1, T. Nicholson, cl. buff, excellent feather, very neat shape; 2, c, A. Affleck, 3-ptd. yell. of grand qual., good head and wings; 3, Furness, cl. yell., smart and typical, close up; vhc, Render; he, Topping. NOR., YELL., CK. (6): 1, vhc, Bell, good size and shape, rich col., silky feather; 2, Pierson, very good all round, just beaten in feather; 3, Stephenson, fine size, cobby shape, paler col.; he, Fleck; c, Holden. BUFF (9): 1, Holden, not so large as some, but rare good Norwich type, stands well, close compact feather; 2, Scott, rich col., good front, wings a bit high; 3, Fielding, rare size and subs., bit loose in feather; vhc, c, McKay; vhc, soft, or could have been higher up; he, Bell. HEN (5): 1, Fielding, yell., fine size and subs., good feather and col.; 2, Moore, very good yell., only beaten in col.; 3, Holden, buff, extra good feather, fine size and type; vhc, Pierson; he, Scott. UNFLTD, YELL., CK. (7): 1, R. W. Smith, good size and shape, rich col.; 2, Scott, just beaten a little in subs.; 3, Mathewson, good bird, scarcely so tidy in feather; vhc, Lawson; he, Fielding; c, Holden. BUFF (6): 1, Leck, capital col., feather, and shape; 2, Smailes, equally as good, but patchy col.; 3, Meekley, good size and subs., fails little in head; vhc, Pierson; he, Smailes; c, Holden. HEN (5): 1, Fielding, capital size and shape, rich col.; 2, Mathewson, good, needs a wash; 3, Holden, fine type and qual.; vhc, Mathewson; he, Moore. NOV., CK. (8): 1, 2, vhc, White, little to choose between them except col.; 3, he, Graham, good type and qual., close up. HEN: Cancelled. YORKS., YELL. (8): 1, Stewart, fine length, well tapered, rare cond.; 2, Dykes, long and slim, well rounded, excellent feather; 3, Crawhall, fine length, grand position, compact feather; vhc, Deighton; hr, Snead; c, Havis. BUFF (10): 1, Snead, erect pos., extra good feather, well-shaped body, rich col.; 2, he, Crawhall, shade paler in col., otherwise as good; 3, Deighton, plenty length, well-rounded back, rare good order; vhc, Walsh; c, Stewart. HEN (10): 1, Dykes, long and slim, extra good feather, well put down; 2, 3, Crawhall, 2nd, yell., plenty of size, well drawn, on rare order; 3rd grand upstanding buff, well proportioned, a grand hen, but she does not look so bright as winner; vhc, Leach; he, Walsh; c, Havis. UNFLTD, YELL. (14): 1, Dykes, grand youngster, fine type and qual., rich col.; 2, Havis, not far behind, scarcely the col.; 3, he, Tindale, extra good qual., fine length and pos., close up; vhc, Snead; c, Walsh. BUFF (10): 1, Stewart, good length, well drawn, stands well; 2, Johnstone, rare feather, smooth and tight-fitting, fine length and pos.; 3, Snead, well up on leg, well rounded body, good qual., rich col.; vhc, Leach; he, Deighton; c, Tindale. NOV., CK. (10): 1, he, c, Dodd, cinn. mkd., long and slim, well-tapered, excellent feather; 2, vhc, Topping cl. yell., smart and typical, good size, rich col.; 3, Lothian, long slim buff, of fine type, and qual. of feather. HEN: Cancelled. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (21): 1, Woods, Bullf., grand size and shape, brilliant breast col., broad glossy cap, distinct wing bars, perfect cond.; 2, Almond, Goldf. of nice size, wide blaze of good col., perfect wings, just a little restless; 3, Johnston, good F.M. Bullf., plenty of size, correct shape, deep-coloured breast, very steady; vhc, Routledge; he, Wilson; c, Philipson. GREENF. (11): 1, Gentleman, grand size and shape, col. and cond.; 2, Hooper, good Greenie, only beaten in size; 3, Hetherington, extra feather, good col., scarcely so stout; vhc, Phillipson; he, Johnston; c, Dixon. LINNET (7): 1, Wright, medium size, sound col., well mkd. front, in perfect order, very steady; 2, Fleck, rather unsteady; 3, Wilson, good Linuet, but scarcely ready; vhc, Smailes; he, Todd; c, Shield and Simpson. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, Wilson, good-sized Twite, fairly good col., well mkd., in perfect order; 2, R. Johnston, Siskin, good size, shape, col. and mkgs., a little down in cond.; 3, J. Johnston, good Redpoll, in rare order; vhc, Phillipson; he, Waters, c, Walton. A.O. HARDBILL (6): 1, Waters, rare good Chaffinch, rich-coloured breast, grand shape, in perfect feather and cond.; 2, Hooper, Bramblef., hot col., finely spangled, glossy feather; 3, Phillipson, good-sized, rich-coloured Yellowhammer, grand head mkgs., pure in yell., very steady; he, Wright; c, Hooper. HEN (8): 1, Christer and Son, Bullf., capital size and shape, deep rich-coloured breast; 2, Gentleman, really good Yellowhammer, perfect cond., very steady; 3, Hooper, Bramblef., not overlarge, but in most perfect feather and cond.; vhc, Wright; he, Elliot; c, Wilson. HYB. OR LGT. MULE: 1, Graham, Redpoll-Bullie, of fine size and shape, rich-coloured cap and breast; 2, Wilson, Linnet-Bullie, small, but good col. and cond. DK. MULE (8): 1, Wilson, rich-coloured Canary-Bullie; 2, vhc, he, Bowerbank, big stout yell. Goldf., scarcely at its best; 3, Hooper, yell. Greenfinch, good col. and cond.; c, Holden; wrong class, a very nice Siskin Mule with a pied tail. FOR. (11): 1, vhc, Almond, Melba Finch, very rich in colours, perfect cond.; 2, 3, he, Christer and Son, Lory and Whydah, both in rare good order; c, Bowerbank. MEMBERS. BORD., YELL., CK. (8): 1, 2, he, Nicholson; 3, Tallantyre; vhc Johnston; c, Heslop. BUFF (7): 1, 2, c, Nicholson; 3, vhc, Heslop; he, Shield. HEN (8): 1, 3, Nicholson; 2, Tallantyre; vhc, Johnston; he, G. Heslop; c, F. Heslop. NOR., YELL. (3): 1, Newman; 2, 3, Graham. BUFF (4): 1, Graham; 2, 3, Morrow; vhc, Newman. YORKS., YELL. (2): 1, Dodd; 2, Topping. BUFF (2): 1, Dodd; 2, Toppiing. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (2): 1, he, Christer and Son; 2, vhc, Philipson; 3, Shields and Simpson; c, Elliot. GREENF. (7): 1, he, c, Philipson; 2, Johnston; 3, Dixon; vhc, Morrow. LINNET (2): 1, Shield and Simpson; 2, Elliot. A.O.V. (13): 1, 3, Philipson; 2, Johnston; vhc, Elliot; he, c, Walton. DK. MULE (4): 1, 2, 3, Bowerbank; vhc, Dixon. A.O.V.: 1, Simpson. FOR. (9): 1, 2, 3, Christer and Son; vhc, Bowerbank; he, Elliot; c, Morrow.

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Club Reports.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Meeting, Nov. 11, Mr. Havenhand chair. Messrs. Hartley, Gifford and White kindly volunteered to act as stewards at show. We had numerous spls. promised, and I think there is every prospect of our having a highly successful show.—E. Johnson, Sec.

INVERNESS O.S.

Annual general meeting, Mr. Harcombe's Rooms. The report was gone over and approved. Resolved to hold a show on Dec. 29 if a hall could be procured for that date large enough, which is a difficult thing owing to the military having taken over so many, and it was submitted to Committee to curtail classification. Present: Chairman, Ed. Chisholm, and Messrs. McNaughton, Fraser, Durward, Falconer, A. Smith and W. Smith, Harcombe, Todd, Anderson, Brotts, and sec., John Connichie. W. Simpson was appointed judge.

AYR C.B.C.

Meeting, Nov. 15, Wallace Tower Hall, High-st., Ayr, Mr. J. Murray presiding. Agreed that exhibitors wishing to become eligible to compete for specials pay 2s. 6d. members' fee. In classes of eight entries or more full prize money will be paid. Judges elected for Open Show, Dec. 25: T. Dalton, Ayr, and A. Baird, Paisley, Scotch Fancy; A. Chalmers, Kirkintilloch, Nor. & G. Hislop, Stirling, Bord. and Yorks.; and J. Steel, Falkeith, Brit. and For. Agreed to show under B.F.C.C. patronage. Next meeting Nov. 29.—H. M. Ferguson, Sec. and Treas.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting, Victoria Bar, Nov. 15. The members met chiefly to do justice to Mr. James Wilson, proprietor, who has presented to the society a handsome cup. The conditions are that it be won three times, not necessarily in succession, for best young bird bred by a member (confined to district). Mr. D. McLaren was the fortunate winner for the first time, and, being present, thanked Mr. Wilson most heartily for the interest he has shown in the society. Songs were sung by Messrs. Campbell, Muir, Smith, Grewar, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Club show on December 11. Entry, 6d. per cage.—R. Muir, Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Meeting, Nov. 10. Arrangements made for annual show, Mechanics' Institute, Jan. 6. Judge, Mr. A. E. Enfield, Sec. will be glad to hear from any member willing to put up specials. Drawing competition for school children in connection with this show.—A. Wasey, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH MOOR C.B.S.

Annual meeting, Nov. 6, Mr. Wm. Criswell, chair. Prize money for annual show was paid, 10s. per class, for 6d. entry. Decided that balance was satisfactory. Officials for year elected: Presidents, Mr. T. Oxley and Mr. S. Allsopp; Vice-Pres., Messrs. P. Biggs, M. Conlson, T. Y. Greener, E. W. Story, A. Swinburne, J. Coyle, G. Oxley, W. Scott; Chair, W. Creswell; Sec., G. F. Bates. Decided to have another show in February, each member to pay 2/6 sub., new members 3/6, each class to pay its own prizes. Schedule was drawn up for confirmation at next meeting. Any amount of selling and pair classes, so line up, you fanciers in the district, and see if we cannot make a record.—Geo. F. Bates, Sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Nov. 15, headquarters, Seven Stars, St. John Street, Wolverhampton, Mr. Willows presiding over a rather sparse attendance. New member elected, Mr. W. H. Woolridge. This meeting being the end of the financial year, the Sec. produced balance-sheet of show showing a profit of £2 9s. 6d. Balance sheet of the year was read, showing an income of £20 3s. 5½d., less expenditure, leaving cash in hand of £11 14s. 11½d., which was considered very satisfactory, and unanimously adopted. Presentation of medal to Mr. Willows, holder of cup, 1914, was made by Vice-President. Presentation of cup to 1915 winner, Mr. Harper, Bilston, was made by the President. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Willows for judging gratis, also to those who generously helped at the show. December meeting rescinded. Annual general meeting last Thursday in Jan.—J. W. Thomson.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand).

Meeting held Nov. 16, Mr. Gibbins presiding over a full attendance. Several new members were elected. Cups, prize money, and specials were handed to winners. Decided to hold next Open Show Nov. 4 and 6, 1916; also to make application for patronage of the N.P.C. at same. Mr. Jno Allen was elected judge for next Table Show. The first show of the season was held, the added prize money and silver trophies played an important part in producing a large entry. Messrs. Gibbins and Hulse judged. Nor., Cl. Yell. Hen: 1, Hulse; 2, Sturgess and Day; 3, Laundon and Hart; vhc, Gilbert; he, c, Moores. Buff: 1, 3, Moores; 2, vhc, Hulse; he, Sturgess and Day. Nov. Nor., Yell. Hen: 1, A. Bent; 2, Hubbert; 3, Lenton; vhc, he, J. Bent. Buff: 1, A. Bent; 2, J. Bent; 3, Lenton; vhc, Knight; he, c, Hughes. Goldf.: 1, 2, vhc, Deakin; 3, Kilsby; he, Bent; c, Brooks.—A. Freestone, Sec.

BORDER FANCY C.C.

OPEN SHOW IN EDINBURGH.

Committee meeting, held 142, High St., Edinburgh, Nov. 20. In the absence of the president, Mr. S. Buglass, the show manager, took the chair. Secretary reported that the Cathedral Hall, Albany Street, had been booked for show. Garrioch's model prize-cards decided upon, and no deduction will be made for same. Sec. will be obliged if B.F.C.C. delegates, or others who have specials to intimate, will send a list before Dec. 3, when committee will meet to allocate specials. In addition to the usual club patronage, the patronage committee of the B.F.C.C. have granted a championship gold medal for best Border Fancy in show belonging to a member of the club. We hope the committee's generosity will be rewarded by members sending as many entries as possible. Prize list ready by 10th Dec. and exhibitors not receiving same on or before the 17th should send me a p.c., when one will be sent by return. On behalf of the committee I thank all fanciers who have so readily responded to the call for special prizes, and promised support with entries.—J. Lumsden, Sec.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

LEEDS.

Open contest, Nov. 20, for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane. 16 birds sang, and some grand singing was heard: 1, W. Wharam; 2, A. Binns; 3, Conuor. Judges, P. Maddam and S. Butterfield. Nov. 21, 18 birds sang. Our worthy host added a grand prize: 1, W. Wharam; 2, A. Binns; 3, shared, Binns and T. Chippendale. Judges, T. Summers and B. Farrar.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Quality singing, Old Bird House, Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe, Nov. 21; 19 birds sang: 1, King; 2, Hullen. Judges, C. Clayton, J. Sellers.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York-rd., open contest for quality Linnet singing, Nov. 26; 17 birds song: 1, 2, W. Sissons; 3, Condliffe; consolation price, Condliffe. Judges, Hayes and Naylor. Nov. 21, 21 sang: 1, W. Sissons; 2, T. Howarth; 3, Sissons; 4, T. Howarth. Judges, Crane, Naylor, Hayes. Also Nov. 21, a Roller contest, 16 birds sang: 1, Wharam; 2, Rogers; 3, Pratt; consolation prize, Condliffe. Judges, Wood, Naylor and Grant.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Linnet sing, Dove Inn, Nov. 21, 5 min. time; 12 birds entered. 1, Brushy, 2 min. 38 sec.; 2, Norman, 1 53; 3, Coles, 1 12; 4, Hall, 1 2. Shepherd timer. Coe chalker. We have had a very good attendance up to now at new headquarters, and made six new members, yet there is room for more, so hurry up. —HARDMAN, Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Watford (Herts.).—Halsey Hall, Conservative Club, High Street, Nov. 8 and 9. Judges: H. Norman, A. Silver, R. J. Watts. 59 open classes: Nor. 10 (4 Nov.), Yorks. 10 (4 Nov.), Bord. 2, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Hyb. 6, Brit. 17, For. 9, Sell 2. Prizes: 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, if eight entries otherwise half prize-money. Entry fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 4, to J. Goodall, 56, Market Street, Watford, Herts.

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Altrincham Open C B.S. Dec. 1, Station Cafe, 8. Seeds and other foods: their use and abuse. Mr. T. Harrison.—C. Bailey.

Bradford West C.B.A. Nov. 27, Shoulder of Mutton, 2. Members' show; entries Friday night. Judge, Mr. R. Garnett. F. P. Terry.

Bulwell and Dist. F.A.—Nov. 27, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Final preparations for annual show.—L. Mellor.

Burnley C.B.S.—Nov. 28, 75, Lindsay Street, 7. Annual members' show. Competitions for rose bowl and various specials. New members apply to—James Moorhouse, 102, Nairne Street, Burnley.

Clayton-on-Tyne C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Report on late annual show, and other business.—G. Harver.

Bowling B F.A. Nov. 27, Napoleon Hotel. Show, staged at 3. Judge, Mr. C. E. Walker, West Bowling. Specials for clear yellows and buffs; specials for green and cinn. marks.—J. Nicholl.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Nov. 30, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Members please bring their entries for the show Dec. 4.—J. Southworth.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 6. To pay out prize-money and specials. A pleasant evening; members may bring a friend.—Smith and Lees.

Darvel C.B.C.—Dec. 1, Town Hall, 7.30. Entries for members' show and annual subscriptions.—J. Taylor.

Derby C.B.S.—Nov. 27, Normanton Hotel, 7.30. Paying out prize-money and specials.—F. W. Jordan.

East Ardsley.—Nov. 27, Black Swan, 7.30. Prize-money and annual show business.—A. Walton.

East Ham F.S. Dec. 2, Harmonic Hall, Plashet Grove, East Ham. Annual show. Members are earnestly requested to make this show a financial success by entering largely and early.—W. A. Harwood.

Edinburgh Nor. and M.B.S.—Dec. 9, 142, High Street, 8. Financial report; election of office-bearers.—J. Stormont.

Guiseley, Yeadon.—Nov. 27, Regent Hotel. Members' show. Entries Friday night or Saturday morning's first post. Judge, H. Suteliff, Windhill.—W. Rose.

Garston B.B.A.—Dec. 4, Rechabite Hall, Seddon Road. Annual old show. 45 classes; 22 specials. Judge, Mr. W. Young, New Brighton. Entries close positively Dec. 1 to see.—R. T. Lonsdale.

Great Eastern Railway F.A.—Fifth annual show, Mechanics Institute, Dec. 7, owing to hall being engaged on Nov. 23. Entries close 30th inst. Four silver cups given by directors for competition.—W. G. Rogers.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Dec. 4. Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, 7. Club show business and washing competition, competitors to bring own birds and utensils. Three prizes, viz., medal, 2s. 6d., 2s.—J. H. Adam.

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—The social in connection with our annual prize distribution having been cancelled, the prizes won at our recent show will be presented to the winners at an ordinary members' meeting on the same date, Nov. 29.—J. Hyde.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Dec. 1, 43, Rydal Street, West Hartlepool, 7.30. Payment of members' prize-money, etc., for open show.—J. W. Thornton.

Huddersfield O.S.—Nov. 29, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Monthly table show. 6 Yorks. and 4 Nor. classes.—A. Lawford.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Nov. 27, Nottingham Castle Inn, Cotmanhay Road, 7. Settling of show and other important business. I would urge members to attend.—G. Siddown.

Idle C.B.S.—Nov. 27, Springfield Hotel. Members' show; birds staged at 2.30. Judge, Mr. S. Wilcock, Eccleshill.—T. Elsegood.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Special meeting Nov. 27. Show business.—J. Turner. (Time and place not stated. —Ed.)

Manningham C.B.S.—Nov. 27, Club Rooms, Mowbray Rooms. Members' show; judge, Mr. E. Marsh. —F. Danvenl.

Middlesbro' and Teesside C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Crown Hotel, 6. Arrears to be paid up, being last meeting night. Also any other business.—T. C. Deans.

National British B. and M.C.—Dec. 2, Feathers Hotel, Westminster, S.W., 8. Show business.—E. Stephens.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, 8. General business.—A. Colley.

Newcastle upon-Tyne C.B.S.—Meetings postponed until further notice.—J. W. Reed.

Northern Border F.C.C.—Dec. 1, Pillar's Cafe, Pink Lane, Newcastle, 7. To consider the advisability or otherwise of continuing these meetings under the circumstances prevailing in the district. As we have to be off the premises by 9, it is essential that the meeting be commenced promptly to time.—C. Farrer.

New Cross C.B.S.—Dec. 2, headquarters, 8. General meeting and nomination of officers for 1916. —Burton Bros.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Nov. 27, Old Boar's Head Hotel, Corporation Street, Manchester, 6. Show business.—A. Percival.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Nov. 27, Granby Hotel. Members' show; judge, Mr. D. Sutcliffe. Birds staged at 3.—W. Jagger.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—Nov. 30, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Entries for show to be sent in.—G. Lord.

Runcorn B.B.A.—Dec. 3, headquarters, Old Cocoa Rooms, 7.30. Table show for unflighted. Judge, Jos. Guy. 12. Rone.

Reading C.S.S.—Dec. 1, Palmer Hall, 8. Balance-sheet of show; important business.—D. C. Smith.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Nov. 29, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Special meeting; arrangements for show at King's Hall, Dec. 2, and receive entries.—J. Pitchford.

Shipley O.S.—Dec. 1, Victoria Hotel, 7. Nov. 27, members show, birds staged at 2 prompt. Entries Friday night 7 to 9.—Lang and Craven.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Nov. 26, Hutchinson's Rooms, 8. Taking entries for members' show Nov. 27; judge, T. Bentley, Cleckheaton.—W. Everett.

Stanley Garden House Club F.F. C.B.S.—Nov. 28. Election of stewards.—John Armitage.

Sacriston P.P.R. and C.B.S.—Nov. 27, Mrs. H. Abbott's Tea Rooms, Front Street, Sacriston, 5.15. Very important business; paying prize-money for last show.—Dodd and Wilford.

South Shields.—Nov. 27, Cyprus, 7. Show business.—W. L. Smith.

Stockport and Hazel Grove B.F.A.—Nov. 30, Trinity House, Shaw Heath, 8. Ticket-money, prize cards, etc.—W. Stafford.

St. James-the-Less, Bethnal Green.—Nov. 27, Sewardstone Road Hall, Cambridge Heath. Annual show, 3 till 9.30. Admission 3d.—T. G. Bransford.

South-East London F. and F.A.—Nov. 29, The North Camberwell Constitutional Club, 432, Old Kent Road, 8. Closing of entries for annual show and election of stewards. Entries cannot be accepted after this date.—R. Jackson.

Todmorden C.B.S.—Nov. 27, National School. Unflighted show, birds staged at 1.30. Judge, K. E. Helliwell, Halifax.—J. M. Spofforth.

West Stanley Victoria F.F. and C.B.S.—Nov. 28, club room, 6. Entries taken, and other show business.—R. Hutchinson.

Wigan Roller Club.—Nov. 27, Legs of Man Hotel, 6.30. Club and show business.—P. Greenall.

Questions and Answers.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SHELLING THEIR SEED (Learner).—I take it you mean that the birds remove the husk from the seed and then reject the kernel. If this is correct, first of all test the flavour of the seed by chewing a pinch. If you find it is musty that is undoubtedly the cause of the rejection, and the remedy is sufficiently obvious—change the seed for one that is sound and sweet. If there is no fault with the seed, then the cause lies in some digestive derangement, which the following treatment should remove. Give a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition to this give separately every second day a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, then sprinkled with soft sugar, and also a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp (see that this, in particular, is sound and sweet in the kernel), niger, millet and teazle. On the alternating days give a morsel of banana. In the drinking water every second day for a week add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give instead five drops each of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight.

EFFECT OF RELATIONSHIP (L. Scott).—The relationship of the birds you enquire about would amount to the closest possible inbreeding, and the effect would be practically certain to show itself in a material reduction of size in the progeny, and also probably reduce the vigour and stamina of the progeny. Such mating should never be resorted to merely for the sake of making up a pair of birds without introducing fresh stock. There should always be some very definite object in view, which makes it unavoidable, and even then it should be done only with birds which have not been previously inbred, and one must be prepared to meet with the consequent reduction of size and stamina. I would strongly advise you to dispose of the cock and replace him with another specimen which matches your hens as nearly as you can get one in colour and markings. If you did this you could run the three birds together next season without any of the baneful effects of close inbreeding appearing in the progeny from them. Please see Mr. Page's column for reply to Budgerigar query, which, by the bye, you should have written on a separate sheet of paper.

IN DIRTY CONDITION (A. L.).—If you are expert at hand-washing, or have a friend who could do it for you, a hand-wash would be most beneficial as a preliminary to treatment in this case. Do not offer the bath, except occasionally on bright, mild days, and only offer it in the early part of the day. As the bird never seems to dry itself, a daily bath will do far more harm than good in its present condition. Keep the cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only. In addition to this give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of scalded summer rape and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days give a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, and well sprinkled with maw seed, and a spray of watercress, or some other green salad, but see that it is not given in a wet sodden condition, nor gathered with frost on it. In the drinking water every second day for a week add six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and in the next week dissolve in each two tablespoonsful of its drinking water every second day a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, ditto of sulphate of iron half as big, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. In the third and fourth weeks repeat the dosage of the first and second weeks in the same order. If bird is not well at the end of a month please write again, and I will advise you further.

FATTY DEGENERATION (Nenadd Aber).—In a general way the treatment for this complaint may be summed up in the words, a plain wholesome diet, containing a fair amount of green salads, and plenty of vigorous exercise, preferably wing exercise. To a certain extent diet is very much a question of individualism, and that which will be no more than a very moderate regimen for one bird will suffice to feed up another to an inordinately fat degree. You cannot treat a number of birds exactly alike in the matter of diet and get the same effect with each one. This will explain why one of your birds has died with fatty degeneration and another is showing similar symptoms, whilst all the rest remain quite healthy, though all are fed and treated alike. Your best plan would be to remove the one that is now looking thick to a large flight cage or aviary, if it had a companion or two to keep it on the move, so much the better. Give a plain diet of canary seed only, supplemented only with a liberal amount of green salad, stop all fat oily seeds for the time being, keep floor strewn with clean gritty sand, and a cuttle of hard common salt stuck in the wires for the birds to peck at when they like, and add to the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and repeat the latter in alternate weeks until the bird has had three weekly courses. If you cannot move it to a large flight or aviary, then you must limit its supply of seed to a small teaspoonful daily, all told, and otherwise treat the same as above.

TO BRING ON SONG (V. B., Harrow).—It is not very unusual for some cocks to take a few weeks' rest from singing after recovering from the moult, especially when they have been such ceaseless performers for a long time as yours. Occasionally such birds will remain silent until the weather gets mild the following spring. However, the chief cause in your case is probably keeping the cock caged with the hens, as you seem to be doing. If you do not wish to separate him, give two moderate teaspoonfuls of crushed sponge cake with six drops of cod liver oil emulsion and 20 drops of sherry well mixed in it and sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure seed every second day for a fortnight to the group, and on the intervening days give two small teaspoonfuls of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle and millet. Give a little watercress or banana three times a week. Add to each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence every second day during the same time. If this does not bring the cock into song your only course is to cage separately the one you think most likely to be the cock and keep it within sight of the hens, and treat it the same as described above, except that you give half-teaspoonfuls of tit-bits instead of the quantities named above. If "he" shows no signs of coming in song in a week or fortnight, turn "him" into the aviary again and try one of the others, and so on until either you have the real cock or have tried them all. Pray do not hesitate to write because you have had advice on previous occasions; it's our mission in life to try to be of assistance where we can.

SUDDEN SEIZURE (E. B.).—The attack was undoubtedly due to an apoplectic seizure affecting a nerve centre—most likely hemorrhagic effusion in the cranial bones—to which all birds are more or less susceptible when in high condition, or in a plethoric, overfed condition. The onset of this cold spell of weather would tend to increase the susceptibility to this accident, and your bird is one of those whose vital resistance was not equal to the strain. You can do little for it beyond keeping it quite on the warm side, giving a light nourishing diet, and a sufficiency of green salad to keep the bowels quite free, but not to the extent of causing watery evacuations. Give plain canary as staple diet, and in addition give separately every second day a morsel of bread and milk as you are now doing, and on the alternating days half a teaspoonful of scalded summer rape. Add to the drinking water ten drops of dilute sulphuric acid and five each of tincture of opium and tincture of gentian every second day for a week. The bird should be kept quite quiet for some time, so I would not advise you to show it this month, even if it appeared to have recovered perfectly, which I rather doubt, as recovery from these attacks takes some time, and is rarely complete.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); Rouse's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); Rouse's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

SAMPLE OF WILD SEED (B. Hughes).—The sample of seed you sent is composed of charlock, persicaria, dock, a little grass and plaintain. Unfortunately some of it was not quite ripe when harvested, and so its value is somewhat lessened. Any way, you can give it to your Finches, allowing them to pick it over and select what they like, but do not force them to eat it; see that they have plenty of their staple food to go to. The best plan is to throw a little into the corner of the cage after cleaning them out. Keep it in a nice dry place or it will soon spoil with so much husk on it. A good deal of this husk could be removed by shaking it in a bag, spreading it out on newspaper, and then blowing or fanning it off.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

WHAT PARROT? (North West).—Your description is incomplete, but I have little doubt that what you have is a Blue-fronted Amazon. Till the bird is established keep it fairly warm, and spray its nostrils with a tepid dilute solution of glyco-thymoline. Put a little chemical food in the drinking water, and if the bowels are not working freely (the bowels must not be watery loose), give an occasional dose of fluid magnesia—one teaspoonful to the ounce of drinking water—as often as may be required. As regards diet, this should consist of seed mixture, ripe fruit, pieces of biscuit, plain cake, or stale crusts, with grit, cuttle bone, and a chunk of wood kept continually in the cage. A good seed mixture is: One pint each oats, sunflower, safflower, white millet, canary and hemp seeds, and half a pint each of maize, shelled peanuts, and dari, the whole to be well mixed, stored in a dust-tight tin, and kept in a dry place. You can also give a little raw carrot, also boiled potato and vegetable, provided they are unseasoned and without fat. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, or any kind of animal food whatever.

ABOUT A RED CARDINAL (A. J.).—I presume you mean the Virginian Cardinal, an all-red bird. It is not quite possible to make a definite pronouncement, as this is one of the species in which individuals vary considerably. Many are atrociously pugnacious, others quite amiable, and again others run amok occasionally. Pairs are pugnacious, to a greater or lesser degree during the breeding season. I have kept a cock successfully in a fairly roomy aviary with Red-crests, Buntings, Finches, and Waxbills, and so have others, while yet others have met with disaster in so doing. I have had a cock in a roomy aviary (30ft. square) out of doors for the past six years with birds ranging from a Waxbill to a Thrush, but no other species of Cardinal, and I am not aware of any misdemeanours on his part. In the aviary (a large one) of a friend, Virginian, Red-crested and Green Cardinals, have been successfully kept together—all three species are quite hardy once they have got over the hardships of importation. Much depends on the size of the aviary. It is all in favour of your project that the Red-crests and other birds are established in possession of the aviary, and that the Red Cardinal will be the stranger. If your aviary is a roomy one, with good cover, I think you may venture to introduce a pair, but I must warn you, that though young may be hatched out, there is small prospect of them being reared, unless you keep up a supply of live food during the period they are being reared, and till they are well on seed and other food.

COCKATIEL ILL (Paule).—Bring it in at once and put it in quite warm quarters till it has recovered. I strongly suspect it has been in close quarters since it was brought in from outdoors, and the symptoms rather point to some serious bowel trouble; however, warmth will do much to remedy things. Give it two drops of castor oil daily, direct to the mouth, till the bowels have been properly moved, then cease. In lieu of the drinking water give the following: One teaspoonful condensed milk, ten drops cod liver oil emulsion, two drops laudanum, and two tablespoonfuls of boiling water, and well stir together—it must be prepared fresh daily, and continued till the bird has recovered, when it can be gradually discontinued and water containing chemical food offered at the same time, the former ultimately being stopped. Watch against constipation, and at the least sign of this put fluid magnesia into the drinking water, one teaspoonful to the fluid ounce. I should keep this bird isolated from your healthy stock till it is quite fit again. After being in warm quarters it must be gradually hardened off before being put into unheated quarters again.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

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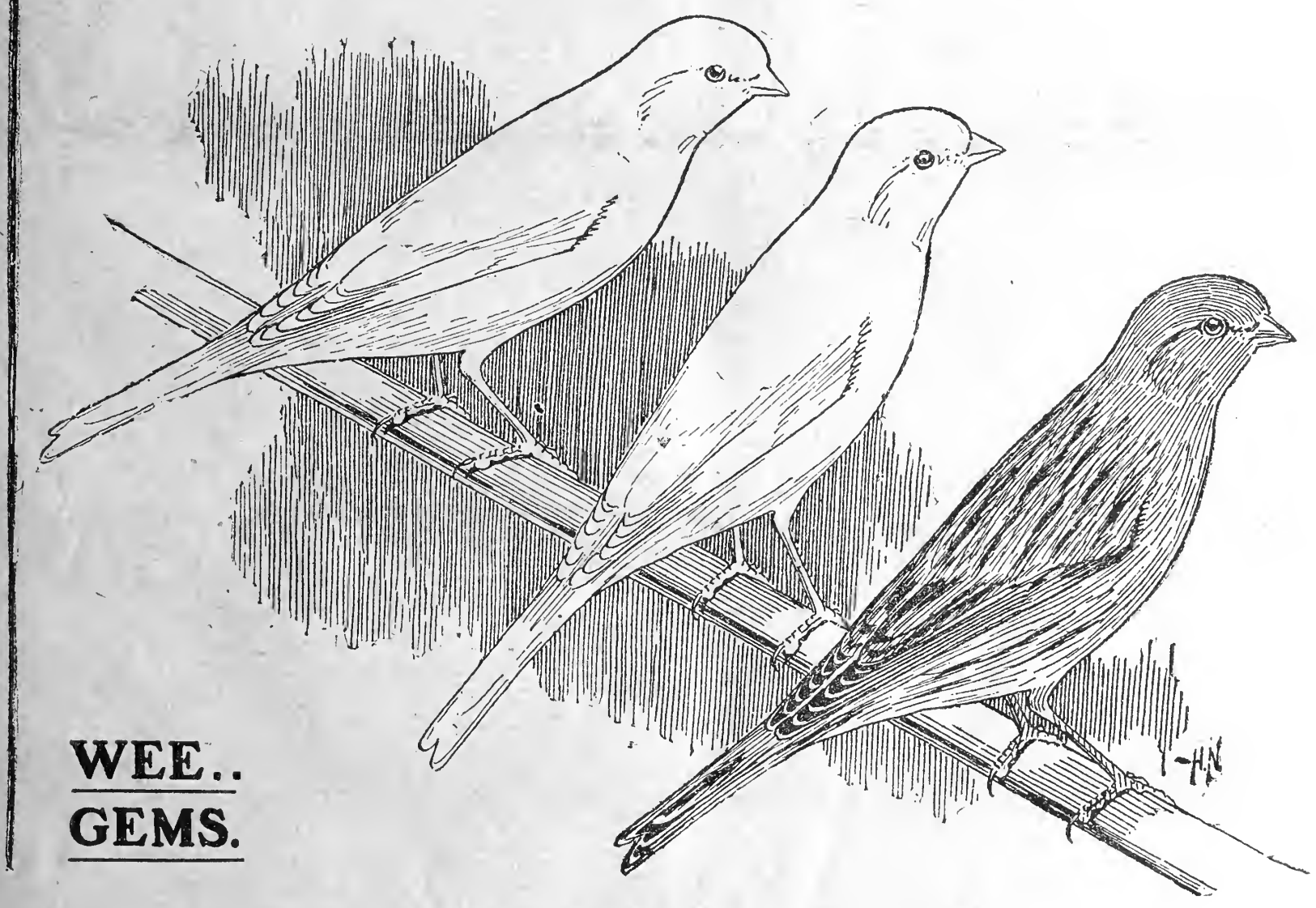

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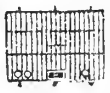

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If you intend going in for Hybrid breeding or muling you must have the right birds. Why won't your birds breed? Because you have not the right kind. There is a difference between mulers and others, and that difference I have solved. I have studied for years this problem, and I can now say with confidence that I can now supply real Hybrid breeders and mulers. I can give proof of my statement by mentioning a few successful customers. Sir Luke White, for instance, bred with a cock Bullfinch and 2 hen Goldfinches. Sir Luke gave me the photos of these Hybrids, and I intend to have postcards printed and sent out to all customers. Some say, give me a bird with a big head for muling, but my secret I intend to hold and let my customers have the benefit. I can honestly say there is not a man in the world can teach you more about British than your humble servant. Here, again, is proof of my superiority over others: Mr. Plows, secretary of Kippax Club, wrote me for some singing mixture. After using it he quickly won 1st and 3rd prizes. I could fill "Cage Birds" with thousands of successful customers. I have a grand lot of cock Bullfinches, specially picked for Hybrid breeding and on grand song, finger tame, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, and one a gem, fit for keen competition, 7/6; other good ones but not mulers; can win members shows, 5/6, 4/6 each; giant hen Bullies, specially picked for breeding, real monsters, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6 each; other good hens, 1/6, 2/-, 3/-; monster cock Goldfinches, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6 each; giant Norwich type cock Linnets, well pencilled, grand colour, steady as rocks, 2/6, and two extra gems 3/6 each; giant muling Linnet, 3/-. What a monster! Real giant yellow cock Greenfinch, a gem, 3/6; another good one, 2/-; gem of a Redpoll, 2/6; fine, large, well-coloured cock Lark, a beauty, and on song, 2/6; splendid large cock Reed Bunting, grand bib, 2/6; very good Yellow Bunting, good V-marked head, nice cheeks, 2/6; monster cock Hawfinches, splendid bibs and steady, 15/6, 20/-, 25/- each; 200 Siskins expected any time now; orders booked. I thank the 38 customers who have already ordered. Now, you Linnet singers, call and see my champions. I have the finest strain of singing in England. I have won all before me. I have some of our champions for sale, including "Young 'Un," which won 1st at King's Head, Leeds, defeating 44 birds, open to all England. He will sing in your hand and at an empty cage, price 40/-; also other good house-moulted birds, equally as proud, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/- each. I have a grand lot of this year's birds, clean through moult and being taught under above champions, including my cup winner. £10 refused for him. These are on quality song and singing day and gaslight, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6 each: good loud kitchen songsters, 1/6, 2/- each, and a few nice youngsters, coming on grand song, 1/- each; good call birds, Linnets, 2/-, 2/6 each; Linnet cages 9d., 1/-, 1/6 each; British show cages, very neat, 1/6, 1/9 each; best birdlime in England, 3d. and 6d. tins. Throw it away if you can find any as good. Linnet whistles, 6d. Make your birds sing at one another with 1/- bag of my secret mixture; Roller Schoolmasters, no jars or clicks, every note lovely, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-; hens 3/-, 4/-; cock Canaries, good loud songsters, over 300 in stock, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each; monster Goldfinch Mules, win anywhere and ou Finch song, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, and one foreign Goldfinch, a gem, 15/6; Linnet Mules, on full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6. Mr. Hogg's winning cinnamon Greenfinch Mule, a giant, only 20/-, worth 60/-; large muling hen Canaries, 2/6, 3/6 each; house-moulted Linnets, well-known winners on the bench, 10/6, 15/6, 20/-. I claim to have the largest stock in the North. A visit will convince you without making any idle offers. Moreover, I send all out on seven days' approval for cash or deposit. Bankers: London City and Midland. Please cross all postal orders L.C. & M., payable to me. Write at once to Fred Allen, The Reliable Specialist, 156, Porter Street Aviaries, Hull. (94)

GOLDFINCHES, LINNETS, ETC.

Before buying your British birds carefully study my advertisement, compare my prices and let your cash be the last thing you part with. Splendid Norwich type cock Linnets, the best and largest in England, good colour, well pencilled, 2/- each; few kitchen songsters 1/- and 1/6; cock Goldfinches, beauties, 3/-, 4/-, one extra fine, 5/-; Bullfinches, same; Chaffinch, a good one, 2/6; one three year house moulted, 6/-; giant Yellow Bunting, 2/-; some fine upstanding Skylarks, 2/-, plenty at 1/-; one Brambelinch cock, H.M., 5/-; one Lesser Redpoll, H.M., bred mules, 6/6; one Chaffinch hen, damaged wing, but healthy, twice H.M., 3/-; one Goldfinch, thrice H.M.; hen Greenfinch, H.M., bred hybrids, 10/- pair; three Norwich cocks, 6/- each, hens 3/-; one blue-fronted Amazon Parrot, commenced talking, 37/-; cock Linnet, double compartment trap, only 2/-; one dozen mixed British cocks and hens 3/6; grand yellow Greenfinch 2/-. Note these:—84, Harburton-rd., London: Sir,—I received birds quite safe and well. I am more than pleased with them.—Frank Stevens. Again: 15, Gnion-rd., Liverpool: Sir,—The Bullfinch arrived safe, in good condition, am more than pleased; sending again shortly.—C. Robinson. All personally packed on 7 days' approval. Note address: Broxup, 27, Stock-st., Burnley. (93)

EXHIBITION MULING AND HYBRIDISING

To beat these it's impossible. Picked from hundreds that pass through my hands weekly: Exhibition cock Bullfinch, 10/6; another good one, 7/6; cock Goldfinch, 12/6; one bit smaller, 10/6; cock Chaffinch, 6/6; cock Brambelinch, 3/6; cock Redpoll, a gem, 4/6; yellow cock Greenfinch, giant, 4/6; extra good cock Hawfinch, 25/-; another good one, 15/-; also a few at 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each; also a fine lot large Peartree cock Goldfinches, to moult winners, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; cock Goldfinches, for song or muling, 2/6, three for 5/-, six 9/-, dozen 16/-; hens, 8/- dozen; monster cock Linnets, to moult winners, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 each; other cocks, 5/- dozen. Now, gentlemen, if you want Mule or Hybrid breeding I have the following, arrived Saturday, November 27th: 57 splendid Scandinavian cock Goldfinches, large and better colour, with deeper blaze than British, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 each; 6 Scandinavian cock Bullfinches, extra specials, 7/6, 10/6; 3 hens, 6/6 each; 7 monster yellow cock Greenfinches, 3/6 each; and 16 cock Linnets, biggest and best ever caged, 4/6 each. These birds are brought over for me every fortnight, no other dealer so much as sees them unless they buy from me. Inspection any time except Sundays. Largest and best collection in England; approval; cash or deposit: Day's Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (85)

Softbills.

WANTED, Nightingale cock, cage moulted, not necessary, reasonable: Wells, College Green, Bristol.

FOR sale, Pied Wagtail and show cage, winner, 7/-; offers: Mackirdy, 83, Alexander-st., Alexandria, Dumbartonshire. (87)

SPLENDID red-breasted cock Linnets, six 2/-, dozen 3/6; satisfaction guaranteed: Horace Coote, 96, North-st., Luton. (94)

LARKS, upstanding, clean and healthy, only 3/6 dozen, three dozen 10/-: John Ball, Lutton Rookery, Long Sutton, Lincs. (84)

WANTED, Pied Blackbird, hen aviary moulted Bramblefinch, hen Siberian Goldfinch: Teschemaker, Ringmore, Teignmouth. (88)

WELL marked Thrush, good size, 3/-; 3 big Greenfinches, grand heads, wing bars, 2/6 each: Ward, 10, St. Thomas-rd., Spalding. (95)

GENUINE cock Thrushes, Blackbirds, 3/-, guaranteed thoroughly tamed healthy, commenced sing, warranted: Crisp, 35, Southmill-rd., Bishops Stortford. (58)

THOSE requiring a genuine singing cock Skylark or show specimen on approval, cheap, send me your address, will send you by return: Mrs. Dutton, Dunstable.

MUST clear, grand cock Blackbird, good type and colour, 5/-; large, well-marked cock Skylark, 3/6; both singing well; or exchange good Roller cock, 1915: S., 31, Wilcox-rd., S.W. (90)

LINCOLNSHIRE Skylarks, large selected genuine cocks, impossible to get better, clean, perfect condition, 3/6 doz., six 2/-, three 1/6, exhibition specimens 1/-: Jackson, Bardney, Lincoln. (88)

LOUDEST cock Skylark ever heard, been caged 12 months, 1/6; also handreared young cock, 1/-; these can be matched to sing any in Bedfordshire; approval; secret of feeding free: George Holt, Dunstable. (85)

SKYLARKS, Skylarks, healthy specimens, in song, for shows and contest singing. Learn how to obtain them and keep them. "Nutshell No. 3" tells you. 2½d. post free from CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C. 2d. from agents (list frequently published).

THE Song Thrush and Blackbird.—Full directions how to keep these favourite songsters in the best possible condition; together with directions for hand-rearing the young and the selection of show birds, will be found in "Nutshell No. 4," 2½d. post free from CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C. 2d. from agents (list published frequently).

I HAVE a magnificent cock Skylark, almost as large as a Thrush, grand songster, fit to show and win, 1/6; also another cock Skylark, grand songster, much smaller, been in my possession since a nestling, practically hand-reared, 1/6, or 2/6 the two; approval willingly: Mrs. Harrington, Dalmeney Cottage, Dunstable.

SOFTBILLS: the smaller species; full information upon their proper feeding and management in captivity, is given by H. J. Fulljames in "Nutshell No. 25," which also deals with hand-rearing, and describes the collection of ants' eggs, 2½d. post free, from: CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C. (2d. from agents; see list on another page.)

ALL fine large specimens, Softbills for disposal: Wryneck, Nightingale, Blackcap, Garden Warbler, Long-tailed Tit, Marsh Tit, Golden-crested Wren, cock birds, cage moulted, in perfect health and condition; also live insectivorous food, 1/10 per lb.; wasp grubs, properly preserved for winter use, 2/3 per lb.; post free: P. F. M. Galloway, "Durban," Caversham, Reading. (17)

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Miscellaneous.

LARKS, grand cock Larks, 2/9 dozen; cock Linnets, 4/6 dozen; A. Rowe, West-st., Chatteris, Cambs. (87)

F.M. cock Linnets, selected for song or exhibition, cock Larks, 1/-, 2/-, upwards; approval: Degg, 77, Hamilton-rd., Longton. (92)

LARKS and Linnets, the old firm who has supplied many Palace winners in past seasons; cock Larks 3/- doz.; cock Linnets 4/6: H. Dawson, West-st., Chatteris. (62)

GRAND mixed birds, Finches, Linnets, etc., cocks and hens, perfect, clean and healthy, 2/6 dozen; cheaper kind, 1/- dozen: worth double: Jackson, Bird Catcher, Bardney, Lincoln. (88)

SISKIN cock 3/6, hen 2/-, cock Blackbird, handsome, 1/6, Chaffinches 1/6 pair, Jackdaw 3/-: Blue Tit 1/6, Ox-eye Tit, 1/-; see price list: De Von and Co., 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

BRITISH birds, all cocks, muling Linnet 6/-, Bullfinch 2/-, Robin, a beauty, 2/6, Lark 1/6, Greenfinch 1/-, Chaffinch, make winner, 2/6; Goldfinch, singing, 4/6: Marnoch, 16a, Melville-st., Lochgelly, Fife. (92)

TWO large hen Bullfinches, 1/6 each; 2 large cocks, 2/6, make good mulers; large cocks, Skylarks, 1/6 each; 1 Magpie, a gem, 5/-; the above are all in splendid condition, and kept in garden aviaries; approval: Flavell, Woodgate, Quinton. (92)

COCK Blackbirds and Song Thrushes, 1/- each; selected songsters, 1/6 each; Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Linnets, Redpolls, Yellowhammers, Tree Sparrows, Robins, 1/- pair; large selected cocks, 1/- each; cock Greenfinches, 1/- dozen: 12 mixed aviary birds, 1/-; exchange: Fenn and Son, Bowerlane, Isleham, Cambs. (86)

SELECTED cock Linnets, 3/6 dozen; Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; 12 bright mixed seedeaters, 1/-; cocks, selected for show, Goldfinches, Siskins, 3/6 each; Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Linnet, Redpoll, Reed Bunting, Yellow Bunting, Lark, 1/- each; pairs for aviary same price; Goldfinches, Siskins, 4/- pair, cock Greenfinch-Linnet hybrid, 7/-, well on food: J. Fenn, Bird Specialist, Westcliff Villas, Isleham, Cambs. (86)

GOLDFINCHES, cocks, 2/- and 3/- each, 11/6 half dozen; red-breasted cock Linnets, beauties, 3 for 1/3, 4/6 doz.; big upstanding cock Larks, three 1/3, 3/6 doz., three doz. 10/-; hen Larks 1/6 doz.; cock Greenfinches, selected yellows, only 6d. each, three 1/-; cock Greenies and hen Chaffinches, old-caught 1/6 pair; hen Goldfinches, cock Thrushes, Blackbirds and Yellowhammers, 1/- each, three for 1/-; sex and satisfaction guaranteed: J. Whiteley, Catcher, Boston-rd., Holheach. (93)

GOLDFINCHES, LINNETS, LARKS, ETC.

Real English cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6 each, three for 5/-, six 8/6; cock Bullfinches, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; hens, 1/3, 1/6 each; Lancashire cock Linnets, 10d. and 1/- each, three 2/-, six 3/-, dozen 5/-; grand cock Larks, 8d., 10d., 1/- each, three 1/6, six 2/6; dozen 4/-; few caged off birds, singing, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; Redpolls, 6d., 9d., 1/- each; cages 9d., 1/-, 1/3, 1/6, 1/9 each; send for catalogue of everything. Est. 50 years.

SANDIFORD, Bird Specialist and Judge, PRESTON, LANCS. Tel. 440.

CANARIES.

Border Fancy.

BUFF cocks, 4/-; hens, 2/-; no yellows to spare: Rev. Henry Soames, Bromley, Kent. (81)

GOOD pair self green Borders, 15/-, or exchange clears; good buff cock wanted: Wiseman, 29, Radnor-rd., Cardiff. (90)

GRAND pair of Borders, 10/6; another hen, 2/6; two Fancy wall cages, 3/-; offers: W. King, 2, King-st., Glastonbury. (83)

MUST clear entire stock, also show and stock cages; enquiries invited; reasonable prices: Campbell, Ardmore, Biggar. (95)

FEW smart buff hens left, from 5/6 each, right type, rare quality; approval: Rohson, 28, Camdengro., Peckham, London. (88)

NOTICE: Grand lot Borders, many winners, prices low; easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (89)

TYPICAL Borders, cocks 7/-, hens 4/- upwards; pairs from 9/-; on approval: Henry Wilson, Hill View, Station-rd., Bannockburn. (93)

VERY fine lot Border Canaries, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, and 10/6 each; hens 2/6: Harris, 55, Beak-st., Regent-st., London, W. (73)

BORDERS. Can now part with few grand birds, clear or marked; cocks from 6/-, hens from 4/-; approval: Irons, Park-pl., Brechin. (93)

PRIZE-bred Borders, cinnamons, marks, and clears, at reasonable prices; approval; stamp: Lyall, Society-bldgs., Montrose-st., Brechin. (85)

SEVEN good pairs Borders, bred from winners, 10/- pair, exchange pullets; approval: Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, S. O., Wales.

BORDERS, even-marked buff cock, best Novice, Leith, 15/-; hens, clears, ties., vari.; reasonable: J. Muir, 224, Easter-rd., Leith, N.B. (90)

EXCHANGE matched pair Borders, cock a winner, 1914 season, for good Roller cock, 1915, no chopper; offers: Simmonds, 31, Wilcox-rd., S.W. (90)

BORDERS, from prize winners, must clear: hens, 2/6; cocks from 6/6; pairs from 8/6; variegated and greens: Daw, 31, St. John's-rd., East Ham. (58)

SPLENDID pair 1914 Borders, bred winners this season, 8/6; 1915 pair, 7/-; approval anywhere; deposit: Allison, 14, Cambusnethan-st., Edinburgh. (91)

JAMES LUMSDEN, 13, George Square, Edinburgh, has a few clears, marks and greens for sale (winners and bred from winners, at war prices; stamp reply. (86)

THE leading winner at all the principal shows this season; grand lot yellow cocks, 7/6, 10/-; matched pairs from 10/-; stamp: George Bennet, Bowmont Villa, Kelso. (92)

HIGH-CLASS Borders, prize strain, grand type and quality cinnamons, clears, and marked cocks from 7/6; hens 5/-; pairs 10/6: Frame, Rowanbank, Kirkliston, Linlithgowshire. (94)

CLEAR yellow cock, 10/-; buff marked, 7/6; yellow and buff cock, 6/-; cinnamon marked hens, 4/-; stamp; approval: Angus McDougall, Carronvale-rd., Larbert, Stirlingshire. (93)

SMART yellow cock, 6/-; 3 variegated buff hens, 2 clear buff hens, 3/- each; all 1915 bred; good type and condition; grand stock birds: Tinnion, 32, King-st., Workington, Cumberland. (89)

EXHIBITORS: This season's winners at Carlisle, Hartlepools, Muirhead, etc., to part with, prices from 7/6 to 15/-; state wants; approval: James Brown, Newcastleton, Roxburghshire. (91)

GREEN buff Border cock, very smart, round body, perfect carriage and feather, 12/-; also extra good clear yellow hen, 4/-; or 15/- the pair; approval: Pennal, Totteridge, High Wycombe, Bucks. (89)

FEW good Borders left, cocks from 5/-, hens 3/6; will give good exchange for good typical Norwich cock, good substance and head: Robertson, 31, Adela-aven., West Barnes, New Malden, Surrey. (84)

HAVE decided not to exhibit this season, and having bred 100 youngsters, many fit to win, plenty to select from, in all colours, show or stock, at war prices; approval; stamp: Dan Hamilton, 239, Low Waters, Hamilton. (53)

HENRY BENNETT, Border Fancy Aviaries, Kelso, having supplied many winners this season, still offers high-class Borders, clears, ticks, unevens, cinnamons; cocks, 7/6 to 25/-; hens, 5/- to 25/-; pairs, properly matched, 10/6 to 40/-; approval. (88)

"THE Border Fancy Canary" (Nutshell No. 23), explains fully how to manage these "wee gems" during the breeding season, how to keep them in health and song, how to select ideal pairs, and the general management of this popular variety; send at once for a copy, 2½d. post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C., or from any of our Nutshell agents. (Lists published frequently.)

ALLAN THOMSON, Show Secretary, Larkhall C.H.A., has the following Borders for disposal, stock and exhibition specimens, bred from selected pairs for type and quality: Cocks, clear buff, 8/6; clear buff, pink eyed, 12/6; buff variegated, 10/- and 12/6; yellow variegated, 10/-, 12/6; yellow cinnamon, 10/-; hens, buff foul cinnamon, 5/-; yellow cinnamon mark, 6/-; clear buff, 6/-, 7/6; clear yellow, 6/-; also few pairs from 7/6; approval to known fanciers. (89)

BORDERS

wanted, one thousand Border cocks, also pairs; highest prices given by any dealer in Great Britain; send offers along: G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham.

GIVING UP THE FANCY

I have decided to part with my entire stock of prize-bred Borders, also carrying boxes, cages, etc.; anyone who wishes a genuine hargain can have particulars by applying to A. Gilchrist, Coldstream. Stamp reply.

Crests and Crestbreds.

CREST and crestbred for sale, also cages cheap: Shea, 229, Caledonian-rd., London, N. (78)

A FEW Crestbred cocks, 9/6 and upwards: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, N.W. (83)

FEW show and stock; cheap to clear; state wants: Mrs. Roberts, Llannakey, Newton Arise, Blackpool. (84)

CRESTBREDS, 2 cocks, 1 green, 1 clear, 10/6 each; 2 clear hens, 7/6 each; 1915 bred: Stone, 33, Fortescue-rd., Exeter. (87)

MRS. THOS. TAYLOR'S champion strain, a few good birds for sale; approval, stamp reply: 68, Edward-st., Gateshead. (65)

1915 high-class Crested Norwich cocks, 10/6 each; hens, 8/6; approval: A. Thompson, 197, Bradford-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford. (89)

1915 hens, Crestbred, 10/- each; Crester 12/6; Joyce-Barnett strain; absolutely healthy: Rev. G. Mullens, Chedzoy, Bridgwater. (85)

DAVID SCOTT, 128, Atkinson-rd., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has a few Crests and Crestbreds for disposal; approval; stamp reply. (84)

EVINS BROS., offers crestbred cocks 20/-, 30/-, crested cocks 10/-, 20/- each, only a few left for sale, no hens: 259, High-st., Exeter. (75)

YOUNG green cock, good crest, same as my Cheltenham winners, 20/-; exchange for good Rollers: Mayhew, Jeweller, Bury St. Edmunds. (90)

CRESTS and crestbred cocks from 12/6, pairs from 25/-, bred from prize stock; approval: Rohson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (58)

NOTICE: Grand lot Crests and Crestbreds, several winners, reasonable; easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (89)

THREE pairs Crests for sale, 30/- per pair to clear; green Crest cock, 1915, 4th Cowdenbeath, £2; best of blood: Whitton, Links-place, Broughty Ferry. (84)

CRESTED hens, two buff, light, one green, one variegated, from 10/- to 30/- each; approval, deposit: Williamson, 24, Newcastle-rd., Nottingham. (76)

FOR sale, Canaries, Crests and Crestbreds, from 10/-; songsters, 6/-; deposit, Editor; approval: Irving, 61, Cecil-aven., Enfield, London, Middlesex. (86)

TWO dark Crested cocks, fit for show, green, 1914, bird, 40/-; young wing-marked bird, 60/-; approval, deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham. (85)

LARGE feathery unflighted buff Dark Crest cock, grand type, good quality Crest, 20/-; healthy; approval willingly: James Hill, Halebank, near Widnes. (92)

HIGH-CLASS Crests, 35 years breeder of the best, many winners sold; some grand birds for sale, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (17)

MARKED P.H. cock, grey Crest hen, 25/-; clear B.D. cock, green hen, 20/-; dark Crested cock, clear hen, 20/-; all buffs: Jos. Twigg, 11, Conon-st., Spendon, Derbyshire. (90)

TWO wing marked dark crests 20/- each, one ditto, 15/-; variegated Crestbred, winner, 20/-; clear body grey crest, 15/-; all cocks; clear crestbred hen 10/-: J. Gillespie, 19, Allergate, Durham.

REALLY good 1914 clear buff Crestbred cock, 25/6; 1915 clear buff crested hen, 15/6; 1914 buff grizzle crested hen, 7/6; or exchange lot for a decent green Crest cock or hen; approval: W. Stevens, 9, Colvile-st., Derby. (91)

REV. JOYCE, Wellington, Somerset, can supply crests and crestbreds (best blood) in matched pairs from 40/-; singles same rate, all bred for quality and vigour; some of the chief winners this season again are from birds bred by him; stamp; state price.

CLEAR body dark Crested hen, 1st Oxford, 80/-; buff Crested bred cock, 1st, 40/- limit Cheltenham, 22/6; green Crested hen, marked C.B. cock, 50/- pair; Dark Crested cock, marked C.B. hen, 25/- pair; approval: Mr. Hayling, 5, Moorend-ter, Cheltenham. (94)

T. J. KING, 3, Columbia-pl., Cheltenham, offers grand dark Crested hen, with large flowing perfect crest, £15; large green Crested hens, £4, £2 5/-; immense capped variegated Bumblefoot, 25/6; cocks, big variegated Crestbred, 30/6; nearly green, second £2 selling Cheltenham, 30/6; big green Crested, 50/6; green Crestbred, long head feather, 25/6; green Crested cock, 25/6; large thick variegated Crestbred, sister sold £12, for 30/6; large variegated dark Crest, £5; lightly variegated unflighted Crestbred cock, sister sold £15, for 40/6; approval. (86)

GRAND 1914 variegated Dark Crest cock, good breeder, £3; another, 1915, variegated Dark Crest cock, 50/-; several other good birds, including few good stock hens; all same strain as our Newcastle Challenge Bowl and Sheffield winners; approval: Walter Radley and Son, Paradise-sq., Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield. (92)

REMARKABLE VALUE

in highest class Crests and Crested-breds, containing the best combined strains in England; state requirements, or list free: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

Cinnamons.

ALL my cinnamons for sale, cheap, in one lot, or pairs: L. Roberts, Ironmonger, 56, Johnston-st., Blackburn. (49)

CINNAMON buff cock, winner of two 1st and brother to the one on front page of "Cage Birds," 25/-; also 1914 yellow hen, 15/-; or 35/- the pair; a bargain: Mrs. Ballard, 797, Romford-rd., Manor Park, Essex. (90)

TYPICAL Norwich cinnamons, 1914, yellow cock and buff hen, very prolific pair, £1 17s. 6d.; massive buff cock and yellow hen, both 1914, £2 5/-; unflighted cocks from 15/-, grand quality and colour; approval: flatt, 5, Bramford-la., Ipswich.

CHAMPION bred Norwich Cinnamons, 1914 yellow cock, splendid colour, fit for show, 27/6; 1915 ditto, 20/-; 1914 buff hen, large bird, 17/6; 1915 ditto, 15/-; capital cinnamon marked cock, 12/6: Bevan, 8, Grove-lane, Ipswich, breeder of Norwich cinnamons only. Latest win champion cup. (93)

Greens.

ONE pair Yorkshire greens, yellow cock, foul muff hen, 12/6; guarantee; worth double: Vickers, 4, Worth-st., Wigan. (89)

NORWICH greens, yellows, and buffs, from 10/- each; approval; no single yellow hens: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes. (471)

GRAND lot of green Border fancies for show or stock; price reasonable; taken approval; stamp reply: D. Sturrock, 1, Lawrence-st., Dundee. (94)

LARGE unflighted buff Norwich green cock, good head, splendid type and quality, grand wing and tail carriage, 10s. 6d.; healthy; approval: James Hill, Halebank, near Widnes. (92)

YORKSHIRES: Mr. Rodgers, winner last season Green Canary Association and Liverpool Bird Breeders' Association Novice Cup; this season, open, 1st Liverpool, 3rd, 4th Manchester; also breeder of Sheffield winner; few birds for disposal, reasonable; approval, deposit: 11, Moss-grove, Lodge-lane, Liverpool. (92)

Lizards.

HIGH-CLASS Lizard cocks from 10/-, hens from 6/-: C. Beedham, 34a, Oldham-rd., Failsworth, Manchester. (87)

Lancashires.

GOOD yellow Lancashire coppy cock, 15/6; Crest, Crestbred, prize strains, from 7/6; approval: Webber, 15, Temple-rd., Exeter. (89)

Dutch Frills.

MR. Edward Williams imports Dutch Frills to order from France; few Borders, Norwich, British, sale or exchange; stamp: Mount Vernon-rd., Liverpool. (92)

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

J. C. BARNES, Norwich and Yorkshire specialist. Winner of numerous silver cups, medals, etc.; well-known strains. Better blood unobtainable. Grand specimens to spare; both varieties; reasonable; approval; inspection cordially invited; inquiries solicited; stamp: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

J. HODDER, breeder of high-class Norwich, winner of championships; good birds from 7/6 upwards; approval; stamp: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

FRANK F. LAWSON, Norwich Specialist, 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle, one of the best exhibition strains in the Fancy. Stock birds from 10/- each. Pairs from 20/- upwards. Stamped inquiries solicited.

JUDGE SILK, 27, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.—The greatest Norwich specialist in England. This strain has produced more winners in champion classes than any other show and stock birds; always for sale; approval. (95)

WANTED, Norwich cock Canaries, on full song: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Easthourne. (85)

PAIR good Norwich Canaries, very healthy, bargain, 10/6: Houghton, Forehill, Ely, Cambs. (88)

SEVEN well bred buff hens, sell 5/-, each: F. Walshaw, 18, Alington-st., Longsight, Manchester. (88)

GRAND pair of typical Norwich, clears, 12/6; also few extra hens from 3/-: 200, Malpas-rd., Brockley, S.E. (82)

FIVE handsome 1915 Norwich Canaries, 3 cocks and 2 hens; what offers?: Harris, High-st., Yiewsley. (93)

TWO young Norwich cocks, full song, 5/6 each; bargains: Morgan, 25, Colebrook-rd., Tunbridge Wells. (93)

GRAND big pair Norwich, rare quality, 12/6; worth double; exchange offers: D. Coombes, Stockton-st., Hartlepool. (93)

CLEAR Norwich cock in song, and two clear buff hens, 10/-; or offers: Huckle, 31, Gordon-rd., Kingston-on-Thames. (95)

NORWICH, stock for sale, many fit to win; state wants; stamp reply: Calderwood, 65, St. Andrew's st., Kilmarnock. (87)

HIGH class Norwich, 10/6 to £5 pair, own breeding, same strain my Cardill winners: E. Mullis, Winslow, Bucks. (94)

THREE Norwich cocks, 7/6, 10/6 and 15/- each; 3 variegated Norwich hens, 4/- each: Walker, Bradenham, Thetford. (89)

ROBERT COLLEY, champion Norwich, now ready for stock or exhibition, price on application; winner at all leading shows: 78, Corkerhill, via Cardonald, Glasgow. (91)

MR. PAVEY, Norwich pairs reasonable; these are consistent breeders; stamp reply: 5, Grove-rd., Abbey Wood, S.E. (69)

BARGAINS, grand lot of variegated Norwich hens for sale, 2/6 and 3/6 each: G. Ward, 117, Fotheringham-rd., Enfield. (88)

CHEAP Norwich, 3 matched pairs, 10/- pair; few good hens, 3/6 each; approval: Peck, Ashmans Hall-gardens, Beccles. (85)

SEVERAL pairs first class Norwich for sale, going cheap; also eight pure cinnamon hens: Croxon, Crown Dairy, Lowestoft. (76)

COLOUR fed Norwich Canaries, real stormers, 1915 bred, 8/- pair; hens, 3/-, breed winners: Duckworth, Hammerton-yard, Burnley. (91)

NOTICE. Grand lot Norwich many winners, prices low; easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (89)

I HAVE some splendid Norwich Canaries; cocks, 5/6, 6/6; hens, 1/9, 2/-, 2/6: Syd, Mothersole, 20, Humberstone-rd., Leicester. (57)

I HAVE about 20 Norwich for sale, bred from first-class stock; also a pair of greens: James Yeats, King Edward-st., Fraserburgh. (92)

SURPLUS stock, yellow and yellow var., also yell.-green cocks, clear buff and buff var. cock and hens, send on approval: Thom, Kinnoul, Lenzie. (83)

FEW smart typical birds, cocks from 10/6, pairs from 15/-; all clean moulted and healthy; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (11)

GIVING up: 2 pairs large colour-bed birds, Vardy's, £2 pair; exchange gramophone; offers: A. Holmes, Beulah-rd., East Kirkby, Notts. (86)

FOR sale, good Norwich Plainheads, fed and non-fed, prize and prize-bred, cold-room, in perfect health: Mrs. Banks, 51, Balhousie-st., Perth. (83)

LARGE green Norwich cock, 12/6; 2 yellow hens, 2 buff hens, 10/6 each; or exchange good yellow cock or buff: Lingard, 66, Berry-st., Burnley. (91)

REDUCING stock; 40 Norwich yellows, buffs; cocks 7/6, hens 5/- upwards; approval; stamp: Apply, J. Norman, 67, High-st., Rishton, near Blackburn. (93)

NORWICH Canaries, large colour-fed birds, suitable for breeding or exhibition purposes, 10/- pair: De Von and Co., 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

TYPICAL unflighted buff green cock, good head, neck, and carriage, and large 1914 yellow hen, ideal stock pair, 25/-: Flatt, 5, Bramford-la., Ipswich. (87)

FEW typical buff Norwich hens, 7/6 each; and some good yellow, 10/- each; yellow ticked cock, 10/6; all worth more: Taylor, Draper, Bideford. (95)

TWO large unflighted cocks, variegated yellow, clear buff, grand type, quality and colour, 25/- each, or 45/- the lot; approval: Kerr, Richmond-rd., New Barnet.

FOR sale, four Norwich buff cocks, one buff hen, and one yellow cock, all good size, to clear 8/6 each; approval: Sinclair, Hairdresser, 25, Montrose-st., Brechin. (82)

A few high-class Norwich and winning British for sale; cheap to clear; stamp for particulars: James McNeillie, 13, Market-st., Maxwelltown, Dumfries. (93)

TYPICAL Norwich cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- upwards; hens, 4/- upwards; cash or easy payments; stamp reply: Rossell, 85, Whitton-rd., Hounslow, Middlesex. (85)

EXCEPTIONALLY handsome lot of young Norwich cock Canaries, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, and 10/6; hens, 2/6: Harris, 55, Beak-st., Regent-st., London, W. (73)

I HAVE a few typical buff Norwich for disposal; unflighted prize strain; cocks from 10/6; hens from 7/6; pairs from 15/-: Frame, Rowanbank, Kirkliston, Linlithgowshire. (94)

JOINER-MADE cages, 12 single, 3 double, in rack, 20/- lot; large coloured Norwich, show or stock, from 15/6 each: Mrs. Roberts, Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (84)

NORWICH Plainheads, large, healthy, 1915 bred, colour fed and natural, buffs and yellows, cocks from 10/-, hens from 4/-: Lascelles, Roborough, Valley-rd., Streatham. (86)

J. C. Murray, Cowdenbeath, has a few good unflighted stock birds to part with, cocks and hens, various colours, cheap; see "Cage Birds" for recent wins; on approval.

MASSIVE 1914 variegated buff Norwich cock, grand width, substance, and head, good quality feather, sound bird; approval willingly: James Hill, Halebank, near Widnes. (92)

CLEAR buff cock, 2nd Members' Class, 15/-; yellow cock, unflighted, good big stock bird, 16/-; yellow cock and buff hen, 15/-; approval: Bounds, 50, Melville-st., Northampton. (89)

CLEAR buff cock, plenty of substance, good head, can win members' show, 1914 bred, 20/-; also unflighted yellow Norwich cock, good bead, 15/-: Leach, Percy-st., Rochdale. (85)

CLEARING out the whole of my Norwich (non-fed), rare type and quality birds; cocks from 7/6, hens from 7/6; approval, deposit: Wm. Barr, Bishopview, Cardenden, Fife. (77)

UNFLIGHTED hens, 2 clear yellows, 2 marked buffs, fed., healthy, typical, 30/-; will take part exchange in case and four N.P.C.'s cages: Geo. Watson, 6, Kirkgate, Burnley. (91)

GRAND typical Norwich cocks, yellow and buff clear, also variegated, 7/6 upwards; also hens, 4/- upwards; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cousins, 48, Lickley-st., Ripon. (83)

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, Ayrshire, having decided to dispose of all his high-class Norwich, offers exceptional bargains; many winners; all large; inspection invited; letters only. (59)

CHAMPION winning Norwich; I have a grand lot for disposal, including many this year's winners; yellows and buffs; all birds on approval willingly: C. W. Silk, Glen Rosa, Emsworth. (87)

FINEST foundation anywhere, Spillman and Gill's strain, all for disposal, birds, cages, and utensils; no yellow hens left; military duties: Tomsett, S.N.P.C., 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley. (93)

D. CARSTAIRS, 263, High-st., Perth, has 30 prize and prize-bred Norwich and Borders for sale; see report Perth show; all non-fed 1915 birds, in perfect health; stamp reply; approval. (74)

MR. ECKERSLEY has only a limited number to spare this season from his famous strain, which has produced some of the finest Norwich even seen: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (76)

OUR Canaries; I must dispose of my copy of this beautiful book, and will sacrifice it at 10/6, cost 22/-; will send it on approval on receipt of half the price: D. K. S., 136, Windsor-rd., Ilford.

1914 variegated buff cock, 2 unflighted buff cocks, unflighted ticked yellow hen, 10/- each; 2 1914 ticked yellow hens, 7/6 each; clear buff hen, 4/-: Taylor, Donington-st., Darvel, Ayrshire. (85)

YELLOW hen, unflighted, vhc. Wolverhampton, 10/6; unflighted yellow foul, 2nd Wolverhampton, 12/6; 1914 foul yellow cock, 10/6; exchange clears: Bendall, 32, Bruford-rd., Wolverhampton. (90)

CLEAN, healthy colour-fed Norwich buff cocks, 8/6, 10/-; yellow hens, 4/-; buff 3/6; Yorkshire cocks, 10/-; hens 4/-; approval, deposit: Mortimer, Claydales, Redbourne-rd., Hemel Hempstead, Herts. (84)

Champion Yorkshires and Norwich, etc.

Grand lengthy Yorkshire cocks, in perfect condition and full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Smart, erect, racy hens, 4/-, 6/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each. Matched breeding pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 16/-, 17/6, 20/-, 26/-, 30/- per pair.

Smart, thick-set, cobby Norwich at same prices as Yorkshires.

Exhibition Norwich and Yorkshires. I have some grand birds bred from my own well-known winners, both Norwich and Yorkshires, at the following prices: **Cocks or Hens, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, to 100/-.** These are ready for benching, and capable of winning their cost in prize money.

Songsters, in bold free song, just the thing for Christmas Presents, 7/6, 8/0, 10/6 each; will suit anywhere.

Highly Trained British Rollers, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each.

I have also a grand collection of Crests, Crestbreds, Border Fancies, Scotch Fancies, Muling hens, etc., etc. Travelling Cages, 3d. extra in all cases.

Remember, I invite you to come and make your own selection. If unable to do so, I will send birds to any address in the Kingdom on 7 days' approval at my sole risk. I guarantee absolute satisfaction to every customer. Send a P.C. for my free illustrated catalogue.

JOE THOMAS, Breeder, Exhibitor and Exporter, **Ambler Thorn, Halifax, Yorks**

ESTABLISHED OVER 35 YEARS

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, good type, quality ticked buff cocks, 3rd 17/6, 4th 15/6, 10/-; variegated yellow, 8/6; buff hens, 10/-, 15/-; colour fed; approval: Grout, 64, Hughenden-rd., Norwich. (86)

FOR sale, a few good Norwich Canaries, some winners amongst them; prices reasonable; or will exchange a pair for a good folding P.C. camera; approval: James Mack, 111, River-st., Brechin. (56)

NOTICE: Good stock birds, yellow cock 10/-, buff cock 10/-, two variegated buff hens 8/- each, clear buff hen, 6/-; all unflighted; approval: James Barnes, Factory-row, Whalley, near Blackburn. (90)

CHAMPION Norwich, large, with good heads, good type and feather, well matched pairs or single birds, winners sold every season; 35 years breeder; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham.

BARGAIN; cheap to clear; three foul green Norwich cocks, brother to challenge cup winner last week, and other prizes, 10/6; yellow and foul green hens, 8/6 each; Staniland, Collingham, Newark. (86)

THOMAS HERBERT, 35, South Street, Redditch, offers 1914 large buff cock, 20/-; yellow cock, 12/6; yellow hen, 5/-; 1915 buff cocks, 8/6, 10/6; Goldie-Grecnie hybrid cock, 15/-; colour fed; approval. (89)

A. CRATCHLEY, noted Norwich, grand quality unflighted and 1914, bred same as my winners, yellow and buff cocks, 6/6, 8/6, 10/-; hens, 5/-, 6/6, 8/-; pairs from 12/6: Victoria-st., Melbourne, Derbyshire. (90)

BUFF even-marked cock, good head and size, 15/-; buff var., good size and type, 12/6; buff var. hen, 15/-; yellow hen, a little bit small, 5/6; all unflighted and the best of blood: Lawson, Public Park, Biggar. (83)

TWO Crest Green cocks, one Crestbred cock, this year's birds, one Crestbred cock, three years old, 15/- each; grand strain; exceptionally cheap to clear: Miss Blaauw, Wharfdale, York-rd., Bournemouth. (81)

CLEARANCE bargains; yellow ticked cock, with 2 beautiful buff hens, both winners, massive heads and chests, 1914, 20/- lot; massive buff cock, winner, with yellow hen, 1914; 15/- pair: Maisey, Aldermaston, Beds. (89)

N. LEESE, winner at Manchester, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, also at Burton 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, I have a few good pairs from 20/- upwards; also odd cock from 10/- each; on approval: 30, Alexandra-rd., Normacot, Staffs.

A. L. HAWKES, having decided not to show this season, offers any of his noted strain of Norwich; has several rich colour-fed specimens of exceptional merits; cocks from 10/-, hens 7/6; approval: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (93)

WANTED, extra large variegated yellow cock, broad head and full cheeks indispensable, cash, or exchange champion-bred Blue Bedlington Terrier dog, value 50/-; further particulars on application: Lugton, Botany, Galashiels. (90)

MASSIVE ticked buff cock, lovely quality, type, 35/-; marked yellow ditto, 30/-; variegated buff, large head, fine stock bird, 20/-; also two yellow hens, 15/- each; all healthy; on approval: Kerr, Richmond-rd., New Barnet.

BARGAIN in Norwich; one pair variegated, colour fed (Hodder's direct, 1914), 17/6; one pair (variegated cock, clear hen), 10/6; also new show cage, 1/6, or 26/6 the lot to clear immediate: Bywater, 20, Cathall-rd., Leytonstone. (85)

A FEW Norwich to spare of good type and nice quality; winner of 2 cups and special best bird, also most points by young birds; cheap: state wants; stamp reply; approval: Gears, 73, Duncombe-st., Walkley, Sheffield. (86)

WANTED, big yellow 1915 Norwich hen, must have really good head and neck; or what offers in high-class Norwich; exchange five Green adult Budgerigars, indoor bred; yours first; no dealers: Everard, St. Phillp's Vicarage, Sheffield. (80)

MR. J. LANGFORD, winner this season 2 cups, 3 medals, can offer some good unflighted and year-off birds related to above, yellow and buffs, cocks 15/- to £2; yellow and buff hens, 15/- to £2; approval: 48, Birchwood-st., Kings Lynn. (87)

LATEST wins, Dulwich, Peckham, under Robson, with only six exhibits: 2 1sts, special, 2nd, 3rd., 4th, vhc; ten 1915 birds, related to winners, to spare, healthy, moderate prices; inspection: Dracup, 163, Halfmoon-la., Herne Hill, London. (89)

F. J. LACCOHEE offers unflighted yellow and buff hens, 7/6, 10/6; cocks, 10/6, 15/6; all bred from good winning stock; small breeders wanting well bred birds at small cost should not miss these bargains; approval: 92, St. George-st., Norwich. (95)

NORWICH cocks, variegated buff 20/-, clear buffs 12/6, variegated yellow 15/6, clear yellow 20/-, two ditto 15/6 each, and three ditto 10/6 each; all unflighted and large birds; on approval, deposit with Editor: J. Hesketh, 7, Boundary-rd., St. Helens. (90)

HARRY CALLOW offers year-old yellow, winner 2nd Ardwick, Manchester, Class 22, unflighted marked buff hen, 22/6; bargain; nat. colour clear yellow hen, topper, 10/-; few unflighted buff cocks, 8/6, 10/- each; two buff hens, 6/- each; approval; stamp: 9, Murray-st., Burnley. (91)

PRIZE Norwich yellow cock, 2nd Eastleigh, 20/-; large clear buff hen, 10/-; yellow unflighted cock, 1st Eastleigh, 25/-; variegated buff cock, 2nd Eastleigh, 15/-; 2 variegated buff cocks, 10/- each; see report; approval; cash or deposit: Foyle, 52, Rockstone-lane, Southampton. (88)

TICKED yellow Norwich cock, 1st prize and special, once shown, fine short broad bird, 40/-; buff variegated cock, grand bird, sure prizewinner, 30/-; yellow variegated cock, grand head, good colour, 25/-; a few other birds, 1914, can be had cheap; giving up Fancy; on approval, cash or deposit: D. Sadler, 90, Huntley-st., Aberdeen. (91)

A. H. FILDES, 110, Croft-st., Hyde, with 14 entries I secured one 1st, six 2nds, 1 3rd, two 4ths, one vhc; see show reports Preston, Sheffield, Ardwick, Halifax; a few unflighted yellows and buffs, cocks and hens, also year-old birds for sale, from 7/6, pairs 15/-; state wants; approval. (83)

J. T. CLARK

Has for disposal, a few pairs of well-bred Norwich and Yorkshires, from 12/6; approval: 29, Ashby-rd., Watford, Herts. (44)

THE CHAMPION WINNING STRAIN

Should any fancier require any Norwich Plainheads, either show or stock birds, they will do well to try any following, sure winners in any company; ten testimonials received from fanciers from my previous advertisement; approval willingly, cash or deposit; all birds 1915 bred, colour fed, and healthy. They comprise: massive clear yellow cock, regular stormer, grand head, chest, etc., 50/-; variegated yellow cock, good size, stout, teeming with quality, 21/-; clear buff, also marked buff cocks, two monster birds, wonderful good heads, necks, deep chests, lovely texture of feather, two gems, win anywhere at once, £2 2s. each; another massive buff cock, 20/-, worth 50/-; also few big young cocks at 10/6 each, really good ones; three clinking buff hens, truly wonders for size, grand heads, deep chests, none better living, two clears, one marked, 30/- each, very cheap, but extra quality; two monster yellow hens, one clear, one variegated, enormous chests, heads, full necks, two bonny hens, cheap at 35/- each; few other buff and yellow hens, good size, type, colour, quality, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6 each, all worth over double. Note, I have sold scores of big winners in previous seasons to well-known exhibitors, and can do so now. Write, stating exact wants: George Cubley, Norwich Fancier, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton, Lincs. (94)

JOHNSON'S WINNING NORWICH

Grand unflighted yellow Norwich cock, good head and neck, bred from my winning strain, a beauty, can win, only 12/6; lovely buff hen, to match, 7/6; 19/- the pair; worth double; also unflighted buff cock, brother to above, 10/6; approval, cash or deposit Editor: 55, George-st., Leeds. (87)

GIVING UP THE FANCY

Through serious operation I am compelled to dispose of all my stock, with all cages, cases, and utensils; champion Norwich Crest and Crestbreds; inspection invited; letters answered with all particulars; beginners' splendid chance to procure reliable stock with confidence; reasonable; quality; approval: Broadhead, Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield. (92)

HIGHEST CLASS NORWICH.

Limited number, bred from my winners, for disposal. Inspection invited at any time. Stamp for reply. **W. CRAWSHAW.**

CROWN HOTEL, ACCRINGTON, LANCS.

SUCH

Value never before known in Norwich Canaries, but the best advice I can offer is, have on approval; a marvellous collection to select from; inspection invited; not a shopkeeper; few prices. Cocks or hens, colour fed, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; pairs, correctly matched to produce best results by me personally, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Note, you cannot match these for quality at double the price elsewhere. Other good prize bred Norwich at following prices: Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; pairs matched to produce best results, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6. Cages, to hold one bird, 3d.; to hold 2 or 3 birds, 4d.; list, easy payments by joining my original bird club; distance no object: W. Rudd, the Bird Specialist, Norwich.

CHAMPION NORWICH

for disposal, birds bred from the finest strain. My wins at the last 5 Shows include L. & P.O.S. 1st, spl, 2nd, 3rd, vhc, c; Queen's Park, London, 1st, 2nd, vhc, hc, With four birds; West London four 1sts, cup for Best Unflighted, Special for Best Bird in Show, one 2nd, two vhc's, four hc's, with 15 birds; City and Suburban, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, hc, and two c's, with 9 birds; St. Quintin Park, two 1sts and spl, two 2nd, one 3rd, one vhc, with six birds. Cocks from 10/-, Hens from 7/6 upwards; can be seen any morning or afternoon by appointment. Cash or deposit; stamp.—**R. J. BURT, Breeder and Exhibitor of Champion Norwich, 116, Prince's Road, Notting Hill.**

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDER'S CARD

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England. Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show, 1913. (1810)

HENRY NEVE, Roller Specialist. All birds bred from prize winning specimens of high rank; full particulars free: Heathfield, Sussex. (160)

MISS THOMAS, Fairlight, Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth, breeder and trainer purest Seiferts, Glucke, etc., bred 1915; deposit. (86)

ROLLER cocks, 4/9, 5/9, and 7/9; hens, 2/-: Ross, Aviaries, Forrest, N.B. (91)

WANTED quantity English Rollers or Roller cross, in song; must be cold-room kept: 48, Frederick-st., Cardiff.

HIGH-CLASS Roller cocks, 10/6 and 12/6; hens, 2/6, cold room bred: J. Cavis, 17, Roman-rd., Preston. (95)

ROLLER cocks (Randall's), singing pure notes, 6/- each, or 5 for 25/-: 346, Oldham rd., Newton Heath, Manchester. (94)

HIGH-CLASS Glucke, Randall and Walton, 10/6, 8/6, 7/6; hens 3/6 2/6; approval: Lloyd, 140, Gresty-rd., Crewe. (495)

BEST quality rape for Roller fanciers, prices 5/- per stone, 35/- cwt., samples sent: Ives, 85, Legsby-ave., Grimsby. (29)

GLUCKE Roller cocks, 10/- and 15/-; hens, 3/-; B.R.C.C. rung; good value: Layland, 94, Holloway-rd., Birmingham. 92)

GLUCKE Roller cocks, Randall's strain, 1915, 7/6 and 8/6; hens, 2/-; cold room bred: Fiddler, 26, Thornton-st., Preston. (91)

TWO smart 1915 Roller hens, own breeding, cold room, in perfect condition, 6/-; approval: Beach, Monnow-st., Monmouth. (85)

DEEP water Glucke Rollers, prize strain; cocks, 15/-, 20/-; hens 4/6 each: Parker, 12, Friston-st., Ladywood, Birmingham. (79)

BEAUTIFUL young Seifert Rollers cock Canaries, singing nicely, accept 4/6 each: Miss Jones, Harlech House, Aberystwyth. (95)

ROLLER cocks, in song, 4/-, 4/6 each; hens, 2/-; cold room bred; giving them away at money: Price, Pontryffydd Lodge, Trefnant, N. Wales. (92)

GRAND lot of young Roller cocks now in, full song, bred from trained songsters, 5/- to 7/6: Stevens, Waverley-chambers, Harrogate. (91)

ROLLERS, 1915, clear yellows and variegated, cocks 7/6, hens 3/-; all singing well and perfectly healthy: Lascelles, Roborough, Valley-rd., Streatham. (86)

WATER glucke Rollers, contest strain, B.R.C.C. rung, cocks from 15/-; one fit for contest, 22/6; sale or exchange: Jones, 15, Princess-st., Bilston.

NOTICE: Grand lot high-class Rollers, day and gaslight songsters, 15/- each; approval; easy payments arranged: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (89)

BREEDER and exhibitor of water glucke Rollers; cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 4/-; B.R.C.C. rung; 1915; approval: J. Mawhood, 26, Walton-la., Nelson, Lancs. (88)

ROLLER cocks (1915), real good birds, noted strain, 12/6 each; few hens, 3/6 each; inspection invited: M. Mason, 11, King-st., Netherton, near Dudley. (85)

GRAND selection of Roller Canaries; cocks, full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens 2/6, 3/-; safely packed for any distance: Seedsman, 163, Princese-st., Manchester. (93)

BRITISH Rollers, Randall's strain direct, cold room bred, rung B.R.C.C.; 1915 cocks from 8/6, hens 5/6, or 8/6 pair: Hughes, Surrey Villa, Long-lane, Church End, Finchley. (84)

ROLLERS, best money can buy; Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; extra specials, 12/6 each, hens 2/6; all sent my risk; any dead replaced; approval: Days, Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (85)

SPLENDID Roller cocks, in full song, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- upwards; hens, 3/- upwards; cash or easy payments; stamp reply: Rossell, 85, Whitton-rd., Hounslow, Middlesex. (85)

EVERY bird worth double the price; 4 green Roller hens, 1915, pure Randall's, 3/6 each, or 13/- the lot; green cock, Schoolmaster, 7/6, cost 20/-: McKay, Bootmaker, Forfar. (91)

TWO good Glucke cocks, B4; 3 1915 hens, 3 double breeders, one 3-compartment, 2 zinc flights, 50/- lot; would separate or exchange lady's gold chain: Waddicor, 5, Holly-st., Rochdale. (84)

GRAND lot of rich yellow and variegated young Roller cock Canaries, exceptionally good songsters, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/-; hens 2/6: Harris, 55, Beak-st., Regent-st., London, W. (73)

HIGH-class glucke Rollers, cocks, 12/-, 15/-; hens, 4/-, 5/-; same strain as my Cups and Medals winners; Mr. Willows' strain; approval, cash or deposit note: Morris, 36, Dale-st., Wrexham. (73)

RANDALL'S cup strain, all club rung, "B5 x 43," won an ex-4th Bacup Roller Contest last month; grand Schoolmaster, 50/- only; "B5.39." won highly commended, in same class of 68. 27/6: "B4.13," scored 21 points Birmingham, 20 London International Contest, has grand bass roll, 25/-; water glucke hens, can breed winners, 5/-; approval, deposit; all customers during the last six years have bought first Roller cock sent, except one. 12/2/1915. Atherton, "M.B.R.C.C.," 26, Christian-rd., Preston, 21 points, Birmingham. (89)

ROLLER CANARIES.

VOOGT'S STRAIN.

SEASON 1915-16.

Once more I must apologise for delay in sending out the 12/6 Rollers. The following arrived to-day, Wednesday, 1st December:—

70 COCKS No. I.

140 COCKS No. III.

NO HENS.

No birds can be despatched on Saturdays. For all sendings to Yorkshire, Lancashire, South and West of England, I despatch by early morning trains, to arrive same day. For Scotland and Ireland night trains only. No birds are sent on approval. They travel absolutely at the risk and expense of the purchasers. 20,000 have been distributed in twelve months with only six bona-fide complaints.

Roller Cocks.—No. 1, 12/6 each, 7 for 60/-. These Rollers are now arriving for the first time with the soft sweet Roller note; they gain in song weekly with careful management.

Roller Cocks.—No. 2, 7/6 each, 7 for 45/6. Good strong hardy birds, serviceable songsters; splendid value for money.

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SCOTCH Fancies, clear yellow and buff cocks and hens, reasonable: J. Muir, 224, Easter-rd., Leith, N.B. (90)

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CLEAR buff Yorkshire cock, vhc only time out, 10/-; approval: A. Williams, Dolgarrog Hotel, Tal-y-Cain, North Wales. (93)

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SEVEN cocks, 6 hens, 2 breeding cages, 1 flight, 50/-; good singers, this year's: 22, Montreal-road, Streatham Hill. (95)

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FORTY good Norwich, Borders, mostly 1915; clearing; cheap; immediate disposal necessary; seeing means buying: R. H. Livingstone, 240, Main-st., Rutherglen. (94)

BARGAINS: Grand lot Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, and Roller Canaries, cocks 3/-, cock and hen 5/-; package, 3d.; approval: McKeand, 15, Queen-st., Castle Douglas. (80)

FOR sale, all classes of Canaries, Norwich, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; Yorkshires, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; Rollers, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; few at 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6: Ingram, 54, Goulton-st., Hull. (82)

BARGAINS; must clear; 40 Norwich and Yorkshires, from 12/- pair; odd cocks, cheap; cages given in approval; stamp reply: Papple, 24, Laurance-st., West Hartlepool. (87)

TWO grand buff cocks, both winners and grand stock birds, non-fed, 25/-, 30/- each, or 50/- the two; 2 unflighted yellow cocks, 15/- each; splendid size: Dunning, 12, Garden-st., Tunbridge Wells. (35)

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Yorkshire, Norwich, or Border Canaries, lovely songsters; cocks, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, 3/-, 3/6 each; Roller cocks, full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/-; cock Brown Linnets, fine songsters, 1/- each; three, 2/6; cock Goldfinches, 2/6 each; cock Bullfinches, 2/6; hens, 1/6; cock Skylarks, full loud song, 2/- each; safely packed; any distance: Princess Aviaries, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (93)

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MONSTER twice house-moulted Siberian hen Bullfinch, wonderful specimen, finger tame, £1: Taylor, Draper, Bideford. (35)

TWO dark Mules, Goldfinch Canary, Linnet Canary, colour fed, both winners, 10/6 each: Stone, 35, Fortescue-rd., Exeter. (87)

LINNET-CANARY, proved Mulers, 6/6; with extra hen Canary, 10/-; approval; deposit: G. Harries, Steam Bakery, Goodwick, Pem. (86)

NOTICE. Wanted, Goldfinch Mules, Linnet Mules, cocks and hens; approval, deposit: Blackett, 43a, Rushton-st., New North-rd., London. (95)

TWO grand 1915 cock Goldfinch Mules, 12/6 each; singing; approval; deposit; useful exchange: Woodhouse, 21, Millgate, Newark, Notts. (88)

BROWN Linnet Mule, Goldfinch note, suit catcher, 12/6; also Goldfinch Mule, splendid show bird and songster, 10/6: Turnbull, Montgomery. (91)

EXHIBITORS, Goldie-Canary, 2nd Clapham, five months, 15/6, gargain; Bluethroat, perfect moulted, 30/-: Skipton, 73, Cloudesdale-rd., Balham. (82)

COCK Linnet and hen Canary, paired for muling, 3/6 pair; cock Greenfinch and hen Canary, 2/6 pair: D. Coombes, Stockton-st., West Hartlepool. (93)

LARGE pink-eyed Sib.-bred hens, sure light Mule breeders, 5/6 each; cocks in full song, 7/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (33)

GENUINE Sibs., no rubbish, yellow hen, bred 6-pointed Mule, 30/-; buff hen, bred 6-pointed Mule, 20/-; cocks to match, cheap: Rowley, Elston, Crediton. (99)

COCK Goldfinch and sib hen, bred variegated Mules last season, 10/6 pair; 2 field-moulted cock Goldfinches, 3/- each; approval: D. Betty, Goodwick, Pem. (87)

BARGAIN: Large light hen, from clear muling strain, guaranteed untried, fine bird, £1; variegated yellow hen, 5/-; or exchange (winning Goldie): H., 24, Jenner-rd., Stoke Newington. (96)

GIANT Scotch cock Linnet, in full song, only 1/6, with good large hen Canary, sure mulers, 5/6 the pair; 6 days' approval, cash or deposit Editor: Edwin North, Canary Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (95)

COLOUR-fed Goldfinch-Linnet, 1st at Bedford, 15/-; Siskin Mule, 4th, same class, 7/6; fed Greenfinch Mule, good colour, 6/-; hen Greenfinch, a beauty, hand-reared, fit for show, 5/-; hen Canaries, Sib. bred, 5/- each; approval: Wilmot, Arcade, Bedford.

GRAND variegated cock Linnet Mule, 3rd Sheffield, 30/-; fine hen Greenie, winner and breeder, 6/6; very light Chaffinch hen and muling Greenie cock, 12/6 pair, hen can win Albino class; hand-reared hen Linnet, a good one, 3/6; cock yell. Siskin, will breed with anything, 7/6; approval with pleasure: Andrews, Weston, Olney, Bucks. (93)

MULE BREEDERS, NOTE!

Hens for light muling, yellow, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, buff 4/- and 5/-; for dark or singing Mule breeding, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; three mixed, 8/-; cages 30.; several proved Mule breeding cock Goldfinches: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

NUMBER surplus Budgerigars and Cockatiels for sale, reasonable price: J. Orotava House, Ore, Hastings. (90)

BUDGERIGARS from outdoor aviary, greens 6/-, yellows 7/- per pair: Robertshaw, 59, Hammond-st., Halifax. (85)

AFRICAN Grey Parrot, red tail, wanted; price and particulars: Gould, 7, Yardley-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham. (83)

FOR sale, Amazon Talking Parrot, large bird, nice plumage, healthy, 60/-, or offers: Folland, Old Swan, Liverpool. (89)

GREEN Amazon Parrot, acclimatised, healthy, can talk, £2 or best offers: Steele, 11, Thornton-rd., Wallasey, Ches. (72)

BUDGERIGARS, yellows 5/6 pair, 4 pairs £1; greens 4/- pair, 3 pairs 10/6: Miss Wigram, Frensham, Farnham. (85)

ADULT Budgerigars, bred in outdoor flight aviary, greens 5/- pair, yellow cock 3/-: Gray, Symmimore House, Wednesbury. (92)

BUDGERIGARS, 3 young birds, green, 2/- each; all outdoors: Davis, Lyndale, Jumper's aven., Christchurch, Hants. (85)

FOR sale, Bulbul, lovely bird, deep melodious whistle, will eat from fingers, price 15/-: Apply, C. M. Y., Theddingworth, Rugby. (84)

AMAZON Parrot, good talker, 4 years old, £4; splendid talking Rock, £3 10s.; part exchange W. B., 34, Oakley-st., Lambeth. (97)

BUDGERIGARS, from outdoor aviaries, adult greens 6/- pair, cocks 2/6, hens 3/6: Hay, 5, Woodlands-rd., Barnes Common. (84)

AMAZON Parrot, excellent talker, whistler, and mimic; accept 50/-, with cage; exchange: Steelsman, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (90)

BUDGERIGARS, greens 4/6, yellows 6/- per pair; hints on feeding, breeding, free: Hood's Budgerigar Aviaries, East Harling, Norfolk. (86)

YELLOW Budgerigar, strong, outdoor aviary bred, 7/6 pair; youngsters 2/6 each: Mrs. Wheeler, Kingham-hill, Chipping Norton, Oxon. (92)

PERFECT condition, Stanley Parrakeets, from outside; pairs or single, own breeding; pair Magpie Mannikins, breeders: Smith, Woodlands, Kendal (86)

INDIAN green Parrot, just commencing to talk, very tame, 30s., or exchange Canaries; others: Tomson, Hl, High-rd., Willesden Green. (93)

COCK Pileated Parrakeet, perfect health and plumage, two years in outdoor aviary, 22/6; Green, Shelbrooke, Kibworth, Leicestershire. (84)

SPLENDID Amazon Parrot, lovely talker, accept 45/-, with handsome cage: Miss Joyce, 9, Rosamond-pl., Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester. (93)

GRAND cock Zebra Finch, 6/6; three large Budgerigars, 7/6; Paradise Whydah, coming colour, 5/-; cash; approval: Beard, Llandrindod Wells. (92)

GORGEOUS talking tame scarlet, blue, and yellow Macaw, large white Cockatoo, Budgerigars: Particulars, Mrs. Gilbert, Blindgrooms, Shadoxhurst, Kent. (90)

PENNANT Parrakeet, £2 2/-; cock Redrump Parrakeet, 30/-, perfect, brilliant condition; from cold outdoor aviary; Slawson, Chemist, Matlock Bath, Derbyshire. (85)

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Wales.

Dec. 9.—**Porth and Rhondda Valley C.B.S.**—(J. H. Bevan, 66, Pontypridd Rd., Porth, Glam.) T.L.C., E.J.D.

1916.

Jan. 11.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. H. Davies, 24, College Hill.)

Ireland.

Dec. 3-4.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(W. Montgomery, 62, Church Street).

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Amalgamated Cage Bird Society's Annual Open Show of **Canaries, Hybrids, British** and **Foreign Cage Birds,** in the **Ball Room, Music Hall Buildings,** on **Saturday, 18th December, 1915.** Judges: Mr. Alexander Harris, Montrose; Mr. George Bennett, Brechin; and Mr. William Allison, Aberdeen. **Entries close on Monday, 13th December, so don't hesitate, but send for schedule and enter now,** to—**R. J. Robertson, Sec., 4, Hosefield Road, Aberdeen.**

SWANSEA

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Twitterings.

Owing to war work I am clearing out my cages, fittings, and seed (see advt. under Cages), writes Mr. Ramsden, Brixton.

The South Co. Dublin C.B.S. has decided to hold its annual show on Jan 4 and 5 in the Town Hall, Kingstown, writes Mr. E. L. Coghlan, assistant sec.

Mr. J. H. Lamb, of Newark, wishes us to call the attention of show secretaries to the fact that owing to illness and business pressure he is not exhibiting any birds this season.

Mansfield C.B.S. is holding an Open Show on Dec. 18. A well-known London judge will officiate, and we trust, writes Mr. B. Gabbitan, Sec., that fanciers will help us to make it a success.

Will those who have unsold tickets or money in respect of Barrow-in-Furness show please forward the same to me, writes Mr. D. M'Farlane, 26, Lord Roberts St., Barrow-in-Furness, as I am desirous of closing the accounts of this noble effort, which was a record of entries and attendance.

In the schedule of Sale Open Show, writes Mr. W. Middleton, owing to an error on the part of the printer, there is no class for buff Norwich hens. Will exhibitors please note this, and enter in "Class 29A, Norwich Plainhead, clear, ticked, or variegated buff hen."

Since our schedule has been issued, writes Mr. W. Curry, sec. Gateshead C.B.S., 6, Roxburgh Place, Neweastle, I have been offered the following specials: 5s, best Nor., 2s. 6d. best Yorks., 5s. best Brit., open to all; valuable special given by Mr. J. Ford Maling for most points throughout the show by a member. Other specials will appear in catalogue. Over 600 schedules have been sent, and anyone overlooked can have one on application. Entries posted on Monday night will be accepted, and I will classify if necessary.

As we are going to press we are informed by telegram that the Truro Show will be held on Boxing Day, as usual.

We have received the price list of the Volunteer Wire Works, Longton, Staffs. It contains a nice collection of cages, baths, fronts, and useful bird-room sundries. Bird-keepers would do well to write to the Company for copy of this list.

Schedules for the great War Red Cross Show at Hamilton, Dec. 11, have been posted, but any fancier missed can have one by applying, writes Mr. W. S. Wilson, Sec., "Glendyne," South Park Road, Hamilton. Two specials given by Messrs. R. Houston and W. Glass are omitted from the schedule, but will be competed for all the same.

I would like to appeal to exhibitors for their support to Great Horton cage-bird show in the Cross Lane Council School, Dec. 11, writes Mr. A. W. Hartley, sec., 1, Cragg St., Great Horton. The society is one of the oldest in the district, and has again placed a splendid classification before exhibitors. The Committee are real fanciers, and every attention will be paid to the exhibits. Mr. H. W. Battye, Huddersfield, will judge, and he and the society are hoping that he may have a good morning's work. (See advertisement.)

A Fine Classification for Borders.

At Edinburgh open show, Dec. 31, Jan. 1 (see advt.) 24 classes will be provided for Borders; 19 open, 2 novice, and 3 selling.

An Appreciation.

Kindly allow me to express my thanks to the committees of Halifax and Darlington shows for the prompt and splendid manner they returned my birds, writes Mr. W. Fairhurst; they deserve all praise. May their future shows meet with every success.

THE NEW POSTAL REGULATIONS.

The attention of correspondents is directed to the fact that under the new postal regulations only one ounce can be sent for one penny. From one to two ounces the postage is twopence, and one halfpenny extra is charged for each additional two ounces. Reporters and correspondents who have to send long communications should please use very thin paper and be careful to prepay the postage in full, or we have to pay double the deficiency on delivery.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

Corrections in Show Reports.

At Cowdenbeath 1 and 5 in buff pied Scotch Fancy hens should be Henderson, not Montgomery. 1 in cl. buff Yorks at Cardiff should be Mrs. Holliday, not Holloway, and in the H.M. Goldfinch awards vhc Holborrow should be vhc Coakham.

Prize Money Paid.

We are informed that prize-money has been paid in respect of the following shows; if any winners have been overlooked, they should apply to the respective secretaries: Cardiff, Kidwelly, Swansea, Darlington, Haltwhistle, Blaenavon.

Watford Expects a Good Time.

Watford C.B.S. has been granted the patronage of the National British Bird and Mule Club and the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League. Entries are needed to make the show a success, and these should be posted on Saturday to Mr. J. Goodall, 56, Market Street, Watford, Herts., to be in time. Fanciers and exhibitors will be heartily welcomed at the show. Facilities for reaching Watford have been greatly increased by the linking up of the London and N.W.R. with the "Bakerloo" by through trains from the Elephant and Castle to Willesden Junction, whence fast trains run to Watford Junction, or frequent fast trains run from Euston direct.

Special Notice to Correspondents.

Every day we have to pay fines upon insufficiently stamped communications, and these penalties are double the amount of the short paid postage. Excessive postage may be in many cases avoided by the use of extra thin paper, but in any case we must ask our correspondents to please prepay the postage in accordance with the regulations which were explained in a special announcement in our last week's issue, and which are repeated elsewhere on this page.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

A THEFT OR A MISTAKE: WHICH?

Extraordinary Incident at an Edinburgh Show.

In the appended letter that well-known Scottish fancier, Mr. A. W. Watson briefly recounts the remarkable disappearance of two of his birds from a show held on Saturday last. We have no doubt our readers will be interested to learn whether anything further is heard of the missing exhibits.

Sir,—I have had two birds lifted from the Edinburgh and District Cage Bird show held on Saturday, Nov. 27, namely 1st prize Goldfinch, class 51, No. 1; also Linnet, class 54, No. 2. Should any fancier have these birds I shall feel obliged if he will communicate with me at the undermentioned address. The cages, prize-cards and drinkers have all gone with the birds. The Linnet I had already promised to a fancier over the Border. Any information will be thankfully received.—A. W. Watson (58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh).

THE PROPOSED GREAT LONDON BIRD SHOW.

REGRETFULLY ABANDONED FOR THIS SEASON.

A special meeting was convened for Nov. 26th at the York Hotel, York Street, Piccadilly, to consider the advisability of holding early in the New Year a large Amalgamated London Show in place of the Crystal Palace and Horticultural Hall annual fixtures, which owing to various causes have had to be abandoned. The following gentlemen attended, representing the London and Provincial O.S., National British Bird and M.C., London C.B.A., and Foreign Bird E.L.: Messrs. Robson (Chairman), J. W. Ramsden, T. Heath, A. Silver, C. T. Maxwell, R. Mannering, A. J. Watcham, P. Johnston, E. Stephens, J. Frostick, and T. R. Trower.

After a prolonged and animated discussion it was unanimously agreed that owing to the following reasons it was almost impossible for a large London show to be successfully organised:—

It would probably result in a heavy financial loss through increased cost of staging, printing, postage, etc. Want of the hitherto prompt carriage facilities of the railway companies bringing exhibits to the show; this would entail, under the present regulations, a special motor collection, paid for by us, to and from the various London termini to enable the birds to reach the show in time for exhibition, and also for their prompt dispatch on the return. There would probably be a deficiency in the usual voluntary labour which, with a large show of this description, is so necessary. There would need to be early closing of the show; also probable alteration of arrangements through military reasons. Delay en route to and from long distances, with a certain proportion of the delicate and valuable exhibits might result to their serious detriment, and a large share of the onus would be thrown on the promoters of the show.

The gentlemen present, while deeply regretting disappointing so many of their old supporters, could not ignore these serious probabilities, which in a show of this magnitude would be sure to crop up. They very kindly asked me to intimate through the Fancy Press to those who have so kindly supported the Crystal Palace and Horticultural Hall Shows in the past their very deep regret, in which all must share, at not being able to provide something to take their place. When the great and grave crisis which lies upon us has passed away we hope to see the old faces, and many new ones, and to revive that keen rivalry which has so distinguished exhibitors in the past.—T. R. Trower.

Border Fancies in Wales.

I should like to draw exhibitors' attention to the liberal classification for the show, Dec. 9, especially in Borders, writes Mr. J. H. Bevan, hon. sec. Porth and Rhondda Valley C.B.S. We are giving 11 classes for Borders, the same as in Yorkshire and Norwich, hoping to have the support of Border Fanciers. Now is the time for the Border Fancy men to come forward. Entries are very slow up to the present. The following specials are offered in open competition:—5s. cash for best Redpoll, 5s. cash for best Bullfinch or Greenfinch, 5s. cash for best A.O.V., 5s. 6d. pipe for best dark mule, mounted walking stick for best nov. Yorks., also several other specials which will appear in the catalogue.

"I sold all my British through my advert. last week, and could have sold some of the pairs three or four times over."—J. McKAY (Forfar).

"My advertisement in CAGE BIRDS produced magnificent results, despite the present crisis."—D. J. JAMES (Shepherd's Bush).

The Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid and its Visit to London.

OWING to the public spirited action of Mr. T. H. Anderson in sending the bird all the way from Darvel in Ayrshire for our inspection, we have had an opportunity of making a close examination of the Song Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid, the hatching of which was announced in our issue of May 15 last.

We would say at once that the bird so closely resembles a Thrush, and upon casual inspection shows so little trace of its Blackbird parentage, that any judge who was not in possession of the facts which have been known to us from the beginning would be justified in not accepting the bird as a bona-fide competitor in a class for Hybrids, and there is little wonder that the judge at Carlisle, Mr. John Robson, rejected it as being purely and simply a Thrush.

A short resume of the actual facts, as published in our columns from time to time may be of interest to those who have not back numbers of CAGE BIRDS for reference. In our issue of May 15 Mr. Anderson's first letter appeared, and in this he said that a hen Blackbird which had moulted twice in his outdoor aviary, and which had laid twelve eggs in the first year, and fifteen in the second year, had in the present year hatched two eggs out of three in her first nest, and that the only possible male parent of the young birds was either a Corn Bunting or a Song Thrush, as he had no other large British birds in the aviary.

Those Who Saw the Young.

On May 22 we published a second letter from Mr. Anderson and a certificate from Mr. Nicol C. Hopkins, the President of Darvel C.B.S., that he had seen the young birds and they could not be otherwise than Hybrids, as stated. On May 29 Mr. Anderson reported progress, and his letter was accompanied by one from Mr. A. Beaton, also a member of the Darvel C.B.S., and a frequent visitor to Mr. Anderson's aviary.

Then, in our issue of June 12 we published an article by Mr. Anderson fully detailing the breeding of the Hybrids, and giving an account of a second nest of young from the same two birds.

On Nov. 13 we published a final letter from Mr. Anderson describing the progress of the young birds, and their plumage after the moult, and this letter was accompanied by another saying that after the disqualification of the bird at Carlisle he had sent the judge the actual eggshell out of which it was hatched.

Being primed with a knowledge of all these facts, and bearing in mind that it was outside the bounds of possibility that anyone could have deliberately prepared the ground beforehand in such a systematic manner merely with the object of foisting a fraud, we had, as we have said, an advantage over any judge who was faced for the first time with a specimen such as the one now in question.

The bird was with us for two days, during which time it was subjected to the most critical examination. At one moment it was being handled and inspected by three well-known judges of British birds, gentlemen who have officiated for several years at the Crystal Palace and the principal shows elsewhere. Our friend, Mr. W. A. Lott, who knows a Thrush perhaps as well as any British bird-keeper who might be mentioned, was one of the many others who saw the bird while it was in our charge, and among them all there was not one who did not agree that upon close examination the Blackbird parentage could be traced.

The Evidence Considered.

The general conclusions may be summed up as follows: The bird being a bird of the year, and probably a hen, could scarcely be expected to show its Blackbird origin very distinctly, especially as even a cock Blackbird is not really *black* in its first year. There is a general "sootiness" along the flanks which would certainly not be expected in a Thrush, and there is a depth of colour on the sides and abdomen which also would indicate a Blackbird origin. The buff edging which is so distinctive a feature of the median and greater wing coverts of a Thrush is entirely lacking in this bird. There is no white on the under tail-coverts, as in a Thrush. The colour of the feet (legs) is dark brown, which will become darker with age, while the feet of a Thrush are pale yellowish horn in colour. The beak is longer and darker than would be expected in a Thrush. The eyeceres form a very distinct circle, and are much more definite under the eye than in a Thrush. In length the tail feathers are between those of a Thrush and a Blackbird, and the bird can spread them exactly as a Blackbird does in flying from bush to bush. There is none of the golden buff which belongs to the neck and breast of a Thrush, all this part of the plumage being of a dingy brown.

Points That Tell.

All these points, small matters as they may individually be, being combined in one bird, we have no hesitation whatever in pronouncing the bird to be the genuine product of a cross between a cock Song Thrush and a hen Blackbird (of the Blackbird there can be no possible doubt, as she laid and hatched the eggs). We thank the breeder, Mr. Anderson, for giving us the opportunity of seeing this unique Hybrid, and congratulate him upon the possession of such a rara-avis, also more particularly upon setting at rest the question of the possibility of Song Thrush-Blackbird Hybrids, as several have claimed to have bred them, though we cannot remember that any previous claim has been substantiated, while instances of the supposed mating of the two species in a wild state have been not infrequently reported.

We must not forget to express our acknowledgments to Mr. Lott for his kindness in supplying us with an unlimited supply of mealworms and "insective" food for the sustenance of the bird while it was with us, and we trust the Hybrid is none the worse for its long journey from Ayrshire to us and back to its home in Mr. Anderson's aviary.

THE BIRDKEEPERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

A Fancier's Four Sons.

SIR,—Mr. T. G. Stubbs, one of our members, has three sons with the colours: Driver A. Stubbs, Deptford Gun Brigade; Private H. Stubbs, 22nd Queen's Regt.; and Private C. Stubbs, 20th Batt. Middlesex Regt. Besides these, our member has had one son, Private J. Stubbs, of the 3rd Worcester, killed in action in France.—W. Gilbert, Hon. Sec.

In the Seaforth Highlanders.

SIR,—Having seen by CAGE BIRDS, that you are making up a Roll of Honour for fanciers, I beg to inform you that I have been a member of the 4th Seaforths, but unfortunately was discharged from the service through illness five months after war broke out. I have undergone training at Bedford, and while there had the luck of paying a visit to last year's Bedford show. I got a very warm reception from the Bedfordshire fanciers, and I should have liked very much to have been able to visit same this year, as I should have been delighted to meet your world-famed artist, Mr. Norman, who was judging the show.

Kildary, Ross. D. ROBERTSON.

Sunderland C.B.A.

SIR,—Two of our members, M. Connerton, R.G.A., and T. Tallantyre, Motor Transport Section, have joined H.M. Forces, and are now in France. Good luck to them both, and may they soon be back to their homes and to their hobby.

JOHN PEACOCK, Hon. Sec.

Some Well-known Scottish Fanciers.

SIR,—Just a line to say there are in our battalion here a few well-known fanciers serving in the 4th K.O.S.B., including Sergt. J. W. Bruce, Coldstream, Judge of cage birds, A. Affleck, Kelso, and A. Fraser, Jedburgh, all ready to do their little bit, and all wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.

(PTE.) AFFLECK, 7137.
12th Provisional Batt., Inverkeithing.

How the Fancy Helps the Soldiers.

The gate at our annual open show, writes Mr. H. Clegg, sec. Halifax O.S., was £5 16s. 3d., and we have sent half of that amount to the local Comfort Fund. The amount collected in the boxes in addition was 11s. 0½d. We have not had a gate like this for some years, it being more than when we had over 800 entries. I also wish to thank all the 146 exhibitors who so kindly helped us in our efforts, and CAGE BIRDS for the report of our show.

Correspondence.

Good at the Shows and in the Breeding Cage.

SIR,—It was a pleasant surprise to find on the front page of CAGE BIRDS my variegated yellow Yorkshire cock. Your artist can make a very good reproduction indeed. This bird, while winning himself for me, also produced young which helped to win the Yorkshire Nest Feather Cup of the Western Counties O.S., Plymouth. Much help is received by me from your valuable weekly journal, and I do not see how a fancier can expect to make progress without it.

HY. CRAVEN.

What's the Matter with the City of Glasgow Show?

SIR,—Another show season is drawing to a close. One of the best shows in Scotland at one time was the "City of Glasgow," but the club held no show last season, and there is no word of one this season. Surely the management have not lost heart owing to the war? Or can the question be: Is the City of Glasgow Club alive or dead? If alive, why cannot the members put their shoulders to the wheel and have a show as before. Look at the Glasgow and District, a club that has struggled on year after year: last year's show was a success (in spite of the war), and their show of 12th and 13th November last, with an entry of almost 1,000 birds, is sure to leave a balance on the right side. Perhaps some "City" men can enlighten the Fancy as to why their society cannot hold a show.

BRIAR BUSH.

Who "Pinched" the Water Tins?

A Warning to Fanciers.

Sir,—I have been at four shows this season. At Beamish, the first, I had five tins taken off my cages, and there was a lot shouting out about them. Then I showed at South Moor, a week after, and there was the same old cry about missing tins. At Sacriston Show, however, I never heard a word about them. At Pelton Show there were also a lot of troughs taken from the cages. There, a novice told me he had marked his tins, and that he had to take two of them from off another man's cages. I think that when a fancier has no troughs he should ask for the loan of what he wants, not take them off cages without the consent of other fanciers. I think, too, that as they are only 9d. a dozen, every fancier should get them for himself. It is a serious thing to remove a tin off any man's cage, for the bird might not have had a drink, also it might happen to die just through a clarty penny trough.

JAMES STANGER.

Another Aspect of the Novice Question.

SIR,—I have read the letter signed "Novice" with some surprise, re winner of novice open cup—I presume he means members' cup. The assertion that the father of the person declared the winner has an interest in the birds that won, I can say without fear of contradiction, it is a mistake. If he has it on good authority that such is the case, why did he not lodge a protest in the proper way, and the matter would have been dealt with to his complete satisfaction. Further, his friend, whose wife's entries were returned for amendment, has on more than one occasion shown at the same shows and knows perfectly well neither he nor anyone else raised any objection when the son referred to won the novice cup at show, Nov., 1914.

Then "Novice" gives his version of the injustice in not accepting an exhibitor's wife's birds in the novice section. I am afraid his statement is misleading, and give him facts. Mr. J. has for a number of years been a member of the society, and in July 1913 suggested transferring his Norwich birds to his wife and joining her as a member of the society if she would be allowed to exhibit as a novice. The rule was fully explained to him, and the matter ended where it was. When entries for 1915 show were about to close he sends entries for Yorkshires in his own name in champion section, and entries in his wife's name for Norwich in novice section, both nominated for the same cup. His own entries I accepted, and as I could not according to rule accept those in his wife's name in novice section, I wrote and explained same to him, sending fresh entry form and returning fees. At the same time I offered to allow him to amend the wife's entries to the champion section. He preferred to demand return of his entry money. Having returned his wife's, and as the catalogue was in the printer's hands and his cage numbers allotted, I refused his request. I on no occasion said she would have to show in champion section. This was the only course open, if your correspondent will study facts, so where is the injustice he speaks of?

I am at a loss to know who is the raw novice who ran the dead heat for a cup never offered for competition. I would also remind him that a novice, according to our rule, is one who has never won a 1st prize in open competition or three 1sts in open novice classes, and not necessarily a beginner. It is not an uncommon thing to find persons of 20 years' experience in the Fancy still eligible for, and showing in novice sections, and, according to rule of most shows, quite entitled to. The cup winner he takes exception to has never shown except in members' shows of the society.

I will leave it with the Editor to express his opinion whether I was correct in refusing the wife's entries under such circumstances, and shall welcome the presence of the injured (?) party at our December meeting, when his grievances will be gone into, if such is his desire.

HON. SECRETARY.

[Any secretary who acts strictly in accordance with the rules of his society cannot, of course, go wrong.—EDITOR.]

Eastleigh's Successful Show.

Wounded Soldiers Much Interested.

SIR,—Allow me to thank exhibitors at our recent show who have sent their congratulations, as I find it impossible to answer all individually. I am very pleased to say that it has turned out very satisfactorily. All exhibits were here in good time, and staged before our judge arrived, while a good number of visitors made the show a complete success, 30 per cent. of the gate being handed to the Cigarette Fund for the wounded, amount £1 4s. Wounded soldiers were admitted free, and over 250 passed the gate. Several winners changed hands, and all prize-money has been paid. Amongst the special winners were Mr. S. Fayle (shield), L. Page, L. Bousfield, H. J. Vale, and J. Thornton (silver medals). The committee worked well, and all rail exhibits had left by 10 p.m.

J. ALDERSLADE.

Should Present-day Exhibtion Lancashires be Abolished?

SIR,—Replying to Mr. E. Fuller's letter of last week, he says Mr. B. Clegg remarked that he (Mr. C.) must find what bit of Lancashire there was to be found. Mr. Clegg was judge, and should not have needed anyone else's opinion. With regard to the Lancashire breeders that are left, I say without fear that my father, who is partner with me and has shown for over forty years without a break, has shown and won as many times as any other fancier in the variety. I am told by several fanciers that Mr. Fuller never had but one bird worth looking at, and it only won 1st once, and that was at Glossop. He has never won to my knowledge, and I have been showing now in my own name a few years. He says in his letter: "No showing or selling for me." When I saw that I had to laugh, because I have only been in his rooms once and I saw more rubbishy birds of all varieties, including his favourito variety, the Crest and Crestbred, than I have seen in all the rooms I have been in, before or since. If I had known that he was going to take part in the judging of Manchester show, I could have put some birds on the bench that I consider would have suited him, but for my part these are best left in the room after what Mr. Fuller said to me when he judged Nottingham and Notts show on Nov. 11, 1911. I asked him what was the matter with my yellow and buff coppies, and he said he could tell them, so he thought he would give someone else a chance, so he gave the yellow Coppy he and left the buff Coppy cardless. I think if that is encouraging Fanciers and the variety, it is only a poor way. I think if Mr. Fuller would start showing, instead of doing so much trying to break the Fancy up, we should get a better idea of what he wants. The only consolation a fancier can get out of him is a request to "come and have a drink." He has done this with me; or, "how is your father, as he is worth all the birds, for I can get on with him better than I can with you." The first person I saw when I got to Ardwick show on Nov. 13, 1915, was Mr. E. Fuller, and the first words he said were: "Why don't you sell the buff Coppy, as there is somebody wants to buy it?" But though we are only working people, we love the hobby and also the Lancashire variety, and are not going to be told what to do by someone with more rubbish than ourselves.

G. FITTON.

A letter from Mr. Jameson is unavoidably held over until next week.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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Blaenavon's Successful Show.

SIR,—I wish to thank all exhibitors who showed at our show. Also our Editor for the effective advertising, etc., and we hope for more entries next year. All up country birds were sent away by the 6.30 train, thus making sure of their getting home in good time, and all other exhibits were sent away the same night. I would like to add that all prize-money is sent out, and any exhibitor who may have been overlooked should apply at once. GEORGE BROOME, Sec.

Herbert J. Chick on Himself and Some Others.

Sir,—I read that Mr. Chick would like to live in the country away from Nottingham, so he could see more bird life. How would he like to live at Thornley in the North, and be in the coal pit from morning till night, except Sunday? The only birds he would see here are Linnets, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, and a very few more. Think of the birds one sees in the South. We never grumble, however, though we see many a thing in CAGE BIRDS that some one is grumbling at which we would think it a privilege to get. We, who work in the pit, keep our birds just for fancy, and pay for it. So I don't think H. J. C. should grumble, when he knows how we see bird life here. The nearest shows are Hartlepool and Sunderland, 15 miles off each way from where I live, and still we keep in the fancy, and are satisfied. If not, we would give up keeping birds.

SATISFIED.

An Abnormally Coloured Linnet.

SIR,—I went to-day to see a Linnet which a friend of mine bought about this time last year, a quite ordinary brown Linnet, which had had its tail plucked by accident in the shop, but the tail grew quite normal during this summer. The bird has had a house moult, and it has moulted almost a white bird. The tail, back and head, with the exception of a little brown on the top, being white, the breast almost entirely white, the wings nearly even marked with brown, the beak clear like a Goldfinch in breeding condition, and eyes ordinary, not pink, because I looked very closely to see if it was an albino. Have you ever heard of such a thing before, and could you give any reason why it should moult out white? It is perfectly healthy, and was singing lustily when I saw it. Hoping it will be of some interest to you and readers of CAGE BIRDS.

A. JEFFERYS.

[It is not a very infrequent occurrence for a bird to have a few white feathers after a moult, and cases sometimes occur in which birds moult out either entirely white or particoloured as in the present instance. Such abnormally feathered birds are frequently very pretty, and classes are provided for them at some of the more important shows.—EDITOR, "C.B."]

Short Entries: Are Mixed Classes the Cause?

SIR,—Having read with interest notes of various fanciers on the cancelling of classes and other things detrimental to the running of a show, I would like through CAGE BIRDS to state a few facts which I deduce from the reports of shows from time to time. Many societies are grumbling at the lack of entries, but do committees ever think of giving a better and more sensible classification? I find some continue year after year in mixing species of different birds in one class, such as "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," "A.O.V. British," "A.O.V. Finch," and so on, till we begin to wonder why they don't put them all in one class, just to save trouble. A more liberal classification would meet with far more success, in my opinion. What's the matter that they can't give a class each for the Siskin, the Redpoll, the Mealy Redpoll and Twite? Then, again, with Bramblefinches and Chaffinches run in contact, it's a sure case that the Chaffie has almost always to sit back. More entries could be got by dividing these, as I am confident many who have good Chaffinches keep them at home, knowing that it takes an exceptional specimen to beat a Bramble. English fanciers appear to be more guilty of muddling them up in this fashion than the "Sons of the North." Most liberal classes are given throughout all our provincial shows, and if we do have a short class now and again we find at least that fanciers are getting a fair run for their money. Many other lots are run together, with a view to economy, no doubt, by the societies which adopt these methods, but from a fancier's point of view it does not just meet the requirements. I have often seen a splendid Lesser Redpoll stand fourth in a mixed class, which if among its own kind would have been reckoned a champion. Judges, of course, in this case have no other option than that of splitting the class by placing one of each species by rotation, or nearly so.

FIFE.

The Shows.

EASTLEIGH.

Annual show, Nov. 17, 18, Council Chambers, a grand hall, with splendid light. Norwich did not come up very well, no doubt through the show date clashing with Reading and Cardiff, but Yorks. were a hot lot. Mr. Bousfield's unflighted buff was much admired, also the Nov. Norwich Challenge Cup winner, a grand saddle mkd. yellow, shown by Mr. White. British were a grand lot. Messrs. Franvis, Vale, and Burr put down some real stormers. The secs., Mr. Alderslade and Mr. Clark, are real champions at their work, and had everything in first-class order. Mr. W. R. Miles judged, and his awards seemed to meet with satisfaction.

NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Cook, hot col., nice qual.; 2, Foyle, beautiful type and qual., loses a bit in size; 3, Silk, good type and col., not quite so good qual. TKD., ETC.: 1, Cook, cap and wing mkd., nice type and qual.; 2, Alderslade, eye tkd., good size, nice type, down in col. CL. BUFF: 1, 3, Page, regular bouncer, good head, short neck, nice type and qual.; 3rd, not so neat in wings; 2, Silk, very hot col., nice type and qual., loses a little in head; vhc, Cook; hc, Parkes; c, Alderslade. TKD.: 1, Page, large neck tick, good head and neck, nice wings, not overdone in col.; 2, Foyle, hotter col., good qual., a wee bit pinched in head; 3, Alderslade, not quite the size, but beautiful type and qual. HENS: 1, Foyle, sweet cl. buff, good head, neck, and wings, beautiful type and qual.; 2, Silk, yell., not the size, good col., nice head and neck; 3, c, Page, var., nice head, good wings, nice short flights and tail; vhc, Cook. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Foyle, bonny cl., not over large, but nice qual. and col.; 2, Silk, nice stamp, good col. and qual., a little weak in head; 3, Page, wing mkd., rich col., not quite the subs.; vhc, Holliday; c, Bousfield. BUFF: 1, 3, Foyle, grand col., type, and qual.; 3rd cap mkd., not quite so bold in head; 2, Silk, rather on the small side, beautiful type and qual.; ex, 3, Page, looked like a one-year bird, but being fed from the nest had the benefit of the doubt. NOV., NOR. YELL.: 1, Newell, large, good col., nice type and qual.; 2, Cook, nice type, good size, bit down in col. TKD. YELL.: 1, White, bonny, saddle mkd., beautiful type and qual., wins challenge cup for best Nov. Nor.; 2, Deane, variegd., not quite the type and qual. BUFF: 1, Deane, bonny bird, nice col. and qual., good head and neck; 2, Chandler, larger, but a little thick at waist; 3, Hartnell, good size; vhc, Newell; hc, White. TKD., ETC.: 1, Chandler, neck tkd., rare size, nice type; 2, Melhuish, good type and qual., untidy wings. HENS: 1, Hartnell, bouncing buff, nice head and neck, short wings and tail; 2, Deane, similar, but not quite the subs.; 3, vhc, Peacock, nat. col. yell., nice body, type, and qual.; hc, Newell. YORK., CL. OR INV. TK.: 1, Gamble, hot col., nice head and neck, good type and qual.; 2, Bousfield, grand type and qual., inclined to get wings crossed at times; 3, Matthews, nice style, lovely qual., bit down in col.; vhc, T. Bousfield; hc, Silk; c, Clark. TKD., ETC.: 1, Gamble, nearly even mkd., nice length, good style; 2, Matthews, even mk., not quite the length, but good type and qual.; 3, Maidment, thigh tkd.; vhc, Holliday. CL. OR INV. TKD. BUFF: 1, 2, Gamble, clears, grand type and qual., nice heads, good wings; 2, Silk, cl., very hot col., beautiful qual., loses a little in length; vhc, Holliday. TKD., ETC., BUFF: 1, Holliday, wing mkd., nice pos., good qual. and col.; 2, H. Bonsfield, variegd., rather strong in build, and a weet bit shorter. HENS, ANY COL.: 1, C. E. Silk, nearly even mkd. yell., regular little model, sweet head and neck, grand qual. and col.; 2, 3, Gamble, bonny buff, nice style, feather like wax; 3rd, yell., loses just a little in length; vhc, c, Bousfield; hc, Holliday. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, hc, Bonsfield, neck tkd., well up on leg, nice head, good wings; 2, Maidment, nice cl., but not the qual., not quite fined down; 3, Adams, good qual. and col., loses in length; vhc, Silk. BUFF: 1, 2 spls, Bousfield, one of the best unflighted we have seen this season, Plymouth Diploma winner, hard to find fault with; 2, Gamble, cl., good type, qual., and col.; 3, Maidment, nice style and length, not quite so good in qual.; vhc, c, Holliday. BORD. OR ROLLER: 1, Thornton, bonny buff Bord., nice type, good carr.; 2, c, Thornbank, cinn. mkd., not quite so good carr., nice qual.; vhc, Page; c, Lees. UNFLIG YELL.: 1, Weeks, nice type, bit patchy. BUFF: 1, Newell, grand qual., good head and neck; 2, Chandler, not quite the subs.; 3, Cook, tkd. head, paler col. YORKS., CL., YELL.: 1, sp, Winter, wonderful yell. for a novice, nice col., good style, a credit to anyone; 2, 3, Gentry, hot col., not the length or style; 3rd, good type, but gets his wings up a bit; vhc, Nanson; hc, Thornbank; c, Clark. TKD., ETC.: 1, Thornton, 2, Mason. BUFF CL. 1, Winter. TKD.: 1, Winter. HEN: 1, Mason. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Gentry; 2, 3, Molony. BUFF: 1, Davitt; 2, 3, Gentry. GIFT: 1, 2, Alderslade. A.O.V.: 1, Holliday, nice Belg.; 2, Alderslade, Silver Liz. MULE, LIGHT: 1, sp, Hartnell, variegd. buff, grand qual. and col.; 2, Hindes, nice col., loses size. DARK: 1, sp, c, Haines and Hutchins, bonny Goldie Mule, good size, nice qual., well shown; 2, Thornton, Siskin Mule, nice rich col., good size; 3, vhc, Sargent, monster buff Greenie Mule, little down in col. or would want some beating; hc, Hindes. FOR., SMALL: 1, Parkes, Weaver, good col., nice cord.; 2, 3, Slade, Grassfinch, in grand fettle; 3rd, Pekin Robin, nice size and cond.; vhc, Alderslade; c, Lacey. LARGE: 1, 2, Lacey, Cardinal and Cockatiel in best of cond. GOLDF.: a hot lot: 1, sp, 3, Burr, looks like the L. and P.O.S. winner, much improved, with a little more face will want some stopping; 3rd, inclined to be unsteady, will improve; 2, Hindes, nice blaze, not quite up, yet not the size of winner or so good in tanning; vhc, Aldersslade; hc, Marsh; c, Clark. BULLF.: Another nice lot: 1, 3, Burr, two grand house-moulted, rare size, not quite up in col.; 2, Hindes, F.M., rich col., grand cap, nice bars, steady as a rock; vhc, Sullivan, nice Finch, but inclined to crouch a bit; hc, Lacey; c, Potter. LINNET: 1, sp, Francis, sweet bird, wonderfully solid col, all throughs beautiful pencilling; 2, vhc, hc, Burr, well laced, but not so solid col. or quite so large; c, Walker. GREENF. OR CHAFF.: 1, Hindes, bonny Greenie, grand col., cobby body, a regular little show bird; 2, Francis, close up, real good Finch, but just a shade smaller, nice col., well shown; 3, Deane, bonny Chaffinch, rare size, not quite up in col. yet; vhc, Burr; hc, Vale; c, Potter. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, sp, Francis, bonny Twite, beautifully mkd., good size, well up in col.; 2, 3, Potter, Siskin, good cap, nicely laced on thighs, and a very smart 'Poll; vhc, Newell; hc, Alderslade; c, Vale. A.O.V.: 1, sp, Francis, monster Hawfinch, rare head and neck, nice bib, a wee bit fat; 2, Burr, another grand Hawfinch, nice col. and cond., just beaten in size; 3, Newell, hot-coloured Bramble, rare size, beautiful lacings; vhc, Vale; hc, Pearce; c, Peacock. SELL., 20/-: 1, Bousfield, pair Yorks; 2, Adams; 3, Paige; vhc, Maidment; hc, Chandler; c, Pearce. 10/-: 1, 3, Haines and Hutchins; 2, Burr.

LLANDUDNO.

Eighth annual show of the Welsh Northern Counties C.B.S., The Hippodrome, Craig-y-don, the room being rather cold for cage birds, which was telling on a good many Yorkshires. Entries were good, and quality excellent. President is the Hon. H. L. Mostyne, and Mr. Cragg had the secretarial duties once more, a very capable hand worthy of the post. The Garie Roberts' Cup for best in show was won for the second time by Mr. W. H. Williams with a good yellow Norwich; sp. best Nor. buff unflighted hen, Mr. W. Nolan. Mr. J. P. Baxter judged.

NOR. YELL., CL., ETC. (7): 1, 2, sp., 2, W. H. Williams, capital-bodied cl. leading, good type, size, and col., very lit; 2, var. hen, grand size, type, and subs.; 3, hc, James Jones, typical cl. yell., smaller; res, W. Nolan; vhc, Aitken and Son; c, D. E. Williams. BUFF (10): 1, sp, 2, W. H. Williams, the well-known four-pointed, not quite at his best, still the best Nor.; 2nd, clear buff, good size, nice head and neck, shade long; 3, C. J. Roberts, big var.; res, hc, James Jones; vhc, J. Owen; c, D. E. Williams. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (22): 1, sp, 3, c, W. Nolan, good lengthy cl., well up on legs, grand qual.; 3rd, unflig. cl., well balanced, shapely, good wings and tail; 2, A. M. Williams, mkd., good length, and shape, rich col., inclined to cross wings at times; res., Sergt. Evans; vhc, R. W. Thompson. BUFF (11): 1, sp, 2, Nolan, grand cl., well modelled, full of qual., well known; 2nd, wing mkd., nice length, boxy feather, good wings, very erect; 3, A. M. Williams, head mkd., nice length, good pos.; res, J. Roberts, cl., good length and pose, shapely, might have gone up one; vhc, hc, Sergt. Evans. BORD. (9): 1, sp, 3, E. R. Roberts, leader two-ptd. buff, good shape, neat head, rather long in tail; 3rd, typical cl. buff, a topper, jaunty carr., our choice; 2, vhc, W. Nolan, cl. yell., good type and qual., rather soft; res, hc, J. Jones. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, sp, J. Jones, Jonque Greenf.-Can., capital size, good type and col.; 2, T. J. Hughes, lightly var. Goldie-Can., medium size, good qual.; res, Aitken and Son, good Siskin Mule; 3, H. Griffiths, dark Goldie Mule, good sized buff; vhc, D. E. Williams. GOLDF. (8): 1, sp., J. Jones, capital good-sized Finch, rare flush face, good tanning and marking, well polished; 2, W. D. Roberts, nice size:, good col., blaze, and markings; 3, J. S. Jones, good size and blaze, not quite ready; res, Nolan; vhc, c; J. O. Williams; hc, Jones. A.O. BRIT. (9): 1, sp, 3 Nolan, excellent Waxwing, huge size, good type, fit; 3rd, lustrous-coloured Bramble; 2, Harrison, good-sized Bullie, grand cap, breast, and markings; res, Aitken and Son; vhc, J. Williams; hc, J. Jones; c, R. Roberts. CAN. OR BRIT., NOV. (13): 1, sp, J. Owen, var. dark Crest; 2, 3, res. vhc, Barlow, two good yell. Yorks., lengthy and stylish; 3rd, neat-modelled yell., good qual.; hc, c, T. H. Williams. FOR.: 1, Harrison, well-known Alexandrine, in grand form; 2, sp, J. Jones; res, Miss Dales. SELL., 10/6: 1, sp, Nolan; 2, W. H. Williams; 3, vhc, Sergt. Evans; res, Miss Roberts; hc, Aitken and Son.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Seventh annual open singing contest, Seven Stars Hotel, Wolverhampton, Nov. 4 and 5, and attracted great notice, most of the birds on view being English bred. There were close on 200 birds entered, about the same number as last year, and the competition was grand. Judges: Mr. J. Tomlinson, Newcastle-under-Lyme, champion young birds, Mr. J. H. Willows, pres. of the society, novice young birds, and Mr. Mac Jacquemin, the popular French judge, the remainder. The society possesses some grand officials; the worthy President, Mr. J. H. Willows, is as keen and energetic as ever, nothing seems too much for him in making the show a success, although he had a very tedious task in judging this time. Vice-Presidents Mr. G. Mayo and Mr. W. G. Bird rendered valuable assistance in checking awards and getting on prize tickets, as also did Mr. A. W. Cadman, the Treasurer; in fact, the management was all that one could desire. Mr. J. W. Thomson, the new Sec., and show manager, was just fiue, and had prize money paid out ou second day of show. He was backed up by a good working committee in Messrs. Albiston, Brooks, Grainger, Harrison, Harper, Humphries, Jacquemin, Powell, Smith, and Twigg. The hall is a splendid one, being large and well lighted, free from draughts, and lighted at night by electricity. The birds were on a three-tier stage, and just at a nice height to be seen and heard. The Champion Young Bird Cup was this year won by Mr. A. Harper. The birds all arrived from a distance in splendid order, yet there were just a few birds which would not open out in song. The show was under the patronage of the British Roller Canary Club.

In the report which follows the abbreviations are: H.R., hollow roll; H.B., hollow bell; Sch., schockel; B.T., bell tour; B.R., bell roll; G.R., glucke roll; B.G., bell glucke; W.G., water glucke; K, koller; Bs.R., bass roll; W.R., water roll; D.B.W.T., deep bubbling water tour; G.E., general effect.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS: 1, sp, cup, Harper, 5 H.R., 3 H.B., 3 F.N., 3 W.G., 3 W.R., 4 B.G., 2 B.T., 5 G.E., 3 Sch., total 31; 2, sp, Jacquemin, 5 H.R., 3 H.B., 3 B.R., 3 Sch., 3 W.R., 4 W.G., 3 B.G., 2 B.T., 2 B.R., 4 G.E., total 32, faults 1, total 31; 3 sp, Cadman, 5 H.R., 3 H.B., 4 B.R., 2 Sch., 3 W.R., 4 B.G., 2 B.T., 2 B.R., 5 G.E., 30; 4, sp, Jacquemin, spl. best water glucke, 5 H.R., 3 H.B., 4 B., 3 W.R., 5 W.G., 2 B.T., 2 B.R., 5 G.E., 29; 5, sp, T. Thompson, 3 H.R., 4 H.B., 3 Sch., 3 F.N., 2 W.R., 3 W.G., 4 B.G., 1 B.T., 2 B.R., 4 G.E., total 29; 6, Bird, 4 H.R., 4 H.B., 3 Sch., 3 F., 3 W.R., 3 W.G., 4 B.G., 4 G.E., total 28; 7, Cadman, 4 H.R., 3 H.B., 3 Sch., 2 W.R., 4 W.G., 4 B.G., 2 B.T., 4 G.E., total 28; vhc, Harper, sp. best glucke, 4 H.B., 3 H.R., 5 B.R., 3 W.G., 3 W.R., 3 B.G., 2 B.R., 4 G.E., total 27; vhc, Netherwood, 4 H.R., 3 H.B., 2 B.R., 2 Sch., 3 F., 3 W.R., 3 W.G., 1 B.T., 2 B.R., 4 G.E., total 27; hc, Wantling, 3 H.R., 3 H.B., 3 B.R., 3 Sch., 2 F., 2 W.R., 3 W.G., 3 B.G., 1 B.R., 3 G.E., total 26; hc, Humphries, 4 H.R., 2 H.B., 4 B.R., 3 Sch., 2 F., 3 W.R., 4 W.G., 4 G.E., total 26; hc, Best, 4 H.R., 2 H.B., 3 B., 3 Sch., 2 F., 3 W.R., 4, W.G., 1 B.R., 4 G.E., 3 B., 3 Sch., 2 F., 3 W.R., 4, W.G., 1 B.R., 4 G.E., total 26; c, Cadman, 3 H.R., 3 H.B., 4 B., 3 Sch., 2 F., 2 W.R., 2 W.G., 3 B.G., 2 B.T., 3, 27, faults 2, total 25; c, Kramer, 4 H.R., 3 H.B., 3 B., 2 Sch., 2 F., 3 W.R., 2 B.G., 1 B.T., 2 B.R., 3 G.E., total 25; c, Humphries, 4 H.R., 3 H.B., 3 B., 3 Sch., 3 W.R., 2 B.G., 1 B.T., 2 B.R., 4 G.E., total 25. NOV., YOUNG BIRDS: 1, sp, best glucke, Gooding, 6 H.R., 4 B., 4 Sch., 4 G., 3 F., 2 W.G., 2 G.R., 1 B.T., 4 G.E., total 30; 2, sp, best water glucke, Brookes, 6 H.R., 4 B.R., 4 Sch., 2 G., 2 F., 4 W.G., 3 G.R., 4 G.E., total 29; 3, sp, best bass, Macdonald, 6 H.R., 6 B.R., 5 Sch., 3 F., 2 W.G., 3 G.R., 4 G.E., total 29; 4, sp, Wilson, 5 H.R., 4 B.R., 4 Sch., 3 F., 3 W.G., 5 G.R., 4 G.E., total 28; 5, sp, Rhodes, 6 H.R., 3 B.R., 4 Sch., 3 F., 4 G.R., 4 B.G., 4 G.E., total 28; 6, sp, Williams, 4 H.R., 4 B.R., 3 Sch., 2 G., 3 F., 3 W.G., 4 G.R., 1 B.R., 3 G.E., total 27; 7, sp, Thompson, 6 H.R., 5 B.R., 3 Sch., 2 G., 2 F., 3 G.R., 2 B.G., 4 G.E., total 27; vhc, Heeley, 4 H.R., 5 B.R., 3 Sch., 2 G., 3 F., 4 G.R., 1 B.T., 1 B.R., 3 G.E., total 26; vhc, Ward, 6 H.R., 4 B.R., 4 Sch., 3 F., 2 W.R., 2 G.R., 2 B.T., 3 G.E., total 26; vhc, Powell, 6 H.R., 4 B.R., 4 Sch., 2 F., 2 W.R., 2 W.G., 3 G.R., 3 G.E., total 26; hc, Appleby, 6 H.R., 4 B.R., 4 Sch., 3 G., 2 F., 2 W.R., 1 B.T., 1 B.R., 3 G.E., 26, faults 1, total 25; hc, Lawson, 5 H.R., 4 B.R., 3 Sch., 2 F., 2 W.G., 3 G.R., 3 B.G., 3 G.E., total 25; c, Taylor, 4 H.R., 3 B.R., 4 Sch., 3 F., 4 W.G., 2 G.R., 1 B.R., 3 G.E., total 24; c, Unsworth, 5 H.R., 4 B.R., 4 Sch., 3 F., 3 G.R., 2 B.T., 1 B.R., 3 G.E., 25, faults 1, total 24; c, Rhodes, 6 H.R., 2 B.R., 4 Sch., 4 F., 4 G.R., 1 B.G., 3 G.E., total 24; c, Rhodes, 5 H.R., 3 B.R., 3 Sch., 3 F., 2 W.R., 3 G.R., 3 B.G., 3 G.E., 25, faults 1, total 24. OPEN: 1, sp, Cadman, 7 H.R., 4 B.R., 3 Sch., 5 G., 3 F., 1 W.R., 2 W.G., 1 B.G., 2 B.R., 4 G.E., total 32; 2, sp, Harrison, 6 H.R., 4 B.R., 4 Sch., 4 G., 3 F., 4 W.G., 2 B.T., 2 B.R., 3 G.E., 32, faults 1, total 31; 3, sp, Harrison, 6 H.R., 3 B.R., 3 Sch., 5 Sch., 3 F., 4 W.G., 1 B.T., 2 B.R., 3 G.E., 30, faults 1, total 29; 4, sp, Cadman, 7 H.R., 3 K., 2 H.B., 4 B., 4 Sch., 3 F., 1 B.T., 2 B.R., 3 G.E., total 29; 5, sp, Grainger, 7 H.R., 2 K., 4 B.R., 3 Sch., 3 G., 3 F., 1 B.T., 2 B.R., 3 G.E., total 28; vhc, Cadman, total 27; vhc, Granger, total 27; hc, Cadman, total 26; c, Harper, total 25; c, Unsworth, total 25; r, Bird, total, 25; c, Pericles, total 25. NOVICE, ANY AGE: 1, sp, Thomson, 6 H.R., 3 B.R., 4 Sch., 3 G., 3 F., 1 W.G., 1 G., 1 D.B.W.T., 1 B.T., 2 B.R., 3 G.E., total 28; 2, sp, Jackson, 6 H.R., 3 B.R., 3 Sch., 2 G., 3 F., 2 W.G., 2 D.B.W.T., 1 B.T., 1 B.R., 4 G.E., total 27; 3, sp, Brookes, 6 H.R., 3 B.R., 4 Sch., 3 G., 3 F., 2 W.R., 2 W.G., 1 B.T., 1 B.R., 3 G.E., 28, faults 1, total 27; 4, sp, Macdonald, 6 H.R., 2 H.B., 4 B.R., 4 Sch., 3 F., 2 B.T., 2 B.R., 3 G.E., total 26; 5, sp, Barnett, 5 H.R., 4 B.R., 3 Sch., 2 G., 2 F., 1 W.R., 1 B.T., 2 G.E., total 20; vhc, Gooding, 25; hc, Thwaites, 24; hc, Arnott, 23; hc, Worton, 23; hc, Appleby, 23; c, Thwaites, 22; c, Brayford, 22; c, Ryder, 22. OPEN LIMIT: 1, sp, Harrison, 28; 2, sp, Cadman, 25; 3, sp, Plant, 24; 4, sp, Thompson, 23; vhc, Harper, 22; vhc, Evans, 22; hc, Harper, 21; hc, Grainger, 21; hc, Humphries, 21; hc, Bird, 21; c, Plant, 20; c, Thompson, 20.

MUIRKIRK.

Annual show, Drill Hall, Nov. 13. The entry was the largest for some years. Competition was keen, and the prizes were well divided. The B.F.C.C. medal was won by a local competitor, Mr. S. Montgomery, with a clear buff hen of splendid type. The novice medal was won by Mr. T. Broadfoot, Sanquhar, with a second prize yellow hen of good quality. Mr. Dan Hamilton judged, and his awards were well received.

YELL. Ck. (15): 1, Kilpatrick, grand shape, fine qual. and col., good wings and tail; 2, Millar, sweet exhibit, lovely taper; 3, Watson, beautiful feather, lovely wings and tail, a good 3rd; 4, Millar; 5, Sproat; 6, Hume. BUFF (16): 1, Smith, sweet shape, feather like wax, nicely rounded, wings and tail well carried; 2, Mossic, good one all over, equal to 1st; 3, Millar, grand type and qual., close feather; 4, Watson, very good feather, fails only a little to 3rd; 5, Findlay; 6, Mossie. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Montgomery, sweet jaunty little lady, one of the first water, will be heard of later; 2, 3, Broadfoot, novice medal winner, good all round, best of feather, 3rd a good one; 4, Mossie, sweet shape, nice head and wings; 5, Cook; 6, Findlay. BUFF (19): 1, Montgomery (medal winner), good one all over, correct Border properties, easy winner; 2, Smith, sweet one, scarcely so round as winner, still a nice one; 3, Millar, graud type and qual., good wings and tail; 4, Morley, a good exhibit; 5, Kerr; 6, Millar, a hot class. MKD. (9): 1, Millar, nice one, tkd. wing, lovely col. and qual., nice wings and tail; 2, Brown, tkd. buff, sweet head, lovely feather, wings and tail; 3, Gibson, grand type and qual., nice feather and wings; 4, Dempster, sweet shape, nice qual. of feather; 5, Sproat; 6, Krogen. VAR. CK. (8): 1, Gibson, nice yell., fine eyes and nice wings, nice qual. of feather; 2, Morley, same stamp, presses winner; 3, Smith, nice head and wings, but scarcely ready, will be heard of later; 4, Fraine, same remarks apply; 5, Millar; 6, Findlay. HEN (7): 1, Montgomery, mkd. eyes and wing, grand type and qual., a grand one all over; 2, Sproat, close up on winner; 3, Findlay, splendid eyes and wings, good wings and feather; 4, Gibson, nice eyes and wings, good type and feather; 5, Hume; 6, Watson. EVEN MARK (4): 1, Baxter, yell., good wings and eyes, grand col. and qual., scarcely finished yet, wins; 2, Montgomery, buff, good wings and tail, fails markings to winner; 3, Watson, nice feather, fails markings; 4, Findlay, nice markings, a bit soft when judged or would have stood higher. GREEN OR CINN. (15): 1, Findlay, yell., Gr. ck., grand col. and markings, good head, wings and tail, wins easily; 2, Baxter, cinn., good col., nice qual. and wings, close up; 3, Millar, buff cinn., good col., type and qual., splendid wings and tail; 4, Baxter, yell. green hen, good col., type, and qual; 5, 6, Murray. SELL. (11): Some cheap birds that were quickly claimed: 1, McKean; 2, Brown; 3, Millar; 4, Gibson, 5, Baxter; 6, Kerr. CONFINED, CK.: 1, Millar; 2, Archibald; 3, Dempster; 4, Montgomery; 5, McKean; 6, Findlay. HEN: 1, Montgomery; 2, McKean; 3, Findlay; 4, Findlay; 5, Millar. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Mitchell, grand Goldf., good bars and buttons, nice square blaze and good tannings, wins; 2, Wright, Bullf., nice cap and bars, carries col. well under; 3, nice one; 3, Morley, Goldie, nice size, col. and moonings, square face, a bit unsteady; 4, McCloy, Bullie, nice size, dense cap, scarcely the breast col. of leader; 5, Stobb Bros.; 6, Nivin. A.O. BRIT: A grand class: 1, Mitchell, Linnet, grand nutty brown col., lovely markings, steady and fit for any competition, wins; 2, Wright, grand Corn; 3, Mitchell, Twite, good col. and size, easy 3rd; 4, Topping; 5, McCloy; 6th, Logan.

BINGLEY O.S.

Members' show, Oct. 30, Assembly Rooms. 31 birds faced E. B. Denton (Windhill). Cl. or Tkd. Yell., 1, 4, S. H. Bailey; 2, Butterworth and Hardy; 3, vhc, F. Craven; hc, A. M. Craven. Buff: 1, A. M. Craven; 2, F. Craven; 3, Butterworth and Hardy. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, A. M. Craven; 2, F. Craven; 3, E. Townley. Buff: 1, 4, F. Craven; 2, 3, c, A. M. Craven; vhc, Townley; hc, Bailey. Mkd. Ck.: 1, Townley. Hen: 1, F. Craven; 2, A. M. Craven; 3, 4, Butterworth and Hardy. Sell: 1, 4, hc, S. H. Bailey; 2, 3, vhc, F. Craven. Points for show: F. Craven 20, S. H. Bailey 18, A. M. Craven 17, Butterworth and Hardy 9, E. Townley 5. Starred birds for medal: A. M. Craven 12, S. H. Bailey 11, F. Craven 8, Butterworth and Hardy 8, E. Townley 5.—F. Craven, Sec.

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BLAENAVON.

First annual show held Nov. 25. The White Horse Assembly Rooms are an ideal place for a show, being well lighted on all sides. Entries, although the show clashed with Swansea, numbered over 300, and the committee were very pleased at this response to their first efforts. The birds were staged three tiers high, and here and there palms and plants were placed which gave the show a very pleasing appearance. The arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr. Geo. Broome, the secretary, and he carried everything out in a very satisfactory manner. On show day he was ably assisted by Mr. W. Lapworth. The show manager, Mr. Chas. Broome, had everything well in hand, and was ably assisted by a hardworking committee and stewards; Messrs. C. E. Latham, W. Godfrey, W. Jones, J. Thomas, J. Taylor, D. Morris, T. Percy, E. Gilbert, and T. Parry, and it is pleasing to note that everything went off without a hitch. Every possible attention was given to the exhibits, and the committee hope at their next venture to be rewarded with a larger entry than this year. Members' spl., most points, was won by Messrs. Broome Bros. Singing class was judged by Mr. R. H. Mortimer, Abertillery, and Mr. Jas. Robson judged all others.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Selby, grand qual. and col., clean cut, nice size and shape, grand head, neck and wings; 2, 3, Mortimer, former grand type, good col., size and qual., trifle brawy, latter grand head and neck, very cobby, trifle smaller than leaders; 4, vhc, Gamesen. BUFF (7): 1, Broome Bros., grand type, nice size and shape, good wings and tail, well cut away, lovely qual. and col.; 2, Davies, close up, grand tone of col., neat head and neck, very shapely, nice cond.; 3, Brown, cobby shape, trille pinched in head; vhc, Tedstone; he, Amphlett; c, Thomas and Durham. VARIEG. CK. (5): 1, vhc, Broome Bros., eye and wing mkd. yell., good size, neat head and neck, grand wings, nicely rounded body, in beautiful order; 2, 4, G. T. Jones, yell., close up, grand head and neck, nicely moulded, lovely col. and qual.; 3, Tedstone, variey. buff, lovely qual. and cond., nice cobby shape, hardly as good in head as leaders. HEN, YELL. (7): 1, 4, Davies, lovely col. and qual., grand size, very shapely, best of head and neck, neatly packed wings, wins; 2, Tedstone, good type and qual., nice col., hardly as nicely cut as leader; 3, Jones, good cobby shape, hardly the size or col. of leaders; vhc, Broome Bros.; he, Thomas and Durham; c, Lycett. BUFF (6): 1, he, Davies, cl., a real gem, good size, lovely qual., well moulded throughout, put down in grand order; 2, Tedstone, wing mkd., another good exhibit, lovely type and qual., trifle loose at thighs when we saw her; 3, Jones, grizzle, head mkd., nice type and qual., good head and neck, hardly subs. of leader; 4, Thomas and Durham; vhc, Broome Bros. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, Davies, cl., a beauty, grand col. and qual., neat head and neck, grand wings and tail, nicely rounded body, well cut away; 2, Tedstone, cl., very chubby, grand col. and qual., neat head, good wings and tail, best of shape, close up; 3, Jones, variey., very typical, best of wings and tail, nice cobby shape, hardly as good head as leaders; 4, he, Selby; vhc, Mortimer; c, Gameson. BUFF (4): 1, Jones, variey., lovely qual. and col., good size, nicely moulded, neat wings and tail, wins; 2, Broome Bros., cl., smaller, nice type and qual., good order; 3, Amphlett, rather on the small side, nice col. and qual. HEN (9): 1, he, Broome Bros., cl. buff, good size, nice col. and qual., good head and neck, neat wings, cobby body; 2, Thomas and Durham, tkd. buff, nice size, very shapely, good col., crosses wings badly at times; 3, Jones, cl. yell., neat exhibit, very shapely, best of wings and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 4, Davies; vhc, Tedstone; c, Gameson. NOV. CK. (11). 1, Walters, cl., yell., grand col. and qual., nicely moulded, well put down; 2, Thomas, cl. buff, nice type, good col. and qual., hardly as good head points as leader; 3, Brown, cl. buff, neat exhibit, good type and qual., rather unsteady; 4, vhc, Morton; he, Powell; c, Sidney. HEN (7): 1, Morton, tail mkd. yell., good col. and qual., neat wings and tail, very shapely; 2, Walters, var. buff, very cobby, good feather, nicely put down; 3, Brown, grizzle mkd. yell., good size and shape, just a bit pinched in head; 4, Sidney; vhc, Goodenough; he, Holloway; c, Gameson. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Llewellyn, wing and thigh mkd. buff, good subs., nice qual. and cond.; 2, 3, Pitt, cl., yell. and cl. buff, very neat, lovely qual., hardly size of leader; vhc, Gilbert. YORKS. YELL. CL., OR TKD. (5): 1, 3, Pritchard, grand length, good col., nice pos., well up on leg, latter another neat exhibit, plenty of nerve, crosses wings at times; 2, Thompson, hardly as rich col. as leader, grand length, good head and neck, well filled back, grand leg and nerve; vhc, Everett; he, East.. BUFF (7): 1, Ashman, grand type and qual., lovely length, neat head, well filled back, good pos. and nerve; 2, Everett, lovely qual., neat head and neck, best of wings and tail, hardly length leader; 3, Griffiths, lovely feather, nice length, well up on leg, hardly as good in head points; 4, Pritchard; vhc, Newell; he, East; c, Hoyle. VAR. CK. (7): 1, Hoyle, wing mkd. yell., grand type, lovely qual., well up on leg, good nerve; 2, Wooton, another good yell., neat head and neck, well filled back, good wings and tail, nice pos. and leg; 3, Watkins, eye and wing mkd. buff, nice pos. and length, good back, hardly as good in head, nice col. and qual.; 4, he, Pritchard; vhc, Warr; c, Griffiths. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Hutchinson, grand head and neck, nice straight back, good wings and tail, nice length, fine pos. and nerve; 2, Newell, close up, good head, neck, and shoulders, nice length, very nervy, lovely col. and qual.; 3, East, grand length, nice straight back, good wings and tail, lovely pos., hardly as good col.; 4, Pritchard; vhc, Thompson; he, Gregory; c, Watkins. BUFF (3): 1, Hutchinson, nicely rounded hen, good neck, shoulders, and back, fine length, well up on leg, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Pritchard, lovely qual. feather, good length, nice leg, hardly as nervy as leader; 3, Watkins, shade smaller. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Dykes, real gem, grand length, beautiful wings and tail, nice leg, grand pos., col. and qual.; 2, Hutchinson, hardly a rich col., lovely length, good subs., nice nerve, stands well; 3, Thompson, very typical, grand length and pos., full of nerve, nice col. and qual.; 4, Gregory; vhc, Warr; he, Ashman; c, Pritchard. BUFF (9): 1, Newell, lovely col. and qual., well drawn, nice straight back, good wings and tail, grand pos. and nerve; 2, Griffiths, nice tone of col., well drawn, good pos. and leg, hardly length of leader; 3, Watkins, nice type, lovely col. and qual., hardly as neat head as leaders; 4, Gregory; vhc, Wooton; he, Dykes; c, Pritchard. HEN (12): 1, Everett, neck mkd. yell., grand head, full neck, nice length and pos., stands well on leg, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Dykes, cl. yell., close up, lovely tone of col., neat head and neck, well filled back, perfect wings and tail, nice length and pos.; 3, Gregory, lovely col. and qual., nice length, inclined to be a trifle wild when handled; 4, Griffiths; vhc, Newell; he, Hoyle; c, Watkins. NOV. CK. (21): A really good class: 1, Morgan, cl. buff, lovely size, col. and qual., good length, well up on leg, neat head, neck, wings, and tail; 2, Maidment, lovely qual., nicely moulded, hardly length of leader; 3, vhc, Latham, cl. yell., very stylish, nice length, good leg, close up; 4, Morris; he, Hiscox; c, Stewart. HEN (9): 1, 4, Latham, eye and wing tkd. yell., good col. and qual., nice pos., neat head and neck, good back and wings, very stylish; 2, Morgan, cl. yell., grand length, well up on leg, nice pos., col., and qual.; 3, Llewellyn, cl. buff, lovely feather, nice type, hardly length of leaders; vhc, Stewart; he, Morris; c, Parry. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Hiscox, cl. buff, nice length, good straight back, neat wings and tail, lovely pos. and col.; 2, Terrett, cl. buff, close up, grand length, nice type and qual., lovely pos., fine wing carr.; 3, Davies, wing mkd. yell., lovely type and qual., best of wings and tail, good nerve and pos.; 4, Morgan; vhc, Tucker; he, Morgan; c, Parry. HEN (5): 1, Morgan, cl. buff, lovely qual., nice length, good pos., stands well on leg, very nervy; 2, Hiscox, cl. yell., nice straight back, best of wings and tail, lovely col. and qual., nice leg and pos.; 3, Tucker, buff, lovely type and qual., good pos., wants training; 4, Morgan; vhc, Latham; he, Osborne; c, Hennett. BORD., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Elston, eye mkd., lovely type, very jaunty, good col. and qual.; 2, c, Tedstone, cl., good feather, nice cond., good type; 3, he, Broome, grizzle mkd., boxy feather, good type and cond.; 4, Jeremiah; vhc, Cooper. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Jeremiah, a pair of wee gems, true Border type, lovely boxy feather, put down in grand order; 3, Madagan, another good one, true to type, lovely qual. and cond., very jaunty; 4, Cooper; vhc, Tedstone; he, Elston. HEN (11): 1, 2, Tedstone, a pair of neat exhibits, eye mkd. buff leading, grand shape, lovely col. and qual., staged to perfection; 3, Madagan, cl. yell., correct type, lovely boxy feather, grand col. and qual.; 4, c, Broome; he, Cooper. NOV. BORD. (12): 1, 2, c, Lapworth, cl. yell. and mkd. yell., both lovely col. and qual., true type, grand wings, very shapely; 3, Godfrey, cl. buff, close up, lovely feather, very shapely, best of cond.; 4, Daniel; vhc, Savigar; he, Denyard. A.O.V. (7): 1, 3, Mrs. Burgess, a pair of cl. cap Lizards, beautifully spangled, in fine order; 2, vhc, Thomas, Scots Fancy, in good cond.; he, c, Godfrey. HYB. (1): 1, Edwards, Goldie-Buffie. GOLDF. (6): 1, Edwards, neat, square, good col. blaze, nice tans, bars and buttons, nice size and qual.; 2, 3, Cookham, neat Finch, hardly as large as leader, good blaze, tans, bars, and buttons, very shapely; 3, F.M., neat exhibit, good blaze, tans, bars and buttons, we hear the Cardiff winner, very steady; 4, Morris; vhc, Gilbert; he, Trerenia. LINNET (5): 1, Nicholas, good size and shape, nice col., well laced, in fine order; 2, Lewis, nice col. and qual., very shapely, well marked; 3, Mrs. Dalton, nice size, well laced, good col. and qual.; 4, Taylor and Jordan; vhc, Rolph. GREENF., ETC. (1): 1, Mrs. Dalton, good sized, nice col. Greenie. SISKIN, ETC. (2): 1, Nicholas, good col. Twites; 2, Knapp, Lesser Poll, good size and shape, rather unsteady. SELF., £1 (9): 1, Griffiths; 2, Mortimer; 3, Jones; 4, Dalton; vhc, Jones; he, Hiscox. 10/- (8): 1, Broome Bros.; 2, 3, he, Jones; 4, Wooton; vhc, Mortimer; c, Thomas. OPEN ROLLER SINGING CONTEST (16): 1, 3, vhc, Doggett; 2, 4, he, Taylor and Jordan; c, Bland.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest Nov. 2; 31 birds entered. 1, Watkiss; 2, Morley; 3, Worral. Nov. 28, 31 entered for 3 prizes given by Mrs. Parker. 1, Morley; 2, Potter; 3, Williams. Singing every weekend as usual.—W. Dobson, Hon. Sec.

(See notice above as to advertisements.—Ed.)

BARNSLEY.

Linnet and Lark Club, Dove Inn, Doncaster Road. 13 entered for 4 prizes. Shepherd, timer; Coe, chalker. 1, Norman, 2min. 52sec.; 2, Davis, 2min. 30sec.; 3, Jones, 1min. 57sec.; 4, Coles, 1min. 30sec. It is not so bad in 4min. time singing for time of year. We have made a few more members.—Hardman, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, club sing, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, Nov. 20. 27 birds entered. 3min. time singing: 1, Pugh; 2, Beard; 3, Jones. Open Linnet contest, Nov. 21. 37 birds entered for 4 prizes. 3min. time singing: 1, 2, Jones; 3, 4, Beard. Linnet contest open sing, Nov. 27. 20 birds entered for 3min. time singing: 1, Pugh; 2, Jones; 3, shared Pugh and Beard. Open sing, Nov. 28. 25 entered. 3min. time singing: 1, Pugh; 2, Jones; 3, T. Piper. Mr. Pugh's bird made a grand break of 74, which we all think is a record. Mr. Piper, one of our old members, is making us know he has joined us again by taking 3rd prize the first week.—S. Pugh, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality singing, Old Bird House, Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, Nov. 28; 18 birds sang: 1, Binns; 2, King; 3, shared Dolton and Binns. Judges, C. Clayton and J. Sellars.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Quality Linnet singing, Glassmaker's Arms, Greyhound Place, York Road, Nov. 20, 17 birds: 1, Hirst; 2, Stockhill; 3, Shaw and Richardson shared. Nov. 21, 19 birds: 1, Richardson; 2, Hirst; 3, Richardson and Hirst shared. Open Canary contest provided 14 birds: 1, T. Hirst; 2, Playfellow; 3, Condliffe. Owing to closing of houses at periods during the day, we have decided to have an open Canary contest on Saturday night, commencing at 7.30.—E. Stansfield, Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Nov. 27. 17 birds sang for three prizes: 1, 2, shared by Sissons and Mrs. Tennant; 3, Sissons. Consolation prize, Stockill. Judges, Jennings and Naylor. Nov. 28, 19 sang: 1, Sissons; 2, Ward; 3, Stead. Consolation prize, Sissons. Judges, Toppiug, Hayes, Hardcastle. Also a Roller contest, Nov. 28. 16 birds sang for 3 prizes. 1, 2, shared by Wharam, Johnson; 3, Parker. Consolation prize, Wharam. Judges, Grant, Naylor and Hardcastle.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Quality Singing Linnet Club. A grand singing contest, Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, Leeds; 16 birds faced the judges, and some very good singing was heard. Judges, A. Lorrieman, N. Solomon. 1, Dearlove; 2, Chipendale; 3, Lorrieman; 4, Turner.—F. Turner, Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Nov. 27; 16 of the best Linnets in Leeds sang. 1 and 2, Wharam; 3, Binns. Judges, H. Wigfield and T. Summers. Nov. 28, 15 sang. 1 and 3, Wharam; 2, Wigfield. Judges, T. Summers and P. Maddam. Canary contest same evening; 10 of the best Roller Canaries in Leeds sing for 3 prizes, our host sending a special prize to be given to the winner, who is serving with the Colours. 1, Wigfield; 2, Binns; 3, Myers.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

DUBLIN.

The Yorkshire C.H.S. of Ireland held its seventh annual show in the Antient Concert Room, Great Brunswick Street, Nov. 24 and 25. The room is large and lofty, but was somewhat cold, and this had a marked effect on some of the exhibits. The Yorkshire section was well catered for, and contained the cream of the Yorkshires in Ireland. All of the noted exhibitors benched their best representatives. Mr. Dalton won for best Yorks., diploma best Yorks., sp best Yorks. hen, and sp for best ticked buff, a wonderful performance of which Mr. Dalton should feel proud, and we wish him every success in the future. Mr. Mills won special for best cock with a bird of great length and full of quality. Best tkd. yellow went to Mr. Keating, and best clear buff hen to Mrs. O'Keeffe. The diploma for best Brit., also special for best bird in show, went to Mr. Mulcahy's Chough, which was put down in the pink of condition. We feel sure Mr. Mulcahy will be proud of its success. Many more specials were awarded, too numerous to mention in full. A great number of fanciers from all over the country were present, and we feel sure the show will be a success. Mr. Sholedice, the hon. sec., had everything in perfect order, and his pleasing manner won the respect of all. Along with him were a nice set of stewards, who looked well after the comfort of the birds; the staging of the exhibits was all that could be required. Mr. W. Mundell, Bradford, judged.

YORKS. CINN. OR CINN. MKD. CK. (6): 1, Wikup, bull cap, eyes and wings mkd., grand pos., well up on leg, boxy feather, nice wing carr., piped tail, good head; 2, Keating, variey. yell., feathered like wax, nice type, good wings and tail, not so long; 3, Miss J. Fairy, bull cap, eyes and wings, good head, flights and tail, bit rough on thighs; vhc, Keogh; he, Neville; c, Cloke. HEN (11): 1, Dalton, gem, winner of 4 specials as stated, mkd. eye and tick on neck, lovely col. and feather, grand type, neat wings and piped tail; 2, Buckley, variey. yell., well on leg, good head, boxy feather, very stylish, neat, compact wings and tail; 3, he, and c, Mrs. O'Keeffe, 3 buff cheek and wings, nice type, very steady, level col., well traced wings; vhc, Hyland. CL. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Mills, unflig., well up on leg, good head, nice wings and piped tail, full of qual., will make a good bird; 2, Byrne, very breedy, neat head, long flights and tail, full of qual.; 3, Keating, rich col., beautiful wing carr., a few feathers short in tail, or would have won; vhc, Hyland; he, Dalton; c, Mrs. O'Keeffe. HEN (13): 1, 2, he, Mrs. O'Keeffe, very slim and stylish, pale col., boxy feather, good head, well placed wings, piped tail, 2 nice type and pos., well up on leg, full of qual., stronger than winner; 3, Wikup, stout, full of qual., well up on leg, nice type; vhc, Fleming; c, Buckley. CL. BUFF CK. (13): 1, vhc, and c, Kelly, neat head, grand wing carr., piped tail, full of qual., rare pos., wing; 2 and he, Keating, pale col., boxy feather, good head, well on leg, piped tail, a bit unsteady; 3, McKeon, rich level col., well on leg, good head, on the stout side. HEN (14): 1, Mrs. O'Keeffe, pale col., nice type, good wings and tail, full of qual.; 2, Neville, rich col., shows a little frill on breast, good wing carr., rare length and pos.; 3 and c, Kelly, pale col., on the stout side, good head and neck, well placed wings, piped tail; vhc, Hyland; he, Mills. TKD. OR MKD. YELL. CK. (14): 1, Keating, thigh tick rich col., well up on leg, long flights, well braced to side, neat folded tail, boxy feather, very steady; 2, Mrs. O'Keeffe, wing tkd., rich col., full of qual., nice wing carr., good head and tail; 3, Hyland, variey., rare length, long flight and piped tail, very typical; vhc, Kelly; he, Keogh; c, Fleming. HEN (10): 1, Neville, eye, cheek and wing mark, rich col., boxy feather, neat head, clean ou breast, fine pos., good wings and tail, very steady; 2 and c, Keating, wing tick, pale in col., very stylish, good head, well up on leg, grand wings and piped tail; 3, Green, eye and wings, rich col., full of qual., slim and typical, good head; vhc, Mrs. O'Keeffe; he, Keogh. TKD. OR VAR. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Winkup, eye and wing mkd., rich level col., boxy feather, neat head, clean on breast, grand pos, very steady, well shown; 2, Mills, eye and wing mkd., rich col., full of qual., rare length and pos., fails in tail only; 3, Farrell, cap, neck and eyes, bit on the stout side, nice pos., good head and wings, neat tail; vhc, Kelly; he, Hyland; c, Fleming. HEN (11): 1 and 3, Mrs. O'Keeffe, 1 cap mkd., teeming with qual., neat round head, well placed wings, piped tail, graceful pos., we liked much, 3 cap and neck mkd., lovely qual., nice type, level col., pos. A1; 2, Keating, thigh tick, shade on the strong side, rare length of wing, piped tail, good legs, full of nerve; vhc, Byrne; he, Hyland; c, Winkup. NON-FED CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Lattimore, grand bird, rare length of flights and tail, good head and pos., wins; 2 and vhc, Sholedice, 2 very slim and typical, lovely feather, grand wings and piped tail; 3, McKeon, pale col., bit rough in feather, rare pos.; he, Beegare; c, McGran. HEN (5): 1, Lattimore, pos. and qual. A1, neat wings and tail; 2 and vhc, Beegan, neat head, good wings, failed in tail; 3, Buckley, good head, nice type, bit rough on thighs; he, Sholedice. CL. BUFF CK. (7): 1, McKeon, boxy feather, well placed wings, fine pos., neat tail; 2 and he, Beegan, full of qual., nice type, stands on good legs; 3, vhc and c, Sholedice, 3 nice type and qual., bit strong. HEN (9): 1, vhc and he, Beegan, 1 pale col., very stylish, grand qual. of feather, good head, wins; 2, Fanning, nice type and qual., rather cockish in appearance; 3, Hyland, rare length, bit rough; c, Sholedice. TKD. or VAR. CK. (11): 1, McGran, yell., thigh tkd., rare length, grand type, good head, long flights and tail; 2, Miss E. M. Foley, buff wing tkd., lovely qual., nice wing carr., piped tail, good pos.; 3, McKeon, yell., cap mkd., boxy feather, rich col., good pos.; vhc and he, Sholedice; c, Dalton. HEN (8): 1, 2, he and c, Sholedice, 1 buff, eye and wing mkd., grand type and qual., well on leg, good wing carr., piped tail; 2 yell., cap, cheek and wings mkd., lovely feather, rare type, good head, nicely folded tail; 3, Miss E. M. Foley, var. yell., grand breed hen, well on leg and stylish; vhc, Beegan. NOV., CL. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Mulhollard, blaze of col., nice type and full of qual.; 2, Miss Wallis, lovely type and qual., rich col., good head; 3, Williams, rare length, bit too strong; vhc, Patchell; he, Mrs. C. Davey. HEN (7): 1, Miss Wallis, very typical, rich level col., well on leg; 2, Mulholland, leggy, rich col., nice wings and tail; 3, Williams, down when we saw it; vhc, Hartford; he, Patchell; c, McNally. CL. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Mulholland, E., nice type and qual; 2, Price, good head, rare length of wing, piped tail; 3, Dowd, boxy feather, well on leg; vhc, McNally. HEN (8): 1, Williams, very typical, boxy feather, rich col., nice wings and piped tail; 2, Hartford, very slim and typical, neat head and boxy feather; 3, Miss Wallis, rich level col., very stylish; vhc, Gillen; he, McNally; c, Mulhall. TKD. or VAR. CK.: 1, Mulhall, yell., cap mkd., blaze of col., long flights and piped tail, rare pos.; 2, Hartford, var. buff, boxy feather, well on leg, long flights and tail; 3, Miss Wallis, neck tkd. yell., blaze of col., good head, nice wing carr., piped tail; vhc, Williams; he, Cullan; c, Price. HEN (6): 1, Hartford, var., pos. A1, boxy feather; 2, Mulholland, eyes and wings mkd., slim and typical, full of qual.; 3, Dowd, tkd. head, pale col., boxy feather; vhc and c, Wilhams; he, Miss Wallis. SELL. 20s., CK. (21): 1, Beegan; 2, Keating; 3, Lattimore; vhc, Neville; he, Mrs. O'Keeffe; c, Fanning. HEN (8): 1 and 3, Mrs. O'Keeffe; 2, Dalton; vhc, Neville; he, Greene; c, King. CK., 15/- (9): 1, Keating; 2, Greene; 3, McKeon; vhc, no name; he, Holly; c, Mrs. O'Keeffe. HEN (7): 1, Dalton; 2 and vhc, Mrs. O'Keeffe; 3, McKeon; he, Keating; c, King. CK. 12s. 6d (5): 1, McKeon; 2, Mills; 3 and he, McNally; vhc, Lattimore; c, King. HEN (8): 1, Dalton; 2, Miss Wallis; 3, Greene; vhc, McKeon; he, Lattimore; c, King. Crests and C.B. cancelled. NOR. CK. (2): 1, Nai-smith, yell., good head, rich col.; 2, King, buff, rich col. and subs. HEN (1): 1, Halley. SCOTCH FANCY CK. (3): 1, 2 and 3, Lavery. HEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Lavery, a grand team, showing plenty of subs., reach, and nerve. MEALE LIGHT (3): 1, Duffy, variey. Goldf.-Cin. DARK (5): 1, Trunk; 2, Farrell; 3, Byrne; vhc, Walker. LINNET CAN. (1): 1, Carley. A.O. CAN. or HYB. (4): 1, Carley, Greenf.-Can.; 2, no name, Greenf.-Can.; 3 and vhc, Williams. GOLDF. H.M. (4): 1, Magee, good square blaze, nice bars and buttons; 2 and vhc, Mulcahy, 2 good bars and buttons, square blaze, fine cond.; 3, Keating, not so rich in col. F.M. (8): 1, Trunk, good blaze, nice bars and buttons, very steady, good cond.; 2, Keating, fails a little in col.; 3, Lavery, nice bird, small; vhc, Mayce; he and c, King. SISKIN, Etc. (8): 1, Holly, Twite, nice pencilling and col.; 2 and c, King, Redpoll; 3, Lavery, Siskin; vhc and he, Mayce. LINNET H.M. (8): 1 and 3, Mulcahy, 1 beauty, nicely pencilled, lovely nut brown, grand type, put down in the pink, 3 nice type and pencilling, fails in col.; 2, No. 8, no name, good size, steady, nicely mkd; vhc, Mayce; he, Lavery; c, Ward. F.M. (5): 1, Lavery, grand bird, rich nut brown col., nicely pencilled; 2, Kelly, we liked, fails in col. a little, but a beauty; 3, Mulcahy; vhc and he, King. SKYLARK (8): 1, 2 and 3, King, a fine team, shown in the pink of cond.; vhc, Mayce; he and c, Henry. BLACKBIRD or THRUSH (1): 1, Mayce. BULLF. (5): 1, Ward, grand head and breast, rich col., good bars, wins; 2 and 3, King, fine bird, not so rich in col.; vhc, Byrne; he, King. BULLF. HEN (1): 1, Mulcahy. A.O. SEED-EATING (9): 1, Lavery, Greenf., good head and chest, rich col., nicely staged; 2, Ward, fine Bramble; 3, Miss V. M. Foley, Chaffinch; vhc and c, King; he, Holly. SOFTBILL (2): 1 and 2, Mulcahy, 1 Chough, wins diploma for best British, also best bird in show, a gem.

QUEEN'S PARK (Kensington).

Very attractive show held Nov. 6, in the Emmanuel Hall, a capital building for a display of birds. The entry was quite good and the quality all round considerably in advance of any previous effort. The Norwich as a collection were wonderfully typical, that old stager, Mr. C. Battison, sending in some good ones and winning the cup with a capital yell. unflighted, a bird that should do well later. In Yorkshires Mr. J. Haines had out a grand team, his unflighted yell., which won the cup, attracted a lot of attention; he is a bird of grand length and size, and when quite fit should add to his laurels. Messrs. Birch, Herring and Bonniwell put down some toppers in the Amateur Section, and Messrs. Hannaford and Perrett did well in the Novices. The British were a distinct advance on last year's collection. The show was ably managed by the enterprising Sec., Mr. W. J. Rateliffe, and everything was quite in order, the exhibition generally proving quite a success. Mr H. Norman judged.

Nor., Yell. Ck.: 1, Battison; 2, he, Burt; 3, Butterfield; vhc, Withers. Buff: 1, spl. best Norwich, Butterfield; 2, Withers. Yell. Hens: 1, Withers; 2, Battison; 3, vhc, Butterfield. Buff: 1, vhc, Burt; 2, Withers; 3, he, Butterfield. Unflig. Yell.: 1, spl., Battison; 2, 3, Butterfield. Buff: 1, Battison; 2, he, Withers; 3, vhc, Butterfield. Amat., Yell. Ck.: 1, Bonniwell. Buff: 1, 2, Bonniwell. Yell. Hen: 1, Bonniwell. Buff: 1, Bonniwell. Unflig. Yell.: 1, Bonniwell. Buff: 1, 2, Bonniwell. Nov. Yell.: 1, Wise; 2, Ratcliffe. Buff: 1, Barton; 2, Ratcliffe. Yell. Hen: 1, Ratchffe. Buff: 1, Ratcliffe. Unflig. Yell.: 1, spl., 2, 3, Ratcliffe. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Ratcliffe; 3, Wise; vhc, he, Lyons. Yorks., Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, Hawes. Buff: 1, 2, Hawes. Yell. Hens: 1, 2, Hawes. Buff: 1, 2, Hawes. Unflig.: 1 spl. (2), 1, 2, Hawes. Buff: 1, 2, Hawes. Amat., Yell. Ck.: 1, 3, Bonniwell; 2, vhc, Birch. Buff: 1, vhc, Herring; 2, 3, Bonniwell; he, Birch. Hens: 1, 3, Herring; 2, Bonniwell. Unflig. Yell.: 1, Birch. Nov., Yell. Ck.: 1, Hannaford; 2, Ratcliffe; 3, Perrett; vhc, Burcombe. Buff: 1, Hannaford; 2, Perrett. Hens, Yell.: 1, Hannaford; 2, Thornton; 3, Ratcliffe; vhc, Perrett. Buff: 1, Perrett; 2, Hannaford; 3, Ratcliffe; vhc, Thornton. Unflig. Yell.: 1, Perrett; 2, Hannaford; 3, Thornton; vhc, Ratcliffe. Buff: 1, spl., Perrett; 2, Lyons; 3, c, Hannaford; he, Thornton. Hyb.: 1, Cyster. Bullf.: 1, Cyster. Goldf.: 1, spl. he, Cullen; 2, 3, Cyster; vhc, Clark. Greenf.: 1, 2, Clark; 3, Battison. Chaff.: 1, Cullen; 2, 3, Clark. Linnet: 1, 3, Cyster; 2, Cullen; vhc, he, c, Clark. Siskin, etc.: 1, c, Cullen; 2, 3, he, Clark. Sell.: 1, Herring.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S

Annual show Nov. 13, Trinity Schools, Beresford-st., Woolwich. Judge, Mr. Robson. Champ. Nor. (classes 1 to 4 amalg.): 1, 2 spls., 3, Pavey; 2, vhc, he, Hall. Classes 5 to 8 almag.: 1, 3, Pavey; 2, vhc, Hall; he, c, Maclellan. Champ. Yorks.: 1, 2, Newnham. A.O.V. Can.: 1, vhc, Lafbury; 2, c, Maclellan; 3, Hall; he, J. Smith. Nov. Nor., Cl. or Tkd. Buff Ck.: 1, 2 spls., 2, Wilson; 3, G. Smith; vhc, he, Page; c, Thorne. Mkd. or Var. Yell. Hen: 1, G. Smith; 2, Page; 3, vhc, Thorne. Buff Cock: 1, 2, Page; 3, Wilson; vhc, Newnham. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, 3, nov. cup, G. Smith; vhc, Page. Buff: 1, sp., 3, vhc, Wilson; 2, G. Smith; he, Thorne; c, Page. Mkd. or Var. Yell. Hen: 1, Newnham; 2, Page; 3, Wilson. Buff: 1, he, G. Smith; 2, c, Wilson; 3, vhc, Page. Nov. Yorks.: 1, spl., Dingle; 2, 3, vhc, Wilson. A.O.V. Nov.: 1, spl, 3, Page, Crest; 2, Wilson, Crest. Hyb.: 1, Richards, Goldie Bullie. Bullfinch: 1, spl., Richards; 2, Lafbury. Goldf.: 1, Lafbury; 2, Richards. Linnet: 1, 2, Lafbury; 3, Woods, Greenf.: 1, Lafbury, Chaffinch or Bramble: 1, 2, 3, Lafbury. Siskin, Etc.: 1, Richards; 2, Hall; 3, c, Richards. Hen: 1, Lafbury. A.V. Brit.: 1, spl., 2, Richards.—K. H. Maclellan, Hon. Sec.

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SWANSEA.

Held Nov. 25 in the Market Hall. Unfortunately, owing no doubt to clashing with Blaenavon, entries did not come up as in former years. Still, over 500 exhibits were staged, and made a very nice collection. There being plenty of room, the birds were staged in single tiers, and could easily be seen without inconvenience. Everything possible was done by the Committee for the welfare of the exhibits under their charge, and at the close of show all birds were promptly dispatched by mail train.

Swansea fanciers have long been known as an enthusiastic lot, and this year's Committee is no less so than their predecessors. The excellent show managers, Messrs. Phil. Jenkins and J. Hocking, had everything well in hand, and judging started promptly. They were ably assisted by the hard-working Committee: Chair, Mr. T. J. Allen, Vice, Mr. Geo. Llewellyn; Messrs. J. W. Ford, J. H. Ford, E. M. Evans, E. R. Hoddinott, A. Richards, T. Holborrow, and M. Glover. The secretary, Mr. A. Hitchings, played his part well, and is the right man for the position. He was ably assisted by Mr. D. P. Rees, who got through a lot of work, and was very obliging and courteous.

Nor. and Yorks. did not come up well in numbers, but some really good exhibits were to be found in most of the classes. Borders were a very level lot, and gave the judges some trouble to separate, condition in many cases being the deciding factor. Mules and Hybrids were good, most of the notable winners being staged. British, though not very numerous, were a really grand collection, some well-known winners heading their respective classes. The attendance was splendid, and from what we hear there will be a fair surplus to hand over to the local Red Cross Society. A sale of birds given by members and friends for the fund realized nearly £5, including a donation of 7s. 6d. by Messrs. Maggs Bros. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged odd numbers and Mr. H. W. Battye even numbers.

MR. BATTYE'S CLASSES.

BUFF NOR. (11): 1, Greaves, cl., grand head and neck, well filled back, nice cobby shape, short; 2, Davies, cl., good col. and qual., nice type, hardly as bold headed as leader; 3 (no name), cl., good col. and qual., neat wings and tail, hardly as cobby as leaders; 4 (no name), var., fair size, good col. and qual., neat wings and tail; vhc, Hitchings; hc, Mabbett; c, Palmer. UNFLIG. YELL. Ck. (5): 1, Jones and Davies, cl., nice col., neat head and neck, good subs., trifle browy; 2, Hitchings, cl., good col. and qual., neat wings, a trifle on long side; 3, Palmer, neat head and neck, good col. and qual., slimmer; 4, Addison, lovely qual. and cond., neat head, well filled neck, good wings and tail, put down in A1 cond.; vhc, Mabbett, HEN UNFLIG.: 1, Mabbett, cl. buff, grand head, nicely moulded body, short wings and tail, well cut away behind; 2, Hitchings, cl. yell., very shapely, neat round head, well filled neck, lovely tone of col., in first class order; 3 (no name), cl. buff, very chubby, nice short wings and tail, best of qual. and cond., trifle heavy behind; 4, Slee, foul green, nice col. and qual., good size, rather loose; vhc, Green; hc, Hitchings; c, Lewis. YORKS. BUFF (7): 1, Owen, cl., nicely rounded head, good straight back, plenty of length, well up on leg, good qual.; 2, 3, (no name), var. leading, good length, nice straight back, well up on leg, latter buff, grand col. and qual., neatly rounded, well up on leg, trifle loose at thigh, or might have won; 4, Rowland Bros., cl., plenty of length, nice col. and qual.; vhc, he, Mock. UNFL. YELL. (4): 1, Mock, cl., grand col. and qual., neat head and neck, best of wings and tail, good leg and nerve; 2, Jones, good col. and qual., neat wings and tail, nice leg and pos., hardly as good in head; 3, Rowland Bros., cl., paler col., good qual. and cond., neat, hardly length of leaders; 4, Williams, cl., good col. and qual., rather on small side. BORDER YELL. Ck. (13): 1, Owens, cl., very shapely and jaunty, best of wings and tail, lovely qual. and cond.; 2, vhc, Hocking, var., typical, nice tone of col., grand feather and cond.; 3, Madagan, cl., another gem, grand type and qual., feathered like wax; 4, Jenkins, cl., nicely moulded, very jaunty, hardly as tight in feather; he, Sampson; c, Macdonnell. BUFF (14): 1, Macdonell, very shapely cl., neat head and neck, well balanced wings and tail, in A1 order; 2, Madagan, cl., close up, correct type, grand cond., lovely silky feather; 3, Mrs. Payne, var., nicely moulded throughout, in perfect order; 4, Hocking, cl., nice type and qual., grand feather and cond.; vhc, Richards; hc, Hodinott; c, Jenkins. YELL. GREEN Ck. (11): 1, 2, Richards, pair of gems, lovely tone of col., nice shape, very jaunty, best of feather, put down in the pink of cond.; 3, Evans, another grand coloured exhibit, close up, best of shape, very stylish; 4, Bobbett, fine type and qual., a good one; vhc, Middleton; hc, Allen; c, Edginton. BUFF (7): 1, Richards, nice size and shape, good col., full of nerve, A1 cond. and qual.; 2, Allen, close up, correct type, lovely qual. and cond.; 3, Jenkins, another good one, best of shape, neat head and neck, nice tone of col., a bit soft when we saw him; 4, Williams, correct type, hardly as good cond.; vhc, Middleton; hc, Phil Jeukins; c, Thomas. CINN. YELL. (7): 1, 4, Middleton, pair of real gems, leader grand tone of col., best of shape, neat wings, very jaunty, put down in A1 style; 2, Phil Jenkins, another nice one, good col., very stylish and shapely, perhaps hardly as tight in feather as leader; 3, vhc, Hocking, good rich col., nice pos. and qual., neatly moulded; hc, Bobbett; c, Hopkins. NOVICE (12): 1, Denyard, cl. yell., regular little swell, nice col., well feathered, very jaunty carr., staged well; 2, Hoddinott, cl. buff, grand feather and cond., neat head, good wings nice style; 3, Beard, cl. yell., very neat, nice cond. and qual., hardly col. of leader; 4, Thomas, cl. buff, nice shape, good type and cond.; vhc, c, Edwards; hc, Hopkins. SELL., 15s. (7): 1, Hocking; 2, Owen; 3, Middleton; 4, Williams; vhc, Allen; hc, c, Slee. CAN. MULE (3): 1, Crone, well known Canary Bully, often described; 2, Heal, eye tkd., Goldie, in nice cond; abs., No. 3. DARK GOLDF. (12): 1, Crone, well-known Jonque, wonderful depth of col., fine size and shape; 2, Hepworth, buff, nice size, very shapely, good blaze and col.; 3, Lamb, Jonque, another old face often described, hardly the depth of col. of leader, still real good; 4, Richards, buff, nicely mealed, good size and cond.; vhc, Jeffries; hc, Middleton; c, Matthews. A.O.V. DK. (9): 1, Dr. Wilson, good sized Greenie, nice tone of col., very shapely, put down in fine fettle; 2, Jenkinson, very neat Jonque Sisk., fine size and shape, good eye mkgs., rich col., lovely qual. and cond.; 3, Davies, buff Sisk., good size, very shapely, nicely mealed; 4, Crone, still another Siskin Can., nice tone of col.; vhc, Davies; hc, Emerson and Winstone; c, Aitken. GOLDF. (10): 1, Slocombe and Roberts, good size and shape, nice square cut Blaze, though rather pale, good tans, bars, and buttons; 2, Yates, shade smaller, grand blaze col., good bars, tans, and buttons, in pink of cond.; 3, vhc, Holborrow, very shapely, good tans, fails expanse of blaze; 4, Sampson, neat blaze, lovely cond., trifle smaller; vhc, Dalton; c, Lucas Bros. BULLF. (15), grand class: 1, Dr. Wilson, real beauty, grand size, good head, bold chest of brilliant hue, lovely back col., put down to the moment, easy win; 2, Hepworth, another really good one, rich in breast col., shapely, good size, nice cap and bars; 3, he, S. Jones, jun., shade smaller, very cobby, grand cap and bars, nice breast col.; 4, Poole, F.M., very shapely, good rich breast and back col., nice cap and bars, perfect cond.; vhc, Gregory; c, Holborrow, No. 8, good F.M. bird, must have been overlooked. LINNET, H.M. (15): another good class; 1, Nicholas, the old winner, we hear his sixth season, looking as well as ever, easy win; 2, Mrs. Dalton, nice size and shape, good col., well pencilled, put down in good order; 3, Davies, nice size, very shapely, well laced, rather weak head; 4, Hepwood, good size and shape, nice cond. and marking; vhc, Rees; he, Rees and Sons; c, Jeffreys. SISK., etc. (6): 1, 2, Mrs. Dalton, Twite leading, not one of the largest, but grand col. and very shapely, nicely laced, 2 sweet Siskin, nice size and shape, lovely eye and wing mkgs., good col., both in the best possible cond.; 3, Ford, Siskin, good shape and size, loses col.; 4, Sampson, Twite, very shapely, nicely laced, rather pale col.; vhc, Gregory; he, Jeffreys. LESSER REDPOLL, F.M. (17): 1, Jeffreys, bonnie exhibit, grand size, col., and mkgs., real wagon-horse shape, should moult a topper; 2, 3, Rees and Sons, another good one, best of shape, good size and col., hardly as well defined lacing as leader, 3 smaller, rich col., well laced; 4, Lloyd James, nice col. and markings, hardly as good shape; vhc, S. Jones, jun.; he, Addison; c, Prosser and Evans. BRAMBLEF. (6): 1, 2, Nicholas, two neat exhibits, well spangled, good col. and cond.; 3, Ford, nice size and shape, pale col.; 4, Lucas Bros., smaller, good spangling and lacing, nice cond.; vhc, Bullock; he, Davies. GREENF. (13): 1, 4, Holborrow, leader, a well-known winner, looking very fit; 2, Jeffreys, grand size and shape, nice wing bars, good col., fine cond.; 3, Bancroft, well-fed Jonque, nice size, very shapely, good col. and cond.; vhc, Emerson and Winstone; hc, Nicholas; c, Gregory.. HEN, A.V. (7): 1, Heal, well-known Corn Bunting, grand size and shape, beautifully marked, lovely col. and cond.; 2, Green, Mealy Poll, nice size and shape, with a little more lacing would be a topper; 3, Rees, dainty hen Chaffie, put down in first class order; 4, Glover, neat Reed Bunting, nice size, very shapely; vhc, Jeffreys; he, Bullock; c, Lloyd. FOR., A.V. (4): 1, Ford, Ring-necked Parrakeet, in beautiful order; 2, Richards, nice Avadavat; abs., Nos. 2, 3.

MR. HOULTON'S CLASSES.

NOR. CL. and YL. CK.: 1, Hitchings, fine, well-set Nor. type, good head and rare col., qual. and cond.; 2, Mabbett, fine shape, size, qual., and cond.; 3, Greaves, well up to others in type; 4, Richards; vhc, Jones and Davies; hc, Davies. HENS: 1, Addison, grand yell., rare subs. and qual.; 2, vhc, Hitchings, cobby buff, well marked, A1 cond.; 3, Greaves, smaller yell., good shape; 4, Richards, variegated buff, nice shape, beaten on head; vhc, Hitchings; hc, Lewis; c, Slee. UNFLIG. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Addison, grand size and subs., lovely qual., bloom and cond.; 2, 3, Hitchings, grand pair, well up to winner in all but size; 4, Hitchings, fine type and cond; vhc, Emerson and Watson; he, Greaves; c, Slee. YORKS. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Preedy, very stylish, grand length and pos., well up on leg; 2, Jones, slim type, good stand and fine qual.; 3, he, Mock, neat through, good feather; vhc, Owens; c, Williams. HENS (17): 1, Perkins, lovely yell., grand style, type, stand and cond.; 2, 4, Mock, buff leading, both fine cond.; 3, vhc, c, Williams, rare good trio, neat trim; hc, Owens. UNFLIG. BUFF: 1, Mrs. Dobbs, tkd. ear, A1 all over, grand bird; 2, Williams, cl., beaten in wing carr.; 3, Williams, beaten in cond. to-day; 4, Prof. Virgo. BORD. YELL. HENS: 1, Owens, grand perky type, jaunty carr., lovely feather; 2, Dr. Jenkins, very pretty type and carr.; 3, Sampson, good type; 4, Hocking; vhc, Macdonald; hc, Hoddmott; c, Sampson. BUFF HEN (15), very good class, all winners well up in type, etc.: 1, Owens, very smart cond., type A1; 2, Sampson, grand type, gay and jaunty; 3, — good bird, shade looser in cond.; 4, D. Jenkins, cinn. wing mark, grand type and jaunty carr.; vhc, Allen; he, Hocking; c, Macdonnell. BORD. YELL. GR. HEN (8): 1, Bobbett, sound deep level col., grand type, carr. and cond.; 2, c, Allen, grand col. and type, well up to leader; 3, 4, Middleton, shorter type, nice col. and cond., good carr.; vhc, Padley; he, Thomas. BUFFS (17): 1, 2, Allen, beauties, both in fine cond.; 3, he, Middleton, col., type and carr. quite good; 4, Edgington, shade paler in col.; vhc, R. Jenkins. CINN. BUFF BORD (8): 1, Allen, grand bird; 2, Hocking, very close up in all points; 3, Edgington, not quite so tight as leaders; 4, Llyfnwy Hughes, paler, nice type; vhc, Gilbert; he, Bobbett; c, Messer. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3, vhc, Edwards, fine C.B. leading and two good Crests, all fine birds; 2, Hocking, even mark Bord., very good all through; 4, Hitchings, 4-pt. colour fed Border; he, Hocking; c, Llyfnwy Hughes. SELL.: 1, Pook, yell. Goldf. Can.; 2, R. Bancroft, Greenf.; 3, Ford; 4, Bullock; vhc, Mabbett. VAR. MULE, etc. (14): 1, Lamb, Uneven Goldf. Can., grand bird; 2, Jeffries, very lightly variegated. Greenf. Can., looks like soon clearing; 3, Slocombe and Roberts, large variegated. Goldf. Can., in A1 col. and cond.; 4, Palmer, uneven buff; vhc, c, Jones and Davies; he, S. Jones, jun. DK. LINNET: 1, Heal, good shape, big bold bird, nice col.; 2, Dr. Wilson, grand col., but soft cond. to-day; 3, Jeffries, good bird, outer wing flights a bit off; 4, Ford, foul wing. A.V. TWO BRIT. (10): 1, Dr. Wilson, grand Chaffinch-Greenf., A1 order; 2, Crone, fine Redpoll-Bullf., good cond.; 3, Edwards, very nice big Goldf.-Bullf., in fine bloom; 4, he, c, Palmer; vhc, Lamb. GOLDF. BLACKLEG or GREYPATE (11): 1, Jeffries, just the right sort to put in stock for moulting, a good one all round, well balanced; 2, 4, Ford, beauties, in fine cond.; 3, Mrs. Mitchell, well mooned, good shape, nice

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HUDDERSFIELD.

Annual show, Nov. 20, Assembly Rooms, St. Peter Street, Huddersfield, with 279 entries, which is somewhat poor for the classification provided. Quality was quite up to standard, most of the noted winners being staged at this show. The Norwich classes were void owing to the Halifax Show being on the same date. The unflighted classes were the strongest, as usual. The cinnamon marks came up better than at previous shows. The novice exhibitors were the mainstay of the show. A five-franc note, sent to Mr. Morrison by a soldier from the front as a special prize for the's in cinnamon marks was won by Messrs. Atkinson and Firth. The society has in Mr. Geo. Wood a real good working President, who did a full share of the work, and seemed to enjoy it. Mr. Lawford, the secretary, did his duty in a very business-like manner, and the show stewards were Messrs. Atkinson and Armstead. The gatemen and working committee consisted of the following: Messrs. Buttle, Atkinson, Thornton, Townsend, and Sykes, who got through the work in a way deserving of the highest praise. The gate was very good, and there were several claims which would help to make the show a success. Prize money was paid out at the show to all winners who attended. Mr. E. Clegg, the judge, got through his work in good time.

CHAMP., CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS., CK. (9): 1, 3, Ogden Bros., cl., wonderful length, smooth as glass, grand head, back, and wings, full of nerve, level col., stands correct on the best of legs, a topper; 3rd, plenty of length, rich col., wedge-shape, hardly as fine drawn, stands well; 2, Dykes, cl., grand type, good head and neck, wings and tail well carr., rich col., only beaten in length; 4, Dyson, beautiful shape and style, shade less; vhc, Hartley; he, Sutcliffe and Sons; c, Jebson. BUFF (8): 1, Dykes, plenty of length, lovely col. and feather, grand flights and tail, A1 pos., perfect cond., gem; 2, Mason, rather longer, grand feather and col., wings and tail nicely carr., not quite as good in neck, staged well; 3, Dr. Craig, beautiful type and qual., very stylish, beaten in length; 4, vhc, Hartley, rare qual., neat wings and tail; he, Ogden Bros.; c, Helliwell. TKD. Yell. (8): 1, he, Dyson, mkd. head, grand length, col., and pos., nice shaped head, level neck and back, rare wing carr., fine cond.; 2, Dr. Craig, very slightly grizzled on head, for type and qual. unbeatable, good head, neck, wings, and tail, not as rich in col.; 3, Towers, mkd. on head, grand length and qual., rather too ehesty; 4, Bennett, lovely shape and style, not tight, will improve; vhc, Hall; c, Chittenden. BUFF (7): 1, Dykes, sweet wing tkd., nice length, feathered like glass, neat head, wings, and tail, exquisite col., well on leg, full of nerve; 2, Dr. Craig, good one, mkd. on wing, lovely qual., sound col., grand head, full neck, well carr. wings and tail, shade stouter; 3, A. Radley, very stylish, rare qual., not as full in neck; 4, Dyson, very slightly grizz., grand length and type; vhc, F. Taylor; hc, Bennett; c, Beaumont. CL. OR TK. YELL. HEN (10): 1, he, Hirst, tkd. neck and wing, straight as a rush, slim and lengthy, good head, neck, and wings, rich col., stands correct on good legs and feet, wins; 2, Dykes, wing tkd., correct length, richly coloured, feather tight as wax, A1 pos., in fine cond.; 3, Ogden Bros., cl., excels in qual., nice shape and style, hardly as long; 4, Helliwell, cl., very slim and stylish, lovely qual.; vhc, Wadsworth; c, Lawford and Son. BUFF (13): 1, vhc, Hartley, tkd, both cheeks, plenty of length, grand head, neck, and wings, A1 col. and feather, stands correct on best of legs, real gem; 2, Hodgson, cl., grand length, rich qual., neat head and neck, wings and tail well carr., beaten in shape; 3, F. Taylor, cl., very slim and stylish, rare qual., not full in neck; 4, Beaumont, sweet wing tkd., beautiful type and qual., sound col.; hc, Mason; c, A Radley. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (15): 1, vhc, Bennett, correct length, fine silky feather, rich col., grand pos., lovely shaped head, wings and tail well carr., a topper; 2, Mallinson and Son, cl., capital length and feather, stands well up on good legs, sound level col., fine cond.; 3, Hodgson, even mkd., very stylish, lovely qual., rare wing carr.; 4, Ogden Bros., cl., rare feather and style, rather short body; hc, Dyson; c, Hirst. BUFF (17): 1, Dyson, cheek tkd., very lengthy, full of nerve, fine silky feather, wings well carr., pipe tail, rich level col., staged well; 2, Ogden Bros., cl., straight as a rush, feathered like glass, very good col., rather strongly built, well up on leg, fine cond.; 3, Towers, even mkd., rare type and qual., rich col., loses in pos.; 4, Hartley, cl., very stylish, feathered like silk, shade stout; vhc, he, Hirst; c, Pass. EVEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Dykes, even mkd., the noted winner, yet unbeaten, wonderful length, correct type and qual., rich col., perfect cond.; 2, Towers, even mkd., beautiful qual. and col., grand head, neck, and back, wings and tail well placed, stands well, pos. well earned; 3, Morrison, even mkd., splendid type and qual., rich hot col., shade less; 4, Hall, even mkd., very stylish; vhc, Sharpe; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Mallinson and Son. BUFF (14): 1, Dr. Craig, even mkd., plenty of length, feathered like glass, sound level col., stands correct, wings and tail well carr., fine cond.; 2, Dykes, uneven mkd., standard length, lovely type and qual., A1 pos., grand shaped head, full neck, rare wing carr., staged well; 3, Thornton and Robertshaw, var., lovely type and qual., neat wings and tail; 4, Morrison, var., very stylish, wings and tail well placed, rather pale; vhc, Towers; hc, Bray; c, Sharpe. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Towers, even mkd., rich in col., nice length, feathered like glass, wings and tail perfect, stands correct, gem; 2, Morrison, even mkd., beautiful qual., grand head and neck, wings and tail well carr., rather more stoutly built, fine cond.; 3, Mason, var., rather less, lovely qual., proper wedge shape, A1 pos.; 4, Sharpe; vhc, Dykes; hc, Hodgson. BUFF (10): 1, Dykes, even mkd., wonderful length, grand head, neck, wings, and tail, sound col., A1 pos., put down in fine style; 2, Towers, var., beautiful silky feather, very stylish, rare wing carr., on good legs, only beaten in length; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, even mkd., nice shape and qual., neat wings and tail; 4, A. Radley, even mkd., lovely qual., rather short of bloom; vhc, Hartley; hc, Hodgson; c, Morrison: CINN. TKD. OR VAR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Dr. Craig, var., grand length, rich level col., fine silky feather, nice round head, wings well carr., pipe tail, fine cond., staged well; 2, 4, Morrison, var., nice type, full of nerve, feather like glass, stands well up on good legs, nicely coloured, rare wing carr; 4th, rare type and qual.; 3, Towers, lovely qual., grand head, well-fitting wings and tail; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Chittenden; c, Stobart. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Dr. Craig, even mkd., correct length and type, feathered like glass, grand head, full neck, wings and tail well placed, A1 pos., fine col. and cond., gem; 3rd, var., plenty of length, very stylish, lovely qual., rather stout; 2, Bennett, var., splendid type and qual., rich level col., on best of legs and feet, rare wing carr., staged well; 4, vhc, Atkinson and Firth, grand type and qual., but out of cond.; hc, Mallinson and Son; c, Towers. YELL. HEN (12): 1, 3, Dr. Craig, even mkd., grand length, slim and typical, rare col., nice round head, wings, and tail perfect, A1 pos., well benched; 3rd, rare qual. and style, neat wings and tail, rather too much chest, will improve; 2, Morrison, var., beautiful qual., lovely type, wings well braced, rich col., pipe tail, only beaten in length; 4, Atkinson and Firth, var., grand length and style; vhc, Chittenden; hc, Midgley; c, Towers. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Dr. Craig, var., splendid length, feathered to perfection, grand head, full neck, wings and tail correct, sound col. and cond., gem; 2, Morrison, var., nice length and style, level col., excels in qual., stands well on best of legs; 3, Towers, even mkd., slim and stylish, lovely qual., rich col.; 4, Mallinson and Son, even mkd., grand shape and qual., but unsteady; hc, Midgleyv; c, Gledhill. NOV., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (12): 1, Ratcliffe, cl., wonderful length, straight as a rush, rich col., nice head, wings and tail, well carr., A1 pos., in fine cond.; 2, A. Taylor, mkd. on head, rare type and qual., lovely col., beaten in length; 3, Morley and Hill, cl., beautiful type and cond., fine silky feather; 4, Hamlyn, even mkd., very slim and stylish, loses in pos.; vhc, Sykes; hc, J. Taylor; c, Crowther BUFF (10): 1, Hanson, cl., grand length, fine boxy feather, rare shaped head, full neck, neat wings and tail, stands correct on best of legs; 2, M. Radley, sweet tkd., beautiful qual., very stylish, wings and tail correct, rich level col., hardly as long; 3, c, Sykes, mkd. on back, rare shape and style, shows breed; 4, Beaumont, heavily var., very slim and typical; vhc, Bower; hc, Clarke. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Ratcliffe, cl., standard size, fine silky feather, good head, neck, wings, and tail, straight as a gun barrel, fine cond.; 2, Sykes, cl., lovely qual. and style, neat wing carr., pipe tail, rich col., beaten in length; 3, J. Radley, cl., rare qual., full of breed, and very slim; 4, Morley and Hill, cl., hot col., very slim and stylish, rather plain; vhc, Hamlyn; hc, J. Taylor; c, Buttle and Coupland. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Ratcliffe, cl., correct length and type, feathered like glass, grand head, full neck, wings, and tail correct, claimed in quick time; 2nd, var., splendid type and qual., very slim and stylish, sound col., wings and tail well carr., staged finely; 3, A. Taylor, cl., grand qual. and shape, nice col., rather flat; 4, Symes, mkd. on head, grand length and qual., correct type, unsteady; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Hanson; c, Crowther. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, W. Crowther, cl., wonderful length, grand head, on good shoulders, nice round body, wings and tail perfect, rich level col.; 2, Symes, cl., nice length and style, wings well carr., stands well up, full of nerve, shows breedy, rather loose in front; 3, J. Taylor, uneven mkd., rare length and type, hot col., very stylish; 4, A. Taylor, cl., very slim and typical, nice qual., rather pale; vhc, Beaumont; hc, Morley and Hill; c, Fisher. BUFF (12): 1, Firth, cl., plenty of length, grand head and neck, neat wing carr., best of qual., level col., stands well up; 2, Beaumont, cl., excels in qual., sound in col., A1 pos., neat wings and tail, only beaten in length; 3, Dutton, cl., rare type, feathered like glass, fine cond.; 4, Sykes, F, mkd. on head, nice shape and style, rare qual., paler; vhc, A. Taylor; hc, Mitchell; c, W. Sykes. CINN. TKD. OR UNEVEN MKD. CK. (10): 1, 4, Symes, var. buff, grand length and type, nice round head, rich level col., fine boxy feather, stands correct, fine cond.; 4th, uneven mkd., richly coloured, nice length, very stylish, rather slack in front; 2, Gledhill, mkd yell., very hot col., fine silky feather, nice head, wings and tail well braced, staged well; 3, Wood, var. buff, lovely qual., correct type, A1 pos., will do better; vhc, Baker Bros.; hc, Cox; c, Clarke. HEN (11): 1, Wood, mkd. yell., beautiful type, nice length, rich col., nice round head, neat wings and tail, A1 pos., fine cond.; 2, Mitchell, var. buff, rare length, very stylish, fine boxy feather, stands well upon best of legs and feet, shows well; 3, Smithies, tkd. yell., lovely style and qual., nice col., very slim; 4, Buttle and Coupland, var. buff, excels in qual., neat wings and tail, shade stout; vhc, he, Baker Bros.; c, Firth. NOR., HEN (6): 1, vhc, Baldwinson, cl. buff, plenty of subs., grand shaped head, bold breast, nice back and wings, rich col., well balanced on perch; 2, hc, Spencer and Maiden, tkd. buff, correct type, fine feather, sound in col., good head, neck, and breast, stands well; 3, 4, Simonett, var. buff, nice type and qual., good head, bold front. SELL., CK. (14): 1, Hartley; 2, Bray; 3, J. Radley; 4, c, Mallinson and Son; vhc, Senior; he, S. Taylor. HEN (9): 1, Mallinson and Son; 2, Heeley; 3, Beaumont; 4, Grayshon; vhc, S. Taylor; he, Senior; c, Wood.

SWANSEA—(Concluded).

blaze and tanning; vhc, Bancroft; he, Lloyd-James; c, Jones and Davies. BULLF. HEN (12): 1, Nicholas, regular beauty all over; 2, S. Jones, jun., good one, close on heels of winner; 3, Ford, fine cap, shape and cond., paler; 4, Emerson and Winstone, takes special best Bullf. out of money, shown in cage a bit too small, which causes her to soil her plumage; vhc, D. F. Davies; he, Rees and Sons; c, Prosser and Evans. LINNET, F.M. (16): 1, 2, Major, 1st grand type and markings, 2nd smaller than winner; 3, D. T. Davies, deep col. and A1 markings, shape and cond.; 4, Jeffries, grand col., bit smaller; vhc, Gregory; hc, Mrs. Dalton; c, Holborrow. LESSER REDPOLL, H.M. (10): 1, no name; 2, no name in catalogue, both grand birds; 3, Chick, grand bib, shade smaller in head, fine cond.; 4, Ford, good bib, paler, nice cond.; vhc, S. Jones, jun.; he, Green. YELLOW-HAMMER (8), not so many as expected: 1, Chick, grand bird all over, splendid head markings and finely proportioned throughout; 2, Lloyd James, equally good in markings, fine nat. col., grand cond.; 3, Richards, fine markings and col., cond. very tight; 4, Locke, takes 10s. special for best out of money, fails in head markings only to previous winners; vhc, Mrs. Dalton, over-matched to-day, rather too darkly spangled in centre of skull; he, Aitken; c, Ford. CHAFFINCH (11): 1, Chick, wins on depth of tone, although a shade smoky in col., fine big bird; 2, Rees and Son, paler, fine showy markings and cond.; 3, Nicholas, best shape and size in class, only wants more breeding cond. to bring up all the colours, good bird to keep; 4, Dr. Wilson, beaten in cond. to-day; vhc, Bullock; hc, c, Jeffries. A.O.V. SEEDEATER (8): 1, Dr. Wilson, grand Meadow Bunting; 2, 3, Thomas, Hawf. loading, in fine bloom and cond.; 4, Bullock; vhc, Ford; he, Jones, jun.; c, R. Baneroft. SOFTBILL: 1, R. Baneroft, fine Thrush.

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BELFAST.

The Ulster O.A. held its annual show Nov. 26 and 27, at the Clarence Hall, Belfast, a very comfortable room for the purpose, being lofty, with abundance of floor space and a good light, windows being on both sides of the room, and free from draughts. Nearly 400 birds were neatly staged on two tiers around the room. The management was carried out excellently by the courteous Secretary, Mr. Smyth, and a good band of workers, and everything was ready for the judges to start work by 9. Mr. A. Livingstone, Paisley, judged Belgians, Scotch Fancy, Mules, British, and Foreign, and Mr. J. R. Houghton, Gloucester, Crests, Norwich and Yorks. They got through their duties in good time, and seemed to give full satisfaction.

BELGIANS (6): 1, 3, Lavery, leader fine length, head well down, nice size, easy win; 3, good length, tails in drive; 2, r, vhc, Ronaldson, good length, gets head well down, loses drive; 4, Hurd; hc, Gillespie. SCOTCH FANCY, CL. OR FOUL YELL. CK. (7): 1, vhc, Ronaldson, fine drive, good shoulders, nice length of side, good depth of breast, fine pose, takes spl. best in section; 2, Cloughley, good drive, neat head, well filled shoulders, good length; 3, Dunlop, senr., good length, nice drive, tails in head and action; 4, Trimble; hc, Gillespie. BUFF (8): 1, 3, 4, Dunlop, senr., leader nice head and neck, fine shoulders, grand length, gets well into perch; 3, fails in pose, not quite the depth through; 2, Ronaldson, very little behind leader, good shoulders, nice length, good mover; vhc, hc, Lavery; hc, Gillespie. YELL. PIED OR GREEN CK. (7): 1, Hamilton, grand drive, quick action, good shoulders, fine length; 2, 4, vhc, Ronaldson, good top end, fine drive, good shoulders, nice length; 3, McNeary, good length, not so good in action; hc, c, Lavery. BUFF (5): 1, Lavery, good top end, fine drive, good shoulders, nice length; 2, 3, 4, Ronaldson, leader close up, fine drive, good head and neck, nice drive; 3, good length, not so good in action; vhc, Trimble. YELL. HEN, CL. OR FOUL (8): 1, Ronaldson, leader grand hen, fine head and neck, well filled shoulders, fine drive, full of action; 3, good length, not so well filled in action; 2, hc, c, Lavery, fine head and neck, good shoulders, nice action; 4, Cloughley; c, Gillespie. BUFF (7): 1, Lavery, sweet head, good neck and shoulders, fine length, nice action; 2, Cloughley, good top end, fine drive, good shoulders, nice length and action; 3, hc, c, Ronaldson, neat head and neck, nice drive; 4, Hamilton. YELL. HEN, PIED OR GREEN (5): 1, 3, Gillespie, grand hen, fine head and neck, well filled shoulders, fine drive, full of action; 3, fine head and neck, nice length, fails in action; 2, Lavery, grand drive, quick action, good length; 4, vhc, Dunlop. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Ronaldson, grand brace, fine heads and necks, well filled shoulders, good drive, full of action, little between them; 3, vhc, McNeary, fails in neck and shoulders a bit, good length; 4, Dunlop; hc, Gillespie; c, Lavery. SELL. (10): 1, Hamilton; 2, 3, Ronaldson; 4, Gillespie; vhc, Williamson; hc, c, Cloughley. CREST (7): 1, 2, 4, Creighton, grand large crest of good formation, neat centre, leafy feather of grand length; 2, neat crest, nice centre, not so well laid down, good texture of feather; vhc, Osborne; hc, Smyth. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Creighton, leader a grand unflig. hen, fine veiny crest, well laid down, neat centre; 2, hardly so fine in crest, nice texture of feather; 3, not so dense in crest, well laid on good texture of feather; vhc, Osborne. C.B. CK. (6): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Creighton, cl., grand skull, fine frontal, plenty of width, well lashed, fine length of feather; 2, fine skull, good length of feather, nice brows; 3, Patterson, good skull, fails in length of head feather; 4, Osborne. HEN (5): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Creighton, 1 fine domed skull, nice beetle brows, good length of feather; 3, good skull, well browed, dense feather; 2, Osborne, close up, good skull, good length of feather, hardly so well furnished. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Huston, grand head and neck, neat wings and tail, good col.; 2, Gray, good col., hardly the size of leader, could do with a tubbing. BUFF (9): 1, Foreman, grand col., neat head and neck, nicely moulded body, neat wings and tail; 2, Scott, good size, neat head, good full chest, neat wings and tail, rather pale in col.; 3, vhc, Thompson, good head, fails in neck, good back, neat wings and tail; 4, McLarnon; hc, Thompson; c, Carson. VARIEG. CK. (3): 1, 2, Lavery, leader yell., hot col., grand shape, nice head and neck, lovely feather; 3, Foreman. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Lavery, hot col. varieg. yell., nice size and shape, good bold head, neat wings and tail, good cond., a clear win; 2, Boyd, hot col., good head and neck, nicely filled in neck, good back, neat wings and tail; 3, 4, Foreman, good full head and neck, nicely braced wings and tail; vhc, McAteer; hc, Stewart; c, Thompson. BUFF (10): 1, Stewart, hot col. green, grand sized, bold front, full head and neck, capital wings, should make up well; 2, Foreman, nice type, though scarcely the size of leader, as good in every other respect; 3, c, Teasey, very typical, neatly braced wings and tail; 4, Boyd; vhc, Alexander; hc, McAteer. YELL. HEN, CL. OR TKD. (7): 1, Huston, cap mkd., good size and shape, clean cut, excellent wing carr., nice lady; 2, Thompson, very nice cl., good head and neck, neat wings and tail, well filled in back, good cond.; 3, McLarnon, nicely moulded body, medium size, nice head and neck, neat wing carr.; 4, T. Young; vhc, Scott; hc, Stewart. BUFF (7): 1, Scott, cl., nice size and shape, rare head, good deep chest, neat wings and tail; 2, Teasey, good size and shape, nicely moulded body, good deep chest, fails in wing carr., or could have changed places; 3, hc, McLarnon, neat head, good size, neat wings and tail, trifle rough at thighs; 4, Stewart; vhc, Young; c, Crawford. VARIEG. HEN: 1, Lavery, buff, good subs. right through, rare head and neck, nicely braced wings and tail; 2, Carson, yell., neat head and neck, good width of back, well filled in; 3, Hutson, buff, not a monster, but very shapely, neat wings and tail. YELL. HEN, UNFLIG. (7): 1, 2, Thompson, nicely proportioned well filled in back, full heads and necks, nicely cut away; 3, 4, Foreman, neat heads and necks, nicely braced wings and tails, hardly the subs. of leaders; vhc, Carlton; hc, McAteer; c, Boyd. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Lavery, leader charming cl., nice type, neat head, full neck nicely braced wings and good short tail; 2, Stewart, nicely moulded body, neat head and neck, nicely braced wings, gets well across perch; 4, Scott. SELL., CK. (9): 1, Scott; 2, 4, Boyd; 3, Foreman; vhc, Carleton; hc, Beattie; c, Carson. HEN: 1, McBride; 2, vhc, Gray; 3, Young; 4, Carson. NOV., NOR. YELL. CL. OR TKD. (11): 1, Brown, a very nice cl., nice round head, well filled in neck, nicely moulded body, neat wings and tail; 2, Murphy, variег., nice size, good type, nice qual. of feather, neat wing carr.; 3, McCrea, cl., good subs., nicely moulded body, shade smaller; 4, Montgomery; vhc, Clawson; hc, Cowan; c, Johnstone. BUFF (11): 1, Brown, variег., nice size and subs., rare head and neck, good col. throughout; 2, Clawson, cl., neat head and neck, nicely moulded body, good broad back, neat wings and tail; 3, Thompson, cl., medium size, fine head and neck, short flights; 4, Kane; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Blain; c, McCrea. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Jenkins, charming wing tkd., neat head and neck, well filled in back, nicely moulded body, neat wings and tail; 2, Brown, cl., good head and neck, fine qual. of feather, shade smaller than leader; 3, hc, Montgomery, nice type, neat head, fails in wing carr.; 4, Thompson; vhc, Kane; c, Clawson. BUFF (15): 1, Jenkins, short cobby body, good shape, neat head and full neck, short wings and tail; 2, Cowan, nice shape and feather, neat wings and tail, good qual. of feather; 3, McVicker, good shaped head and neck, short tail and wing, trifle wild; 4, Johnston; vhc, Montgomery; hc, McCrea; c, Kane. SELL., 15/-: 1, Boyd; 2, Lavery; 3, vhc, Gray; 4, McBride. 10/-: 1, Stewart; 2, 3, 4, Gray; vhc, Smyth. YORKS., YELL. CK. (9): 1, hc, J. Wood, lovely cl., grand length and style, well up on perch, nicely balanced, smart wings, neat tail; 2, Winkup, a very smart wing tkd., long and shapely, neat head and neck, good wings, fine qual.; 3, vhc, Malcolm, fine length and style, good posi., nicely balanced; 4, Fleming; c, Hurd. BUFF (7): 1, Winkup, eye and wing tkd., grand length and style, well up on perch, nicely balanced, smart wings, neat tail; 2, 4, Hurd, very typical cl., rare length of side, good wings and tail, capital shoulders; 3, c, Malcolm, typical, nice pos., neat head and wings, trifle rough; vhc, Fleming; hc, Hyland. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Winkup, cl., fit as a fiddle, a good Yorkie all over, lovely feather; 2, c, Woods, fine length, tightly braced wings, well up on legs, good qual.; 3, vhc, Hurd, typical, nice pos., neat head and wings, fair length; 4, Fleming; hc, Malcolm. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Winkup, lovely cinn. mkd., stylish, fine pos., good length, nicely drawn, well up on legs, in tip top form; 2, Malcom, very smart cl., lovely col. and qual., good length, straight back, neatly braced wings; 3, c, Hurd, mkd. head, very stylish, good pos., fails in head to leaders; 4, Hyland; hc, Fleming. YELL. CK. (15): 1, c, Regan, fine length, pos., and feather, well braced wings, sweet head; 2, Webb, cl., slim built, nice feather, neat wings and tail; 3, Selford, good length, nice qual., stands well; 4, Maleolm; vhc, Sands; hc, Couser. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Craig, very smart brace of clears, lovely feather, well up on leg, nice pos., grand length; 3, Maclaine, very stylish cinn. mkd., neat head, lovely qual. of feather, not quite the length; 4, Couser; vhc, Selford; hc, Webb; c, Maleomson. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Webb, lovely feather, straight as a rush, good pos., lovely col. and qual., neat wing and tail; 2, Selford, grand length, well drawn, well up on leg, nice pipe tail, neatly braced wings; 3, Malcomson, good feather and style, neat tail, rather pale in col.; 4, Montgomery; vhc, Couser; hc, Hunter. BUFF (7): 1, Regan, slim built, nice pos., well braced wings, well up on legs; 2, Webb, good length, nice feather and pos., neat tail and flights; 3, Loney, lovely featber, nice pos., fails in length; 4, Malcomson; vhc, Hunter; hc, Williamson; c, Lucas. LIGHT MULE (5): 1, Creighton, 3-pointed jonque Goldf., grand col. and qual., bit more size, would he a topper; 2, Lavery, variег. jonque Canary-Greenf., grand size, col. and cond.; 3, Carson, lightly variег. Goldf., nice feather, good col. and cond.; 4, vhc, Carlton. HYB. (3): 1, Alexander, Goldf.-Bullf., grand size and shape, full of col., in good cond.; 2, Alexander, Linnet-Bullf., nice size and shape, in lovely order; 3, Alexander. A.O.C., MULES, DK. (11): 1, Creighton, jonque Goldf., rare size and shape, extensive blaze, full of col.; 2, 3, McLarnon, Linnet, nice col., good size and shape, in good form; 3, Lavery, Greenf.-Can., grand size and col. in rare cond.; 4, Beattie; vhc, Alexander; hc, Carleton. GOLDF. (11): 1, vhc, Lavery, good size, deep coloured blaze, best of tans, grand shape and size; 2, Creighton, neat face, good col. tans and nice wing bars, good qual.; 3, Ronaldson, lovely tanning and wing bars, not so good in blaze as leaders; 4, Gillespie; hc, Patterson; c, McAteer. LINNETS (11): 1, 2, Lavery, lovely brace, grand shape, feather and pencilling, in tip-top form; 3, Dorman, rare size and shape, finely laced front, fails in col. to leaders; 4, Patterson; vhc, Alexander; hc, Boyd; c, Ervine. GREENF. OR BUNTING (9): 1, Creighton, grand Yellow Bunting, capital col., nice V markings, good size, shape and cond.; 2, 3, Lavery, Greenfinches, grand stamp, rare heads, necks, and fronts, rich fights, good col. and cond.; 4, Crawford; vhc, Beattie; hc, McBride; c, Griffiths. BULLF., ETC. (4): 1, Creighton, Bramble, rare size, hot col., good spangling, fine shape and cond.; 2, Montgomery, grand Chaffinch, nice size and shape, good col., fine whites; 3, McBride, smart hen Bullf., fine cap and bars; 4, Lavery. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Griffiths, sweet Siskin, grand col. and qual.; 2, McAteer, Mealy Redpoll, grand size, cobby shape, rare col. and cond., finely laced; 3, c, Lavery, grand cond., nice bib, rare col.; 4, Crawford; vhc, Alexander; hc, Boyd. FOREIGN (2): 1, Stewart, grand Grey Parrot, in lovely cond.; 2, Watters. GIFT (22): 1, Thompson; 2, Ronaldson; 3, Creigbton; 4, Young; vhc, Neil; hc, c, Lavery.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Annual autumn show, Nov. 6, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., one of the finest shows the society has had for some time, showing the society is doing better than ever. The showroom is one of the finest and most central in London, and the exhibits were well arranged all round by the show committee, Messrs. Harrison, Durham, Davey, and Cullers. There were 30 more entries than last year, which is especially gratifying in the present crisis. The Gilbert silver cup went to Mr. M. A. Bell with 50 points; silver medal for runner-up, Mr. Durham, 45; silver medal best bird, Mr. Cullers. The society gave the usual eight 2s. 6d. specials. Mr. W. Shakespears judged.

Champ. Nor., Ch. or Tkd. Yell. (4): 1, 3, Gilbert; 2, vhc, Bell. Buff (4): 1, 3, vhc, Gilbert; 2, Bell. Mkd. or Var. Yell. (3): 1, Gilbert; 2, 3, H. Bell. Buff: 1, spl, Bell. Yell. Hen: 1, H. Bell. Buff: 1, H. Bell. Yorks, Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (3): 1, 2, 3, Gilbert. Buff (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Gilbert. Yell. Hen (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Gilbert. Nov. Nor., Cl. or Tkd. Yell (8): 1, spl, 3, Davey; 2, c, M. A. Bell; 3, hc, Cullers; vhc, Harrison. Buff (7): 1, M. A. Bell; 2, Harrison; 3, vhc, c, Cullers; hc, Davey. Mkd. or Var. Yell. (5): 1, Harrison; 2, M. A. Bell; 3, hc, Davey; vhc, Cullers. Mkd. or Var. Buff (3): 1, spl, M. A. Bell; 2, Davey; 3, Harrison. Yell. Hen (3): 1, 2, Bell; 3, Harrison. Buff (5): 1, 4 spls, 2, Cullers; 3, hc, Bell; vhc, Harrison. Yorks, Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (5): 1, Dyer; 2, Stubb; 3, vhc, c, Durham. Buff (4): 1, spl, Durham; 2, 3, vhc, Stubb. Mkd. or Var. Yell.: 1, Harrison. Buff: 1, Stubb. Yell. Hen (5): 1, spl, hc, Stubb; 2, 3, Durham; vhc, Dyer. Buff (4): 1, 2, 3, Durham; vhc, Dyer. Crest (2): 1, 2, Mrs. Green. C.-B. (2): 1, Harrison; 2, Mrs. Green. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Stubb. Goldf. or Bullf. (4): 1, spl, H. Bell; 2, Stubb; 3, Pretty; vhc, M. A. Bell. Linnet (4): 1, Pretty; 2, Harison; 3, Davey; vhc, Durham. Greenf. or Chaff. (4): 1, Stubb; 2, Davey; 3, vhc, Pretty.—W. Gilbert, Hon. Sec.

COVENTRY.

The Coventry Godiva C.B.S., held its ninth annual open show, Nov. 27, at the Sydenham Palace, Ford Street. The room is an excellent one and the show was undoubtedly the best yet held by the society, the entries numbering just over 300, while the quality of the exhibits was excellent throughout. In the Norwich section some of the "Knots" were there; other varieties were not so large in number, but contained many well-known winners. The President, Councillor S. G. Poole, opened the show, and congratulated the society on the splendid lot of exhibits. Mr. A. Wright, show manager, afterwards presented Councillor Poole on behalf of the Society with a bird and cage, as a mark of appreciation of his services. The following officials had the whole of the arrangements well in hand:—Chairman, F. Buckley; vice-chair., F. Smith; auditors, H. Mann, W. Fisher; committee, Messrs. H. Adkins, W. A. Wills, W. Arundell, G. Radburn, F. Bache, J. Petch, A. Tansley, and K. Bickley; show manager, A. Wright; treas., G. Cox; hon. sec., F. A. Green. Mr. H. W. Hattye, Huddersfield, judged.

CL., ETC. YELL. (10): 1, 3, Stubbs Bros., large cl., good type, rich col., good head and neck, clean cut; 3, wing and saddle mkd., grand col. and qual., perhaps a trifle flat on head, otherwise good, both well known winners; 2, Thomas, eye mkd., not so typical as winner, but a good one, red hot; vhc, Silk; hc, Hathaway; c, Turner. BUFF (15): 1, Turner, grand type, short thick set, nice even col.; 2, Stubbs Bros., very typical, nice rich col., good wing carr.; 3, hc, Thomas, mkd. head and neck, nice short thick set bird, rich col., nicely cut away underneath; vhc, Hulse; c, Hathaway. HEN (15): 1, Gibbons, tkd. yell., lovely qual., nice even col., carries wings and tail nicely; 2, Growdridge, large tkd. buff, lovely qual., nice head and neck, trifle long; 3, Hulse, cl. yell., exquisite qual., grand head and neck, good wing carr.; vhc, hc, Hathaway; c, Thomas. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, sp, best unfligh., Turner, wing mkd., grand type, short, thick set bird, nice wing carr., brim full of col., wins Ramsden's sp.; 2, Thomas, eye mkd., large bird, nice even col., hardly so rich; 3, Stubbs Bros., tkd back of head, grand type, lovely col. and qual., hard lines; vhc, Draper; hc, Hathaway; c, Godley. UNFLIG. BUFF (14): 1, Stubbs Bros., well up in size, grand col. and qual., wins well; 2, Godley, rich col., splendid qual. of feather; 3, hc, Gilbert, better type, nice neat head and neck, fails col.; vhc, Turrall; c, Silk. UNFLIG. HEN (14): 1, Thomas, cl. yell., nice even col., neat head and wings, very sweet hen; 2, Godley, cl. buff, grand col. and qual., nice head and neck, good wing carr.; 3, Hathaway, cl. yell., good col., nice qual.; vhc, Gough and Foach; hc, Emery; c, Stubbs Bros. NAT. COL. (9): 1, G. Dickinson, buff mkd. eyes, head, and wings, large good type, nice head and neck; 2, Goosey, cl. yell., good type and qual.; 3, Growdridge, good sized buff, fails only in qual.; vhc, Hathaway, we liked as much as anything in the class; hc, Buckley; c, Horwood. CINN. (4): 1, 2, Godley, leader, lovely type, grand col., neat wings and tail; 2nd similar bird, but trifle long in tail; 3, Mills, buff, good type, nice even col., good head and neck; vhc, Wright. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Godley, yell., good col. and qual., nice type; 2, Wright, buff, good size and type, nice col., good cond.; 3, Mills, Jonque, very neat, hardly so large; vhc, Wright; hc, Radburn. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Dykes, good col. and qual., grand length and pos., neat wings; 2, Swindon, even col., trifle stouter; 3, Richards, variег. yell., good length, nice qual. BUFF (6): 1, Dykes, lovely col. and qual., nice bead and neck, rare length; 2, Cowley, grand qual., neat wings and tail; 3, vhc, Richards, good col. and qual., fails neck. HEN (4): 1, Dykes, stylish, nice length, neat wings; 2, Cowley, good col. and qual., nice pos.; 3, Petch, stylish, but fails tail to winner. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Dykes, rich wings and tail; 2, Cowley, stylish, rich col., neat wings; 3, Owen Jones, good qual., wants a wash vhc, Richards; hc, Swindon; c, Hymas. CREST OR C.B. (3): 1, 2, sp, Gilbert., C.B., large, thick-set bird, good cushioned head, well browed; 2, clear body, D.C., good cent., nice droop; 3, Barker, large green C.B., plenty of feather. UNFLIG. 3): 1, Barker, variег D.C., nice veiny feather, good droop, neat cent.; 2, Taylor, wing mkd., D.C., neat but small; 3, grey crest, no name in catalogue. A.O.V. (10): 1, Godley, foul cinn., good size, grand col. and qual.; 2, Gilbert, even mkd. Nor., nice type, good col. and qual.; 3, Wright, nat. col. green Nor., nice type and qual; vhc, Cox; hc, Growdridge; c, Fincher. NOR., 30s. LIMIT, HEAVILY VARIEG. (2): 1, Dickinson; 2, Turrall. CL. OR TKD. (11): 1, Collier; 2, Thomson; 3, Goosey. HEN (13): 1, Hulse; 2, Edwards; 3, Dean. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Collier; 2, Hughes; 3, Thompson. OPEN NOV. NOR. YELL. (14): 1, Dean, cl., yell., nice type, good wings, even col.; 2, sp, Fincher, yell. var., grand col. and qual., neat wings, clean cut; 3, Arundell, foul green, nice type and qual.; vhc, Nelson; hc, Dickinson; c, Growdridge. BUFF (20): 1, Day and Sturgess, eye mkd., good type, nice col. and qual.; 2, Saunders and Fincher, head and neck mkd., even col., lovely qual., good head and neck, trifle long; 3, vhc, Bailey, heavily variег., good col. and qual.; hc, Buxton; c, Buckley. LIGHT CAN. HYB. (3): 1, Gilbert, nearly cl. Goldf.-Can., "Peeping Tom," grand col., well known; 2, Lawrance, cl., fails in col.; 3, Smith, lightly variег. DARK CAN. (2): 1, 2, Lawrance, Goldf.-Can. and Cinn. Linnet-Can., in nice cond. BETWEEN 2 BRIT.: 1, 2, Gilbert, Greenf-Bullf., takes sp. best mule or hybrid, 2nd, Bramblef-Chaffinch. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (12): 1, sp, Checksfield, Goldf., nice size, good square cut blaze, neat wings and bars; 2, Poole, Bullf., good cap, nice col., very steady; 3, Edwards, Bullf., good col. and cap, hardly so large, otherwise equal. LINNET OR GREENF. (8) all winners, Greenfinches: 1, Dickinson, good col.; 2, Poole, trifle larger, falls col.; 3, Buckley, seemed a bit out of sorts when we saw it; vhc, Smith; hc, Wright. SISKIN, ETC. (2): 1, Gibbons, Twite, nicely mkd., good col.; 2, Checksfield, well mkd. Siskin. A.O.V. HARDBILL (5): 1, Poole, nice large Hawf., good col. and steady; 2, 3, Checksfield, Yellow Bunting, nicely mkd., well shown, and a Hawfinch. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Burrows, lovely Redstart, in the pink of cond.; 2, 3, Colton; 2, Whinchats, leader, nice col. and cond. SELL. 21s.: 1, Taylor; 2, Wright; 3, Hathaway.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Members' show, Oct. 30, Railway Hotel, Laisterdyke, Mr. H. Suteliffe judged the 70 birds staged and gave general satisfaction. Cl. Tkd. Yell. (9): 1, 4, J. Chippindale; 2, Swaine; 3, Padgett. Buff (6): 1, 2, Swaine; 3, Symes; 4, Chippindale. Cl. Tkd. Yell. Hen (8): 1, 4, Symes; 2, Swaine; 3, Chippindale. Buff (5): 1, Swaine; 2, 3, 4, Chippindale. Mkd. Hen (7): 1, Gledhill; 2, 3, 4, Symes. Cinn. (2): 1, 2, Hodgson. Cinn. Hen (1): 1, Hodgson. Nov. Cl. Tkd. Yell. (9): 1, 3, 4, Pownall; 2, Reid and Son. Buff (4): 1, 3, 4, Reid and Son; 2, Bower. Mkd. (6): 1, 2, Reid and Son; 3, 4, Pownall. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen (7): 1, 2, 4, Reid and Son; 3, Bancroft. Buff (5): 1, 4, Bower; 2, 3, Pownall. Mkd. Hen (1): 1, F. S. Foster.—W. H. Symes, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH LONDON F.A.

Forty-first annual exhibition, Constitutional Club, Old Kent Road, Nov. 18. The entry was a fairly good one, considering the number of fanciers with the colours and engaged in war work. Norwich were an unusually fine lot, some of the birds having taken full honours in open competition; special for best bird in the section went to Mr. Hodder's mkd. buff, a massive full-headed bird of good quality; the same owner secured special for 2rd best with a grand yell. hen, and also exhibited a very promising unflighted yell., which stood first in its class. Mr. Diamond annexed the Ice trophy for best Novice with a very nice buff that should make up well. Yorks. made a nice show, quality being well to the fore. Mr. Clarke staged a capital unflighted yellow, winning the cup for best unflighted, also the special for best Yorks.; he sent also a very typical marked bird that stood first in its class. Borders were good, some of the winners being excellent examples of the variety. Messrs. Burton Bros. won challenge cup for best young bird with a charming buff staged to perfection; special for best bird was secured by Mr. J. Williams with a lovely yellow of grand type and quality. Mr. J. Luckham acted as show manager and sec., and carried out his duties in splendid style, his assistants being Messrs. Horton, Harris, Biss, Fairman, Fuller, Martin, and Diamond. Mr. H. Norman judged.

Nor., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 2, Hodder; 3, Crawford and Matthes; vhc, he, c, Laccohee. Mkd.: 1, 2, Hodder; 3, Laccohee; vhc, he, Crawford and Matthes; c, Harris. Hen: 1, 2, Hodder; 3, Crawford and Matthes; vhc, he, Laccohee; c, Harris. Unflig.: 1, 2, Hodder; 3, Harris; vhc, Crawford and Matthes. Hen: 1, Hodder; 2, Crawford and Matthes. Yorks. Ck.: 1, 2, Cant; 3, Fairman. Hen: 1, Fairman. Unflig.: 1, 3, Clarke; 2, hc, Fairman; vhc, Cant. Mkd.: 1, Clarke; 2, 3, vhc, Fairman. Hen: 1, Fairman; 2, Clarke. Bord.: 1, 2, Burton Bros.; 3, vhc, Rev. Soames. Hen: 1, Burton Bros.; 2, Rev. Soames. Unflig.: 1, 3, Burton Bros.; 2, Rev. Soames. Hen: 1, Burton Bros. Nov.: Nor. Ck.: 1, Diamond; 2, Martin. Unflig.: 1, 3, Diamond; 2, vhc, Adams. Hen: 1, Martin; 2, Diamond. Yorks. Ck.: 1, 2, Martin; 3, c, Pratt; vhc, Hallam; hc, Saunders. Hen: 1, Adams. Unflig.: 1, 2, 3, Hallam; vhc, Pratt. Bord., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 3, Williams; 2, Joplin; vhc, Kay; hc, c, Martin. Mkd.: 1, Joplin; 2, Kay. Hen: 1, c, Martin; 2, vhc, Joplin; 3, Williams; hc, Kay. Unflig.: 1, 3, vhc, Martin; 2, Kay. Mkd.: 1, Joplin; 2, Martin. Hen: 1, hc, Williams; 2, 3, Martin; vhc, Joplin. Hyb.: 1, Saunders; 2, Fairman.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Fourth members' show, Oct. 23. Mr. W. A Cowgill judged the 92 birds shown. Open Yorks Yell. Ck (5): 1, Helliwell; 2, 3, 4, Symes. A.O.V. Ck. (3): 1, Horsfield; 2, 3, Hunter. Unflig. Ck. (7): 1, 3, c, Helliwell; 2, 4, hc, Elsegood; vhc, Horsfield. Yell. Hen (7): 1, vhc, hc, c, Helliwell; 2, 3, 4, Symes. Buff (7): 1, 3, Helliwell; 2, 4, Horsfield; vhc, he, Symes; c, Hunter. Nov. Yell. Ck. (7): 1, 2, hc, Rhodes; 3, vhc, Bolton and Lunn; 4 Bowes; c, McEwen. A.O.V. Ck. (4): 1, Copland, 2, McEwen; 3, Bolton and Lunn; 4, Rhodes. Unflig (13): 1, Bowes; 2, Sykes; 3, 4, Bolton and Lunn; vhc, c, Wood; hc, McEwen. Yell. Hen (5): 1. Bolton and Lunn; 2, 3, Woad; 4, vhc, Bowes Buff (9): 1, 2, Bolton and Lunn; 3, Woad; 4 Rhodes; vhc, Bowes; hc, Copland; c, McEwen. Nor. Yell. Ck. (7): 1, 2, Kaberry; 3, 4, vhc, Plowright; hc, Roe; c, Airton. Buff (8): 1, vhc, hc, c, Plowright; 3, Kaberry; 2, 4, Airton. A.V. Hen (10): 1, 2, Kaberry; 3, vhc, hc, c, Plowright; 4, Airton. —W. Helliwell, Sec.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Gateshead (Durham).—Rochester Street Sunday Schools, Dec. 11. Judges, F. W. Laidlow, T. Almond, J. Stewart, A. Montgomery, J. Maddison. 51 classes: Nor. 8 (2 Nov.), Crests 4, Yorks 7 (2 Nov.), Scotch Fancy 2, Bord 9 (2 Nov.), A.O.V. 1, Sell 3, Mules 3, Brit. 11 (1 Nov.), For. 3. Prizes: 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Dec. 6 to W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle.

Great Horton (Bradford).—Cross Lane Council School, Dec. 11. Judge, H. W. Battye. 37 classes: Yorks, 18 (open), 14 Novice; 3 Selling. Fee 1/6. Entries close Dec. 7 to A. W. Hartley, Cragg Street, Gt. Horton, Bradford.

Sale (Cheshire).—Social Club, Chapel Road, Dec 10-11. Judges, J. W. Mctealfe, C. Houlton. 60 classes: Yorks. 16 (6 Amat. or Nov.), Nor. 15 (6 Amat. or Nov.), Bord. 13, Sell. 2, Brit. 10 (1 Sell.), Mules 4. Prizes: 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 6, or first post Dec. 7, to—W. Middleton, 26, Northenden Road.

Club Reports.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

List of winners of the N.P.C. specials: Most points champ., Crawshaw, 122 points; 2, Cook, 112; 3, Thomas, 81; 4, Hirst, 76. 2s. 6d. spls.: Preston A. Hirst; Accrington, Carlisle, Sheffield, Ardwick, and Manchester, Blease and Son; Halifax, Granger Blease and Son won silver teapot with 18 points. Amateur: Most points, 1, Wharton, 56; 2, Fildes, 55; 3, Spencer, 54. 2s. 6d. spls.: Preston, Wharton Accrington, Cook and Son; Carlisle, Mitchell; Sheffield, Mitchell and Chilton join; Ardwick and Manchester, Wharton; Halifax, Wharton and Cook and Son join; Mr. J. Wharton won 10s. spl. with 18 If the above are not correct, kindly write to Sec.—F. Cunliffe, Scc.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

BUCHANITE.—Replied to by post.

PULLS OUT FEATHERS (E. M. H.). It would help considerably in bringing the bird into song earlier than otherwise if you could keep him where he could hear another free singer for a week or two. Short of this the following treatment should be successful, though not, perhaps, quite so speedy. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only. In addition give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of banana every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle and broken groats, and a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. In the drinking water every second day for a fortnight add ten drops of lemon juice, six of glycerine, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. Continue the above method of feeding for three or four weeks if necessary.

CONSTIPATION (Yellow Norwich).—This is what troubles your bird. In addition to your present staple diet give half a teaspoonful of the seed mixture every third day, but omit the proportion of hemp for the present and substitute in its place the same proportion of linseed. On the intervening days between giving the pinch of mixed seed, give first a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and next a small spray of watercress, if you can get it quite free from frost, otherwise give instead a morsel of raw or boiled carrot. In the drinking water, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards, add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. (2) There may be many causes for the trouble: the situation or environments of the bird; a predisposed habit of the individual, or the manner in which it is kept; but more often than anything else it arises from the dietary containing too small a proportion of laxative items in the food, or lack of some green salad or fruit of some kind.

A LISTLESS SPECIMEN (Hopeful).—Possibly the bird may be in an overfed condition, but you give no clue on this matter. Try the following treatment for three or four weeks, and then, if there is no improvement, write again, and repeat particulars, and say whether he is in a plump or emaciated condition of body. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. In addition give separately half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with about half the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure mixed in it every third day, and on the intervening days give first a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and linseed, and next a small spray of watercress, when you can get it quite free from frost, and at other times substitute a morsel of banana or raw or boiled carrot. In the drinking water every second day for a week add ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight.

BARE NECK AND DAMAGED WING (A. P., A Novice).—(1) I am afraid the baldness appearing at this time does not augur well for its recovery. However, try what the following treatment will do for it in the course of a month or so. In addition to the usual seed diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake slightly dusted with flour of sulphur and then sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts niger, white millet, linseed and broken groats, and add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. At the end of a fortnight discontinue the treatment for one week, and then begin it again and give it for another fortnight. Give a morsel of sweet fruit or green salad three times a week, but be careful that you do not give the latter in a frosted condition. (2) For the damaged wing you should keep the bird in a moderate-sized cage, with a light cover thrown over the front, and the seed and water vessels, and also the perches, arranged in the most convenient way you can manage for the bird, so that it does not have any need to use the wing in the least degree. Keep it as quiet as possible for two or three weeks, by which time the enforced rest for the wing will doubtless have done all that is necessary to remedy the mischief.

DOES NOT SING (Shum).—See that the bird does not hang in or very near a window, nor high up near the ceiling. I am not quite clear whether you give all the seeds you mention for the staple diet or only as extras. In any case give as staple a simple mixture composed only of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition to this give every second day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and broken groats, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Give a morsel of banana or boiled carrot three times a week. Allow him to bathe twice a week, on mild days, and always offer the bath early in the day during these short days. In the drinking water add 20 drops of fluid magnesia every second day for a week, and afterwards give instead 20 drops of chemical food two days in every three for two or three weeks.

NOT CEASED MOULTING (Norwich Canary).—First of all, see that the bird is quite free from direct cold draughts, and is not exposed to rapid extremes of heat and cold, or damp. Then you may treat it the same as advised to "Shum" in this issue for a month, except that in your case instead of the chemical food after the first week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and tincture of steel every second day until the feathers cease dropping. If the bird does not soon begin to show signs of coming in song after the moulting is stopped write again, and refer to this reply.

RISING HOPES (Puzzled).—It is quite possible for even the most experienced to make a mistake in the sex of the bird, but the error is not so likely to be repeated so often as to sell two cocks for hens—the reverse would be a more likely direction for such an error to take. On the other hand, it is not at all unusual for hens to utter a more or less sustained twitter, which occasionally assumes the character of a song. The vocal efforts of the hen, however, are very rarely such as to be really mistaken for those of even a moderately proficient cock, being decidedly more broken and scrappy than those of the cock, and there is not the same inflation and pronounced throbbing of the throat during the performance in the hen as is the case with the cock. It is not possible to say definitely whether any given bird is a cock or hen from a description, so the best thing you could do, if still in doubt, would be to get some experienced fancier to look at them and give you an opinion. By the bye, you should not hang them in a window, which is about the worst place you could choose. Read these replies for the past few weeks, and you will gather the reason why.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Baltye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

BREEDING WITH FIELD-MOULTED LINNET (E. M. H.).—As a rule one has no difficulty in breeding from field-moulted Linnets. They not only prove attentive partners, but generally fertilise eggs well. This being so, one might well ask why house-moulted birds are preferred, and the answer is that they are more tractable, and therefore less likely to upset the hen or young ones by dashing about the cage at the slightest disturbance. Your bird will be quite all right, as you will have plenty of time during the winter months to get him steady and in nice condition for breeding. You should let him fly in a fairly large cage with the hen Canary; occasionally running him into a smaller one to keep him steady.

SELECTING BIRDS FOR AVIARY (T. Berry).—In making a selection of birds for breeding purposes in an aviary it is as well to have an excess of hens, but one wants to make sure that the birds selected will agree together, as there is no more terrible battle in the bird world than when two hens take a thorough dislike to each other, and commence to quarrel in the breeding season. Bullfinch hens, as a rule, do not agree well together, so I would not rely too much upon them. You might very well substitute a Greenfinch hen or a Siskin in place of one or two of them, of course removing the Greenfinch cock. As regards the Buntings, I do not think you are wise in keeping both; replace one with a Goldfinch hen. If you do this you will require another cock bird, say a Twite or Redpoll. Your next aviary should contain only three Canary hens, as the Linnet will in all probability only mate with one, leaving the Goldfinch to look after the others. Your suggestion for the third aviary should do very well.

JAY PLUCKING HIMSELF (M. A. Burgess).—Either your bird is infected with insects or the food you are giving him is too heating. Unfortunately, you do not say how you are treating him; "meat and Jay's food" may mean anything. You see, I am unable to guess at the kind of meat or what the Jay's food consists of. Although these birds are hardy, they require proper treatment, or they soon do badly. You had better examine him for insects, and, if you find any, dust him well with insect powder, repeating the process until you have cleared him. I would also advise you to send to this office for the Nutshell booklet on the larger insectivorous birds; this contains full directions upon feeding Jays, Magpies, and Jackdaws. Before making a change in your feeding, give the bird a good aperient, say as much Glauber salts as will cover a shilling, dissolved in 3 tablespoonsful of water. As you keep him indoors, you should let him have a daily bath.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AILING BUDGERIGARS (Mrs. Evans).—You must send me more information before I can give you a helpful reply. I must know how you are treating it generally, and where you keep it. For the present keep it as warm as possible and where the temperature is fairly equable. Continue to give the oil till the bowels have been properly moved. If you can induce it to eat a little biscuit, crust of bread, or a bit of sponge cake, then lightly spread a piece of either of these with cod liver oil emulsion, and give it a piece or two daily. Keep a millet spray in the cage, also a bit of sweet apple for it to nibble at. If it appears to want a stimulant give a little very weak brandy and water (tepid) in lieu of the drinking water. Do not neglect to keep up a continuous supply of cuttlebone and grit.

TREATMENT OF GREY PARROT (Grey Parrot).—As you have had no experience with Parrots you would do well to get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d., post free, from our Manager, and treat your bird generally according to the directions given therein. In old birds the skin of the legs is hard, rough, and the scalings are coarser and horny. There is no royal road to teach it to talk, once it is at home among you it will pick up many words and sounds for itself. When you give it some tit-bit greet it with such phrases as "Something nice for Polly," "Good morning," etc., also whenever it is quiet and restful and you are by it talk to it and repeat over and over again some short phrase you wish it to learn. The main thing is patience, often when you have almost given up hope of improvement the bird will surprise you by uttering some quite long phrase—many things are uttered or muttered unintelligibly before articulating them clearly. If you proceed on some such lines your bird should ultimately develop into quite a good talker.

SENEGAL AND CACTUS PARRAKEETS (Alfredo).—I have come across some Senegals that talked quite well without being really talented, but the majority only talk a little. They are handsome and brilliantly coloured birds, and make nice pets once they become tame. If in fair condition on arrival they are not unduly difficult to establish, but never buy an ailing, weakly looking, newly imported Senegal. Their value is from 25/- upwards, according to the number of arrivals and condition. At the present time a high price would prevail unless the arrivals were numerous. I have never heard of, nor met with, a talking Cactus Conure, the value of an ordinary bird of the species is 20/- to 30/-. Other nice small Parrakets are Canary-wings, Tovi, Tui, Orange-flanked, and Ring-necked.

CONVALESCENT PARROT (J.W.M.). I am pleased to receive so good a report, and there should now be no further difficulty with it. The best means to avoid chills and colds is to keep strictly out of draught and in as equable a temperature as circumstances permit. As regards the feathers, it is presumably only the ordinary moult, and at such periods birds assist Nature by helping out some of the feathers. A little observation will soon show you whether this is the case, or whether it is pulling out its feathers from sheer mischief, if you suspect the latter, then whenever we get a warm genial day spray it with a dilute quassia solution (tepid). Hope it will continue to do well.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Dec. 7, St. Thomas Old Schoolroom, entrance Chapel Street, 8. Cage-making demonstration. Ticket money to be sent in.—J. Spencer.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 7.30. Annual meeting, election of officers, rules, etc, payment of prize money. Will members bring or send all ticket money.—E. Johnson.

Bacup Roller C.C.—Dec. 7, Park Hotel, Bacup, 7.30. Paying prize money, etc., and enrolling new members. —Geo. Johnson.

Bowling B.F.A.—Dec. 6, Barley Mow, 7.30. Business important.—J. Nicholl.

Brighton & Hove C.B.A.—Dec. 8, headquarters, Members' annual show. Judging at 2 by Mr. Geo. Gardner. Schedules have been sent to all fully-paid members.—W. H. Gibb.

Burton-on-Trent.—Dec. 7, New Inn, 8. Table show, yellow cocks, buff hens.—A. Wood.

Bolton C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Joiner's Arms, Deansgate, 8. Old bird show business, etc.—P. Brierley.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Forester's Arms, 7. Business important.—J. Stirling.

Bradford East O.S.—Dec. 7, Park Chapel Schoolrooms, 8. General business; lecture by Mr. G. Snead on breeding and rearing. Hearty welcome to new members.—J. Spencer.

Bootle C.B.S.—Dec. 7, St. Andrew's Hall, 8. General business. Entries taken for old show, Dec. 11.—A. E. Huyton.

Clapham C.B.A.—Dec. 7, 8. Selection of medals. Medal winners please attend.—T. J. Hose.

Crystal Palace & Penge C.B.S.—Dec. 8, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, 7.30. Report of show, electing auditors, etc. Kindly note alteration in time owing to new regulations.—W. D. Fryett.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Raith Arms Inn, 6. General business.—A. Robertson.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Sydenham Palace, 8. Important business.—F. A. Green.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 6. Entries for annual show and other important business.—G. T. Lynn.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, S.E., 7.30. Prize distribution and general meeting; subs. are overdue.—D. Reeks.

Denton C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Sec.'s residence, 8. Balance sheet, auditor's report, election of officers, any other business.—A. Wright.

Darlington C.B.S.—Dec. 8, George Hotel, 7.30. Members' prize money paid and other business.—F. Stothard.

Edinburgh North-Eastern O.S.—Dec. 6, Regent Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Financial report, election of office-bearers, and paying of prize money; new members enrolled at this meeting.—R. S. Spence.

Eccleshill C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Fountain Inn, 6.30. General and other special business re having show on the morning of Jan. 1. Subs due.—S. Wilcock.

Falkirk Good Intent.—Dec. 4, 80, Graham's Road, 7.30. Placing specials for show, Dec. 11; Fanciers wishing to join come forward to this meeting.—W. Clarkson.

Farnworth C.B.S.—Dec. 8, Church House, Church Road, 8. Special general meeting, selecting auditors, etc.—W. Dawson.

Fife C.B.L.—Dec. 11, Lochgelly, 5.—J. Sneddon.

Guiseley Yeadon.—Dec. 4, Regent Hotel, 7. December show business. Judge, P. Mason, Shipley. —W. Rose.

Gt. Horton O.S.—Dec. 4, Station Hotel, 3. Members' show. Judge, Mr. L. C. Casey.—A. W. Hartley.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Dec. 4, 8, special meeting to allot additional specials. Members please bring their entries.—W. Curry.

Halifax O.S.—Dec. 4, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Balance sheet for annual open show. Nomination for officials and new rules, or alterations, to be handed or sent to Sec.—H. Clegg.

Halifax C.B.S.—Dec. 9, King Cross Band Room. Show of Canaries (hen birds); birds staged 7.30.; and meeting. Judge, J. H. Fowle, of Queensbury.—A. Sutcliffe.

Leyton C.B.A.—Dec. 6, headquarters, 8. Distribution of cups and prizes won at annual show.—A. W. Farnfer.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Greyhound Hotel, 8. Important business, also collection of specials, etc., to enable schedules to be printed.—D. H. Davies.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Dec. 4, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 7.30. Judging competition of Norwich and Yorks. Final Judge, Mr. W. Shakespear. Three prizes given. Please bring some birds.—W. Gilbert.

Leeds C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Lockhart's, Briggate (next door to Hope Bros.), 7.30. Table show of hens; nomination of officers for ensuing year; business very important; many subs. are much overdue.—E. Norton.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Dec. 11, Y.M.C.A. Halls, 6. First table show, Norwich, 4 classes. Mr. P. M. Rae's special for most points; entry money as usual; arrange next table show.—T. J. McGregor.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Dec. 4, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 7.30. Important business is down for decision. —H. Best.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Dec. 7, White Swan, 8. Table show.—A. Freestone.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Dec. 6, Deansgate Hotel, 8. January show business, room, date, etc.—F. Wilkinson.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Dec. 16, Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green, 8. Paying prize money of annual show; report of annual show; a pleasant evening; members may bring a friend.—H. F. Bowring.

Morley C.B.S.—Dec. 7, headquarters, 8. Final arrangements for last show of season.—J. W. Mitchell.

Norwich Plainhead Club.—Will members who have not yet paid their subs. for 1915 kindly forward same, and oblige.—F. Cunliffe.

Nelson, Colne C.B.S.—Dec. 7, 117, Every Street, 8. Show, etc. Please note change of address from Phillips Lane.—D. Watts, Sec., 37, Alkincoates Road, Colne.

OPenshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Dec. 8, 8.30, Club Room, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw. Gen. business, show business, subs. due.—A. W. Newton.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 8. Annual general meeting, audit report; Nov. show settlement, election of officers, 1916; programme for 1916.—G. H. Maclellan.

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—Nov. 27, Colliery Inn. Special meeting, to pay prize money and specials.—James Stanger.

Perth City and County C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, 8. Balance sheet for the year, and other business.—J. L. Smith.

Pontypool C.B.S.—Dec. 4, headquarters, 7. Show business and placing of specials; important.—H. H. Vaughan.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Dec. 9, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Norwich table show and judging competition; arrange schedule for matched pair show; nomination of officers and judges for 1916.—W. R. Beasant.

Springburn, Possil Park C.B.C.—Dec. 6, Reid Hall, 8. To receive entries for annual show, Dec. 11.—J. Waugh.

South-West London C.B.S.—Monthly meetings in future will be held at the Plough Hotel, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction. Next meeting, Dec. 9, table show of Norwich, Yorks., and Bord.; also judging competition. Birds on table 7.30. New members can be enrolled; particulars from Mr. H. Freeman, 105a, Bolingbroke Grove, Wandsworth Common, or Lilley, 17, Ilminster Gardens, Lavender Hill.

Southampton C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Waterloo Hotel, 8.30. Show accounts, etc.—W. L. Page.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Dec. 7, Liberal Club, 8. Arrangements re members' show on Boxing Day, and other business.—W. Everett.

Stratford and E. London F.S.—Dec. 8, Eagle. Evening show, 7 to 9. Judge, Mr. Dalton. Last competition for Rev. Soames' Finch cup. Entries by Tuesday, 10.—A. Wasey, 18, Buxton Road, Stratford.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, 7.30. Arrangements for shows and annual meeting.—S. B. Grayshon.

Sheffield O.S.—Dec. 7, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Very important business.—E. C. Job.

Todmorden C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Temperance Hotel, 8. Annual business meeting; also to consider annual show date.—J. M. Spofforth.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—No meeting Dec. 6; next meeting in Jan. will be duly announced.—G. Griffiths.

Windhill C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Blue Bell Hotel, 6.30. Balance sheet for open show. Nomination of officers for 1916. Subs. due. Note change of date.—J. Taylor.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Dec. 9, headquarters, 8. Night show for novices. 5 Yorks. and 1 A.O.V.; and to elect judge for British bird and pair show.—Wm. Mallinson.

Wanstead F. & F.S.—Dec. 9, Cambridge Park Hall, Wanstead, 8. Final arrangements for annual show, Jan. 20.—H. S. Lofthouse.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Horse and Groom, 7. Arrangements for Boxing Day show, and other business. —W. Chapman.

Walkley C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Westmorland Street Mission Hall, 8. Election of officers. Final table show, novices.—C. Tomlinson.

Walkden Roller Society.—Dec. 7, Stocks Hotel, 7.30. General business.—E. Ribbert.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Commercial Hotel, 6 Show and other important business. Schedules ready; subs. due.—Wm. Cresswell.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. **Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away,** and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

H. M. Bates.—Endocardis, an inflammation with deposits upon the valves. A senile change. The symptom of paralysis of one leg was owing to great accumulation of scales, causing contraction of the limb.

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Odd Cocks, each	0	8	6
Pair Breeding Silver Pheasants	1	10	0
Pair Breeding Golden Pheasants ...	1	10	0
Hen Golden Pheasant	1	0	0
Canadian Geese, pair	2	10	0
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SIX young Goldfinch Mules, 5 cocks, 1 hen; 5 hens and two cock Canaries, Norwich; sell or part exchange H.M. Goldfinches; seen any time: King, 49, Craven Park-rd., Tottenham. (84)

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LARGE Yellow Norwich cock, stock bird, 22/6; exchange typical Crestbred cock, with short feather, must be large good bird; house-moulted Siskin, 5/6, approval both: Smedley, New Village, Rainworth, Mansfield. (83)

SIBERIAN Goldie, Bullfinch, 2 Linnet cocks, and hen Goldie, Mule breeders, twice H.M. cock Canaries, 7/6; wanted lady's cycle in exchange, 22in. frame, in good condition: Andrews, 18, Malyons-rd., Lewisham. (87)

EXHIBITORS! House-moulted cocks, grand condition, must clear, first money gets; Yellow Wagtail, 7/6; Wheatear, 5/6; Starling, 5/6; Robin, 1/6; Chaffinch, 2nd Lancaster, 7/6; another, 2/6; Greenfinch, 2/6; Linnet, 2/6; Rollers, Water Glucke strain, cocks 8/- upwards, hens 2/6 upwards: Dixon, Roseberry-aven., Morecambe. (88)

FOUR Brambles, 7/6; three Greenfinches, 5/-; Greenfinch Mule, Redpoll, Yellowhammer, 7/6 lot; four Chaffinches, 7/-; Redwing Corn Bunting, 10/-; two pairs Cutthroats, 13/- pair; Paradise Whydahs, in large brass cage and show cage, £1 10/- pair; marked Doves, 10/-; hybrid Mannikin, 6/6; pure White Java Sparrow, 8/-; two pairs Java Doves, 10/-; show cages, 2/6 each: Madame Madewell, 75, Croxted-rd., Dulwich. P.O. with order. (88)

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WANTED, cock Canaries, on full song: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne. (85)

WANTED, Canaries, British birds; state lowest price cash: Brain, Aston, Birmingham. (28)

WANTED Canaries, also Mules; state price: E. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (53)

WANTED, Bullfinches and Goldfinches from catcher: Johnson, 55, George-st., Leeds. (87)

WANTED, water glucke Roller Schoolmaster; state colour and particulars: Cigar Stores, Carter-gate, Newark. (90)

WANTED, Canaries and Mules, either sex; state lowest price for prompt cash: Robinson, 33, Besson-st., New Cross. (93)

WANTED to buy, any quantity Canaries and British for cash: McCully and Sons, 28, Denton Green, St. Helens. (87)

EXCHANGE two pairs of Yorkshires for two pairs of Norwich; yours first; approval: Taylor, 155, Old Fallow, Cannock. (88)

WANTED, two Goldfinches and two Siskins, hen preferred, must be good colour, size: N. Finlayson, 6, Irwell-ter., Salford. (90)

WANTED, Goldfinch Mule, wild note; exchange good Belgian doe or pair well-marked English: Penfold, Chapel Hill, Lewes. (89)

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WANTED Norwich, Yorkshires, Lizards, Borders, Crests and Cinnamons; state lowest price: W. Fowick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (22)

WANTED young Goldfinch Mule, must be good songster; approval; deposit system: Jack Lloyd, 4, Castle-sq., Brecon-rd., Merthyr Tydvil. (84)

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WANTED, two unlighted clear yellow Yorkshire hens; must be good type birds; state lowest price: H. H. Wilton, 26, Bannewell-st., Tavistock. (94)

WANTED, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Chaffinches, Siskins, Linnets, from reliable bird catchers, for cash: Wm. Smith, 69 Tib-st., Manchester (57)

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WANTED all kinds of healthy Canaries, also Goldies, Bullfirs and Siskins; state lowest price: Frank Sparks, Bird Dealer, 200, Overgate, Dundee.

WANTED, Norwich or Yorkshire hen Canaries, give 18/- dozen; hen Goldfinch Mules, 1/- each; any quantity: Perkins, 207, East-st., Walworth, London. (88)

WANTED any quantity of Canaries, British and Foreign birds, animals, and reptiles of every description: Cooper, Naturalist, Princess-st., Manchester. (93)

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TWO buff Norwich cocks, 5/6 each; 3 yellow Norwich hens, 12/6 lot; exchange exhibition British; wanted, Hawfinch: Spofforth, 9, Mechanic-st., Todmorden. (85)

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WANTED, good singing Roller cock, exchange Norwich buff cock, colour fed, value 15/-: Waterhouse, 10, Taylor-st., Clitheroe. (89)

EXCHANGE pair of Yorkshires for pair of Norwich greens, unflighted; yours first: Fred Pole, 49, Kensington-st., Leicester. (88)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires, 15/- pair; also Borders, 12/6; wanted, large Norwich: Andrew Dawson, 689, Duke-st., Glasgow. (92)

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EXCHANGE, what offers in water glucke or Seifert Rollers, cocks, 1915, for motor engine, about 2 h.p.: Wm. Parkinson, 72, Water-st., Earby, Yorks.

SCOTCH Fancy cock, sell 25/-, or exchange two yellow or marked unflighted Norwich hens; approval: Rendle, 19, Sunny-ter., Stanley, Co. Durham. (92)

GRAND long (unflighted) yellow marked Yorkshire cock, can win, 20/-, or exchange boots: Ormondroyd, Aberdeen-ter., Lidget Green, Bradford. (85)

FOLLOWING Norwich cocks, 1915 yellow 15/-, 1914 yellow 10/-, 1913 vari. yellow 9/-; wanted, two topping buff hens: Spofforth, 9, Mechanic-st., Todmorden. (85)

GRAND pair Crests, sell 50/-, or exchange for young C.-B. hen, green preferred; must be well lashed; approval; yours first: Calam, 59, Baxtergate, Whitby. (84)

EXCHANGE three cock Borders, one hen, for two pairs Yorkshires, or sell 24/6; or exchange two cocks for anything; offers: Edwards, 159, High-st., Street, Somerset. (88)

TICKED yellow, ticked buff Yorkshire hens, yellow muling hen, zinc double breeder, 11/- lot; exchange 2 1915 cocks; must be free singers: Waddicor, 5, Holly-st., Rochdale. (84)

EXCHANGE typical pair Norwich, yellow cock, 1914, buff hen, 1915, for ticked buff Border cock and yellow hen; stock birds, sell 9/6, approval: David Rea, 1, Hill-rd., Arbroath. (77)

SIBERIAN Goldfinch, or two very large British, wanted, in exchange for grand yellow Norwich cock, or sell 15/-; yours first: E. Collins, 36, Somerset-rd., Knowle, Bristol. (88)

EXHIBITION light variegated cock Greenie-Canary Mule, winner, 40/-; exchange marked yellow Norwich cock, big head, for stock; approval: J. W. Johnson, Wigan-rd., Ormskirk. (59)

PAIR large prize-bred Yorkshires, buff cock, yellow hen, 9/6; clear muling hen, 2/6; Goldie Mule hen, 1/3; exchange Goldfinches: Delf, 40, Coop-ter., Newsham, Northumberland. (87)

WILL give 3 Yorkshire cocks, two yellow, one buff, in exchange for good typical yellow Norwich hen, or sell 25/-: Robertson, 31, Adela-aven., West Barnes, New Malden, Surrey. (84)

EXCHANGE pair of Norwich or pair of Rollers for cock Linnet Mule or Finch Mule, must have pure notes, sell 12/6 pair; mutual approval: W. Piper, 10, Pentre Estyll, Swansea. (87)

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GRAND Norwich cock (Joe Thomas's Bulldog strain), cost 15/6, sell 12/6; exchange good H.M. Goldies; also 3 young Norwich cocks, from above, 6/- each; exchange H.M. Goldies; approval: Davies, 41, Price-st., Rhymney, Mon. (87)

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LARGE square Parrot cage, guitar, exchange two young cock Canaries, songsters: Harris, Binstead, Ryde. (95)

EXCHANGE, hand-made boots, for table poultry or rabbits; letters: Scott, 21, Harding-terr., Northampton. (95)

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EXCHANGE 6 keyed piccolo for a Roller cock, in full song: H. Charlesworth, Hartshead, Liversedge, Yorkshire. (87)

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WILL exchange one dozen purse nets for wild birds: Charles Marriott, 71, Water-la., South Normanton, Alfreton. (91)

EXCHANGE good 2-year bitch Airedale for good Canaries, or offers; sell 15/-: Fletcher, 457, Abbeydale-rd., Sheffield. (89)

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THREE Norwich cocks, unflighted, well bred, 18/-, or exchange cruet, anything useful: W. Mitchell, East-st., Long Buckby. (89)

FIFTEEN racing homers, 2/6 each, flown West Surrey Combine; exchange Norwich: H. Cox, 91, Waterloo-rd., Aldershot. (94)

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CINNAMON cock Greenfinch, aviary bred, 2/6; Goldfinch Mule, singing, 6/-; grand singing Linnet, 2/-: Standard Aviary, Newton Heath, Manchester. (94)

TWO Modern Black-red cock Bantams, can win, 5/6 each; cat's travelling basket, 4/6, or exchange good Roller cock: Allen, 10, St. Mary's-rd., Faversham. (94)

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GAS' steam radiator, nearly new, suitable for birdroom, cost £3 10/-, exchange for two unflighted yellow hens, Norwich, or two unflighted Crestbred hens; approval: Gilbert, 50, Browning-st., Leicester. (90)

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TWO Norwich cocks, 4 hens, and 8 young, as bred, some good birds included, 3 double breeders, 5ft. flight, utensils, etc.; best cash offer; joiner's tools wanted: Daw, 53, Douglas-rd., Maidstone. (87)

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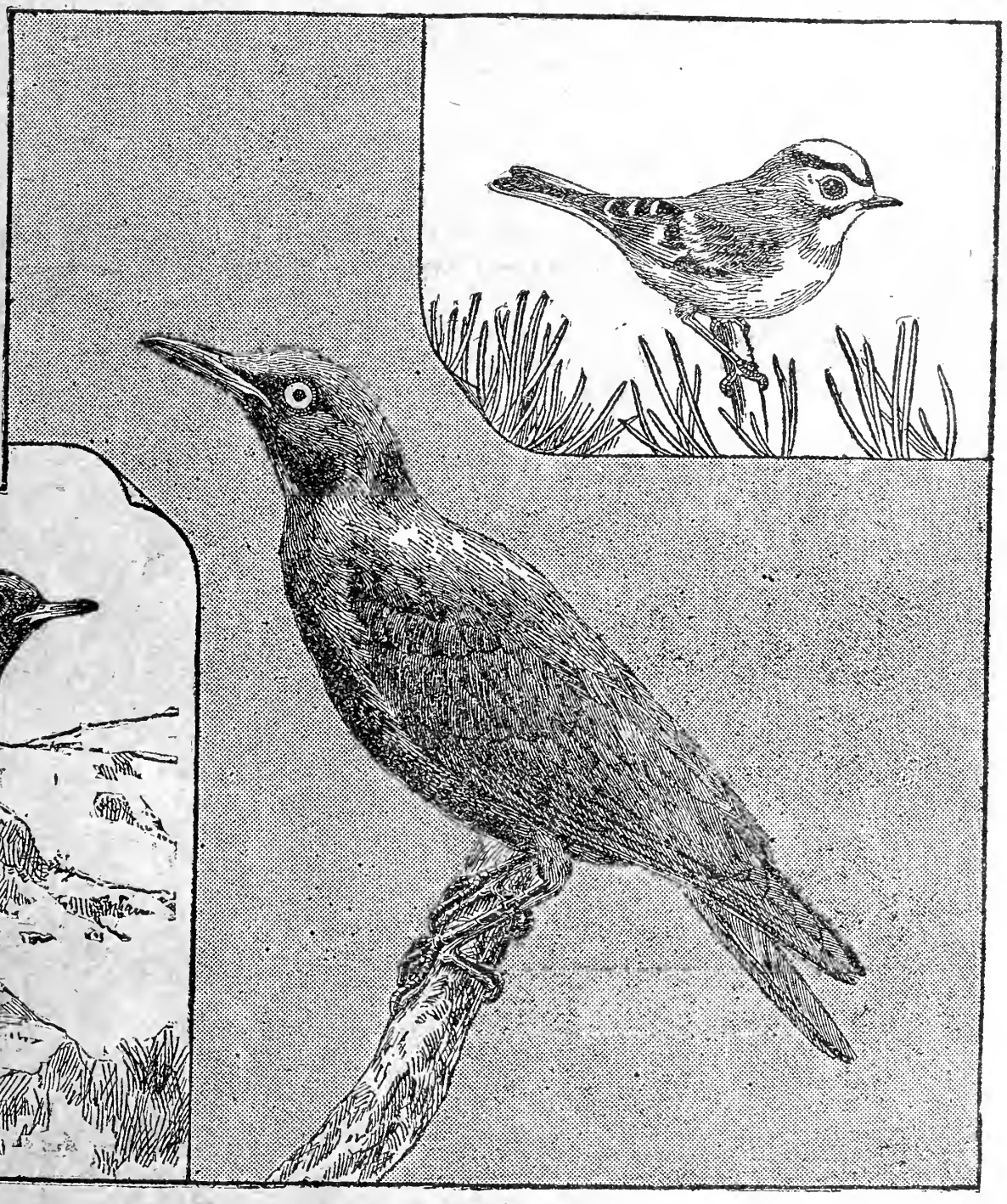

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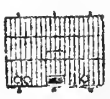

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GOLDFINCHES, BULLFINCHES, LINNETS

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BORDERS

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F. G. BALE, Crestlyn, Victoria-st., Barnstaple, offers variegated Crestbred cock, 1915, £6; clear ditto, £6; approval, deposit. (104)

MRS. THOS. TAYLOR'S champion strain, a few good birds for sale; approval; stamp reply: 68, Edward-st., Gateshead. (109)

1915 high-class Crested Norwich cocks, 10/6 each; hens, 8/6; approval: A. Thompson, 197, Bradford-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford. (89)

DAVID SCOTT, 128, Atkinson-rd., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has a few Crests and Crestbreds for disposal; approval; stamp reply. (84)

FOR sale, Canaries, Crests and Crestbreds, from 10/-; songsters, 6/-; deposit Editor; approval: Irving, 61, Cecil-aven., Enfield, Middlesex. (103)

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BUFF cock, yellow hen, 14/-, or exchange yellow cock Norwich: Robinson, 146, Lodge-st., Miles Platting. (108)

GRAND yellow cock, good head, neck, a big one, 20/-; approval: E. Wilcox, Ivy-cottage, New Sawley, Derby.

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NORWICH; 2 yellow var., 3 buff var., 3 clear hens; 2 yellow, 1 buff cocks; stamp reply: John Fulton, 284, Calder-st., Govanhill. (103)

NOTICE: Grand lot Norwich many winners, prices low; easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (89)

CLEAR yellow Norwich cock, in song, 7/6; large clear yellow Norwich hen, 3/6: Huckle, 31, Gordon Road, Kingston-on-Thames. (111)

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FOR sale, good Norwich Plainheads, fed and non-fed, prize and prize-bred, cold-room, in perfect health: Mrs. Banks, 51, Balhousie-st., Perth. (83)

GRAND clear yellow cock, 25/-; another, 20/-; var. buff cock, 15/-; buff green hen, 15/-; yellow hen, 8/6; approval: A. Tydeman, 45, York-rd., Ipswich. (104)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, all 1915; cocks, singing, 6/6 upwards; pink of condition; inspection invited: C. Harbour, Grocer, 263, Glyn-rd., Clapton, London. (104)

FOR sale, 3 stock pairs of exhibition Norwich, Eckersley's direct, 50/- the lot; cash or deposit: Graham, Ivy Cottage, Preston, Faversham, Kent. (103)

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WANTED, four Norwich unflighted yellow hens, must be good and on approval; cold-room bred: Welsh, 114, Wanderer's-ave, Wolverhampton. (111)

A FEW good birds for sale; cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6; matched pairs from 10/-; sent on approval to known fanciers: Reid, 61, Evan-st., Stonehaven.

SEVERAL pairs well-bred Norwich for disposal, 1915, 12/6, 15/-; good quality; approval; deposit: H. Burchell, 2, High-rd., Chadwell Heath, Essex.

DEVOY, breeder of high-class Norwich, winner at leading shows, over 60 for sale, some typical yellow and buff hens; no fancy prices: George-st., Stranraer. (110)

TYPICAL Norwich cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, upwards; hens 4/- upwards; cash or easy payments; stamp reply: Rossell, 85, Whitton-rd., Hounslow, Middlesex. (101)

NORWICH, I can spare a few grand Norwich cocks and hens, winners and bred off winners; cheap; particulars, stamp: Smith, Stronvar, Balquhidder, Perthshire. (100)

TWO buff Norwich cocks, 12/6 each; 1 yellow hen, 7/6; all exhibition bred, and c.f.; show cage and case, 2/6: F. Jackson, Wood-la., Bignall End, Staffordshire. (107)

I HAVE a few typical buff Norwich for disposal; unflighted prize strain; cocks from 10/6; hens from 7/6; pairs from 15/-: Frame, Rowanbank, Kirkliston, Linlithgowshire. (94)

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LARGE clear yellow cock, 20/-; splendid stock; few typical buffs, unflighted, from 10/- upwards; also buff hens; cheap to clear: Murdoch, 32, Roseburn-gardens, Edinburgh. (107)

THOMAS HERBERT, 35, South-st., Redditch, offers 1914 large buff cock, 20/-; yellow marked hen, 10/-; 2 yellow hens, 5/-, 6/6; 1915 buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; approval; stamp reply. (106)

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, 3 yellow hens, 8/6 each; 2 buff, 5/6 each; one, 7/6; cocks, one yellow, one buff, 10/- each, F.W. rung: Holliday, 51, Bolton Drive, Mount Florida, Glasgow. (102)

GRAND typical Norwich cocks, yellow and buff clear, also variegated, 7/6 upwards; also hens, 4/- upwards; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cousins, 48, Lickley-st., Ripon. (83)

TYPICAL unflighted yellow hen, 10/-; 2 1914 ditto, 10/- and 7/6; exhibition unflighted buff green cock, good head, neck, and carriage, 15/-; bargains: Flatt, 5, Bramford-la., Ipswich. (112)

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D. CARSTAIRS, 263, High-st., Perth, has 30 prize and prize-bred Norwich and Borders for sale; see report Perth show; all non-fed 1915 birds, in perfect health; stamp reply; approval. (74)

E. BLANEY, 19, Oliver-st., Mexbro', offers high-class yellow cock, 15/-, buff cock 15/-, grand yellow hen 10/-, buff hen 7/6; few more unflighted, healthy birds; colour-fed; approval. (107)

MR. ECKERSLEY has only a limited number to spare this season from his famous strain, which has produced some of the finest Norwich even seen: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (76)

SELECTED Norwich for sale; variegated yellow cock, 30/-; 2 clear buff cocks, unflighted, 10/6 and 12/6; 2 yellow hens, 7/6 and 10/-; 1 buff hen, 15/-; approval: A. Kerr, 28, Park-st., Kilmarnock. (108)

NORWICH for sale, buff hens, yellow hens, 2 yellow-green cocks, 1 buff green cock, 1st Portobello, 3rd Lochgelly; these are the best of stock; approval: Skinner, 12, Monktonhall-terr., Musselburgh. (109)

CLEAN, healthy colour-fed Norwich buff cocks, 8/6, 10/-; yellow hens, 4/-; buff 3/6; Yorkshire cocks, 10/-; hens 4/-; approval, deposit: Mortimer, Claydales, Redbourne-rd., Hemel Hempstead, Herts. (84)

CHAMPION Norwich, large, with good heads, good type and feather, well matched pairs or single birds, winners sold every season; 35 years breeder; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham.

WINNING Norwich cocks, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Wisbech last week, 12/- each; others from 7/6; cocks or hens; every one bred from winners; none better: Handley, Lynn-rd., Walsoken, Wisbech; approval. (102)

WANTED, 1915 buff Norwich hen, either clear or variegated; extra good in head properties; no rubbish wanted; good price given for a good bird; approval: William Allison, The Brae, Cults, Aberdeenshire. (112)

YELLOW cock, grand type, 12/-; big unflighted buff, 8/6; yellow cock and buff hen, 10/6; unfed, worth double; approval; wanted large heavily var. or green Norwich hens: Ryan, Ballenacarron, Ballymote, Sligo. (104)

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A FEW good Norwich for sale, yellow and buff, single or pairs; cocks from 10/-; hens from 6/-; all from the best of blood; inspection invited; cash or deposit; on approval: D. Watts, 37, Alkincoats-rd., Colne, Lancs. (108)

MASSIVE ticked buff cock, lovely quality, type, 35/-; marked yellow ditto, 30/-; variegated buff, large head, fine stock bird, 20/-; also two yellow hens, 15/- each; all healthy; on approval: Kerr, Richmond-rd., New Barnet.

REDUCING Stock: 30 high-class Norwich for sale, yellows and buffs, cocks from 12/6, hens from 5/-; winner of cups at Wimbledon and Richmond; approval, deposit; also cock Bramble, 7/6: Birch, Bonner Hill Stores, Kingston, Surrey. (107)

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NORWICH cocks, variegated buff 20/-, clear buffs 12/6, variegated yellow 15/6, clear yellow 20/-, two ditto 15/6 each, and three ditto 10/6 each; all unflighted and large birds; on approval, deposit with Editor: J. Hesketh, 7, Boundary-rd., St. Helens. (90)

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J. LITCHFIELD, 32, Tennyson-rd., Luton, has for disposal large variegated yellow cock, very pretty bird, winner two firsts, a blaze of colour, 45/-; clear buff cock, winner cup Luton, good stock bird, 25/-; several unflighted yellow cocks, grand colours, with buff hens to match, 12/6 pair; approval. (103)

GRAND large clear yellow Norwich cock, 1914 bred, good head and neck, good colour, can win, only 15/6, with a good clear buff hen, big winner, 15/6, or 28/6 the pair to clear; worth three times the money; six days' approval; cash or deposit Editor: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (112)

ALL Norwich: winning clear yellow cock (unflighted), 17/6; parents, big yellow cock, big buff hen, 25/-; typical yellow hen, 15/-; muling yellow hen, 10/-; another, 7/6; one, 5/-; buff, 4/6; stamp reply; or exchange for good mackintosh or overcoat: Atkinson, Market-place, Guisboro, Yorks. (111)

HAVING little time to show, can spare some good Norwich; this strain has been built by me, has won throughout England and Scotland, and is reliable; recent wins: Wolverhampton, Reading, etc.; prices 7/- upwards; approval, stamp; particulars: Geo. Saunders, 158, High-st., Quarry Bank, Staffs. (102)

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OPPORTUNITY seldom offered; 20 grand Norwich for disposal in one lot, including the following: 5 yellow cocks, 4 yellow hens, 8 massive buff cocks, 3 grand buff hens, mostly unflighted, winning strain guaranteed, 3rd and 4th Coventry last week, £6 the 20 birds, not half their value, or single or pairs; approval; particulars: Geo. Bailey, Mill-st., Barwell, nr. Hinckley. (100)

J. C. BARNES, well-known strain, 25 years' study winner of cups, medals, etc., at leading shows, also winner of Sheffield Challenge Cup outright (3 years in succession); few grand thick-set Norwich to spare, true type, A1 quality and colour, plenty of substance; cocks from 20/-, hens 10/- up; several special pairs, correctly matched, £3 to £5; inspection invited; approval: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

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TWO typical pairs, 15/- pair, 25/- two pairs; inspection invited: Halford, 134, Prince of Wales-rd., Kentish Town. (109)

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NOTICE: Grand lot Yorkshires, many winners; prices reasonable; easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (89)

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TRURO Open Show, Boxing Day, December 27th, in aid of the Egg Fund for Wounded Sailors and Soldiers. Judges, C. Toy, Yorkshires; E. White, remaining classes. Entries close Dec. 21st. Schedules from—Dunstan and Rule, Redannick Villa, Truro.

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Twitterings.

The winners of members' specials at Halifax Show were: Open Nor., Heap; Nov. Nor., Hudson; Brit., Macpherson.

We have decided on Nov. 25, 1916, as the date for our next open show, writes Mr. F. A. Green, hon. sec. Coventry Godiva C.B.S. Secretaries please note, to avoid clashing.

We have decided to cancel our open show fixed for Jan. 14 and 15, writes Mr. E. Hibbert, hon. sec. Walkden Roller Socy. Our members' show will be held Dec. 11, the judge being the well-known Bolton Roller scc., Mr. J. Kilshaw.

Owing to a printer's error, writes Mr. P. Greenall, sec. Wigan Roller C.C., the name of Class No. 3 is omitted; it should be champion old birds. We have the finest schedule ever put before Roller fanciers, and we appeal for their support towards our first effort.

The drawing of my young Crested Canary on the front page of CAGE BIRDS was so well executed, writes Mr. H. H. Classey, that I at once recognised the bird, while the paper was hanging above the newsagent's stall. The cock was only five months old at the time of the show.

We are informed that prize-money has been paid in respect of the following shows; if any winners have been overlooked, they should apply to the respective secretaries: Newcastle, East End, W. Bromwich, Dublin Y.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland, S. Shields, Coventry Godiva, Old Shildon.

Specials at Coventry Godiva C.B.S. show were won as follows: E. Godley, most points Canary section (39 points); H. N. Turner, best unflighted, and Ramsden's; T. Gilbert, best flighted Canary and best in classes 23, 24, 25; J. Gibbons, for best in class 3; Stubbs Bros., best unflighted buff; L. Dykes, best in class 13; A. Wright, best Green Canary; H. Checksfield, best in classes 26 to 30; C. Harvey, best colour-fed bird in novice. The birds from Messrs. Davies, Stainland, Bowyer, Hymas, and one hamper of Hathaway's did not arrive at the show till 5.30 p.m., but everything was done for the birds by the stewards as soon as they arrived.

Inverness

Ornithological Association. Open Show of Canaries, British Birds, Mules, and Hybrids, in Music Hall, Inverness, Wednesday, DEC. 29, 1915. Open medal of Border Fancy Canary Club. Specials for first and best out of money in each class. Judge, Mr. Wm. Simpson. Entries close Dec. 22. Schedules from—John Connochie, Hon. Sec., Craigielea, Perceval Road, Inverness.

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WISHAW

The Popular One-day Show, on 1st January, 1916. Classes: Borders 14, Yorkshires 5, Plainheads 9, Crests 5, British 12, Mules 2, Foreign 1. Judges: Messrs. John Calderwood, Ed. Barron, Jas. Gentleman. Entries taken up to morning of show. Schedules from—Jas. Watson, Sec., 16, Young Street, Wishaw.

FORFAR Open Show Cage Birds, JAN. 1 & 3. 37 Classes (B.F.C.C. patronage). Judges, J. Sandison (Aberdeen), Norwich; P. Gentleman (Avonbridge), Border Fancy and British. Schedules from—A. Low, 63, West High Street, Forfar.

LONDONDERRY

City of Derry Pigeon and Cage Bird Society. 4th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds, to be held in the Union Hall, on JAN. 13, 1916. Entries close Thursday, 6th January, 1916. Judge, C. A. House, Esq., Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Schedules from—J. M. C. Knox, 2, East Wall, Londonderry.

BORDER FANCY CANARY CLUB, *EDINBURGH*

Great Open Show, in Cathedral Hall, Albany Street, Friday, 31st December, and Saturday, 1st January. Judges, H. Bennet, J. Nicholson, and D. Hamilton. 24 Classes open to all Border exhibitors. Over 80 Special Prizes, including Championship Gold Medal, three Silver Medals, and 2 Cups.—Schedules from—James Lumsden, 13, George Square, Edinburgh.

The sec. of Bradford East O.S. wishes to appeal for support at the open show Dec. 18, at Park Chapel Schoolrooms. The splendid classification includes 8 unflighted classes, of which 2 are for the silver rose bowl. The show is under the patronage of the Y.C.C., N.Y.M.Y.C.C. and C.M.Y.C.C. Birds sent by rail will be despatched as early as possible after the show, the arrangements being in the hands of capable stewards. Exhibitors desirous of a schedule please see advt. and review of schedule.

The sec. of Mardy show writes:—"Owing to lack of entries in cage birds we are compelled to extend close of entries to second post Monday, Dec. 13. Entries bearing Sunday's postmark will be accepted. Mr. Harry Greaves, our show manager, who is a champion exhibitor, along with J. Eve and D. Brown, our Novice Welsh National winner, will look after the interest of the birds, and everything exhibited will have the best of attention under their care as stewards. Good prizes and specials will be given, see second page of schedule. Eighteen classes, and not more than a dozen entries to hand."

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. R. Charleson, sec. Leigh C.B.S., that I have to report the sad loss sustained by one of our members, Mr. T. Wilkinson, in the death of his mother, and along with every member of the Leigh C.B.S. I wish to tender our deep sympathy to Mr. Wilkinson and family in this their hour of trouble.

MR. W. R. WALL (Brighton).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. Will H. Gibb, hon. sec. Brighton C.B.A., I have to announce the death of Mr. W. R. Wall at the early age of forty-seven. For some months he had been in ailing health and passed away on Nov. 4. Yorkshires were his particular fancy, although he also kept some Norwich and Crests. Ever ready to assist in the Fancy, he had been on the Committee of the Brighton and Hove C.B.A. almost from its commencement, and in the past had been connected with several of the London clubs. Our deep and sincere sympathy is extended to his widow and only son in their great bereavement. A wreath from his fellow-workers and members of the club was placed upon his grave in token of remembrance.

An Address Wanted.

I have an order in from Mr. T. J. Digby, writes Mr. E. E. Pass, Hucknall, Notts. If he will kindly send me his address I shall be pleased to send order off at once.

Cornish Fanciers' Good Work.

Camborne Fanciers' Society has sent to the Redruth Hospital £15, the profit on its Feast Monday show. At the Hayle C.B.A. show the profits went to the tobacco fund for soldiers and sailors.

Corrections in Show Reports.

At Swansea 1st in F.M. Linnets should be Bancroft, not Major, and in H.M. Redpolls 2nd no name should be 2 Bancroft. At Halt-whistle 1st in Nor. buff cocks should read Fleck, not Leck.

Edinburgh B.F.C.C. Open Show.

There seems to be some misunderstanding as to who is eligible to exhibit at our forthcoming show, writes Mr. Jas. Lumsden. Permit me to intimate that this show is open to all exhibitors of the "Wee Gems," and not only to members of the B.F.C.C., as some fanciers seem to think. (See advt.)

Illness of Plymouth's Secretary.

It is with very deep regret we learn of the serious illness which has befallen that highly popular South-country fancier, Mr. Thos. Pope, the secretary and treasurer of the Western Counties (Plymouth) O.S. All bird-lovers will join us in wishing him a speedy and complete restoration to health. We hear that last week-end there was a slight change for the better.

Eightpence—Not Threepence.

Mr. Jeffrey Walsh, Blackburn, writes that in consequence of a printer's error in his advt. of "Magnet" Asthma Cure in our issue of Dec. 4, he has received many orders containing threepence instead of eightpence, the proper price of the remedy. We regret the occurrence of the mistake, and we feel sure that the many applicants who have received the asthma cure, although the amount sent was insufficient, will at once remit to Mr. Walsh the fivepence short paid.

White Skylark at Chester-le-Street Show.

Will members and intending members kindly send their entries the week before our show of Dec. 18, writes Mr. R. Ward, scc. Chester-le-Street C.B.S., so as to give us some idea what staging we shall need, and get to the show as early as possible with their exhibits to enable us to get our judge (Mr. W. L. Smith) a good start. Everything points to a good show, specials and donations having come in well. Mr. Lindsay has promised to bring his noted White Skylark, all being well, so visitors will have the pleasure of seeing a very interesting exhibit.

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Please mention, writes Mr. W. S. Wilson, sec. Hamilton O.S., that I have received an entry for Classes 28 and 43 without a name. Postmark "Irvine"; postal order "Dreghorn." Novice B.F.C.C. Exhibitor might send on the birds, and I will label them if he will drop a postcard.

The New Postal Regulations.

The attention of correspondents is directed to the fact that under the new postal regulations only one ounce can be sent for one penny. From one to two ounces the postage is twopence, and one halfpenny extra is charged for each additional two ounces. Reporters and correspondents who have to send long communications should please use very thin paper and be careful to prepay the postage in full, or we have to pay double the deficiency on delivery.

Cage Birds Annual 1916.

This encyclopædia of birdy knowledge is now in course of preparation, and no effort will be spared in the endeavour to make it, if possible, better than ever. It will form, as usual, a wonderful medium for the disposal of anything connected with the hobby of bird-keeping. Breeders of Canaries and Hybrids will find a steady demand for stock advertised in its pages, and cage and appliance makers, vendors of seeds and other foods, should certainly not neglect the opportunity of having their commodities before the eyes of customers from year's end to year's end. Full terms for advertising will be found on page 291.

THE BIRDKEEPERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

City of Dundee C.B.S.

SIR,—The following members are serving with the colours:—James Coleman, A. and S. H.; John Miller, R.E.; Alex Samson, R.A.M.C. Mr. Samson's son is also with the Royal Engineers.

ANDREW LAW, hon. scc.

Pontefract Linnet Club.

SIR,—It is with deep regret that I have to announce the death of Pte. W. Proctor, K.O.Y.L.I., who fell in action fighting for his King and country. As a member of the Pontefract Linnet Club, he was ever ready to assist in anything that was good for the club. He leaves a widow, two daughters, and a son, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympa

S. PUGH, sec.

Special Show Reports Supplement

Four Extra Pages this Week.

SOUTHAMPTON.

The Southampton C.B.A. held a very successful show Dec. 1st, in the Assembly Rooms, Kingsland. Entries were just a few short of last year, but the collection was a good one, and many high class specimens were on view. Norwich and Yorks. made a fine show, and all were well arranged so that they could be easily seen. There was keen competition among the members for the handsome cups and trophies allotted to each section, and Miss Onslow carried off a couple with her Green Crested and wing-marked Dark Crest, the former securing the silver cup for best unflighted, and the latter that for the best champion Canary. Mr. Love won novice cup with a typical buff Norwich hen. The British Bird and Mule cup went to Mr. Hartnell's lightly-marked Mule, and Mr. Slade once more annexed the Foreign Bird cup. The silver medal for best Novice Yorks. went to Mr. Chandler's yellow unflighted, which also won the spl. for best Yorkshire shown by a Southampton member. The show was beautifully arranged by the sec., Mr. W. L. Page, who is quite up-to-date in show matters; he was assisted by Mr. Slade in the clerical work, and Messrs. Melhuish, Egerton, Winter and Washer, in erecting staging, acting as stewards, etc. The show was well attended by visitors, although the weather was most unkind. Mr. H. Norman judged.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, hc, Fellows, big bold bird, good subs., full head and neck, nice width of shoulders, bit pale in col., but grand qual.; 2, 3, Dr. Weekes, scarcely so full in head and neck, capital subs., nice good col.; 3rd, neat head, nice qual. feather; vhc, Page; c, Foyle. BUFF: 1, Foyle, nicely put together, good head and wings, full of bloom; 2, vhc, Page, shade bigger, but not the bloom of winner, grand full head and neck; 3, Dr. Weekes, cap mkd., capital qual., neat full head and neck, good wings; hc, c, Fellows. HEN: 1, Dr. Weekes, charming yell., nice type, beautifully proportioned, lovely qual. feather, and sound col.; 2, Foyle, capital buff, good type, full head and neck, good wings; 3, Page, big bold bird, good head, capital type; vhc, hc, c, Fellows. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Fellows, nicely moulded, good head and wings, capital qual.; 2, Page, typical, neat head good front hardly the polish; 3, Dr. Weekes, smaller, but well put together, neat wings; vhc, Foyle; hc, Alderslade. BUFF: 1, Foyle, short and thick set, fine subs., full head and neck, good width of shoulders, short wings; 2, Dr. Weekes, big varieg., capital subs. and full of qual., scarcely so short, but a grand exhibit; 3, Page, plenty of subs., but not the polish, very typical; vhc, c, Fellows. NOV. YELL.: 1, Love, bonny bird, grand head and neck, good wings, rich col. and A1 qual.; 2, Washer, good one, nicely moulded, sound qual.; 3, vhc, White, scarcely so typical as winners, although nice subs., good feather. BUFF: 1, Chandler, rare size, bold looking bird, capital wings, A1 qual.; 2, Love, another good one, scarcely so big, but nicely put together; 3, Hurtnell, good bird, not quite the qual. of winners, but typical; vhc, hc, Melhuish. HENS: 1, hc, Love, charming, beautiful type, short and thick-set, nicely proportioned, in fine fettle; 2, Chandler, good cl. yelt., neat head and neck, good front, capital wings; 3, vhc, White, nicely moulded, capital qual.; c, Welch. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Chandler, lovely cl., good type and size, bold front, full head and neck, rich col. and qual.; 2, White, another good one, though scarcely so full in head and neck, capital wings; 3, Love, good and typical but not the cond. of winners. BUFF: 1, 3, Love, two beauties, leader wonderful size, big head, but a shade heavy, full neck, grand col., full of bloom; 2, Hartnell, typical, well moulded, not the size of winner, sound qual.; vhc, Hurtnell; hc, Walsh. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Egerton, fine length and style, good shoulders and back, sound cond.; 2, 3, Bousfield, beauties, close up, quite typical, grand length, leader a shade the smoother; vhc, hc, Gamble; c, Holliday. BUFF: 1, 2, Egerton, leader lovely type, clean and nicely drawn, grand shoulders; 3, Gamble, not a monster, but quite typical, clean cut, well up on legs; vhc, Holliday; hc, Fellows; c, Gamble. HEN: 1, Bousfield, charming lady, beautifully moulded, sweet type, clean cut, sound col. and qual.; 2, 3, Gamble, lovely buff, leader smooth as a bottle, nice length and style, neat head, smart, close-fitting wings, in the pink; vhc, hc, Holliday; c, Egerton. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Egerton, two grand birds of fine length, leader nicely drawn and moulded, good shoulders, not a feather out of place; 3, Bousfield, very typical, scarcely so tight in feather; vhc, Maidment. BUFF: 1, Bousfield, beauty for type and style, neat head, good shoulders and wings, fit as a fiddle; 2, Maidment, smart, nice pos. and style, good head and wings, A1 qual.; 3, Egerton, nice length, neat head and shoulders, fine qual.; vbc, Holliday; hc, Maidment; c, Gamble. NOV. YELL.: 1, hc, c, Gentry, very fine cl., fine length, yell up on leg, good head and wings, sound cond.; 2, Winter, very typical and smart, good shoulders and back; 3, Baker, scarcely the cond. of winners, but good type and nice length of wing; vhc, Gear. BUFF: 1, Snowden, grand length, beautifully drawn and moulded, sound cond.; 2, 3, hc, Winter, leader grand type and length, well up on legs, sound qual.; hc, Gentry. HEN: 1, 2, Baker, beauties, lovely buff leading, fine length and style, beautifully rounded, smooth as a bottle; 3, c, Gear, nice length, well up on leg, clean cut, good wings and tail; vhc, Stacey; hc, Gentry. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Gear, wonderful length and style, grand col., beautifully proportioned, fine length of wing, good win; 2, Gentry, typical, not the length of winner, but nicely moulded, grand qual.; 3, Stacey, neat, good length of wing, capital pos. and feather. BUFF: 1, 3, Gentry, grand birds, winner lovely size and type, neat head, good shoulders and back, sound cond.; 2, vhc, Baker, nice length, well up on leg, good back and wings, A1 qual.; hc, Stacey; c, Gear. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Miss Onslow, lovely team, now well-known, all in the best possible condition; vhc, Fellows; hc, c, Wood. C.B.: 1, 2, Miss Onslow, leader wonderful size, good bold head, well cushioned and lashed, grand qual.; 3, Fellows, good sized head, nicely domed, good length of feather. GOLDF.: 1, 3, Alderslade, two very fine house-moulted, leader well up in col., nice full face, good wings and tanning, sound cond.; 2, March, good full blaze of rich col., nicely tanned, capital wings; vhc, Sullivan; hc, Vale; c, Sargeant. BULF.: 1, 2, Sullivan, very fine, bold, full headed birds of sound col.; 3, vhc, Fellows, another good one, good cap and bib, sound wings, excellent cond.; hc, Vale. LINNET: 1, Vale, not a monster, but nicely proportioned, well laced, good tone of col., sound cond.; 2, Winter, shade larger, nicely pencilled, scarcely so rich in col.; 3, Winter, not the size, and hardly so good in cond., but capital type; vhc, c, Melhuish; hc, Slawson. GREENF.: 1, 2, Bale, lovely birds, well shown, fine size and type, grand col. and qual.; 3, White, big bold bird, not the cond. of winner, but will make a good one; vhc, Alderslade; hc, Foyle; c, Fellows. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Alderslade, lovely Twite, nice size and col., beautifully laced, lovely cond.; 2, Vale, very fine Redpoll, good size, well pencilled, lovely qual.; 3, vhc, Marsh. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Vale, fine Yellow Bunting and Bramble, both in fine order. SOFTBILL: 1, Good, Great Tit, in the pink; 2, 3, vhc, Slawson, Lark and Blackbird, good exhibits, and well shown. LIGHT MULE: 1, 2, 3, Hurtnell, very fine team, all var. Goldf.-Can., leader beauty for size, type and qual. of feather. DARK: 1, 2, Sargeant, Greenf.-Canaries, nice shape, sound rich col. and good cond.; 3, White, big bold bird, not so clean-cut as winners, but good qual. WAXBILLS, ETC.: 1, 3, Vale; 2, hc, c, Slade; vhc, Alderslade. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Slade. SOFTBILL. 1, 2, 3, vhc, Slade, lovely Blue-winged Tanager leading, grand bird, pure col. and qual.; 2, Good, Sugarbird, fine cond. SELL.: 1, Page; 2, Bousfield; 3, Egerton; vhc, Love; hc, Weekes; c, Maidment.

KIDWELLY.

Held Nov. 24, at Town Hall. Our section was staged on the platform in good light and free from draught. Owing to clashing with Blaenavon and Swansea Shows entries did not come up as well as expected. The stewards, Messrs. Jno. Harris, W. Hughes, and D. Williams had things well in hand, and gave every attention to the exhibits. The Chairman, Councillor E. Cole, is a most obliging official, and worked very hard to make the show a success. Mr. C. Price, an old cage bird fancier, made a very courteous and painstaking secretary; Mr. S. J. Nicholas judged and his awards were well received.

NOR. CK. (8): 1, 3, Edwards, var. crest and cl. body, dk. crest, two splendid exhibits, in grand order; 2, vhc, Davies, cl., yell., lovely bead and neck, very shapely body, good wings and tail, nice col. and cond.; 4, Lewis; hc, Bevan; c, Bond. HEN (6): 1, sp, Edwards, var. crestbred, grand size, well lashed, lovely cond.; 2, Davies, cl. yell., grand size, nice shape, good wing carriage, trifle flat on head; 3, vhc, Bevan, cl. buff, trifle smaller, lovely qual. and cond.; 4, Lewis; hc, Francis. YORKS. (8): 1, 2, Owen, cl. yell. and cl. buff, both lovely qual., leader grand col., nice length, good type and qual., latter nice length, trifle frilled; 3, Bateman, non-fed, cl. yell., lovely length, good back, neat wings and tail, hardly as nicely rounded head as leaders; vhc, hc, Stone; abs, Hoyle. BULLF., ETC. (11): 1, Sam Jones, jun., Bullfc, nice size and shape, good breast and back col., lovely cap and bars; 2, Edwards, F.M. Bullie, grand breast col., lovely cap and bars, very shapely; 3, no name, good size, shapely Jonque Greenie, in lovely order; vhc, hc, Morgan; c, Cole. LINNET (13): 1, 4, Davies, nice size and shape, good col., well laced, in first-class order; 2, S. Jones, hardly as rich col., nicely laced, good size; 3, hc, Copp, shade larger, but loses col. and markings; vhc, Ford; c, Poole.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Annual Show, Nov. 13, under Y.U. rules, the patronage of the Y.C.C., Ogden's trophy, Ramsden's cup, Amateur and Junior Novice Competition, and the N.G.M.C., in Victorial Hall, Queensbury. Entries numbered over 300. Mr. W. Mundell judged.

C. BRED YELL. YORKS.: 1, Stobart; 2, hc, Ogden Bros.; 3, Hartley; 4, Dykes; vhc, Hirst; c, Dyson. BUFF: 1, Dykes; 2, Dr. Craig; 3, Stobart; 4, Thomas. TKD. YELL.: 1, Bennett; 2, Dr. Craig; 3, 4, Dyson; vhc, Towers; hc, Halls; c, Mason. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Sutcliffe and Son; 2, Bennett; 3, Burdekin Bros.; 4, Hodgson; vhc, Hartley; hc, Dykes; c, Kirk. BUFF: 1, vhc, Seager; 2, Cruise; 3, Dyson; 4, Hirst; hc, Hartley; c, Casey. UNFLIG., Hen: 1, Dr. Craig; 2, Dykes; 3, Casey; 4, Chittenden; vhc, Hirst; c, Middleton. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, F. Self; 2, Hartley; 3, Helliwell; 4, Midgley; vbc, Priestley; hc, Dykes; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF: 1, Hartley; 2, Hodgson; 3, Thomas; 4, Whitwham; vhc, Dr. Craig; hc, Burdekin Bros; c, Chittenden. EVEN. ETC. GR. MKD. YELL.: 1, Dykes; 2, Hall; 3, Middleton; 4, vhc, Morrison; hc, Fowle; c, Sutcliffe and Son. BUFF: 1, Dr. Craig; 2, Sharpe; 3, Thornton and Robertshaw; 4, Hirst; vhc, Dykes; hc, Towers; c, Thomas. YELL. HEN: 1, Morrison; 2, Towers; 3, Middleton; 4, Dykes; vhc, Lumh; hc, Kirk; c, Hodgson. BUFF: 1, Dykes; 2, 4, Towers; 3, c, Hartley; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Cruise. SELL. YELL.: 1, Chapman; 2, Lunn; 3, Priestley; 4, Hartley; vhc, Fowle; hc, Burdekin Bros.; c, Fieldhouse. BUFF: 1, Lunn; 2, Priestley; 3, Blagbrough; 4, Swift; vhc, Grange; hc, Ambler; c, Fieldhouse. HEN: 1, Ambler; 2, J. and F. Haggas; 3, Lumb; 4, Baldwinson; vhc, Hodgson, jun.; hc, Fieldhouse; c, Grange. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Taylor; 2, Baxter; 3, Ratcliffe; 4, Raynor; vhc, Horsman; hc, Ambler; c, Wheatley and Son. BUFF: 1, vhc, Naylor jun.; 2, Craven; 3, Fisher; 4, Hanson; bc, Farrar; c, Allatt. YELL. HEN: 1, Ratcliffe; 2, Firth; 3, Sugden; 4, Williams; vhc, Neale; hc, Morlus Hill; c, Craven. BUFF: 1, Ratcliffe; 2, Raynor; 3, Craven; 4, Taylor; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Firth. UNFLIG.: 1, Hanson; 2, Dutton; 3, Fisher; 4, Frith; vhc, Hunt; bc, Taylor; c, Fawcett. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, c, Firth; 2, Horsman; 3, Raynor; 4, Sugden; vhc, Waversley; hc, Heeley. EVEN, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Taylor; 4, Taylor; vhc, Radling; hc, Gledhill; c, Ambler. HEN: 1, Ratcliffe; 2, Hanson; 3, Raynor; 4, Smith; vhc, c, Gledhill; hc, Symes. CINN. TKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, Hodgson, jun.; 2, 4, Symes; 3, vhc, Gledhill; hc, Chapman. HEN: 1, Sugden; 2, Gledhill; 3, Hodgson jun.; 4, c, Baker Bros.; vhc, Symes; hc, Firth. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, Baldwinson; 3, Jowett; 4, Rolfe; vhc, Spencer and Maiden; hc, c, Simonett. Hen: 1, Baldwinson; 2, Rolfe; 3, hc, Simonett; 4, vhc, Spencer and Maiden.

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GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Twenty-sixth annual show, Nov. 27, Grand National Halls. Entries were barely so numerous as on previous occasions, but quality was well represented, especially in Norwich and Crests. Borders were quite good for quality and type. Yorks. were very level in quality, Mr. Heggie accounting for quite a goodly share of the spoil. British were a level lot, the most outstanding for quality being the Goldfinch and Linnet classes, very little separating the winners. Pres., Mr. W. Wood; Vice-Pres., Messrs. J. Nimmo, W. Gunion; sec. and treas., the well-known W. Hutchison, together with a willing committee, carried everything in a true-to-time fashion, and left nothing to be desired. Judges were: Nor. and Crests, Mr. F. Taylor; Bord. and Yorks., Mr. G. Hyslop; Brit. and For., Mr. A. Livingstone; and all acquitted themselves with credit.

YOUNG BIRDS, CREST COCK: 1, 2, Scott, leader wing mkd., D.C., fine body subs., nice top, fine radiation, good back skull, staged in capital order, 2 even D.C., grand subs., plenty feather, not so well groomed, but must have pressed; 3, Barron, var., dark, nice qual., well groomed, well put down; 4, Smart. HEN: 1 and 2, Scott, winner varieg. dark, good size, feather, nicely radiated, well centred and drooped, steady, in the pink, 3 broken green, nice body subs., shapely top-piece, not so well groomed; 2, Smart, nice size, plenty feather, good qual., nice top, not quite the spread of leader. C.B. CK.: 1 and 4, Smart, leader large, massive framed cl., plenty subs., fine qual. feather, nicely clothed, fine shaped skull, will make up well; 2 and 3, Scott, nice green, well staged, in top cond., fine qual., lengthy feather, nice skull, good entrance, well placed, 3 heavy var., fine body subs., good feather, well staged, beaten entrance. HEN: 1 and 3, Scott, leader nice size, plenty feather, rich qual., fine skull, good lash, broad entrance, wins well, 3 well up for size, close feather, nice head, and was well up for 2nd place; 2 and 4, Smart, green, close, good qual. feather, nice back skull, beaten at entrance, 4 also green, nicely staged, fails top end. CL. or TKD. YELL. CK.: 1 and 4, Black, 1 best young Nor., grand, short, sweet, cobby build, fine head, neck, broad, deep front, rare style, perfect carr., wins well; 2 and 3, Barron, former fine size, hot even col., A1 qual., not just so cobby built, 3 not so massive, but neat type, seemed trifle cordy in feather. BUFF: 1 and 3, Barron, plenty subs., fine feather, neat, shapely front, well filled, neat carr. and style, in the pink, 3 not quite so hot, neat and shapely, fine close, good qual. feather, fails slightly at entrance; 2 and 4, Hutchison, former fine col., qual., neat type, not so clean under. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN: 7, 4, Barron, winner good size and qual., fine top end, perfect carr. and style; 2, Kerr, fine qual., neatly built, sweet, typical, cobby, pleasing appearance, fails in size only; 3, Renwick, cobby, fine broad front, neat top end, good wings, tail, fails in cond. BUFF: 1, Barron, grand subs., col. and qual., cobby, thick set throughout, wins well; 2, Black, fine size, lovely feather, well balanced top end, trifle erratic in wing carr., might be cleaner underneath; 3, Jardine, shapely, close and good feather, neat, clean cut, presses hard; 4, Kerr. VAR. YELL. CK.: 1, Barron, heavy mark, fine type, deep broad front, neat head, neck, very stylish, in good fettle; 2, Renwick, similarly mkd., hot col., short, cobby body, grand feather and carr., not the front of leader; 3, Hutchison, lightly mkd., good size, fine silky feather, neatly braced, could do with little more rise in skull; 4, Kerr. BUFF: 1, 2, Barron, leader grizzle mkd., not a monster, but real Norwich type, very shapely, proportionately built, A1 qual., wins well, 2 heavy mkd., nice head, neck, right qual. feather, scarcely so chubby or clean cut behind; 3, Black, cap and wings mkd., nice feather, fair size, neat, compact wings and tail, wants more weight top end; 4 we could not find. VAR. YELL. HEN: 1 and 3, Black, leads with dark cap, wings and tail, short and thick set, fine head, hull neck, broad, deep, clean cut body, wins in style, 3 head and wing cinn. mark, lighter built, but neat carr. and qual; 2, Fulton, good size, shapely, neat, could carry more top weight, just inclined to frill; 4, Barron. BUFF: 1 and 2, Hutchison, winner heavy varieg., small but compact, neat, good carr., fine feather, cobby built, in the pink, 2 green, light tail, grand cobby shape, neat, stylish, presses hard on leader; 3, Hunter, heavy mark, nice feather, well filled body, neat top end, not quite the front of winner; 4, Haddow. NON-FED GREEN HEN: 1, Renwick, soft when we saw it. AMAT. PLAINHEAD: 1, Black, short, cobby, neatly built cl. yell., well balanced, A1 bloom; 2, Black, buff hen, fine size, lovely feather, well balanced top end, trifle erratic in wing carr.; 3 and 4, McCluskie, former small but neat. DARK MULE: 1, 4, Renwick, fine Jonque Greenie leads, nice size, deep col., in perfect feather, 4 nice little Redpoll cross, rather sombre in col., but perfect in feather; 2 and 3, Crawford, nice Goldf., good size, fine col., perfect cond., presses for top position, 3 fine Siskin cross, in lovely feather, very steady, nicely shown. HYB.: 1, Crawford, Cambuslang winner, still in spotless order, very creditable exhibit. BORD. CL. or TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Fraser, neat and jaunty, sweet body, fine col., rather long in head; 2, Briggs, good type, neat head, neck, just looks trifle leggy; 3, Watson, good exhibit, in sparkling condition, runs well up on those in front; 4, McPhie. BUFF: 1, Fraser, nice tick, fine type, boxy feather, clean cut, shapely, correct carr.; 2, Briggs, fine type, sweet shape, neatly balanced, neat wings and tail, just trifle open across back; 3, Mackay, neat, clean cut, typical, boxy, nice head, neck, quite equal to anything in class; 4, McPhie. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Fraser, nice style, pos., good wings, tail, nice head, could be better in neck; 2 and 3, Briggs, fine pair, little separates them, fine qual., neat wings, close tail, neat, well balanced, close up to leader; 4, McPhie. BUFF: 1, Fraser, top cond., shapely, clean cut, might be shade better in head at entrance; 2, Briggs, right on top for qual., best headed Border in section, fine type, clean cut, close boxy feather, must have run tight, our choice; 3, Whitclaw, nice exhibit for type, qual., neat body and carr., fails head points; 4, Craig. VAR. YELL. CK.: 1 and 3, McPhie, leader wing and eye mark, nice weight, fine type, neatly carried wings, close pipe tail, in hard cond.; 3, heavy mkd., nice qual., boxy feather, rather too thick under; 2, Craig, fine feather, grand body shape, clean cut, just fails trifle in head. BUFF: 1 and 3, Mackay, rare feather, typical and well drawn, well braced, could be sweeter headed, 3 very similar for type and qual.; 2, Watson, light mark, fine type, qual., better head, presses hard for top honours. VAR. HEN: 1, McPhie, buff, nice jaunty build, right type, sweet qual.; 2, Whitclaw, heavy var. buff cinn. mark, nice qual., clean cut, perfect carr., close up; 3 and 4, Mackay, yellow and cuff cinn. mark respectively, leader topping type, A1 qual., neatly braced, shapely, very close up. GREEN or CINN.: 1 and 2, Whitclaw, leaderline Jonque Green, rare col., neat, clean cut, staged in faultless order, 2 cinn., lovely qual., fine stamp, runs stable companion tight race; 3 and 4, Smart, leader looks like nice buff cinn. hen, very shapely, perfect fitting feather. YORKS. CL. or TKD. YELL. CK.: 1 and 2, Heggie, pair toppers, grand length and shape, well drawn, leader excels in col. and closeness feather. BUFF: 1 and 3, Heggie, lengthy specimen leads, beautifully rounded, A1 carr., nice pos, 3 well drawn, fine length, stylish; 2, Martin, fine exhibit, grand qual. and length, neat built. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN: 1 and 2, Heggie, beautiful pair, great length and type, winner just excelling in col.; 3, Martin, nice lengthy spec., right type, fine qual., tails col.; 4, Park, very shapely, tails length. BUFF: 1 and 3, Heggie, grand pair, all there for col., type, and qual.; 2, Park, sweet model, grand length, shape and style, behind in col. only. VAR. YELL.: 1, Park, heavy mk., lovely order, fine swanky style; wins well; 2 and 3, Heggie, former good lengthy spec., fine col., neat shape, good qual., inclined to crouch, 3 all right for length and type. BUFF: 1 and 2, Heggie, beauties all over, hard to find fault with. OLD BIRDS, CL. or TKD. YELL. NOR.: 1, Kerr, topper for size and col., deep, broad front, wins well; 2, Davidson, nice qual., neat, grand cond., fails in subs. to leader; 3, no name, nice all round spec.; 4, Jardine, fine type. BUFF: 1, McCluskie, nice col., neat, cobby, fine head; 2 and 3, Kerr, all there for subs., col., qual.; 4, Park, fine feather, good type. VAR.: 1, Kerr, clinking buff, hot col., short, cobby, fine head; 2, McCluskie, mkd. cap and wings, yell., neat, well made; 3, Park, lovely col. and qual., trifle longer; 4, Hunter, nice qual., and neat. NON-FED: 1, sp, S.P.C. medal, 2, Kerr, grand yell. hen, well known winner in rare bloom, adding to her laurels, 2 good qual. buff, nice body, loose at thighs; 3, Pearce, fair var. buff, in nice condition; 4, unable to find. BORD. CK.: 1, Fraser, good yell., fine cond., neat, shapely, jaunty; 2, Craig, fair type, neat; 3 and 4, Pearce, 3 nice even qual. buff, fine type, sweetly braced, could have gone up. HEN: 1, Fraser, yell., fine type, close, boxy feather, stylish; 2 and 4, Dickson, former grand qual. buff, fine stamp, neat; 3, Craig, typical yell., tight feather, neat carr. GREEN or CINN.: 1 and 3, Pearce, both cinn., nice sound col., finely pencilled, perfect cond.; 2, Smart, cinn., good weight, fine type. YORKS. CK.: 1 and 2, Park, very fine pair, great length, capital qual., right type; 3, Martin, nice yell., in lovely cond., rich qual., well drawn. HEN: 1, Park, cl. yell., in lovely bloom, neat, well drawn. DK. MULE: 1, Watson, fine Jonque Linnet, nice size, col. BRIT. LINNET: 1, Crawford, fine size and col., richly pencilled, wins; 2, Pearce, little behind, but fails steadiness; 3, Haddow, good nutty col., well pencilled, presses hard; 4, Watson, well up for size and col., not quite so steady. SISK., ETC.: Plums all secured by Redpolls, very even lot: 1, Davidson, fine F.M., perfect feather, fine bib, steady: 2 and 3, Pearce, nice pair; 4, Dickson. GOLDF.: 1, Haddow, fine fellow, great face, nice col., rich tans, steady; 2, Pearce, close up for col. and cond.; 3 and 4, Crawford, little, if anything, behind. BULLF. HEN: 1 and 4, Watson, leader grand col. and size, perfect feather, steady; 2, Congan; 3, Dickson, very even class. GREENF.: 1, Crawford, nice Jonque, fine feather and cold., very unsteady; 2, Watson, staged in lovely bloom, very steady, just lacks size; 3, Congan, nice buff, in top cond.; 4, Dickson, very similar. CHAFF., ETC.: 1, no name, fine Chaff., grand size, col., markings; 2, no name, nice Bramble, fine col., nice spangling, good size; 3, no name, Chaffie, good feather; 4, Renwick, good Bramble, well spangled. SMALL: 1, 2, Watson, nice Yellowhammer, distinct head lines, fine size, steady, 2 fine Bullie, capital col., smooth as glass; 3, Davidson, good 'Hammer, steady, not so distinct in head; 4, no name, nice Reed Bunting, fine feather, might have gone up a step. LARGE: 1, Crawford, lovely Waxwing, beauty, perfection itself; 2, no name, Corn Bunting, steady, in good order. SMALL FOR.: 1 and 2, Park, Whydah and Avadavats respectively, well staged, perfect feather. Birds in the gift class were given by Messrs. Hutchison, Black, Cook, Hunter, Wood, Fulton, and were distributed by ticket to the successful visitors to the show. Cup winners: Crests, Wm. Scott; Plainheads, E. Barron; Bord., tie between D. Whitehead and J. Fraser; Mule and British, A. Crawford; Yorks., R. Heggie; S.P.C. medal, J. Kerr; B.F.C.C. medal, D. Whitelaw; best young bird in hall, J. Black.

WOMBWELL B.F.S.

Annual Show, Nov. 20, special prize winners: most points in show, most points Nor., best unflig. Nor., Waters; most points Yorks., Malpass; best unfligh. Yorks., Sargeantson; best Brit., Humphreys. Mr. Fred Gregory, Ecclesfield, judged, his awards being well received.

Class 1: 1, Sargeantson; 2, Evans; 3, vhc, Humphreys. Class 2: 1, Malpass; 2, 3, Humphreys; vhc, Sanderson. Class 3: 1, 2, Malpass; 3, vhc, Evans; hc, c, Humphreys. Class 4: 1, vhc, Sargeantson; 2, 3, hc, Malpass. Class 5: 1, Evans; 2, Humphreys; 3, Malpass. Class 6: 1, sp, Sargeantson; 2, 3, Evans; vhc, Malpass; hc, Humphreys. Class 7: 1, 3, Waters; 2, Hinchcliffe. Class 8: 1, Hinchcliffe; 2, 3, Waters; vhc, Sanderson. Class 9: 1, 2, 3, Waters. Class 10: 1, 2, hc, Hinchcliffe; 3, vhc, Waters. Class 11: 1, 2, 3, Waters. Class 12: 1, sp, 2, vhc, Waters; 3, Hinchcliffe; hc, c, Malpass. Class 13: 1, 2, Humphreys. Class 14: 1, sp, Humphreys. Class 15: 1, 2, Humphreys. Class 17: 1, vhc, Waters; 2, 3, Humphreys.—J. W. Dean, Sec.

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CLYDEBANK.

Held 5th annual show Nov. 27. The hall was commandeered by the Admiralty during the week, and the officials were fortunate in securing a very suitable room from the School Board, just across the way. The managing officials were all that could be desired, and were disappointed at the poor response made in the classes confined to Dumbartonshire (full prize-money was guaranteed), and we would suggest leaving these open to all. We were pleased to see such a large turn out of visitors. The gilt class, a feature of the show, contained 12 singing Canaries with splendid new cages, which were given away, and we heard that close on 2,000 tickets were sold. There was a very fine collection of wild seeds on view, gathered in the district by Mr. S. Richmond, one case with the flowers named, and another with samples of the seeds they produce. Three valuable trophies were on view, two being captured by Mr. A. H. McLean (Bonbill) for best young Canary, and best old Canary, and the rose bowl secured by Mr. G. McGown, with a capital Goldfinch. The entry 220, established a record for this society. Mr. Wm. Kane, the very capable and energetic secretary, had everything at his finger tips, and was well supported by such well-known fanciers as Pres. G. McGown, vice-pres. J. Morton and T. Sheridan, treas. D. Chalmers, committeemen Messrs. McKeown, Lang, McArdle, Tawse, Robb, French, and Clunie. Judges, R. Jeffrey (Glasgow), Canaries; P. McQuiston (Cyc), Mules and Brit., and their awards were well received.

YOUNG BIRDS—CREST: 1, sp. bel., McLean, fine top piece, plenty of feather, good qual., rare size and subs. of body; 2, 3, Blyth, both Greens of good size, could be better groomed. C.B.: 1, Roberts, green, fine broad skull, neatly lashed. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, McLean, fine size and subs., cap, qual. and col.; 2, Docherty, good head, nice shape and qual.; 3, Smyth, nice size, neat; 4, Morton; 5, Kane; 6, McGown. BUFF: 1, 2 sps, McLean, grand head and neck, fine size, capital qual., neat; 2, French, good size and qual., fine short flights and tail, patchy col.; 3, Kane, non-ted, fine size and subs.; 4, Wright; 5, Docherty; 6, Morton; 7, McGown. BUFF VAR.: 1, French, rare size and qual., fine short body; 2, Morton, good size and col. YELL. HEN: 1, sp., McLean, cl., grand size, rare head, neck and front; 2, Docherty, splendid size and qual., nice head and neck, cl.; 3, 5, Smyth. 3rd var., capital qual. and col.; 4, Docherty. BUFF: 1, Cameron, Trizzle head, good col., qual., and subs., neat; 2, Docherty, cl., close up, fine head, neck and front, capital qual.; 3, 4, Smyth, 3rd good size and qual., behind in head; 5, 6, Wright; 7, Morton. BORD., YELL.: 1, sp., 2, McLean, 1st tkd. neck, capital qual., soft when we went round; 2nd, rich qual. and col., fine carr. and cond.; 3, Cameron, nice round head and body, splendid qual. and col.; 4, Blyth; 5, McArdle; 6, Roberts. BUFF: 1, Cameron, cl., sweet one for shape and qual., tight as a drum; 2, 4, McLean, 2nd capital qual. and cond., beaten flights; 3, McArdle, fine type, neat carr.; 5, Roberts; 6, Blyth. YELL. VAR.: 1, McArdle, two-point, excellent qual. and col., well braced. BUFF: 1, McArdle, tkd. neck, wonderful qual., rare flights and tail, nice style; 2, 3, Roberts, 2nd neck and wing mkd., capital qual. and cond.; 3rd, eye and wing mkd., fine shape. YORKS.: 1, Kane, cl. yell., wonderful length, capital qual., col., and pos., slim, grand one; 2, McLean, head and wing mkd. buff, good length and qual. HEN: 1, sp., McLean, cl. yell., splendid qual. and col., stands well; 2, Kane, cl. buff, fine length. LIGHT MULE: 1, Morton, big var. Goldie, good col. and face. DARK: 1, Kane, Goldf., rare size and col., fine shape; 2, Mallon. HYB.: 1, Mallon, very nice Goldie-Bullie, rich face, good size and shape; 2, McArdle.—OLD BIRDS—CREST: 1, Roberts, var., rare size and subs., fine droop, neat reutre, veiny feather. C.B.: 1, 2, Blyth, rare broad skulls, nicely lashed. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, sp. best old bird, McLean, rare head, neck and qual., neat, fine col.; 2, 3, 7, French, 2nd short and cobby, good head, neck, and front, fine style; 3rd, tkd. left eye, good size and qual., too leggy; 4, Beattie; 5, no name; 6, McGown. BUFF: 1, Cameron, good size and subs., neat flights, capital qual. and col.; 2, 3, French, both rare qual., col., and cond.; 4, 5, Smyth. YELL. VAR.: 1, sp., McLean good size and subs., fine head and front, rare qual. and col., mkd. neck; 2, 3, Wright, 2nd wing mkd., fine size and col. BUFF: 1, 2, 5, French, 1st capital qual., col., and cond., good size; 2nd, heavily mkd., good size and front; 3, McArdle, fine size and subs.; 4, Docherty. YELL. VAR. HEN: 1, 3, French, 1st fine size and qualy, full of col., neat flights; 3rd, good qual., fine short body; 2, McLean, cl., fine head, neck and qual., rare deep front, neat, our choice, has better head; 4, Cameron; 5, Wright; 6, Smyth; 7, McArdle; good class. BUFF: 1, sp., McLean, cl., fine short cobby body, good size, neat; 2, McGown, short, cobby, clean cut, fine head, neck, and front, close up; 3, 7, 6, French, 3rd good front and qual.; 4, 8, Beattie; 5, Cameron; No. 12 singing well. BORD., CL. YELL.: 1, Blyth, capital qual., tight feather, fine round head and body, rare wings; 2, McArdle, fine wing carr. and qual., nice head and body; 3, Cameron. BUFF: 1, Blyth, head and eye tkd., fine qual., col. and carr. YELL. VAR.: 1, Laing, capital cinn. mkd. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, 3, 4, McArdle, 1st green, fine lacing and col.; 3rd, cinn., good type; 2, Laing, cinn., rich col., rare style. YORKS.: 1, 2, Kane, 1st cl. yell., capital length, qual. and col., well braced. HEN: 1, 2, Kane, yell. var. and cl., both rare length, nice pos. NON-FED: 1, no name, cl. buff, fine size, good head and neck; 2, French. NOV.: 1, Docherty, fine size and qual. A.O.V.: 1, 2, French, 1st buff pied Scots Fancy hen, fine length of side, nice shoulders. LIGHT MULE: 1, sp., Trotter, var., fine size and col.; 2, McGown. BRIT. GOLDF.: 1, sp. best Brit., McGown, fine size, shape, col. and cond., rare square-cut rich face; 2, 3, Trotter, 2nd bigger, not so neat shape, fine square-cut blaze, rare col. and cond; 3rd, fine size, rich face; 4, Hutchison; 5, McArdle. BULLF.: 1, Trotter, rare size and shape, fine cap and bars, good col. and qual.; 2, McArdle. LINNET: 1, sp., 4, Trotter, fine size, shape and col., nicely laced front good back and flights; 2, McGown, cobbler shape, fine size and col., heavier laced; 3, Robb, f.m., grand col., well laced front, good size; 5, McLean; 6, Morton; 7, Roberts; 8, Laing. SISK., ETC.: 1, sp., McLean, very fine Twite, Brechin winner, rare col., well laced; 2, 4, 5, Trotter, 2nd Mealy, good size and shape, rare head and cond.; 3, Hutchison, sweet little Siskin, fine shape and col. GREENF.: 1, Mallon, rare stamp, bold head and front, good flights; 2, McArdle, scarcely so bold head, rare col., qual., and cond.; 3, McLean, fine size and col., rich flights; 4, Morton; 5, McGown; 6, Smyth; 7, French. CHAFF., ETC.: 1, McLean, grand big Bramblef., rare deep front, good col., fine spangling and cond.; 2, McArdle, Chaff., good size, rich col., fine head and whites; 3, Trotter; 4, McGown. SMALL BRIT.: 1, sp., Trotter, capital col. and cond., good size and markings. HEN BULLF.: 1, Mallon, good size and shape, fine cap; 2, Laing. A.V. HEN: 1, Kane, fine big Greenf., good col.; 2, McArdle, Greenf., fine cond. and col.; 3, Mallon. GIFT: 1, sp, French; 2, sp, Kane; 3, sp, McLean; 4, sp., Morton; 5, sp., Clunie; 6, sp., Simpson; 7, sp., Docherty. OPEN NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, McLean, 1st beauty for size and qual., fine head and neck; 2nd, also very nice; 3, Beattie, good one for size and qual; 4, Kane. HEN: 1, Johnstone, large, very shapely, fine head and front, capital qual. and col.; 2, McLean, big one, good head, neck and front, fine col. and style, Brechin winner. BUFF: 1, McLean, rare size and subs., best of col. and cond.; 2, Johnstone, good head, short cobby body, clean cut; 3, Kane, good stamp, well proportioned; 4, Mclunes. HEN: 1, Cameron, splendid clean-cut shape, fine qual.; 2, Docherty, rare head and front, fails qual. BORD. YELL.: 1, 2, McLean, both cls., fine round heads and bodies, capital qual.; 3, Cameron, fine type, neat; 4, Kerr; 5, Campbell; 6, Roberts. HEN: 1, Campbell, sweet shape, excellent cond. BUFF: 1, Campbell, rare type, lovely qual., col. and cond., well braced; 2, Cameron, very neat, fine style; 3, McLean. HEN: 1, Campbell, capital qual. and cond., well put down; 2, Blyth, another fine one, close up; 3, Cameron. BRIT. GOLDF.: 1, McGown, fine size and shape, rare rich face, wins special in confined classes; 2, 3, Trotter, two fine Finches; 4, McInnes. LINNET: 1, 4, Trotter, 1st rare shape and size, finely laced breast, good whites, steady; 2, McGown, Norwich type, rare col. and cond., heavily laced; 3, McLean, fine size, too dark in col.

TORQUAY.

St. Marychurch and Babbacombe F.S. annual show, Town Hall, Nov. 17. The cage bird section is very popular at this fixture, and entries were stronger than last year, this to a great extent is accounted for by the energy of the officials, as all the officers and committee leave no stone unturned to make their show a success. The special prize list is always an attractive one. The chairman, Mr. T. Hamlyn, together with the sec., Mr. H. Bearne and Mrs. Bearne, worked very hard, whilst the committee lent the willing hand that is always indispensable where success is to be assured. Among those we recognised in charge of this section were Mrs. Wills, Mr. W. Clay, and Mr. H. Berry, the latter rendering great help during the morning in the staging of the birds and fixing prize cards. Yorks. were the strongest, and a yellow hen of this variety belonging to Mr. W. Roper deservedly won the special for best in show; special second best fell to Mr. Lemon's mealy buff Nor. Mr. J. N. Jeffery judged and gave satisfaction.

Yorks. Yell.: 1, Clay, good size and col.; 2, M. Lander. Buff: 1, spl, Clay, lovely style and qual. of feather; 2, Roper, close up, fails on back; 3, Marles. Nat. Col.: 1, spl, Clay, variegated, buff, very neat; 2, Lander, nice clear. Unflig. Yell.: 1, spl, 2, Marles, very stylish, grand feather; 2, larger than winner, fails on breast; 3, he, Roper, a good one, spoilt by damaged tail; vhc, Clay, good class. Buff: 1, 2, Marles, neat pair; 3, he, Clay, close up; vhc, Roper. Hen: 1, spl, and spl. best in show, 3, Roper, topping neck mkd. yell., wonderfully clean cut, extra neat tail, stands right away from remainder; 2, vhc, Marles, cl. buff, feather like boxwood, fails length; he, Clay. Nor. Ck.: 1, Fox, cl. yell., grand col., good head, neck, quality and shape, trifle small and thick in flights; 2, 3, Lemon, mkd. buff, good head and neck, loses size, hardly ready, 3rd large variegated. yell. Hen: 1, spl, Fox, cl. buff, grand shape, size and qual., short flights, well clothed; 2, Lemon, variegated. yell., grand hen, fails on back, trifle horny. Unflig.: 1, spl, and spl. 2nd best in show, Lemon, mkd. buff, massive head and neck, good size, shape, and wing carr., face feather, hardly fined down; 2, 3, Fox, cl. buff, grand qual. and variegated. yellows. Crest and C.-B.: 1, spl, Williams, large green, abundance of feather, well formed crest; 2, 3, Lander, Crest and C.B. Unflig. Crest and C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Williams, lovely trio, winner excels in size and head properties, 2nd rich yell., 3rd a buff, perfect dome skull, all three Crests. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Mrs. Wills, Silver Lizard, nicely spangled. Mule: 1, spl, Wills, buff Goldie-Can., Nor. type. Goldf.: 1, spl, Roper, steady as a rock, lovely buttons, flights, grand yellow, rich chestnut breast, good shape, blaze, but common in colour. Bullf.: 1, Roper, topper for size, grand breast and bars, trifle narrow in cap at back of neck; 2, Fox, smaller and beaten in col. of breast, still a grand one; 3, Mrs. Wills, not ready. Brit., Small: Good class: 1, spl, 3, Fox, very steady Chaffinch, splendid whites, rich breast, grand cond.; 2, Mrs. Wills, very steady Bramblefinch, rich col., loses in size, well shown; vhc, Roper; he, Mrs. Wills. Large: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Wills, Thrush, steady and well spotted, followed by a Jay and Thrush, not yet ready. For.: 1, Mr. Proctor, African Grey; 2, Miss Matthews, same variety.

MARGATE F. AND F.S.

On a bitterly cold day this show opened in the Foresters' Hall. The arrangements made by the hon. secretaries, Messrs. E. W. Horne and A. N. Quick, were of the best, but the dislocation of railway traffic and other circumstances consequent on military arrangements delayed matters somewhat. However, no one could have met difficulties in a braver or more determined spirit than the hon. secretaries and their willing band of helpers. The entry was not a large one, but the quality was of the best all through, and competition was keen. The cup for best member's bird bred in 1915 was secured by Mr. J. S. Burgess, of Ramsgate, with a really grand non-fed buff Norwich hen, and his bird was admired by all, and also won special for best Canary in the show. Mr. A. L. Adnitt won special for best Parrot, and Sir William Ingram that for best foreign bird. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

CL., ETC., YELL. NOR. CK. (8): 1, Miles, rare head and back, rich col., lovely feather; 2, c, Pilcher, rather longer in barrel, lovely soft feather, scarcely so hot in col.; 3, Taylor, nice type, scarcely so full of qual.; vhc, Bowman; he, Rollington. NOR. 1915 (7): 1, Bowman, rattling buff cock, good body, nice under col. and frosting; 2, vhc, c, Burgess, yellow, we thought a hen, rare shape, lovely feather; 3, Miles, tkd. on wing, bonny body, if it gets a little more head will be had to beat; he, Easton. NON-FED (9): 1, cup, sp, Burgess, the hen alluded to in our opening notes, a topper; 2, 3, Kew, bonny birds of rare shape and feather; vhc, Belcher; he, Taylor. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (6): 1, Miss Lakin, a bonny house-moulted Bullf., close as wax in feather, nice head and body col.; 2, Revell, Bullf., best col., but slack at thighs; 3, Kew, Goldf., not yet ready; vhc, he, Miss Joan Lakin. FOR., A.S. except Parrot (5): 1, sp, 2, 3, Miss Joan Lakin, a team of grand Budgerigars, shown in the pink; vhc, Allen; he, Miss Lakin. PARROT. Etc. (6): 1, Sir W. Ingram, lovely in feather and grand in colours; 2, sp, vhc, he, Adutt, a good team, Amazon leading; 3, Miss Joan Cobb; he, Jephcott; c, Miss Lakin. SELL.: 1, Burgess; 2, vhc, he, Rollington; 3, Allen; c, Kew.

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CITY AND SUBURBAN.

Once more the City and Suburban A.C.B. held a successful show on November 24 and 25, in the Church Institute, Marylebone. The entries totalled well over four hundred, and although this number is not a record for the Society, it is something quite exceptional, and about twenty more than last year's fine figures. No doubt the popularity and unfailing efforts of the Secretary, Mr. Victor Wynn, and the loyalty of the members, who do all they possibly can to fill the classes at their annual event were the chief factors for success. Unfortunately the Society was not able to obtain their big hall, and the room was not nearly large enough for the many visitors who flocked to the gathering. The collection of exhibits was a varied one, containing a representative of nearly every variety of Canary, some choice Hybrids, nearly all the British birds that are classed as cage birds, and many lovely Foreigners. The quality throughout was exceptionally good for even an open show. With the members the chubby Norwich are equally as popular as the more stylish Yorks., a little over one hundred birds of the variety being staged. The unflighted classes were particularly interesting, and contained very promising specimens, notably Mr. Martin's grand headed buff, Mr. Burt's chubby yell., and Mr. Thurley's variegated. The Novice class contained 23 birds, the winner (Mr. Ratcliffe's) being claimed at catalogue price. Yorkshires were grand, that successful breeder, Mr. Ayres, holding the trump card in all the champion classes, his unflighted yell. securing the coveted special for best bird in show. The Amateurs and Novice classes were filled with birds of very high class. Borders were not so numerous as we have seen them, but Messrs. Sayer and Hobden staged a few good ones.

The British were a nice lot. Mr. Francis did well in Finches, but the special for the best bird went to Mrs. Broomfield's Blackcap, a most charming specimen, which also won the McGruther shield. The Foreigners were a choice collection, and here the Hon. Mrs. Bourke and Mr. A. Silver were the principal winners. Mr. Shepherd once more won the 7-guinea bowl for the best young Crest, which now becomes his property. The spl. for best Hybrid went to Mr. Nichol's Goldfinch-Bullfinch. For the management we have nothing but praise. The masterly way in which the Sec., Mr. Wynn, conducts a show is well-known to the London Fancy. The space was limited, but he rose to the occasion, and every item was in correct order. Mr. Thynne once more assisted in the office, working hard during both days. In the show-room Messrs. Overman, Shepherd, Burt, Sanders, Burch, Curtis and Taylor, also Mrs. Thynne and Mrs. Cook, assisted greatly. The judges were Messrs. J. Robson, Canaries, and C. Prior, Hyb., Brit., and For.

NOR., YELL. (6): 1, Martin, good bold bird, capital wings, nice qual., good col.; 2, Butterfield, good head, tight wings, capital qual.; 3, Battison, we liked as well, bold head and neck, good sound col. and cond.; vhc, Curtis; he, Burt; c, Withers. BUFF (5): 1, Burt, bonny bird, plenty of subs., nice style, typical, good qual.; 2, Curtis, a shade smaller throughout, still a good bird, capital qual.; 3, Martin, as good as any, a slip claw possibly put him back. HEN (11): 1, 2, he, Martin, two beauties, short, thick-set, bold heads, nice qual.; 3, Withers, real good, just a shade paler in col., all there for type and qual. UNFLIG.: 1, Martin, real topper, should grow into a champion, bold and full all through, grand qual.; 2, 3, c, Burt, short yell., neat full head, nicely rounded and cut away; 3, shade long behind, good head and neck; vhc, Battison; he, Butterfield. AMAT., YELL. (4): 1, Willis, bonny bird, good subs., typical, neat, fine cond.; 2, Offord, good type and style, a capital specimen; 3, vhc, Beavington, shade smaller, but good. BUFF (6): 1, Willis, rare subs., with fine bold head and front, neat wings, A1 qual.; 2, large, scarcely so hot in col., but good in other points, capital feather; 3, Thurley, neck tkd., somewhat smaller, but well put together. HEN (4): 1, Willis, nice eye mkd. yell., fine bold head and neck, good back and wings, sound cond.; 2, Thurley, typical var., full front, well braced wings, neat tail; 3, Bailey, var., capital head, good full neck, inclined to cross wings. UNFLIG.: 1 Thurley, chubby, thick-set varieg., not a monster, but quite the type, should make up well; 2, Willis, big bold clear, full all through, good stock bird; 3, Offord, neat, typical, good qual. NOVICE, YELL. (7): 1, 2, Mrs. Stopher, leader bonny, deep chested bird, good head and neck; 2, shade smaller, but very typical; 3, Ratcliffe, good variegated, nicely modelled, capital wings, sound cond. BUFF (8): 1, Ratcliffe, not big, but capital type and style, bold head, neat; 2, 3, Mrs. Stopher, bigger, nice type, but not the high finish, capital wings; 3, good variegated, nice front, neat head. HENS (14): 1, 2, 3, Ratcliffe, capital team, wing and head tkd. yell. leading, big, bold, good type and style, the others short and chubby, with good heads, real Norwich. UNFLIG. (23): 1, 2, Ratcliffe, capital pair, leader, big wing-mkd. yell., good type and qual.; 2, shade longer in wings, capital style; 3, he, c, Mrs. Stopher, good one, which a tubbing would improve, capital type; ex 3, vhc (2), Robertson, good tk. buff, well put together. PURCHASED: 1, Martin, grand one, plenty of subs., real qual., bold head and neck. CRESTS (2): 1, Watcham, splendid cl. body Dark, big bold crest of good shape, nicely drooped; 2, Shepherd, lovely grizzle crest, plenty of size, nice formation. A.O.V. (4): 1, 3, Watcham, grand crest, big, nicely formed, with good centre; 2, vhc, Shepherd, capital variegated, beautifully formed, nicely packed. AMAT. (3): 1, Offord, fine bold grizzle, grand size and shape, well packed all round; 2, Wallington, neat green, nice shape. NOVICE (2): 1, 2, Poulton, nice grizzle, good shape and droop. PURCHASED: 1, Day, very thick grizzle crest, nicely formed and drooped. C.B., CHAMP. (3): 1, 3, Shepherd, very fine car., good size, wide skull of capital shape, nicely packed, good lashing; 2, Watcham, good green, grand size and shape, well domed. AMAT.: 1, Wallington, variegated, good subs., grand width of skull, nicely lashed; 2, 3, Offord, 2nd another variegated, capital size, good broad skull, grand feather. PURCHASED: 1, Day, good variegated, rare subs., broad skull, well packed. UNFLIG.: 1, he, Shepherd, lovely wing-mkd. dk. crest, grand size and type, rare head, beautifully shaped and packed, nicely drooped from a good centre, should make up well; 2, Watcham, fine grizzle crest, capital size, nice shape; 3, vhc, Day, nearly green, capital size, good headpiece; c Mrs. Curtis. AMAT.: 1, 2, Wallington, very good wing-mkd. dk., capital subs., well packed, neat centre and droop; 2, variegated C.B., fine size and skull. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 3, Poulton, capital team, leader bonny wing-mkd. C.B., grand size, broad, well domed skull, excellent qual. YORKS., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Ayres, very fine variegated, grand length and style, fine cond.; 2, Sanders, good cl., typical and long, excellent qual.; 3, Scudder, fine length and style; vhc, Lloyd. BUFF (4): 1, Ayres, lovely cl., grand length, smart, neat head, well up on leg; 2, Sanders, fine upstanding cl., neat head, good shoulders, tips wings at times, otherwise excellent; 3, Scudder, good long variegated., nice pos. and style. HEN (7): 1, 3, Ayres, two charmers, yell. and buff, for size, type and shoulder, tightly braced wings, good heads, grand cond.; 2, vhc, c, Sanders, lovely yell., shade smaller, but very typical and neat, tight as wax; he, Scudder. UNFLIG. (9): 1, 2, 3, Ayres, magnificent cl. yell., leader beautifully moulded, neat head, very fine shoulders, smart, grand col. and cond.; 2nd grand buff, quite as nice; 3, real good variegated; vhc, Lloyd; he, Sanders; c, Scudder. AMAT., YELL. (6): 1, Herring, lovely yell., grand length, neat head, good shoulders and back, smart; 2, Crockett, typical cl., scarcely nice pos. and style; 3, Walker, smaller, but very smart and typical; vhc, he, Beavington. BUFF (2): 1, Herring, fine cl., rare length, grand qual. and finish; 2, Walker, neat, very typical. HEN (4): 1, 2, Herring, capital pair, leader not big, but all there for type and qual.; 3, Walker, variegated, buff, good type, neat. UNFLIG. (6): 1, vhc, Herring, lovely cl., grand length, smart upstanding bird, good head, well filled back, capital wings; 2, Walker, shade smaller, but beautifully moulded, nice style, neat; 3, c, Beavington, not large, but nice, good qual.; he, Crockett. NOVICE, YELL. 11): 1, 2, Runchman, leader lovely cl., grand length, very stylish, capital pos. and qual.; 2, cinn. mkd., much admired, real beauty, in pink of cond.; 2, Ratcliffe, nice variegated, fine, long-sided bird, good wings, neat head; vhc, Piggins; he, Johnston; c, Mabey. BUFF (8): 1, Johnston, grand length, cl., good pos., capital head and shoulders, A1 qual.; 2, Rumble, lovely variegated, capital length and type clean cut, shade pale in col.; 3, Woolley, nice cl., typical and smart, beaten size. HEN (20): 1, 2, vhc, Hannaford, grand pair, leader very fine variegated, capital type and style; 2, lovely cl., smart and typical; 3, vhc, Mabey, fine length, neat, clean cut, grand qual.; ex 3, Piggins, cl., rather untidy at waist, but capital type; he, Woolley; c, Rumble. UNFLIG. (21): 1, 3, Hannaford, couple of charming clears, leader grand yell., rare length, well up on leg, clean cut; 2, vhc, Mabey, cl. buff, fine length and style, good shoulders; ex 3, Ratcliffe, head and wing mkd., nice pos., good length; vhc, Runchman; he, Piggins. PURCHASED (5): 1, Piggins, grand upstanding variegated, fine length; 2, 3, vhc, he, Howick, capital team, good type and style. BORD., YELL. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Sayers, two beauties, nicely proportioned, tight as wax; 2, Hobden, shade smaller, very typical and smart. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Sayer, clear leading, typical, nicely rounded, smart, sound cond.; 2, Hobden, good type, clean cut to a good tail. HEN (4): 1, 2, vhc, Sayer, lovely cln.-mk. leading, capital size, stylish, smart wings, neat head, lovely qual.; 2, variegated, nice pos., well moulded; 3, Hobden, scarcely so smart in wing carriage, but good head, nicely rounded front. UNFLIG. (11): 1, 3, vhc, he, Sayer, yell. and variegated, rare cond.; 2, c, Hobden, lovely cl. buff, nice size and style, capital cond. NOVICE, UNFLIG. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, c, Miss May Turner, capital team, neat typical birds of good qual. PURCHASED: 1, Miss Turner. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Mrs. Hobden, good green Norwich, fine col. NOVICE, A.O.V.: 1, Miss Jolliffe; 2, 3, vhc, Taylor. HYB., AV. DK. (10): 1, vhc, Nichols, lovely yell. Linnet-Can., grand size, fine col. and cond.; 2, Overman, buff Goldie, fine size, bold head, nice full body, capital qual.; 3, Mrs. Hobden, lovely Greenie, full of qual., teeming with col.; he, c, Beavington. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Nichols, lovely team, consisting of Goldie-Bullie, Goldie-Greenie and Greenie-Redpoll, all put down in lovely order. BRIT., GOLDIE (4): 1, Francis, fine bold bird, good square blaze, rich deep col., capital wings; 2, Beavington, capital size and shape, lacks col. of winner, well put down; 3, Dossett, capital blaze and tan, beaten finish; vhc, Silver. BULLF. (2): 1, Hobden, well-known winner, quite a blaze of col., full of polish; 2, Richards, good one, rich tone of col., capital shape. GREENF. (4): 1, Francis, well known, nicely proportioned, rich col., pink of cond.; 2, Rev. Soames, good buff, fine size, bold head and front; 3 Day, lovely cond; vhc, Hobden. LINNET (2): 1, Hobden, grand bird, very shapely, well pencilled, fine cond.; 2, Francis, similar shade, heavier pencilling, must have pressed. CHAFF. (3): 1, Francis, very fine Bramble, grand size, good depth of col., in fine order; 2, Rev. Soames, another nice Bramble; 3, Hobden, charming Chaffie, lost flight of one wing, which put him out of it. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, vhc, Francis, lovely Siskin, good size, shapely, rich col., well laced; 2, 3, Rev. Soames, nice Twite leading, heavily laced, good col.; 3, good Redpoll; he, Silver. A.O.S. (1): 1, Francis, well known Hawfinch, in lovely order. BUNTINGS (2): 1, Francis, his successful Corn Bunting, grand bird; 2, Shepherd, very pure Yell. Bunting, good size, sound col., rare cond. BULLF. HEN (2): 1, Francis, beauty for size, type, col. and cond.; 2, Beavington, nice size and type. A.O.S. (2): 1, Silver, charming hen Siskin, rare size, pink of cond.; 2, Francis, good Bramble, in grand order. SOFTBILLS (3): 1, Mrs. Broomfield, beautiful Blackcap, bold, shapely, good dense cap, in grand cond.; 2, 3, Silver, hen Redback Shrike, very fine, in lovely order; 3, nice Meadow Pipit. LARGE (2): 1, Richards, fine Waxwing, big, bold, grand col., lovely feather; 2, Shepherd, capital Thrush, nice size, well spotted. LIMIT GOLDF.: 1, Thrower; 2, Overman; 3, Clark; vhc, he, Offord. BULLF.: 1, Thrower; 2, Clark; c, Hobden; vhc, Offord. GREENF.: 1, Goodman; 2, 3, Clark; vhc, Offord. LINNET: 1, Hobden; 2, vhc, Clark; 3, Overman. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, vhc, Clark; 2, Hobden; 3, he, Offord. A.O.S.: 1, Thrower; 2, he, Clark; 3, c, Offord; vhc, Silver. BUNTING: 1, Offord. HENS: 1, 2, Richards; 3, vhc, Offord; he, Clark. FOR., LOVEBIRDS: 1, 2, Silver, 1, lovely pair Redfaced Lovebirds, beautifully matched, blaze of col., in fine order; 2, pair Yell.-vented Blue Bonnets, very fine, grand col., A1 cond. AVADAVATS, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Silver, fine team, consisting of pairs of Fire Finches, Orange-cheeks and Goldbreasts, all in grand plumage. WEAVERS, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Silver, another good team, the rare Ultramarine Combasson leading, charming pair of Magpie Mannikins and pair of Three-coloured; vhc, Clark; he, Miss Wallington. SEEDEATERS: 1, 2, 3, Silver, good trio Grass Finches, all put down in grand order; vhc, Shepherd; he, Beavington. MYNAH, ETC. (8): 1, 3, Silver, leader grand pair of Purple-headed Starlings, lovely birds, tight as wax, rare sheen; 3, Wagtail Hangnest, very fine; 2, Shepherd, pair of Brown Mynahs, lovely birds, in grand order. A.O.S.: 1, 2, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, most charming pair of Purple Sugar Birds, the hen quite as interesting as her partner, both in the bloom of health and glowing with col.; 2, Himalayan Red Sunbird, another beauty, gorgeous col.; 3, Shepherd, very fine Blue Robin, grand col., excellent plumage. SELL., 30 - 1, Watcham. LESS: 1, Herring; 2, Watcham; 3, Dossett. PAIRS: 1, 3, Runchman; 2, vhc, Offord. A.V.: 1, Curtis; 2, Robertson; 3, Herring, vhc, Turner.

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Sixth annual show, Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, Glasgow. Numbers were about 20 up from last year, and quality, especially in the Norwich section, was high. The hall, which is comfortable and well lighted, was tested to its fullest for space. Judging was completed in good time, and seemingly to the satisfaction of the most fastidious. Messrs. A. Chalmers, Kirkintilloch, G. Hislop, Stirling, and M. Craig, Tolleross, judged. One feature of which this society must feel proud is the true fancier spirit which exists amongst the officials. The Hon. Pres., Mr. W. Gibb McNab, the donor of one of the society's challenge cups, has just given his sixth gold medal for best young bird. President A. Hendry, and Vices P. Allan, A. Symington, are all well known, while Mr. W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas., is simply full of work, and the knowledge of how to perform it. An able committee, composed of Messrs. McGown, Lunn, C. Campbell, J. Campbell, Sellar, Gillespie, Robertson, with Messrs. G. G. Henderson, and P. Allan as auditors, embrace a management second to none. Competition for the cups was keen. The Pearson challenge rose bowl for best young Crest or Nor. was won by Mr. J. Young with his yellow pluinhead cock. MacNab challenge cup best young Bord. or Yorks, Mr. W. Cochrane with his buff Yorkie. Mr. G. G. Henderson won the silver cup outright for the best young Mule or Hyb. Border Fancy medal, best members' bird, was carried off by Mr. D. Downie, a novice in his first year. Proudfoot rose bowl for best nov. Can., also Hyde's spl, Mr. A. Mitchell. Silver watch chain by D. Lunn for runner-up to novice rose bowl, John Colquhoun. Rose bowl by G. G. Henderson for most points over all table shows, including annual show, was won by Mr. D. Lunn, 161 points. Hon. President's gold medal for best young bird, W. Cochrane, with buff Yorks. cock.

YOUNG CREST: 1, 3, 4, Hamilton, grand team, fine size, good subs., A1 cond., fine toppieces, well groomed, creditably staged; 2, Young, capital grizzle crest, nice radiation, well laid, shapely toppiece, fine veiny feather, massive body, in grand order. C. B.: 1, Hamilton, massive var., grand body, subs., plenty feather, nice skull, well lashed, will make up well. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, rose bowl, Young, good size, rare qual. feather, rich even col., neat full head, neck, well developed, typical body, neat carr., style, grand bloom; 2, J. Campbell, shapely, good exhibit, hot even col., nice build, fine carr., not quite so massive; 3, Mitchell, short chubby build, neatly coupled, wet when judged. BUFF: 1, Mitchell, best Nov., also Hyde's, grand size, fine qual. feather, stout typical body, fine wings, tail, well-filled top end; 2, Young, sweetly got up, typical, short, chubby, fails size; 3, 4, Allan, fair exhibits, nice qual., good carr., barely so steady. YELL. VAR. CK.: 1, Mitchell, topper, grand size, fine qual., col., neat, stylish, in the pink; 2, Henderson, broken green, scarcely so large or massive, fine qual., neat, stylish. BUFF: 1, 2, Young, all there for size, nice qual., fine carr., leader excels in chubbiness. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Braid, fine size, right type, qual., stylish, neat, rare cond.; 2, J. Campbell, nice qual., good top end, shapely body, trifle faulty wing carr.; 3, Young, nice size, fine even col., good carr., style, rather longer in barrel. BUFF: 1, 2, Young, grand pair, topping qual., feather, neat carr., nicely built, leade very massive body, faultless cond. YELL. VAR. HEN: 1, Young, topper for size, type, rich Silky feather, perfect wings, tail, tight, clean-cut; 2, Henderson, right texture feather, good head, well-filled neck, front, barely so short or massive as leader; 3, Murray, fine type and qual., neat style, fails wing. carr. BUFF: 1, Campbell, good size, shape, fine style, A1 carr., in winning form; 2, Henderson, cap and wing mkd., nice qual., perfect carr. and shape, runs well up on winner. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, Murray, fine qual., stylish, neat, could do with pinch more size; 2, Allan, good feather, neat wings, tail, nicely placed. NON-FED.: 1, Young, neat, cobby, A1 type, grand qual., in the pink; 2, J. Campbell, neat, cobby built, var. yell., clean cut, nicely braced; 3, Murray, yell., good cond., steady. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Sellar, leading with tight, typical, grand-bodied, well-rounded, fine carr., style, migbt be trifle better in neck; 2nd good type, close boxy feather, nice wings, close compact tail, presses hard; 3, 7, Downie, nice type, qual., feather, good pos., could be better headed; 4, 5 Lunn; 6, J. Campbell. HEN: 1, Colquhoun, jaunty, clean cut, stylish, neat throughout, in the pink; 2, Sellar, stylishly clothed, right type, neat carr., presses hard; 3, Braid, nice qual., type, neat carr., could be trifle better in head points; 4, Symington; 5, Downie; 6, Lunn; 7, Campbell. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Lunn, leader grand exhibit, all there for type, grand qual., feather, neatly made, clean cut, closely-folded tail, perfect wing carr., 2nd good type, qual., neat carr., just inclined to be trifle squatty when handled; 3, J. Campbell, fine qual., stylish, just loses wing carr.; 4, Sellar, we liked; 5, Downie; 6, Hamilton; 7, Proudfoot. HEN: 1, 3, Lunn, leader nice qual. jaunty style, fine shape, 3rd good qual., neat, compact build, carr. O.K., well up; 2, Sellar good for qual., neat carr., finely-moulded body, just trifle long headed; 4, Braid; 5, Glen; 6, Proudfoot; 7, Colquhoun. UNEV. OR VAR. YELL.: 1, 3, Proudfoot, stylish, well drawn, typical, wins nicely, 3rd all right for type, qual., neat carr., inclined to be trifle strong in head; 2, Lunn, nice qual., good type, neat wings, fine tail, fails top end; 4, Jamieson. BUFF: 1, Downie, clean cut, typical, well balanced, neat, proportionate, staged in right fashion; 2, Proudfoot, good one, line stamp, A1 qual., clean, shapely, fine top end, well filled; 3, J. Campbell, nice feather, good make, right stamp, could be clearer underneath; 4, Allan; 5, Hamilton. SELF OR FOUL GREEN: 1, 2, 3, 6, Lunn, capital team, all staged in fine manner; 4, 5, Downie. SELF OR FOUL CINN.: 1, 2, 4, Lunn, typical trio, neat, clean cut, staged in right style; 3, 5, Sellar, 3rd, good exhibit, clean, shapely, steady, creditable; 6, 7, Young. NOV.: 1, Sellar, cl. buff; 2, Colquhoun; 3, 4, Glen; 5, Downie; 6, Jamieson; 7, Hamilton. YORKS. had 5 classes. Mr. W. Cochrane accounting for all the cards himself, a pity his splendid team of close on 20 birds had not some hot opposition, as they were capable of holding their own in any company. DARK CAN. MULE: 1, Henderson, nice Greenie; 2, Mitchell, good Linnet, in fine feather; 3, J. Campbell. OLD BIRDS, CREST: 1, 2, 3, Hamilton, leader, capital, even wing, D.C., plenty feather, well laid, densely covered, evenly radiated top piece, staged in masterly fashion; 2, 3, both grizzle crests, former rather more subs., larger spread, otherwise very similar. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Hamilton, leader, green, plenty frame, feather, nice skull, well lashed, good entrance, wins on size and breadth of skull; 2, 3, var., fine qual., feather, broad, and veiny, liu sparkling order. CL. OR TKD. NOR. CK.: 1, 3, Braid, massive buff leading, capital qual., thick set, fine carr., well filled in, all there; 2, 3, Henderson, former grizzle cap yell., nice qual., stylish, perfect wings, tail, nice head, neck, clean cut; 3, yell. all there, clean, perfectly staged, tight up; 4, Allan; 5, 6, McGown. VAR.: 1, 2, Allan, yell. and buff, fine pair, nice size., qual., cobby and short, perfect feather; 3, Mitchell, yell., fine qual., nice type, grand cond., just behind in subs. CL. OR TKD. HEN: 1, 2, Mitchell, yell. and buff, grand pair, top size, fine col., deep silky feather, fine stamp, staged in the pink; 3, Henderson, nice grizzle cap buff, not of the largest, but neat, well built, fine top end, nice stamp; 4, Young; 5, Campbell; 6, Braid; 7, McGown. VAR. HEN: 1, Young, fine size and build, neat, typical body, close, good qual. feather, well put down; 2, 3, Allan, nice pair, typical, fine carr., and style, not so sweet at top as leader; 4, Braid. GR. OR CINN.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Hamilton, rare team cinnamous, grand size, rich col. and distinct pencilling, fine feather, neatly carried wings, tail. NON-FED.: 1, Braid, fine yell., staged in winning form. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Colquhonn, perky, little fellow, tight, boxy feather, neat, shapely body, fine style, just trifle pinched throat; 2, Downie, good type, clean cut, well drawn, grand feather, slightly flat across shoulders; 3, Symington, nice type and col., nicely rounded body, close wings, tail, inclined to be trifle weak at neck; 4, 5, Proudfoot. BUFF: 1, Colquhonn, neat, typical, fine qual. feather, fine head, neck, clean, shapely front, nicely tapered away; 2, Lunn, fine qual., neat, clean cut, very stylish, runs hard up; 3, Sellar, fine type and sweet, jaunty style, little behind either of its predecessors; 4, Symington; 5, 6, Proudfoot; 7, Downie. VAR. BUFF, 1, 2, H.F.C.C. medal, best members, Downie, leader, beautiful round head, on clean, well filled neck, and shapely front, neatly folded wings, tail, rare cond.; 2, good qual., fails at throat; 3, Sellar, neat and clean cut, right qual.; 4, Colquhoun. VAR. YELL.: 1, Downie, typical, well rounded, neatly filled; 2, Lunn, all there for type, qual., nice stamp, runs well up; 3, Allan, good feather and type, neat bearing; 4, Sellar. GR. OR CINN.: 1, 4, Lunn, leader, clinker for col., rich grassy line, pencilled to perfection, neatly balanced all through, good win; 4, buff, nice model, clean cut, right type, perfect litting wings, close pipe tail, well placed; 2, Young, buff, nice shaped body, well tapered, rounded, fine back, neat fitting wings, tail, good; 2, 3, 5, Downie, buff, good size, fine style clean cut, nice feather, nicely put down. YORKS.: 1, 2, Colquhoun, clinking yellows, rare length, fine bottle shape, clean fronted, well drawn, very stylish, rare pos., nice leg, wings, tail. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Hamilton, nice Dark Mule, plenty size, perfect feather, steady, in rare order; 2, McGown, lightly mkd. Goldie, nice size, rare cond., steady, perfect feather, fine markings; 3, Henderson, fine Jonque Siskin, perfect cond., little beauty; 4, Allan; 5, Glass. GOLDF.: 1, 3, Henderson, leader, beauty, fine, expansive, deep, square cut blaze, nice yellow wings, distinct buttons, finely tanned, and pure in whites; 3, unsteady, well up for size, cond., not the col. or squareness of blaze; 2, Allan, fine size, steady, nice feather, good wings and moous, fails blaze. BULLF.: 1, 2, Henderson, leader, grand Finch, steady, rich ground col., expansive jet black cap, beautiful back, and perfect wing bars, in the pink; 2, well up for size and steadiness, but fails depth of col.; 3, Allan, nice feather, back in col.; 4, McGown. LINNET: 1, Henderson, fine H.M., good size, rich col., perfect feather, steady, well shown; 2, 3, Glass, smaller built. F.M., grand col., top cond., behind in steadiness; 4, Allan; 5, Stewart. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, 7, Henderson, Twite, leading, nice size, good col., nicely laced, trifle unsteady; 2, very good Mealy 'Poll, fine size, top col., nicely pencilled flanks and body, steady, our choice; 3, Braid, fine Lesser, good fettle, perky little chap, in sparkling cond., sound col. and pencilling, nice feather; 4, 6, Allan; 5, Glass. GREENF.: 1, 3, Henderson, leader, real good 'un, fine size, lovely col., feather steady, not a ruffled feather; 3, equally good for col., cond., and steadiness, fails trifle in size only; 2, 6, Glass, nice Finch, staged perfectly, feather and cond., A1, beaten for size; 4, McGown; 5, Allan. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE: 1, 2, Henderson, grand couple, Chaffies, well up size, rare col., markings, faultless feather, very steady, little to choose between; 3, McGown, good Bramble, nice ground col., well spangled, could do with pinch more size; 4, Glass; 5, Allan. BUNTING: 1, 2, 4, 5, Henderson, Ortolan leading, warrior in many battles, cond. and feather perfect, very steady, legs trifle rough; 2, fine Corn., without blemish, rare col., feather, fine size, steady; 3, Allan, Yellowhammer, good size, cond., fairly steady, head lines got to improve yet. HEN FINCH: 1, 2, Henderson, Bramble and Bullie, in rare order. A.O.V.: 1, Henderson, clinking Shorclark, in superb cond., steady. LARGE FOR.: 1, Proudfoot, famous King Parrot, looking well as ever, always staged in fine style. SMALL: 1, 4, Henderson, nice Madeira Chaffinch, quite interesting exhibit, steady, in rare trim; 2, Allan, fine exhibit, in beautiful feather, very steady, staged in the pink; 3, Glass, nice Goldie, good size, large expansive blaze, fine wing bars, rich yellow, nice moons, pure whites, richly tanned, staged in the pink. GIFT: 1, Tawse; 2, Hamilton; 3, Henderson; 4, Lunn; 5, Sellar; 6, Braid; 7, Allan, many good birds given away here.

TARBRAX C.B.S.

Fourth Annual Show in the Institute Hall, Tarbrax, Nov. 13. There was a larger number of entries than on any previous occasion, over 60 birds being staged, and quality was above the average; several of the winners should hold their own during the show season. Mr. Robert Lambie judged, and gave entire satisfaction.—Colin Taylor, Sec.

From the newspaper cutting received, we take the principal winners as under: Canaries, Taylor, Gilmour, Agnew, McKinven, Haddow, Anderson, Bird, McLean. Mules: Wight, Agnew, Taylor. Brit.: Wight, Anderson. For.: Agnew, Thompson, Dundas. Singing: Paterson, McKinven. Special winners: Best Bird: Wight. Best Bord.: Agnew. Nor, Bird. Most points: Agnew; most points, Bord., Agnew; most points, yell. greens, Gilmour.—Editor.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Members' show, Nov. 13, Victoria Hotel, 53 birds, Mr. T. Mountain, Baildon, judge, whose awards gave satisfaction to all. Special best bird, Bloomfield. Points to date: Champ., Dykes 83, Bloomfield 60, Goodwin 41; Nov.: Fretwell 70, Oldrieve 54, Myers 34, Goulf 34, Close 32. Champ. Yell. Ck. (4): 1, sp, 2, Bloomfield; 3, Dykes; 4, Goodwin. Buff (5): 1, vhc, Dykes; 2, 4, Bloomfield; 3, Goodwin. Yelf. Hen (2): 1, Dykes; 2, Bloomfield. Buff (3): 1, 2, Dykes; 3, Goodwin. Nov. Yell. Ck. (9): 1, vhc, Burgess; 2, 3, Close; 4, Fretwell; hc, Myers; c, Oldrieve. Buff (9): 1, 3, Close; 2, Goulf; 4, Fretwell; vhc, Myers; hc, Pullan; c, Oldrieve. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen (6): 1, vhc, Fretwell; 2, Alred; 3, Oldrieve; 4, Burgess; hc, Myers. Buff (8): 1, 2, Fretwell; 3, vhc, Oldrieve; 4, Goult; hc, Burgess; c, Alred. Mkd. Ck. (1): 1, Close. Unflig. (7): 1, vhc, Myers; 2, Oldrieve; 3, Close; 4, Pullan; hc, Fretwell; c, Alred. Mkd. Hen (2): 1, Pullan; 2, Alred.—H. Bryant, Hon. Sec.

HAYLE.

Third annual show of the Hayle F.A., Nov. 23, in the Parochial Hall, a fine building, free from draughts and well lighted. Entries came up well, 222, only 16 less than last year. The profits were for the tobacco fund for soldiers and sailors serving in His Majesty's Forces. Quality was excellent, especially in Norwich, where most of the well-known breeders sent exhibits. Yorks did not fill so well as the chubby ones, although they were a nice level lot. One of the hens which took premier honours was sold at a good figure, and we congratulate the plucky buyer. British were a grand collection. About the management we have nothing but the highest praise. The staging was at a convenient height, where the birds could be viewed in comfort, and well looked after by a grand lot of stewards, all fanciers. Mr. A. S. Coombe, the hon. sec., worked well, and was always at his post, and was well assisted by a good partner, Mr. H. Ware, the hon. treasurer. The judges, Messrs. S. and T. Tickell, Bodmin, got through their duties in time for the opening, and their awards were well received. All birds were packed and taken to the station by 6.30. Prize money and specials were paid to the successful exhibitors present at the show.

NOR. YELL (9): 1, sp, Collins, nice size and type, good head and neck, well cut away, nice wing carr., good col.; 2, vhc, Spillman, shade larger, good type and qual., well carried wings and tail; 3, Moon, non-flight, capital shape, nice round head, good wing carr. and col.; 4, Howard; hc, Pope; c, Kemp. BUFF (10): 1, sp, Howard, grand type, rare subs. and qual., well shown, in lovely bloom; 2, Collins, bonny type, good head and neck, short and well carried wings, nice frostings; 3, c, Spillman, tkd. neck, well filled and nicely balanced throughout, good col.; 4, hc, Andrew; vhc, Kemp. YELL. MKD. (7): 1, sp, Howard, grizz. head, grand subs., nice wings and tail, good underent; 2, Hocking, variegated, wonder for shape, grand head and neck, closely carried wings and tail, we liked for 1st; 3, Pascoe, mkd. eye and wing, well up in size, good col. and qual.; 4, Spillman; vhc, Kemp; hc, Trevorrow. BUFF (8): 1, sp, Andrew, variegated, bold head and neck, nice body and wings, nice frostings; 2, Kemp, mkd. head, full of qual., one of the right sort, nice body and wings; 3, Rowe and Richards, var., rather slim, nice qual., good carr.; 4, Pascoe; vhc, Stront; hc, Pope. UNFLIG. (10): 1, sp, Keen, rare thick set one, lovely type and qual., well cut away, good col. and wing carr., wins well; 2, vhc, Andrew, buff var., short and compact, fine col. and feather, nice carr.; 3, 4, Howard, yell., one of the right sort, thick body, good wings, 4 buff var., nice round head, thick-set neck, nicely carried wings and tail; hc, Coombe; c, James. HEN (9): 1, sp, Collins, eye tkd. buff, bonny type, short, wings and tail nicely carried, in splendid fettle; 2, Howard, mkd. eyes, wing, and neck, yell., good size, shapely, nice qual., clean cut; 3, Stront, yell., good size, shapely, nice qual. and col; 4, vhc, Andrew; hc, Spillman; c, Rowe and Richards. YORKS. YELL (6): 1, sp, 3, Ellis, rare type, straight as a gun, neatly braced wings and tail, 3 sweet head and neck, good col., stands on a pair of good legs, nice carr.; 2, Boundy, great length and style, good col. and quality, nice wings and tail; 4, Nicholls; vhc, Peters; c, Andrew. BUFF (8): 1, sp, Ellis, good length and style, well tapered, good col. and feather; 2, Boundy, full of qual., lovely col., well up on leg; 3, vhc, Peters, good col. and feather, nice back and wing carr., good legs; 4, Andrew; hc, Oates; c, Nicholls. YELL. VAR. (7): 1, sp, Ellis, mkd. head and wing, slim and good length, well up on leg, good col.; 2, 3, Oatey, mkd. eye and wing, capital col. and feather, nice back and wing carr., 3 var., good col., well braced wings and tail, nice feather; 4, Peters; vhc, Luscombe; hc, Hamlyn; c, Boundy. UNFLIG. (10): 1, sp, Boundy, yell., grand qual. and col., good back and nice wing carr.; 2, Ellis, yell., fine length, stands well, good wings and tail; 3, vhc, hc, Nicholls, yell. var., long and slim, well up on legs, nicely braced wings; 4, Ellis; c, Reynolds. HEN YELL. (5): 1, sp, Boundy, cl. yell., smart and stylish, well clothed, good col; 2, Ellis, nice pos. and length, carries flights nicely; 3, vhc, Nicholls, cinn. mkd. buff, capital shape and feather, nice col.; 4, Peters. BUFF (8): 1, sp, Ellis, var., nice col., fine carr., well carried wings and tail; 2, Boundy, lovely shape and feather, rich col., fine carr.; 3, hc, Nicholls, cinn. mkd., nice qual. and col., good wings and tail; 4, Reynolds; vhc, Luscombe; c, Peters. A.O.V. (7): 1, sp, 2, Ryder, mkd. C.B., wealth of feather, grand size and shape, nice width of skull, well browed, 2 var. D.C., nice droop and neat centre, of good formation; 3, c, Lee, var. D.C., nice feather, neat and nicely radiated crest, worth its place; 4, hc, Burgess; vhc, Moon. PAIRS (8): 1, sp, Howard, yell. ck. and var. hen, Nor., grand pair, well matched; 2, Andrew, again Nor., not so large; 3, Phillpot, sweet pair Nor., well matched; 4, Oatey; vhc, Peters; hc, Partridge; c, Ellis. LIGHT MULES and HYB. (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, 4, Collins, four point Goldf., Goldf.-Redpoll, Goldf.-Greenf., and Light Linnet, all in the exhibitor's usual style, in grand cond. DARK (5): 1, 3, sp, Rowe and Richards, Linnet and Goldf., both good exhibits, in tip-top form, and benched in good style; 2, 4, Collins, Greenf. and Twite, beauties, both showing parentage to a nicety, well shown. GOLDF. (15): 1, sp, vhc, Polkinghorne, rare size and shape, capital col., large square and highly coloured blaze, rattling bars and buttons, a gem; 2, Lee, nice shape and size, very neat blaze; 3, hc, c, Coombe, good trio, lovely col. and feather, A1 blaze, nice bars and buttons; ex., 3, Burgan, fine cobby shape, good barrings; 4, Hamley. BULLF. (5): 1, sp, 2, Rowe and Richards, rare size and shape, very rich breast col., carried well down, two gems; 3, Farrell, in perfect feather, nice well-cut cap, in fine form; vhc, hc, Rule. GREENF. (6): 1, sp, 2, Rowe and Richards, yellows, marvellous size, lovely shape and col., grand pair; 3, Polkinghorne, buff, well mealed and good col., nice wings, pressed for 2nd place; 4, Lugg; vhc, Collins. LARGE BRIT. (2): 1, sp, Collins, rare subs., grand shape, lovely col., well shaped bib, quite a picture; 2, Rowe and Richards, Thrush, in rare fettle, well spotted, could not have been staged better. SMALL BARDBILL (7): 1, sp, 3, Rowe and Richards, Cirl and Yellow Buntings, beautiful col., very shapely, good head characters; 2, Collins, good size, magnificent col. and feather, nicely tkd., a real topper; 4, Crews; vhc, Lugg; hc, Lee. HEN (8): 1, sp, 2, Rowe and Richards, Bullf., good cap, very steady, 2 nice Siskin, fine col. and markings; 3, vhc, Lugg, Hawfinch, good size, nice bib, very steady; 4, hc, Coombe. FOR. (4): 1, sp, 2, Dunstan, Cowbird, nice sheen and col., 2 Robin, well mkd., in rare form; 3, vhc, Burgess, Troupial and Javas, in fine cond. SELL., 15s.: 1, Trevorrow; 2, Collins; 3, Nicholls; 4, Coombe. 10s.: 1, 3, Coombe; 2, Collins; 4, Oatey. LOCAL, NOR. (4): 1, Rowe and Richards; 2, 3, vhc, Coombe. NOR. 1915 (8): 1, Slade; 2, Rowe and Richards; 3, Johns; 4, Coombe. YORKS. (6): 1, Stephens; 2, 3, Oatey; 4, Ellis; vhc, Johns. YORKS. 1915: 1, Ellis; 2, Oatey; 3, Stephens. NAT. COL.: 1, 2, Oatey; 3, Ellis. BRIT.: 1, Rowe and Richards; 2, Farrell; 3, Burgan. MULE: 1, 2, Rowe and Richards; 3, Hosking.

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PAISLEY O.A.

Twenty-third annual show of Scotch fancy Canaries, Nov. 27, in the George A. Clark Town Hall, a very fine building for the event, being well lighted and free from draughts, and within easy distance of station and trams. A good classification, backed by substantial prize money and the adjudication left to four well-known judges, brought out the cream of the fancy. Of the management we have nothing but the highest praise, the staging being nicely arranged at a convenient height, where every bird could be reached in comfort. Mr. Neil O'Donnell, the head of the secretarial department, being indisposed, Mr. Lambie gallantly came to the rescue, and right well he did his duties. Although entries were received and accepted up to morning of show, he was able to pay prize money to the successful exhibitors in the afternoon. He was ably assisted by the President, Mr. A. Livingston, who is ever looking after the interests of one and all. Mr. T. Hamilton, as vice-President, also lent valuable assistance. The Committee are such well-known fanciers, and have had so much experience in show matters, that it is needless to say everything was carried out in A1 order. Entries were rather less than in previous years, but quality throughout was top notch. The handsome silver cup for the best young bird bred and exhibited by a member was won by Mr. J. A. Stewart, Muirend, with a very sweet buff pied cock, not too large, but of beautiful proportions, the runner-up being Mr. J. Little, Paisley, with a very stylish yellow hen. Judges, Messrs. J. A. Stewart, Muirend; J. Henry, Glasgow; A. Paterson, Edinburgh; and D. Caldwell, Bailieston, who got through their work in good time, and gave general satisfaction. Unfortunately the attendance was not too good, although quite a number of interested visitors turned up during the day.

YELL. CK (10): 1, Gray, grand size and subs., fine length of side, nice shoulder and pos.; 2, Muir, fine drive and action, takes pos. smartly, good size; 3, and sp, Burnside, nice head, and neck, good shoulder and action; 4 and sp, Robertson, fair size, fine shoulder; 5, Allardice; 6, Brown; 7, Livingston; 8, Rolls; 9, Siddons. YELL. PIED (11): 1, Menzies, wins, grand size, fine head and neck, prominent top, nicely placed; 2, McClure, fine length of side, fine worker, well placed on legs; 3, Hamilton, fine size, nice shoulder, grand droop; 4, Gray, nice style; 5, Wilson; 6, Kennedy, jun.; 7, Jackson; 8, Price; 9, Lyon. FOUL (9): 1, Brown, yell., nice size, lovely style, snaky head and neck, good shoulder and action; 2, Main, buff, grand size and subs., prominent top, well into perch; 3, Gray, yell., fine length of side and thickness, nice drive; 4, Burnside, yell., nice top end; 5, McClure; 6, Allardice; 7, Swanson; 8, Jackson; 9, Baird. GREEN CK. (5): 1, Main, buff, nice size, takes pos. smartly, well placed on leg; 2, McLauchlan, buff, nice size, good head and neck, grand worker; 3, Baird, buff, good size and action; 4, Wilson; 5, Thomson. BUFF CK. (15), grand class: 1 and sp, McClure, grand length of side, fine frame, well filled-in back, determined drive; 2 and sp, Gray, another good one, fine body, grand top end and action, fine head and neck; 3, Muir, grand size and subs., fine action, "slipped clawed," or would have been a crack; 4, Price, nice size, well set down on leg; 5 and sp, Menzies; 6 and sp, Higgins; 7 and sp, Stewart; 8 and sp, Jackson; 9 and sp, Robertson; sp, Allardice. BUFF PIED CK. (10): 1, Jackson, fine length of side, fine head and neck, takes pos. quickly, could do with better droop; 2, Burnside, determined droop, fine size and thickness, fine worker, must have pressed; 3, Muir, nice size and top end, snaky head and neck; 4, Stewart, lovely style and action; 5, Main; 6, Wilson; 7, Rodger; 8, Livingston; 9, Gillies. YELL. HEN (7): 1 and sp, Little, good size and subs., nice droop and well placed on leg; 2, Stewart, jun., fine thickness, snaky head and neck, grand drive, beaten size; 3, sp, Brown, grand length of side, nice shoulder; 4, Strathearn, nice style and pos.; 5, Livingston; 6, Kennedy, jun.; 7, Muir. YELL. PIED HEN (14): 1, McDowall, grand size and subs., fair top end; 2, McClure, good size and style, determined droop, nicely made bird, must have pressed; 3, Stewart, lovely style, well into perch, snaky head; 4 and sp, Watson, fine style and action; 5, Menzies; 6, Burnside; 7, Higgins; 8, Ferguson; 9, Baird. FOUL HEN (7): 1, Smith, buff, well up in size, fine shoulder and action; 2, Allardice, buff, fine length of side, fine style and action; 3 Jackson, buff, fair size, nicely set down; 4, Kennedy, buff, fine head and neck; 5, Main; 6, Stewart, jun.; 7, McLauchlan. GREEN HEN (8): 1, Menzies, buff, good size, lovely style and action, well into perch, fine head and neck; 2, McClure, buff, grand size and subs., fine length of side, fine pos.; 3, Swanson, yell., fair size, fine thickness, lovely head and neck; 4, Wilson, buff, fair size, inclined to be stiff; 5, Thomson; 6 and 8, Higgins; 7, Hamilton. BUFF HEN (8): 1 and sp, Stewart, grand size and subs., well placed on leg, determined drive, wins; 2, Strathearn, fine length of side, nice top end and style; 3, Thomson, fine drive and action, nice thickness; 4, Robertson, fine style; 5, Brown; 6, Muir; 7, Livingston; 8, Baird. BUFF PIED HEN (14): 1, Kennedy, jun., good size, well into perch, gets head well down, beautiful style and pos.; 2 and sp, Phillips, fine thickness and top end, determined droop, nice worker; 3, Jackson, fine length of side, nice head and neck, inclined to be restless; 4, Burnside, fine size, nice style and pos.; 5 and sp, Brown; 6, Wilson; 7, Robertson; 8, Jackson; 9, Menzies. SELL. CK. (12): 1, Smith; 2, Wilson; 3, Hainey; 4, Jackson; 5, Frew. HEN (4): 1, Jackson; 2 and 3, Hainey; 4, Kennedy.

COCKERMOUTH.

Tenth exhibition held Nov. 27. Staged at one end of the large and exceedingly well lighted Drill Hall, the birds made an exceedingly good display, being all the time a source of much attraction to the large number of visitors constantly passing to and fro. The exhibits were also well and carefully looked after. In no better hands could the birds be than under the care of Messrs. John Ellwood and J. W. Deacon. Thorough fanciers themselves, they spare neither time nor trouble in looking after the birds entrusted to their care. The Sec., Mr. J. Jackson, had all the details well thought out, and all matters were well attended to. Borders were an interesting display. Unfortunately four of the open classes were cancelled, but the remaining classes filled fairly well, and had amongst them birds of fine type and quality, from many leading exhibitors. The winner of the medal for best bird belonging to a member of the Border Club was found in the winner of the 10s. 6d. selling class, belonging to Mr. John Ellwood. The winner of the Novice medal was Mr. Nichol's 3rd prize cl. yell. ck. Yorks. were also a nice collection, principally patronised by local exhibitors, but containing birds that could hold their own in much hotter competition. British were nice classes, the Linnets especially so; other classes, though small numerically, had amongst them bonny birds. Mr. P. J. Davies, Millom, judged.

BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (12): 1, Pearson, fine qual., neat head, good back, wings and tail, wee trifle nervous; 2, D. G. Wilson, neat and shapely, good pos.; 3, Nichol, clean made, typical; 4, Deacon, close up; 5, Dixon; 6, Moore; 7, Smith. BUFF (16): 1, J. S. Wilson, shapely, beautiful qual.; 2, McLaughlin, typical, fine qual., neat all over; 3, Levason, longer than winner, not so well finished; 4, Ellwood, tkd. eye and wing, fine qual., good stamp; 5, Deacon; 6, Nelson; 7, Brown. HEN, YELL. (14): 1, 1, Bulman, leader neat and shapely, nice qual.; 2, Pearson, good qual., nice type, neat in carr.; 3, Atkinson, head and wing nk., fine shape, good feather, natty; 6, Deacon; 7, Mclaughlin. BUFF (18): 1, Dixon, beauty, grand in type, qual. and all-round properties; 2, McLaugh. lin, eye tkd., neat, shapely, fine feather; 3, Nichol, tkd., nice qual., fails in wings; 4, Ellwood, uneven, fine, shapely, good type and qual.; 5, Hodgson; 6, Wilson; 7, W. E. Wilson. SELF. (9): 1, 3, Ellwood; 2, Wilson; 4, W. E. Wilson; 5, Bulman; 6, Pennington; 7, Levason. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Stewart, fine pos., erect carr., good qual. and col.; 2, 4, Trollear, leader good pos., shapely, behind in col.; 3, Tweedie, well drawn, fine pos.; 5, Brown; 6, Lyall; 7, Richardson. BUFF (11): 1, 5, 7, Richardson, good and shapely, neat carr. of wings and tail; 2, 3, Stewart, leader fine pos., good in qual. and length, latter good feather, well braced; 4, Coulson, well feathered, nicely drawn; 6, Bradley. UNEVEN YELL. (4): 1, Bradley, head tick, lengthy, good col. and shape (some thought this bird wrong class); 2, Stewart, good pos., nervy, well drawn; 3, Pearson; 4, Tweedie, both good shapely birds. HEN YELL. (4): 1, Brown, shapely, well drawn, neat in wings and tail; 2, Coulson, well up, good pos. and carr.; 3, Pearson, similar bird; 4, Stewart. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Stewart, both typical, well drawn and good in Yorks. properties; 2, Bradley, fine pos., good, reachy; 4, Lyall; 5, Brown. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 2, 6, Stewart; cl. buff leading, tkd. head buff 2nd, both grand qual., shapely; 3, Tweedie, tkd. head yell., reachy, fine pos.; 4, 5, Coulson; 7, Lyall. NOV. (8): 1, 4, 6, John Smith, yell. leading, fine stamp, good carr.; 2, 3, 5, Barrie, shapely, good feather and pos.; 7, Palmer. NOR. (10): 1, 2, 3, Nicholson, fine trio of typical birds, fine col. and shape; 4, Godfrey; 5, Johnston; 6, Black; 7, White. HYB. (5): 1, Dixon, dark yell. Goldf. and Can., fine col., rare blaze, easy win; 2, Cameron and Scott, dark buff Goldf. and Can., fine bird; 3, Drabble, dark Greenie, nice col. and shape; 4, 5, Mackie. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (10): 1, 2, Corkhill and Byres, shapely, good in blaze, well cut, fine cond. and steady, nice tan, well buttoned; 3, Lewis, buff, rather slim, grand cond. and col., well put down; 4, Mackie, nice Goldie, well mooned, good blaze and cond.; 5, D. G. Wilson; 6, White; 7, Cameron and Scott. LINNET, H.M. (10): 1, Corkhill and Byres, nice type and col., finely pencilled; 2, Moore, darker in col., rare sheen, well mkd.; 3, 4, Reay, leader fine bird, good in all round qualities; 5, Hanley; 6, Birkett; 7, Forrester. F.M. (12): 1, Skelton, fine size, good in shape, markings and col.; 2, Dixon, grand cond., fine qual., col. and markings; 3, 4, Corkhill and Byres, two excellent shaped ones, good all round; 5, Reay; 6, Forrester; 7, Cook. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Corkhill and Byres, Twite, nice size and shape, well mkd., good cond.; 2, Drabble, Siskin, neat little fellow, nice cap and marks; 3, Mackie, Mealy Poll, fine cond. and feather; 4, 6, Nicholson, Siskin; 5, Moore. GREEN (5): 1, Macpherson, fine order, steady, nice col. and sheen; 2, 4, Ellwood, very little behind, good shape; 3, Lewis, shapely bird; 5, Walker and Son. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE (4): 1, Dixon, Bramble, good in col., spangles and cond.; 2, Cameron and Scott, Chaff.; 3, Lewis, Chaff., both good condition, neat in shape, nice and well defined colours. A.O. SEEDEATER (4): 1, Stewart, Yellowhammer, nice size, nicely defined and fairly clear in head, well shown; 2, Macpherson, Corn Bunting, good size and steady, shapely and well shown; 3, Ellwood, Yellowhammer, not quite so clear as winner.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Tenth Annual Show, Wesleyan Reform Schoolroom, Bodmin-st., Nov. 20. Considering that the majority of our members are munition workers, and are therefore unable to give their birds all the time they would like to, the number and staging of the exhibits were beyond reproach. The quality on the whole was excellent, Norwich predominating, whilst in British several recent winners in the open suffered defeat. The Society's cups were won as follows:—Yorks., W. Blunt; Nov. Yorks., J. W. Hutchby; Nor., W. Grainger; Nov. Nor., H. Stokes; Brit., F. Bearder; specials for points were won by W. Blunt, W. Grainger, J. W. Hutchby, H. Stokes, and F. Bearder. Mr. G. Browning, Rotherham, judged.—E. Johnson, Sec.

From the catalogue received, we gather that the principal winners were: Yorks: Blunt, Merrills, Exton, Hammond; Nor.: Grainger, Havenhand, Waddin, Gifford, Brady, Hartley; Mules: Hartley, Holling, Bearder; Brit.: Hailstone, Holling, Garlick, Havenhand, Bearder, Stokes, Hammond, Darlow, Hammond; Nov.: Hutchby, Yorke, Stokes, Gifford, White, Wasdin, Hartley, Brady.—Editor.

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Annual show, Nov. 19 and 20. Considering all the circumstances, the display of birds was excellent, particularly in point of quality, and the entry showed no marked decrease, such as might have been expected. Mr. J. Hyde, the indefatigable hon. sec., made light of his arduous task, and had the arrangements up to the minute. He was ably assisted by a willing set of stewards, and the judge was well served, while the catalogue was out in excellent time. The show was visited by a good number of fanciers. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged. The Touche silver challenge cup was won by Mr. A. Lovegrove with a grand buff Norwich, staged in faultless condition. We understand this is the same bird that won special best in show at the Young Bird Show. Other specials were also won by Messrs. A. Lovegrove, Bailey, P. Johnstone, Bell, A. Knight, Bush, F. C. Knight, Carrington and Petty, Withers, Street, Kent, Shorter, Mrs. Wood, Wills, Stratton, Newcombe, etc. A noticeable feature of the show was the splendid manner in which most of the birds were staged.

CHAMPION.—NOR., CL. OR TK. YELL: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Lovegrove. BUFF: All to Lovegrove. VGTD.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Lovegrove; hc, Bell. HENS: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Lovegrove; vhc, hc, Bell. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Lovegrove; c, Bell. YORKS., CY. OR TK. BUFF: 1, Jones. VGTD.: 1, Bush. HENS: 1, Bush. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Dann. AMAT., NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Wells; 3, vhc, Hyde; hc, Walmsley; c, Withers. BUFF: 1, hc, Wills; 2, 3, Bailey; vhc, hc, Walmsley. VGTD.: 1, Bailey; 2, vhc, Walmsley; 3, Mrs. Wood. HEN: 1, Bailey; 2, 3, Wills; vhc, W. Knight; hc, Mrs. Wood; c, Walmsley. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, hc, Bailey; 3, vhc, Wills; c, Mrs. Wood. NOVICE, NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, A. Knight; 3, hc, F. C. Knight; vhc, Hardcastle. BUFF: 1, Mound; 2, A. Knight; 3, F. C. Knight. VGTD.: 1, Street; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Mound. HEN: 1, 3, A. Knight; 2, Mound; vhc, Street; hc, Cambrill. UNFLIG.: 1, F. C. Knight; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Street. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Johnston; 2, A. Knight; 3, Shearer; vhc, Carrington and Petty; hc, Peters. BUFF: 1, Johnston; 2, vhc, A. Knight; 3, Newcombe. VGTD.: 1, Johnston; 2, Newcombe; 3, Carrington and Petty. HENS: 1, Johnston; 2, A Knight; 3, Shearer; vhc, c, Stratton; hc, Peters. UNFLIG.: 1, Carrington and Petty; 2, hc, Newcombe; 3, Shearer; vhc, Johnston. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Withers; hc, c, Gambrill. OPEN, MULES, 1, 2, Carrington and Petty; 3, vhc, Shearer; hc, c, Peters. NON-FED: 1, 2, Withers; 3, vhc, hc, F. C. Knight; c, A. Knight. BRIT., GOLDF.: 1, Bell; 2, Carrington and Petty; 3, Shorter. BULLF.: 1, Kent; 2, Shorter. GREENF.: 1, Mound; 2, A. Knight; 3, vhc, F. C. Knight; hc, Shorter; c, Kent. LINNET: 1, 2, Street; 3, Mrs. Wood; vhc, Shorter; hc, Kent; c, Mound. SISK., ETC.: 1, hc, F. C. Knight; 2, A. Knight; 3, vhc, Mound; c, Kent. CHAFF., ETC.: 1, Street; 2, 3, c, F. C. Knight; vhc, A. Knight; hc, Shorter. A.O.S. FINCH: 1, Kent. HENS: 1, Street; 2, vhc, Mound; 3, hc, c, F. C. Knight. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, A. Knight; 2, Shorter. A.S. INSECTIV.: 1, A. Knight; 2, 3, vhc, hc, F. C. Knight. FOR.: 1, Shorter.

COLINTON & CURRIE PARISHES.

Fourth annual show, Village Hall, Juniper Green, Nov. 6. The hall is very suitable for a show, being well lighted, and free from draughts. Entries were 59 down from last year, chiefly owing to so many members (12) having responded to their country's call. Cup winners: Scotch Fancy, W. Rodger; Bord., J. Michie; Nor., W. Smith; Brit. or Mule, J. Palmer; Nov., D. Leadbetter. W. McAdam, Lasswade, judged Scotch and Border Fancies, and J. Holmes the remainder.

Scotch Fancy, Yell. Ck.: Smith. Buff: 1, 5, Rodger; 2, 3, 4, D. Campbell. Buff, Hen: 1, Rodger; 2, 3, Campbell; 4, Preston; 5, Smith. Cl. or Tkd. Bord. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, 4, Michie; 3, 5, 7, Elder; 6, Napier; 8, Williamson. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Michie; 4, 6, 7, Brydon; 5, Napier; 8, Williamson. A.O.C. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, Napier; 3, Ferguson. Buff: 1, 2, Ferguson; 3, 4, 6, Napier; 5, Elder; 7, Downie. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Michie; 2, 3, Elder; 4, Downie. Buff: 1, 2, 3, 4, Michie; 5, Ferguson; 6, Elder; 7, Brydon; 8, Napier. A.O.C. Yell. Hen: 1, Michie. Buff: 1, Michie; 2, 4, 5, Napier; 3, 7, Crabb; 6, Brydon; 8, Downie. Nor., Yell. Ck.: 1, 3, 5, Smith; 2, 4, 7, Anderson; 6, Leadbetter; 8, Campbell. Buff: 1, 5, Smith; 2, Riddell; 3, Napier; 4, 6, Elder; 7, Anderson; 8, Camphell. Yell. Hen: 1, Anderson; 2, 4, Napier; 3, Smith; 5, 6, 8, Campbell; 7, Scott. Buff: 1, Leadbetter; 2, 3, Smith; 4, 7, Campbell; 5, Elder; 6, Napier. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 3, 4, Preston; 2, Elder. Brit. Finch: 1, 2, 5, 7, Palmer; 3, Michie; 4, 6, Elder; 8, Scott. A.O. Brit.: 1, 2, 3, 5, Palmer; 4, Elder. Juveniles: 1, Cissy Brydon; 2, Peggy Smith; 3, John Napier; 4, Maggie Napier; 5, W. Anderson; 6, Nellie Elder. Bords. (Old Bird): 1, Brydon; 2, Downie; 3, 4, Crabb; 5, Scott. Nor. (Old Bird): 1, Riddell; 2, 6, Elder; 3, Preston; 4, Leadbetter; 5, Scott; 7, Anderson; 8, Smith.—J. Napier, Sec.

EDINBURGH (North Eastern) O.S.

24th annual show, Regent Hall, Abbeymount, Nov. 6. There was an entry of 250, about the same as last year, and quality was of a high order, especially in Norwich and Borders. J. Dougall won the Scotch Fancy cup with a fine yellow cock; R. S. Spence, Norwich cup, with a cl. buff ck.; and J. Young, Border cup with a cl. yell. ck. Judges: Mr. J. Winter for Scotch Fancy, Crest, and Plainhead; and Mr. G. Brown, Bord., Mules and British. Their awards seemed to give entire satisfaction.

Scotch Fancy: 1, 2, Dougall; 3, Young. Crest Ck.: 1, 3, Mason; 2, 4, Gourlay; 5, 7, Archibald; 6, McGinty. Hen: 1, Gourlay; 2, McGinty; 3, Archibald; 4, 5, Mason. C.B. Ck.: 1, Archibald. Hen: 1, Gourlay; 2, 4, Spence; 3, Mason; 5, McGinty. Cl. or Tkd. Yel. Ck.: 1, McCartney; 2, Clark; 3, Currie; 4, Weir; 5, Spence. Buff: 1, 4, Spence; 2, 6, Murray; 3, Dalrymple; 5, McGinty. Yell. Hen: 1, Murray; 2, Dalrymple; 3, Purdie; 4, McCartney; 5, Spence. Buff: 1, Spence; 2, 3, Murray; 4, McGinty; 5, Clark. Varieg. Ck.: 1, Weir; 2, 4, Spence; 3, Dalrymple; 5, McGinty; 6, Purdie. Hen: 1, 2, 4, Weir; 3, 5, Murray; 6, Dalrymple. Cinn. or Green: 1, Murray; 2, 4, 5, 6, McGinty; 3, Weir. Non-Fed Ck.: 1, 5, 6, Rankin; 2, Cairncross; 3, 7, Dalling; 4, Purdie. Hen: 1, McCartney; 2, Dalrymple; 3, 4, Dalling; 5, 6, Rankine. Linnet: 1, 3, McCartney; 2, 4, Spence; 5, 6, Weir. Bord., Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, Young; 3, 5, Forman; 4, 6, Erskine. Hen: 1, 8, Young; 2, 4, Forman; 3, Erskine; 5, 7, Rankin; 6, McGinty. Buff Ck.: 1, Erskine; 2, 3, Young; 4, Weir; 5, 6, Forman. Hen: 1, Young; 2, Weir; 3, Allison; 4, 5, Forman; 6, 7, Erskine. Varieg. Ck.: 1, 2, Erskine; 3, Cairncross; 4, Dougall; 5, Forman. Hen: 1, Erskine; 2, Young; 3, 5, Forman; 4, Allison. Cinn. or Green Ck.: 1, 2, Erskine; 3, 4, 6, Young; 5, Weir. Hen: 1, McGinty; 2, 3, Young; 4, Weir; 5, Dougall. Mules: 1, Cairncross; 2, 3, Clark; 4, 6, Weir; 5, 7, Spence. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, Rice; 2, Allison; 3, Dalrymple. Greenf. Etc.: 1, 2, Archibald; 3, Weir; 4, Cairncross; 5, 7, 8, Rice; 6, Allison. Linnet, Etc.: 1, Clark; 2, Rice; 3, 4, Dalrymple; 5, Cairncross.—R. T. Soence, Sec.

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Annual club show, Nov. 13, Good Templar Hall, King Street, a splendid place for a bird show, being well lighted and entirely free from draught. Entries totalled over 170, and quality was most excellent. The arrangements were again capital, the exhibits being splendidly staged, so that every one could be seen at a glance.

Crest, Ck.: 1, spl, Crawford; 2, spl, Allan. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Blyth, also Dewar Cup and Society Cup winner with his 1st hen, a grand bird. C.-B. Ck.: 1, 2, Blyth. Hen: 1, cup, Blyth. Old Birds, Crest: 1, Blyth; 2, Dott. C.-B.: 1, spl, 3, Blyth; 2, Dott. Nor. Fed Yell Ck.: 1, spl, Smith; 2, 4, Borrie; 3, Mrs. Banks. Hen: 1, Borrie; 2, Mrs. Banks. Buff Ck.: 1, Crawford; 2, Borrie; 3, Mrs. Banks; 4, Carstairs. Hen: 1, spl, 3, Smith; 2, Mrs. Banks; 4, Borrie; 5, Carstairs. Unfed Yell. Ck.: 1, Mrs. Banks; 2, Carstairs. Hen: 1, Carstairs; 2, Mrs. Banks. Buff Ck.: 1, Carstairs; 2, Mrs. Banks. Hen: 1, 3, Carstairs; 2, Mrs. Banks. Old Birds, Ck.: 1, spl, Mrs. Banks; 2, Smith; 3, spl, Mrs. Banks; 4, 5, Carstairs; 6, Stratton. Hen: 1, Smith; 2, spl, Carstairs; 3, 4, Crawford; 5, Stratton; 6, 7, Mrs. Banks. Bord. Yell. Ck.: 1, Munro; 2, Lawrie; 3, Munro; 4, Blyth; 5, Carstairs. Hen: 1, Munro; 2, Carstairs. Buff Ck.: 1, cup, 2, spl, Munro; 3, Lawrie; 4, 5, Carstairs; 6, Borrie. Hen: 1, Munro; 2, Borrie; 3, Lawrie; 4, Robertson. Old Ck.: 1, Lawrie; 2, Carstairs; 3, Blyth. Hen: 1, spl, Munro; 2, 3, 4, Lawrie; 5, Carstairs; 6, Borrie. Scotch Fancy Ck.: 1, spl, cup, 3, spl, Mitchell; 2, Smith. Hen: 1, 2, spl, 4, spl, 5, Mitchell; 3, Smith. Old Birds: 1, spl, Mitchell; 2, spl, 3, 4, Smith. Hen: 1, Mitchell; 2, 3, spl, 4, spl, Smith. Yorks Yell. Ck.: 1, sp, Gunning; 2, Johnstone. Yell. Hen: 1, Johnston. Buff Ck.: 1, cup, 3, spl, Gunning; 2, Johnstone. Buff Hen: 1, Johnstone; 2, Gunning. Old Ck.: 1, Johnstone; 2, McGuire; 3, 4, Gunning; 5, Johnstone. Old Hen: 1, 2, 3, Gunning; 4, Johnstone. Goldf.: 1, 3, Robertson; 2, 4, Stewart; 5, Baird; 6, Cranna. Bullf.: 1, spl, Robertson; 2, Carstairs; 3, 6, McPherson; 4, Cranna; 5, Stewart. Hen: 1, W. Robertson; 2, Smith; 3, J. Robertson; 4, Carstairs; 5, Cranna. Greenf.: 1, McPherson; 2, W. Robertson; 3, Reid; 4, Borrie; 5, Duncan. Linnet H.M.: 1, cup, Carstairs; 2, 4, J. Robertson; 3, McPherson; 5, Brown; 6, Cranna. F.-M.: 1, J. Robertson; 2, W. Robertson; 3, McPherson. Siskin: 1, McPherson; 2, Cranna; 3, Smith; 4, W. Robertson; 5, Cuthbert. Redpoll or Twite: 1, Carstairs; 2, J. Robertson. A.O.V. Brit.: 1, 2, Reid; 3, Cranna. Young Mule: 1, 2, cup, Duncan. Old Mules or Hyb.: 1, Duncan; 2, 3, Brown. For.: 1, Mrs. Banks.—J. L. Smith.

GREAT HORTON (Good Intent).

Members' Show, Nov. 13. Mr. H. J. Chittenden judged. 85 birds. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks (9): 1, Wheelwright; 2, Sharp and Son; 3, Oldfield; 4, Schofield; vhc, Bartle; hc, Ackroyd; c, Warburton. Buff (12): 1, 3, Oldfield; 2, Firth; 4, Warburton; vhc, hc, Ackroyd; c, Bartle; Even, Etc. (8): 1, hc, c, Firth; 2, Schofield; 3, Whitaker; 4, Wheelwright; vhc, Warburton. Hen (7): 1, Wheelwright; 2, 3, vhc, Firth; 4, Schofield; hc, Warburton; c, Widdop. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen (8): 1, Firth; 2, vhc, hc, Ackroyd; 3, Wheelwright; 4, Sharp and Son; c, Warburton; Buff Hen (8): 1, 2, Firth; 3, 4, Ackroyd; vhc, Warburton; hc, Bartle; c, Schofield. Unflig. (9): 1, 3, vhc, Firth; 2, Widdop; 4, Schofield; hc, Holden; c, Whitaker. Hen (14): 1, vhc, c, Firth; 2, Widdop; 3, 4, Bartle; hc, Schofield. NOR. CK. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Kaberry; 3, 4, Jowett. Hen (5): 1, 2, 4, Kaberry; 3, 4, Jowett. Points: Firth, 28; Wheelwright, 23; Ackroyd, 18; Schofield, 18; Oldfield, 17; Bartle, 14; Kaberry, 14; Widdop, 13; Warburton, 11; Sharp and Son, 10; Jowett, 8; Whitaker, 6; Holden, 2. Points to date for cup and specials: Firth, 89; Ackroyd, 59; Kaberry, 54; Bartle, 51; Schofield, 49; Warburton, 44; Wheelwright, 40; Oldfield 36; Self, 28; Widdop, 28; Jowett, 23; Holden, 19; Art. Whitaker, 17; Sharp and Son, 10; Alfd Whitaker, 8, Shackleton, J.—A. Firth, Sec.

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The Scottish Cage Bird Fancy in the days of long ago

By "ST. GILES."

The most notorious Scots Fancy Canary ever before the Fancy was Mr. Jackson's, Glasgow, winner of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Ornithological Association's £25 Silver Cup, which was offered for the best bird in the show. The bird was bred by Mr. John Buchanan, Bo'ness, in 1885, and sold to Mr. Jackson for £25, a big price for a Canary in those days.

He was undoubtedly a great bird, and his like has seldom been seen since. He won the Cup outright, winning it in 1885, 1886, and 1888, truly a marvellous performance. He was beaten in 1887, and the scene was the most exciting one ever acted at the Glasgow Show, for the champion was never in better form and was hot favourite.

The show was held on December 24, that game little secretary, Mr. William Morton, Jun., was in power, and the following Scots fancy judges officiated:—Messrs. John Dalgleish, Leith. John Henderson, Paisley, William Innes, Kirkcaldy, William Reid, Beith, James Watson, Glasgow, John Brownlie, Glasgow, John Douglas and George Scott, Glasgow, whilst Mr. James Watt, Forfar, adjudicated upon the Belgians.

A Decision Riotously Received.

This was the fifth show of this Society, and 526 entries were forwarded. All the winners were brought out, but the decision lay between the champion and Mr. J. C. Frame's, Larkhall, buff hen, and, strange to say, the judges awarded the trophy to the hen.

The reception of the decision defies description, the award being most unpopular, as it was generally admitted that the hen was much inferior in top end to her adversary. Naturally Mr. Jackson was much disappointed, and protested against the decision on the ground that two of the judges were absent at the time the cup was awarded, but he was ultimately advised to abide by the decision and wait the result of another year. This he did, and he won the coveted honour in 1888, the cup thus becoming his own property.

At this show there was an entry of 616. The champion's son won the Glasgow Derby in this year, and ran second to his sire at the winter show, but, though an exceptionally good bird, he never reached the heights his father had done. Mr. Frame's hen, the cup winner of 1887, was a good hen, and was bred by Mr. Reid, of Beith. She was first at the Glasgow Club Show, where she was claimed for £10, and turned out a lucky purchase.

The Early Derbies.

The first Edinburgh Derby Show was held by the Edinburgh Ornithological Society in the middle of October, 1888. There were fifty-four members, and the turn-out was an interesting one. The following were the office bearers:—Mr. Henry Dick, President; Mr. John Nisbet, Vice-President; Mr. William Thornton, Treasurer; and Mr. John Robertson, Secretary. Mr. Thomas Dalton, Ayr, judged. In cocks Mr. John Brown won, Mr. J. H. Philp being second and Mr. John Nisbet third. In hens Mr. W. Beveridge won, Mr. Robt. Bryce second, and Mr. Jas. Soutter third. The hen was awarded the Derby prize, but the general opinion was that the quality was hardly up to par.

The Glasgow Derby had been in existence before this, and was held in the Ramshorn Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow. Mr. Alexander MacDonald, one of the most famous of our Glasgow secretaries, held the secretarial reins at this time.

It was in 1887 that the first show of the Scottish Metropolitan Ornithological Association was held in Edinburgh, when close upon 700 entries were brought together. The second show was held in the Waverley Hall, Waterloo Place, which is almost next door to the present General Post Office, but the entry dropped about 100 at this show; more than half the entries were in the Scots fancy classes.

Mr. Young was the first secretary of the famous early "Met." shows. It was in these days that the Scots fancy men could boast of heavy classes, thirty, forty, and even fifty birds being got together in one class, whilst the selling classes were always very heavy, as high as eighty being once registered in one class.

The Old Paisley Shows.

These notes would not be complete without a few words on the above shows, Paisley being at that time the only opponent to Glasgow, the seat of the cage bird fancy. Mr. J. R. McLean acted as secretary in those days, and Mr. Joseph Allison was President, both of whom were office bearers the Society was justly proud of. Under their able management the funds accumulated at an almost alarming rate, and it took some management to keep them in check.

This Society gave away about this time over £100 to various charities, not to speak of £20 which was spent in the distribution of coals amongst the poorer persons of the town. The Society also gave a large subscription out of the funds towards the cost of the statue erected in Paisley to the memory of Wilson, better known as the Paisley poet and American ornithologist.

Philanthropy seemed to be a ruling passion with the executive in those days, which no doubt accounted for much of the success achieved by this famous Society. It was the yearly custom to invite and admit free on the second day of the show the inmates of the local Asylum, the Ragged School, and the Reformatory, and each was presented with oranges or other suitable gifts on leaving the hall. Such pleasing functions are no longer a feature of our shows, which is to be regretted.

The special prizes given at this show were a feature in themselves, and I am confident many of the handsome clocks and barometers that were won at those earlier shows are in existence to this very day if they could only be traced. Kilmarnock Show, which was vieing for notoriety at this time, was also famous for its special prizes, and it was only the other day I saw a timepiece which was won there over twenty years ago.

The Late Mr. James Hine.

I have written much about the Scots fancy breeders, but I will conclude my remarks with a few notes on Mr. James Hine, who was the pioneer of the British bird fancy. He was a big-hearted, true lover of nature, and although it was in the pigeon exhibiting world he made the greatest name, it was our British birds he loved best. He wrote charmingly of their habits and mannerisms, and was a close observer of all bird life. His researches were carried out with the late Mr. George Ure, Dundee, who was also a keen pigeon enthusiast.

Mr. Hine was born in Edinburgh in 1816, and died there at his residence at Buccleuch Place on 30th May, 1888. He was for many years with W. A. Lizars, the most eminent engravers in Edinburgh, who published several excellent books on ornithology, but he ultimately settled in Glasgow on his own account as a dealer and preparer of hair and wool for upholstery purposes. He had a most accurate and comprehensive knowledge of our British birds, and was beloved and respected by all who were favoured by his acquaintance. The names of such men stand out on the pages of the history of the fancy, and the least we can do now is to keep their memory green.

HOW BRITISH BIRDS CHANGE THEIR PLUMAGE.

By the kind permission of Mr. H. F. Witherby, Editor of the monthly magazine "British Birds," we are able to extract from an exhaustive article by Mr. Witherby, entitled: "THE MOULTS OF THE BRITISH PASSERES, WITH NOTES ON THE SEQUENCE OF THEIR PLUMAGES," the portions which refer to such British birds as are generally kept in cages or aviaries. Readers of "CAGE BIRDS" are referred to the article mentioned for information as to birds which do not come within the category of cage birds. The article commenced in the November issue of "British Birds," and is being continued from month to month.

Family Fringillidæ.

THIS family includes all the Finches and Buntings. The adults all have a complete autumn moult. Among the Finches only one—the Snow-Finch—has a spring moult and this is confined to the throat. A number of the Buntings, however, moult certain parts of the head, throat and breast in the spring. The effect of abrasion in the adults is very marked in most of the members of this family and in some cases greatly alters the appearance of the bird, the effect being that when the plumage is in the most worn, and therefore imperfect condition, it has, nevertheless, the most brilliant appearance.

The difference in the sexes of the adults is usually clearly defined and in some cases very marked, and only in a few species is there little or no difference (Goldfinch, Tree-Sparrow, Corn-Bunting, Little Bunting).

The juveniles are in some species very distinct from the adults (*e.g.* Hawfinch, Goldfinch, Crossbill, Lapland Bunting); in most cases they can easily be distinguished, and where they are much like the adult they resemble the female. The sexes of the juveniles are usually alike, but in some cases have well-defined differences.

The moult from the juvenile to the first winter is usually confined to the body-plumage, some wing-coverts, and often some of the inner secondaries. A complete moult, including all the wing and tail-feathers, occurs only in the House-Sparrow, Tree-Sparrow, Snow-Finch, Corn-Bunting, and East Siberian Meadow-Bunting.

The first winter and summer plumages are in some species like those of the adult and in others somewhat different. In the latter the male usually either resembles the adult female or is intermediate between it and the adult male, while the female is usually duller than the adult female or intermediate between it and the juvenile.

Hawfinch (*Coccothraustes c. coccothraustes*).

Adults.—Complete moult in August or September. No moult in spring and scarcely any effect by abrasion.

The body-plumage of the female is paler than in the male, but the two sexes are more clearly distinguished by the outer webs of the secondaries and distal half of the primaries, which are fringed in the female with grey, and in the male with glossy purple and black.

Juvenile.—The juvenile is very distinct from the adult, having a pale yellow chin and throat instead of black, and the rest of the under-parts whitish-buff, barred with brown on the flanks and sides, besides other less prominent distinctions. The outer webs of the wing-feathers distinguish the sexes as in the adult.

First Winter.—Except for the tail-feathers, wing-feathers and primary coverts, the juvenile plumage is moulted in the first autumn and the birds then resemble the adults.

Greenfinch (*Chloris ch. chloris*).

Adults.—Complete moult in early autumn, sometimes commencing as early as May or June. No moult in spring, but abrasion makes the plumage in both sexes brighter and greener. The female is considerably browner and less green than the male, and the yellow in the tail and wing-feathers is less extensive.

Juvenile.—Somewhat like the adult female but distinctly streaked on the upper and under-parts with dark brown and the wing-coverts reddish-brown. The sexes can be distinguished by the amount of yellow in the tail- and wing-feathers.

First Winter.—The juvenile plumage is moulted as in the Hawfinch, with the addition of two or three of the innermost secondaries. The birds then become like the adults.

British Goldfinch (*Carduelis c. britannica*).

Adults.—Complete moult in August or September. No moult in spring, but abrasion makes the nuchal spot and under-parts whiter, and the white tips to the wing- and tail-feathers gradually become worn off. The male and female are alike.

Juvenile.—The juvenile differs strikingly from the adult, as the head is greyish-buff streaked and spotted with brown and without any crimson and black. The rest of the upper-parts are like the head, and the under-parts are spotted and streaked. The inner secondaries have broad buff, instead of white tips, and the distal halves of the greater coverts are buff instead of yellow. Sexes alike.

First Winter.—The juvenile plumage is moulted as in the Greenfinch, but the birds can be distinguished from the adults by the small tips of the tail- and wing-feathers being buffish instead of pure white. These distinctive tips, however, become mostly worn off by the summer.

(To be continued.)

My Idea of an Ideal Yorkshire.

By J. A. Greenslade, Cage Bird Supt., Bristol, F.A.

I SHALL perhaps find some justification and recompense in penning these notes if I am able either to interest or amuse the seasoned fancier for a few moments, at a time when some diversion from the daily papers and the horrors of the world's conflict is very desirable and beneficial. If at the same time I can be of some little help to beginners, I shall then feel doubly rewarded.

To my mind, the great attraction of the Yorkshire Canary is eminently its symmetry of shape, and as a typical Yorkshire is the very embodiment of symmetry, we will first deal with the essential points for type. I put chest first and paramount, because on the position of the chest lies the whole foundation of type to my view, as unless it is placed high up, well in line with the tops of wing butts, and is the widest part of the body when looked at in profile, we lose that wedge shape and length of side so much desired.

The Setting of the Legs.

The next essential factor toward type or symmetry is thighs, and their position. Their right position should be well up the sides, toward the wing butts as much as possible, to give the necessary balance of carriage and jaunty style, and they should be long and well clothed with short feather down to the legs; the legs should also be long, showing a good elbow at the top to avoid a stilted appearance, and carried well under the body, more like cricket stumps than goal posts, terminating in a neat pair of feet with rather long and fine toes, to enable the bird to get a good grip on the perch. When the thighs and legs are so placed, they appear to give that length of waist which, when it is well feathered and reaches well in under the tail, completes the long tapering line of body from the chest.

The next in order, I think, is the back, which should be straight from the top of the shoulder, well rounded at the sides, with the highest part in the centre all down, very much like the side of a man's hand, starting from the wrist and tapering down to the little finger into a pencil thickness by the tail, which should be long and in direct line with and in continuation of the back, and should appear as if its purpose was to support the tips of the wings.

The Wings and Tail Well Packed.

The wings should have well concealed butts, be carried close into the side, and should be long enough to reach well down the tail, and terminate in two fine points resting close together on the tail, the points more like the pointed blade of a pair scissors than the blunt side.

On top of such a well shaped and balanced body we want a good head and neck; I have noticed that most writers experience some difficulty in describing it, and they always will, I think.

To my mind, it is largely a matter of proportion. The neck should certainly be long enough to give a bird a nervy and graceful poise of head, and should gradually recede inwards from the base (making a good round finish to the previously-mentioned high-placed chest), in a gentle curve, not sufficient to give a drawn-in or pinched appearance. It should gradually curve out again, and finish in a sharp turn-out, that ends in the lower mandible, without showing any break or chuck at the throat, and making the symmetry of the front of the bird complete.

The back of the neck should hardly curve in at all, only sufficiently to break the severe straight line from the shoulder, and should round up at the back of the head in a sharp curve, with perhaps a more elongated curve across the top of the head, coming down gently on to the beak, with the merest suspicion of a cushion at the base of the top mandible, to well cover the nostrils.

The skull should be narrow (from eye to eye) at the top, swelling outward at the sides, with the eye well fixed in the centre and fairly large to give a bold and fearless expression. The ear apertures to be well covered by feather, making a full cheek, which also assists toward a bold expression.

The beak should be small at the base, curving down slightly in the top mandible to a neat dull point, and of a smooth pink pearl appearance in a clear or ticked bird.

Right on the Mark.

If we are the fortunate possessors of a bird of the shape and style I have tried to describe we are very near the mark so far as regards type and symmetry, but it certainly is a long way from the "ideal" exhibition Yorkie unless it is well covered with smooth, short body feather of silky texture and good colour and bloom, which latter is the best evidence of good health and condition.

When space permits, with our Editor's indulgence, I shall be pleased to give further notes on personal views and methods of management, mating, etc.

[We are sure that an account of Mr. Greenslade's methods of mating, etc., would be of great value to our readers, and we shall anticipate with interest his fulfilment of his kind promise.—Editor Cage Birds.]

Correspondence.

The Birds Missing from an Edinburgh Show.

SIR,—Many thanks for inserting last week my letter re missing birds. I am sorry to say that up till writing I have no word of them, neither have the police. So I have come to the conclusion they have been stolen.

A. W. WATSON.

Four Specials at Y.C.C. Show Held at Dublin.

SIR,—I wish to state that I bred the Cinnamon Ticked hen which won four specials at the above show. I sold her three weeks before the show for a very modest sum. She is an over year-old bird. I showed her twice last season, Cork and Kingstown; she was 3rd at Cork and only commended at Kingstown.

D. BUCKLEY.

The Keeping of Fresh-caught Goldfinches.

SIR,—May I appeal, through your valuable columns, for information on how to keep fresh-caught Goldfinches. I give an aperient once weekly, and attend to them well, but still I cannot keep them. If some of your readers who have had experience with these birds will kindly give me a few hints on how to treat them after I receive them from the dealers, I should be much obliged.

GOLDIE.

The Hybrids from Cock Bullfinch and Hen Goldfinch.

SIR,—At Bridlington show I had the pleasure of seeing Sir Luke White's Bullfinch-Goldfinch Hybrids which he had sent for exhibition, not for competition. One of them is a good specimen of the cross, displaying the parentage of both birds, but taking more after the Goldfinch, showing wing bars, moons, buttons and blaze well; also the bars of the Bullfinch. It has the Goldfinch beak (a dark horn colour) and the feathers at the back of the skull and round the neck are dark brown to black, but taken on the whole a bad colour throughout—not the colour of the cross when bred the reverse way. The other bird, which appeared to be a hen, shows the Goldfinch well, but nothing of the Bullfinch whatever. I understand they came out of two different nests. I trust the above will be of interest.

F. F. POTTER.

Should Present-day Exhibtion Lancashires be Abolished?

SIR,—Allow me a few lines in your valuable paper in answer to Mr. Fuller's remarks re Lancashires at the last Manchester show. He makes a statement that he was present during judging and did not see any Lancashire Coppies—in his opinion they were Crests. I beg to state that I bought my strain of Lancashires, which I had no occasion to doubt, from a successful breeder and exhibitor some eight or nine years ago, and whatever Crest is in them was in them then, as there has been none put in since. I bred from them, and all the birds I possess at the present time have been bred by me. As my business prevents me showing as much as I should like, I am compelled to stage a few when and where I can. I may say that the ticked buff Mr. Fuller saw at Manchester, out of about a dozen times showing has been placed first on each occasion, with one exception, when he was put second, under very successful exhibitors of this variety as judges—the late J. Garner, J. Swalwell, B. Clegg, R. Barrass, and C. A. House. This includes 1sts 3 years in succession at Manchester show. I am convinced he is the best buff Coppy living. If such men as I have mentioned do not know a Coppy when they see one I don't know who does. I may say that the report that followed after he was placed second, convinced me still more, and I shall remain convinced, until he is beaten, that he is an ideal Lancashire, and I repeat, the best buff Coppy living. My other bird, 3rd in the hen class, is a daughter of the above, bred last June, so now about five months old, and she is also as pure-bred as him.

H. JAMESON.

SIR,—It was no surprise to find Mr. Fitton endeavouring to convey the impression that the influence of "Teddy" Fuller's presence at Manchester show during judging was detrimental to his probable success. I must object to his remarks; that is, if he intended them for me. Barker Clegg judged the Lancashires at Manchester, and awarded the honours in accordance with the schedule for purity of breed, etc. The remark I made in the presence of Mr. Fuller and another or two officials when judging a certain class was perfectly correct, and very applicable with such a class before me. Don't run away with the idea that it applied to the whole section. Now a few remarks on the heading of this controversy. I should be sorry to see any further decay in the variety. Still, show committees cannot give an extended classification without they get supported with more entries than was the case at Manchester. Therefore I would suggest two classes only, one for Coppies and one for Plainheads, until these classes fill well. You will remember George (if not, your father will) the controversy on the deterioration of the Lancashire almost a quarter of a century ago. Well, it demands more than a controversy now. It needs the fanciers who hold the blood to be more combined in their object, to concentrate their endeavours solely on the promulgation of the variety. A dozen good, earnest fanciers, combined in their object, could advance the Lancashire again in a few years, similarly to what the Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale and Ashton districts advanced the variety in the middle of the last century, and brought the birds to the highest standard of perfection possible. How many will enrol for the object? We are certainly much indebted to the Fitton family for the tenacity with which they have endeavoured to keep the variety going. I should like to hear your idea, George, on the future of the Lancashire and the best course to adopt to ensure its success. Never mind having a go at "Teddy." He won't do you any harm; he is one of the old school. I know him, and I know him over thirty years ago, when he lived in Manchester. He then had a good room and a good stock of Lancashires, and he knows a good bird when he sees it. What he has now, I cannot say. I have not seen his birds at Glossop, but I intend to pay him a visit at an early date, as I have been invited.

BARKER CLEGG.

The Recent Liverpool and District Show.

SIR,—Please allow us to thank all exhibitors for their kind support. Our aim was to secure about 400 entries, as we considered this the maximum we could stage and handle with comfort, and as the entries totalled about 350, as a first venture, we have every reason to be satisfied. We received no complaints, so take it for granted that satisfaction was general, and should like to intimate that we shall hold a similar show next season, on a larger and more elaborate scale, with fixed prize money. Our best thanks are also due to the local fanciers who so kindly lent their aid as stewards.

ARTHUR G. HUNT.
For Sterling Seed Co.

Some Novel Views on Breeding Procedure.

SIR,—No doubt many, with me, have seen in a flight a dozen hens, and have noticed a certain lot out of that quantity with clogged feet. You can't tell why it is so, for the feet of the remainder of the hens are perfectly clean and always are clean. Do what you will the feet of the others are always clogged up. Well, take notice of those hens during the breeding season. One does not know how to manage with them. Dirty feet make dirty nests; if the hen is too lazy to clean her feet, she is too lazy to clean her nest, so her young ones go down, as a rule. Scrap those hens. Use the clean-footed hens, and see the difference in the nest, also the young.

As for feeding, breeders will find that they are told they must give a hen some egg food on her 13th day of incubation, yolk only, with Osborne biscuits, for the first week, or they will not rear the young. Bosh! Away with it. Your hen during incubation has been in a state of fever and because she has hatched out a clutch of, say, five, you are adding to her fever with high feeding. Do you want to get her temperature any higher? I say no; reduce her temperature. Seed is a more natural food than egg and Osborne biscuit. I give hemp seed, the best on the market, for the first three days, then a little egg food to help her on, and as much fresh chickweed as she likes. During the winter months let your hens have the use of a good flight cage, and a bath often. If they won't bathe, dip them into water once a week; there is nothing like water for condition. That is how I treat my birds, and I have good, consistent stock-getters, and no so-called "sweating" hens.

W. PAVEY.

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Another Aspect of the Novice Question.

SIR,—I have read the reply from the secretary of Chester C.B.S. He tells us that the father of the winner in novice class has no interest in the birds. I was at the show, and heard him distinctly throw out a challenge to Mr. R. to show him for £10 with his "ould yellow" against anything Mr. R. has in his room. I have heard that Mr. R. has been sport enough to take him on, and preferred the winnings to the Red Cross Society; but I have since heard that when they met to deposit their stakes the father says he never made a challenge. Mr. Cavanagh, I wish you and the society better luck next time.

A. N. OTHER.

SIR,—I was rather surprised at "Novice" asking for a fair and plain answer when he knows very well he did not give a fair and plain view of the case. Exhibitor No. 1 lives with his father, but the father gave up exhibiting eight years ago. Over two years ago the father was taken with a serious illness, and at that time gave stock and appliances over to the son (present exhibitor). The father is quite often unable to leave his bed for a week at a time, let alone look after birds. The sale and management of the birds are entirely in their owner's hands (the son). When he joined the society the novice question was gone into, and every member present voted him a novice. The points, I may say, were not equal, as four points divided the winner from the runner-up.

ANXIOUS.

Breeding the Bearded Reedling in Captivity.

SIR,—May I venture to suggest that Mr. Weston's definition of breeding in confinement and captivity in your issue of Nov. 20 leaves something to be desired in the event of such terms becoming accepted as typical of certain methods. How, for instance, would hybrids bred in cages or indoor aviaries be distinguished? It seems to me that the case of the Bearded Reedlings at Tring cannot even be properly termed breeding in confinement, seeing that the birds for all practical purposes were in a state of nature, whilst in the case of Dr. Lovell-Keays, if my memory is correct, the birds were bred in an open-air aviary of such size that large shrubs grew in it and left sufficient space for several persons to wander about within its limits. The latter might very well be termed restricted liberty, but is scarcely what one has in mind when speaking or writing of captivity as applied to small birds or any other small creatures. May not the case at Tring be much more correctly termed a case of the birds having been bred "under observation," leaving the term "confinement" to apply to such cases as that of Dr. Lovell-Keays, and reserving the term "bred in captivity" for birds bred in small indoor aviaries and cages—in short, just what the term implies, in captivity? It seems to me that this would be a far more satisfactory and correct terminology.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

[We are under the impression that Dr. Keays bred the Bearded Reedlings in one of his aviaries of not particularly large size.—EDITOR, "C.B."]

Cork.

What's the Matter with City of Glasgow Show?

SIR,—About the beginning of September the joint secretaries of the above Society called a meeting in Mr. Thompson's (the President) rooms to give their report on available halls in Glasgow suitable for this Society's requirements. The only hall near suitable was the Sheppard's Halls in Bath Street, three in number (where the great Red Cross show is to be held at the New Year). After much consideration the large majority of the members present were of the opinion that owing to the state of the country, and that no hall capable of staging about 1,500 birds, with ample room for visitors (similar to the Stirling Road Hall), could be obtained, we should not hold a show this year. This was moved and carried. There was no other way out, owing to the unique position the City of Glasgow Society holds, it being the only one in Britain, to my knowledge, that pays 36s. per class should only five birds compete, and 15s. first prize should only one bird come forward. We have a tidy nest egg to fall back on, but it was risking too much without a suitable hall. There was a motion that we restrict the prize money, but almost from its inception the City Society has paid full prize money, and nearly all present were loth to depart from this. Further, the Committee could hardly do so without a general meeting of the members. I hope this explanation will satisfy "Briar Bush," and I can assure him that immediately the management see their way to hold a show that will uphold the glorious traditions of the City of Glasgow O.A. it will be done.

JOHN MCLAY, Vice-Pres.

Identity of Song Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid Challenged.

SIR,—As the judge who wrongly classed the supposed Song Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid at Carlisle Show, I am sure you will grant me space to reply to the decision of your experts, published in the last issue of CAGE BIRDS. While they have been most careful to somewhat justify my wrong classing this bird, they go on to describe various little shadings of colour and actions of the bird in the endeavour to justify its being called a Song Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid. I deeply sympathise with them in their task, and at the same time would point out that the supposed little differences they describe can be found in scores of genuine Song Thrushes, particularly hen birds. As experts I should have expected them to be aware of this fact, which is indisputable by any one versant with the Thrush family. It has also been cited that Mr. Anderson sent me the actual Blackbird's egg-shell which the said bird was supposed to have been hatched from. It is quite true Mr. Anderson did send me the shell of a Blackbird's egg; but what evidence is that that the bird in dispute was hatched from it? None whatever. I can supply a score of Blackbird's egg-shells if necessary. I will go even further, and say that the bird in dispute was never hatched from a Blackbird's egg, and I will trust in the bird for my defence. In making this statement I do not imply any dishonest intentions to Mr. Anderson, but would suggest that by some means or other Thrush eggs have got mixed up with his Blackbird's eggs, and that the disputed bird is the result.

Mr. Anderson also offered to supply me with a list of witnesses in this drama of bird life. I, however, told him I did not require such evidence; the bird I examined was my best evidence, which bird is nothing more or less than an ordinary Song Thrush. Had I had any doubt in my mind upon the matter the bird would have had the benefit of that doubt. As it is, if the bird were to come under my judgment again I should repeat my decision at Carlisle Show. I do not say that this bird was not reared in an aviary, and possibly by a Blackbird, but I do most emphatically say the bird is not a Hybrid. I shall be one of the first to acknowledge a genuine Song Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid, but not such as was exhibited at Carlisle, which has no characteristics whatever of a Blackbird. I had nothing to gain in taking the course I did with this bird; but I had a public duty to perform, which was to see that only genuine hybrids were allowed to compete in a class for hybrids. Not wishing to be egoistical, I would suggest that this bird be sent to a number of our largest shows, any that may take place before the close of this season and again next season, so that it may come under a number of our recognised Hybrid and British bird judges; that it may also be seen by the leading exhibitors at the said shows. I have no fear as to what the verdict would be—simply a Song Thrush.

JOHN ROBSON.

[We value Mr. Robson's opinion (none more so), and to this, of course, he is fully entitled to adhere. The experts who examined the bird here simply gave their own views without, as it hardly seems needful to say, regard to personal considerations. The only comment we have to make on Mr. Robson's letter is that if Mr. Anderson's bird is a Song Thrush, it is begging the question to suggest that he has made a "mistake." The only hen in the aviary was a Blackbird, therefore if the young were hatched from her eggs they must be one of two things, viz., either Hybrids *or pure Blackbirds*. The latter possibility is eliminated by reason of the fact that no male Blackbird was present. If the birds are pure Song Thrushes, then they could be hatched only from eggs introduced into the nest by Mr. Anderson, or some other person having access to the aviary, in which case the shells would at once establish their identity. Mr. Anderson has stated that two nests of young were hatched, and birds reared from each; he has sent us signed statements of witnesses to this effect; he has written an account of the operations (published in our issue of June 12); he has produced shells of the eggs of a Blackbird as being those out of which the young came. Therefore, if Mr. Robson is correct, Mr. Anderson stands convicted of something for which the term "mistake" is much too kind a word.—ED. CAGE BIRDS.]

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

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BIRMINGHAM.

Birmingham City C.B.S. held its open show Dec. 1 and 2, in splendid room at the Crown Hotel, an excellent room, well lighted by electricity, so making it easy to see every exhibit. Birds were staged on three tiers round the room and down the centre, leaving plenty of room for spectators. The enterprising efforts of the management were crowned with success, for they had an entry close on 700. The officials who deal so effectively with the unpacking and staging were Messrs. H. T. Collier and W. C. Wells, show managers; A. Broadhurst, chair.; J. H. de Maillet, vice-chair.; W. Raby, J. Childs, J. Ward, R. Sheldon, J. Tessy. The worthy president, Mr. J. A. Eckersley, was ever on the go, and of the management in general we have nothing but the very highest praise. The society is very lucky to find such a grand sec. as Mr. A. C. Shirley, who did wonderfully well; he possesses fine tact and ability, and was ever at his post. He was ably assisted by the vice-chairman, J. H. de Maillet, who proves a very valuable asset to the society. Champion Nor. brought together 112, an average of 14 per class, and a finer lot one could not have wished to see. Four classes were put on for novices, and rightwell did they patronise them, the number being 69, a little more than 17 per class. The hen and unlighted staged by A. Bridgwater were grand specimens for any novice to possess. Norwich Greens, although under the patronage of Green Canary Association, only mustered 20 in four classes, but there were some grand exhibits among them. Champ. Yorks. commanded the next seven classes with 160 entries. Mr. W. C. Wells capturing three 1sts with grand birds, and Novice Yorks. responded splendidly in their four classes, for they mustered 56, and the hen staged by Colin Brown was simply a treat. Mules and Hybrids proved a grand collection, Mr. R. D. Parlett's well-known champion White Rose heading its class, looking better than ever. British were a very nice lot, 113 in seven classes. Many well-known faces were among the visitors. Mr. J. Robson judged Norwich, Greens and Crests, and Mr. J. H. Roe the remainder.

NOR. YELL. CK. (14): Grand class: 1, 2, Sears, gems, leader clinking shape, fine round head, full neck, grand round chest, good size for a short one, nice level col., 2nd shade larger, rich col., grand shape, lovely qual., hardly the front of leader; 3, Cook, rare head and neck, red hot, good shaped body, full of qual.; 4, Mrs. Tweddle, nice size, good head and neck, fine shape, a bit sluggish in wing carr.; vhc, c, Fox; hc, Crawshaw. BUFF (14): 1, Stubbs Bros., grand size and shape, fine head and neck, splendid front, well across the perch, nice mealing on a good col.; 2, P. V. Williams, massive head and neck, good col. and qual., short, well braced wings and tail; 3, Thomas, grand type, with true Norwich properties, good round head, full neck, plenty of front, well braced wings, must have made the leaders gallop; 4, Eckersley, good size, col. and cond., fails a little in wing carr.; vhc, Judd; hc, Shirley; c, Hirst. MKD. OR VAR. (13): 1, Brown Bros., buff, wing mkd., real good one, true type, neat round head and full neck, splendid round chest, well across the perch, short wings and tail; 2, Hathaway, buff, neck mkd., immense size, best of heads, full neck, lovely col. and qual., a tight run; 3, Crawshaw, eye and wing mkd. yell., lovely size, good head and neck, grand col. and cond.; 4, Broadhurst, head and wing mkd. yell., nice size, col. and cond., well put down; vhc, Hulse; hc, Fox; c, Thomas. YELL. HEN (12): We noticed some well-known winners down in this class owing to size: 1, Eckersley, immense size, splendid col., lovely qual., round as a ball, full in head and neck; 2, Fielding, another smasher, great size, good head and neck, lovely col. and qual., deep chest, neat wings and tail, must have pressed; 3, Bastock, good col., very shapely, nice cond., hardly the size; 4, Airton, nice size, good head and neck; vhc, Collier; hc, Frost and Rogers; c, Hirst. BUFF (13): Wonderful class: 1, Cook, grand size, short, cobby body, lovely shape, fine action, broad head, well filled neck, lovely feather, in the pink, an easy win; 2, Thomas, sweet head and neck, tight as a Java, grand col., neat wings and tail; 3, Sears, nice size, good head and neck, capital col. and qual., bold front; 4, Growdridge, head, wing mkd., nice shape and feather; vhc, Eckersley; hc, Kaberry; c, Shirley. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): Another good class for type and qual.: 1, Hulse, true Nor., red hot, grand size and shape, well across the perch, good wings, tail, cond., and carr.; 2, Askey and Wood, grand head and neck, lovely col. and cond., beautifully moulded body, clean cut away, short wings and tail; 3, spl, Eckersley, nice size, col. and cond., grand round body, well across, fails a little in head to leaders; 4, Airton, cap mkd., lovely size, grand col. and qual., in lovely order, might have gone up one; vhc, Crawshaw; hc, Stubbs Bros.; c, Eckersley. BUFF (15): 1, Crawshaw, real stormer, needs no comment, an easy win; 2, Judd, lovely size and col., grand shape and fine front, well across perch, neat head, short wings and tail; 3, Godley, lovely col., full of qual., grand head and back, nice mealing; 4, Fielding, nice shape and size, short flights and tail, good feather; vhc, Cook; hc, Askey and Wood; c, Eckersley. UNFLIG. HEN (17): Wonderful class, two sets of winners easy: 1, Godley, a perfect treat, grand size, rare shape, round as a ball, short wings and tail, grand depth, lovely feather; 2, Thomas, cl. yell., real gem, lovely col. and qual., neat round head, well filled neck and good deep chest; 3, Emery, cl. yell., fine size, grand type, full of col. and qual., fine head, neat wings and tail; 4, Saunders, yell. mkd., grand size, fine head and neck, just a bit coarse; vhc, Hathawny; hc, Hathaway; c, Cook. YELL. CK. NOV. (13): 1, vhc, Hunter, cl. leading, grand size, nice subs., lovely col. and qual., neat round head and well-filled neck; 2, Day and Burgess, mkd., grand shape, lovely col. and qual., fine head and neck; 3, Bradley, cl., nice shape and size, neat, grand col. and cond.; 4, Westwood, neat, well-filled head and neck, nice col.; hc, Pearson; c, Pugh. BUFF (14): 1, Byles, grand shape and size, lovely feather, good head and neck, in lovely order, wins; 2, Day and Burgess, grand size and shape, good head and neck, lovely col. and qual.; 3, Phelps, head and neck mkd., lovely head and neck, fine shape, col. and qual.; 4, Miss Cullwick, cl., grand size and shape, neat head and neck, lovely col. and qual.; vhc, Hunter; hc, Westwood; c, Dean. HEN NOV. (19): 1, Bridgwater, mkd. buff, lovely shape, col., and qual., neat head, well-filled neck, correct wings and tail; 2, Trout, cl. buff, good head and neck, nice shape, lovely col. and qual., hardly the size of leader; 3, Westwood, eye mkd. buff, tight as wax, nice col. and cond., lovely feather, very neat; 4, Byles, mkd. yell., splendid size, col. and qual., lovely head and neck; vhc, Hunter; hc, King; c, Day and Sturgess. UNFLIG. (25): 1, Bridgwater, good cl. buff, fine shape, grand head and neck, lovely col. and cond.; 2, Jones, mkd. yell., hot col., fine shape, nice feather, neat wings and tail; 3, Dean, cl. yell., nice size and shape, good col. and cond.; 4, vhc, Phelps, tkd. buff, lovely size, col. and qual.; hc, Hunter; c, Pearson. GR. SELF OR FOUL YELL. CK. (6): 1, Walker, grand shape, fine size, good head, well-filled neck, grand back, neat wing and tail; 2, Handley, fine size, good sound head, compact wings and tail, good round chest; 3, Metcalfe, grand shape and front, lovely feather, loses in size to leaders; 4, Thornton; vhc, Pugh; hc, Growdridge. BUFF (6): 1, Handley, nice size, good head and neck, bold front, round as a ball, lovely feather; 2, Thornton, lovely shape and cond., bold head and neck and front, neat wings and tail; 3, Pugh, grand size and shape, nice feather and cond., hardly the size of leaders; 4, Walker; vhc, Handley; hc, Roberts. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Thornton, grand shape, nice size, good head and neck, short wings and tail; 2, Walker, self, lovely shape and feather, neat wings and tail, falls in head to leader; 3, Handley; hc, Judd. BUFF (4): 1, Metcalfe, self., grand shape and size, beautifully moulded, good round chest, neat wings and tail; 2, Thornton, self, grand head and neck, full front, well across perch, lovely feather; 3, Pugh; 4, Walker. YORKS. YELL. CK. (15): 1, c, Wells and Clempson, grand type, nice, a blaze of col., smooth as glass, on a good pair of pins, lovely head, back, and wings; 2, Dykes, wonderful length, good head and wings, nice level col., best of legs, full of swagger; 3, Buckingham, plenty of length, lovely col. and feather, proper wedge shape, stands well; 4, Dr. Craig, beautiful shape and style, very neat wings, pipe tail; vhc, no name; hc, Austin. BUFF (13): 1, Dr. Craig, grand length, A1 pos., lovely feather, perfect stand on a fine pair of legs, tight as wax; 2, Dykes, shade stouter, lovely length, of flight; well carried, perfect condition, staged well; 3, c, Wells and Clempson, beautiful type and qual., grand length, nice pipe tail; 4, Beaumont, grizzle, wing mkd., fine length, rare qual., neat wings and tail; vhc, Thomas; hc, Cowley. MKD. OR VAR. (16): 1, hc, Austin, eye and wing mkd. yell., nice length, col. and pos., lovely wedge shape, good head, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, Wells and Clempson, buff mkd. leading, for type and quality just grand, good head, neck, wings and tail, fine drive, 3rd yell., lovely length, fine pos., grand pair of pins; 4, Thomas, cyo mkd. buff, lovely shape and style, feather like glass; vhc, Harrison; c, Richards. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Dr. Craig, grand hen, fine length, straight as a rush, slim and stylish, rich col., good head, neck, well carried wings and nice pipe tail; 2, 3, Wells and Clempson, leader eye and wing mkd., lovely length, tight as wax, A1 pos. and cond., 3rd fine length, shape and style, rather pale in col.; 4, Dykes, nice style, very slim; vhc, Buckingham; hc, Millencamp and Hinton; c, Smith. BUFF (11): 1, Wells and Clempson, tkd., nice length, neat head, wings and tail, well upon legs, full of nerve, a good one; 2, Thomas, lovely length, neat head and neck, well carried wings and pipe tail, lovely shape, well cut away; 3, Dykes, cl., grand length, smooth as a bottle, A1 pos., full of nerve, lovely carried wings and pipe tail, must have pressed tremendously; 4, c, Austin, Cinnamon mkd., fine hen, nice length, lovely qual.; vhc, Cowley; hc, Smith. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, spl, 3, Wells and Clempson, grand col. and qual., A1 pos., on a fine pair of legs, nice silky feather, shade loose at sides, 3rd grand length, very stylish, lovely qual., rare wing carr., pale in col.; 2, Dykes, correct length, fine pos., lovely shaped head, nice wings and tail well carried, on good legs, might have taken premier honours; 4, Harrison, rare feather and style, slim and sound in col.; vhc, Frost and Rogers; hc, Cowley, c, Lane. BUFF (11): 1, Wells and Clempson, grizzled mkd., splendid length, full of nerve, well up on leg, A1 pos., fine length of wing well carried, nice pipe tail; 2, Dykes, straight as a rush, fine length, col., and cond., good wings and tail, lovely qual.; 3, Cowley, grand length, head and back, lovely qual. of feather, a bit rough on breast; 4, Dr. Craig, wonderful length and style, grand pos. and feather, fish tailed; vhc, Holliday; hc, Lane; c, Richards. UNFLIG. HEN (18): 1, Dykes, cl. yell., charming damsel, wonderful length, A1 pos., level col., teeming with qual., grand pair of legs, easy win; 2, vhc, Cowley, cl. yell., nice length, rich in col., feathered like glass, wings and tail perfect, correct stand; 3, Holliday, fine length, lovely qual., nice wedge shape, A1 pos.; 4, Beaumont, eye tkd. yell., rare qual., fine wing carr., very stylish; hc, Wells and Clempson. NOV. YELL. CK. (14): 1, A. Taylor, grand length and pos., neat shape, nice level col., well up on good legs; 2, Clarke, nice length and pos., fine silky feather, lovely head, wings and tail; 3, Brown, eye and wing mkd., slim and stylish, good on leg, nice pos. and cond.; 4, Welch, cl., nice length, grand pos., good col. and cond.; vhc, Watts; hc, Greenhousc; c, Swinden. BUFF (5): 1, Sergeant Thomas, eye mkd., grand length and type, nice head, full neck, wings, and tail correct; 2, Stuart, lovely length, good on leg, beautiful qual., rich level col., slim and stylish; 3, Brown, mkd., good length, nice pos., grand qual. and shape, well carried wings and tail; 4, Stuart, cl., good length and pos., nice col. and style; vhc, Chattaway; hc, Parker Bros.; c, Hawkesford. HEN (14): 1, Brown, real beauty, cl. yell., wonderful length, straight as a rush, A1 pos., fine silky feather, rich col., easy win; 2, Taylor, cl. buff, correct length, good head, neck, back, and splendid wing carr., a bit loose at sides; 3, Toulson, cl. yell., nice length, A1 pos., lovely qual. and style, nice col.; 4, Nash, cl. buff, great length, lovely feather, full neck and back; vhc, Stuart; hc, Watts; c, Hawkesford. UNFLIG. (19): 1, Green, lovely length, nice pos. and style, well up on leg, good head, back and wing carr.; 2, spl, vhc, cl. buff, Swinden, body, wings and tail perfect, rich level col., nice style; 3, Taylor, tkd. yell., rare length and type, hot col., nice feather; 4, Parker Bros., neck and wing mkd., fine length and pos., rare type, fine cond.; vhc, Thomas; c, Protty. CREST (4): 1, Smith, large, round, well-formed crest, with good droop, neat centre, splendid body; 2, Barker, mkd., immense size, nice shape, nice circular crest, well radiated and drooped; 3, Padmore, variegated crest radiated; 4, Steel, nice crest, lovely qual. C.-B. (5): 1, vhc, Barker, green, immense size, good skull, wealth of head feather, long and wide; 2, 3, Smith, leader variegated, good length of head feather, lovely size and cond., 3rd well lashed, head, nice length of head feather, hardly the size; 4, Steel. CREST, 1915 (4): 1, Smith, variegated, large, round, thick crest, grand droop, fine centre; 2, Barker, variegated, long, well drooping crest, hardly the width of leader; 3, Mills; 4, Ward. C.B., 1915 (2): 1, 2, Smith, grand pair, green leading, wonderful size, wealth of head feather, nice cond. CREST OR C.B., NOV. (9): 1, Wyatt, variegated Crest, fine drooping crest, grand centre; 2, 3, Mrs. Madagan, C.B. leading, large body, good skull, well thatched, 3rd Crest, variegated, neat round crest, rare veiny feather; 4, Cox; vhc, Ward; hc, Cox; c, Padmore. CINN. (11): 1, 3, Godley, beauties, leaders grand col. and cond., lovely shape, good head and neck, 3rd fine size, col. and cond., in lovely order; 2, Mrs. Twiddle, buff, grand size and shape, good head and neck; 4, Brown, nice size, grand col. and qual.; vhc, Mills; hc, Twiddle; c, Sheard and Ellis. CINN., 1915 (6): 1, Derry, grand shape, good head and neck, lovely carr., round as a ball; 2, Godley, nice shape and size, good col. and qual., shade longer; 3, hc, Brown, good size, lovely feather, hardly the subs.; 4, Mills; vhc, Southern. BORD. YELL. (8): 1, Bennett, cl., real Border, clean as a new pin, sweet shape, nice feather and cond.; 2, Elston, eye and wing mkd., grand contour, feathered to perfection, sweet action; 3, Madagan, shapely, excellent feather and rich col., must have pressed; 4, Johnson, green, good shape and col., moves every nicely; vhc, c, Middleton; hc, Watts. BUFF (8): 1, Bennet, cl. gem, grand qual., grand shape, tight as wax, good col., rare fettle; 2, Elston, cl., shapely, capital qual., nice col., jaunty, a wee bit flat on head; 3, hc, Middleton, green, exceptional qual., neat head, very shapely, nice col.; 4, Madagan, sweet shape, lovely col. and cond.; vhc, Watts; c, Philpott. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, Gilbert, Cinn. Crest, grand size, wealth of rich qual. feather, crest large and dense; 2, hc, Hathaway, yell. mkd. Nor., grand size and shape, lovely feather; 3, Boaler, yell. Nor., grand body, lovely feather; 4, Godley, foul mkd. Cinn., nice size, col. and cond.; vhc, Growdridge; c, Crawshaw. A.O.V. CAN. NOV. (7): 1, Sharman, foul gr. mkd. Nor., nat. col., good head and neck, nice size and feather; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Derry, 2nd eye tkd., nat. col., grand size and cond., fine head and neck, 3rd yell. gr., nice feather, fine head, neck, good team; 4, Parker Bros. LIGHT CAN. HYB. (5): 1, Collins, real jonque, fine size, col. and cond., lovely face, staged in fine order; 2, Gilbert, wing tkd. Goldie, not the size of leader, lovely feather and cond.; 3, Lawrence, cl., nice size and feather, in good cond.; 4, Buckingham; vhc, Wilson. DARK (17): 1, hc, Jeffreys, champion Linnet Mule, immense size, grand col. and cond., grandly mkd.; 2, 3, Parlett, leader well known winning Greenie, in splendid order, 3rd large Goldie, grand face and size, good col. and cond.; 4, Oldham, grand Siskin Mule, good size, col., and cond., very nice flank marking, staged in lovely order; vhc, Oldham; c, Laywell. A.O.V. HYB. (14): 1, Parlett, "White Rose," looking better to-day than ever, an easy win; 2, Wilson, Greenf.-Chaff, fine size and cond., good head, shows parentage well; 3, hc, Gilbert, Greenf.-Bullf., fine size, col. and cond., fine breast col.; 4, c, Palmer, Can.-Bullf., nice size, col. and cond.; vhc, Collins. GOLDF. (19): 1, Haytor, well-known champion, good size and shape, fine square cut blaze, lovely col., grand buttons and bars, richly tanned, easy win; 2, 3, Bastock, 2nd shade smaller, grand blaze col., lovely tans and buttons, nice bars, 3rd very shapely, good rich tanning, beaten in expanse of face; 4, Yates, nice neat blaze, good buttons and bars; vhc, Parlett; hc, Critchlow; c, Bunn. GOLDF., F.M. (16): 1, 3, Coakham, 1st grand size, very steady, fine blaze, good tans, 3rd nice size, good col. and qual., nice button and bars; 2, Davis, shade smaller, very nice square cut face, good tans and buttons; 4, Tonks, nice size, good col., rather paler in face; vhc, Ward; hc, Haigh; c, Jackson. BULLF. (17): 1, Bastock, grand size and shape, lovely cap, very rich breast col., well carried down; 2, Bonks, smaller, very stylish, perfect order; 3, Wilson, another good one, grand head and chest, lovely back col. lovely cap, must have pressed; 4, Woods, very rich breast col., nice size, lovely order; vhc, Camm; hc, Poole; c, Jones. LINNET (16): 1, Parlett, grand shape and col., nice round head, beautifully tkd. breast, lovely size; 2, Davis, well-known face, nutty brown back and nicely mkd. front, only beaten in size; 3, Nicholas, nice size and shape, good col., well pencilled; 4, Haigh, good size and shape, nice cond. and markings; vhc, Wilson; hc, Stafford; c, Hepwood. REDPOLL, ETC. (15): 1, 3, Parlett, leader a lovely col. and grand mkd. Twite, not a feather out of place, rare size, easy win, 3rd Lesser Redpoll, one of the finest out, grand col., rare size, finely mkd.; 2, Francis, Siskin, nice size and shape, neat cap, nicely pencilled; 4, Oldham, Twite, rich col. and qual., nicely mkd.; vhc, Tonks; hc, Nicholas; c, Haytor. A.O. HARDBILL (16): 1, Francis, Hawfinch, grand shape, lovely col., well shaped bib; 2, Collins, Yellow Bunting, lovely head markings, very steady, nice col. and cond.; 3, Oldham, Bramble, great size, magnificent col., lovely back spangling, in perfect order; 4, Buckingham, Chaffie, grand rich col., good size and shape; vhc, Wilson; hc, Brown; c, Faldding. HARDBILL, NOV. (21): 1, Ward, Hawfinch, good size, grand col. and feather, well defined and shapely bib, good bars, in rare form; 2, 4, Pearson, grand Corn Bunting leading, very steady, splendidly mkd., a taking exhibit, 4th Linnet, nicely mkd., good sound col.; 3, Robinson, Goldie, nice size, good blaze and tans; vhc, Richards; hc, Jowett; c, Barron. SOFTBILL, SMALL (7): 1, 2, Burrows, a grand pair, Waxwing leading, grand size and col., as smooth as glass lovely waxings; 2nd, well-known Redstart, in lovely order, often commented upon; 3, Bent, Gold Crest, magnificent specimen, steady as a rock, in grand trim; 4, Bent, Blackcap, in rare fettle, very steady, staged in faultless cond.; vhc, hc, Darlow; c, Robinson. LARGE (1): 1, Williams, P.V., well-known Chough, in splendid cond., grand beak and legs, shining like satin. LARGE FOR. (1): 1, Mrs. Burgess, red legged Cuba Thrush, nice size, col., and cond., lovely mkd. eyes. SMALL (6): 1, Saywell, Tricolour Tanager, grand specimen, well staged, nice col. and cond.; 2, 3, 4, hc, Fordred, well-known team, staged in A1 order, very taking; vhc, Buckingham. HEN HARDBILL (6): 1, Ward, grand hen Bullie, nice size, grand cap and col.; 2, Reynolds, nicely marked Twite, good size and col.; 3, Price, fine Siskin, well mkd. flanks; 4, Richards, Bramble, very steady, nice col. and cond.; vhc, Ward.

DARLINGTON.

The Darlington C.B.S. held its annual show in the Co-operative Hall on November 27—an ideal place, free from draughts and heated with hot-water pipes. The above society is an amalgamation of the two previous societies, and has lately been re-modelled. It has not held an open show since 1912, and is to be congratulated on its pluck in running one at the present time. Had the Canary classes filled better it would have been very encouraging. The total entry was about 450. If the Canary section failed in numbers it certainly made up for it in quality. The Mule, British and Foreign classes were the feature, both in numbers and quality, well-known exhibitors having their best teams on view. "White Rose" appeared in Darlington for the first time and was very much commented upon. It was often compared with the winning dark Canary-Bullfinch, the opinion of the majority being that it was a Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid. However, this has been debated in your valuable paper before, but there is certainly a great difference in the build of "White Rose" and the dark Canary-Bullies generally seen at shows. The British classes were splendid.

The members are very enthusiastic, and 21 classes brought in an entry of 160 birds. Several staged large teams, such as 32, 22, 20, 19. One, residing 14 miles from Darlington, was plucky enough to make 32 entries in the open and members' classes, and had to engage a motor car to bring his birds, at considerable cost. He also worked well all day, and must be congratulated on winning the members' cup (most points) put up for the first time. The secretary, Mr. F. Stothard, and his assistant, Mr. Cooper, both worked hard and were ably assisted by Mr. Cartwright (chairman), Messrs. Jeffries, Harrow, Wilcock, Hearfield, Stainsby, Gray, Carter, Forster, and others. Mr. Bertram, of Newcastle, also attended the show and rendered valuable assistance. Exhibitors requesting their birds returned by certain trains were given every attention. The judges were W. A. Cowgill (Canaries), and F. Marwood (Hyb., Brit., and For.).

MULES, CL. OR VARIEG. (14): 1, Parlett, "White Rose," in the pink of condition; 2, 4, spl, Maddison, cl. buff Goldf.-Can. leading, good size and cond., and light var. Greenf., grand cond., worth an extra prize; 3, vhc, Martin and Archer, noted Greenie-Chaff. Hyb., much admired, splendid condition; vhc, another cl. Goldf.-Can.; hc, Dr. Wilson, Redpoll-Bullf., worth its place; c, Anson. The society decided to give an extra prize in this class. DARK MULE (13): 1, spl, Dr. Wilson, noted Canary-Bullie, splendid col. and cond., looking well; 2, Parlett, Goldf.-Can., good size, rich col.; 3, Hooper, nice Greenie-Can., grand col. and cond.; 4, Maddison, Goldf-Can., runs 2nd very close; vhc, Mays and Allison; hc, Shorney; c, Hogg; No. 7, Parlett, noted Greenie Mule, cardless, hard lines. BRIT. GOLDF. (20), magnificent class: 1, Parlett, grand Finch, good size and blaze, splendid cond.; 2, Chick, another nice Finch, pressed winner hard; 3, 4, spl, Almond, both noted winners, well worth their place, need no comment; vhc, Brade; hc, Medley; c, Tucker BULLF. (7): 1, spl, Dr. Wilson, lovely bird, grand size, good cap and bars, splendid col.; 2, Taylor, another nice specimen, fine size and col.; 3, Rutherford, good cap, fails col.; 4, Smurthwaite, similar to 3rd; vhc, Wright; hc, Forster; c, Carter. LINNET (14): 1, spl, Parlett, easy winner, grand col., extra pencilling, good carr., nicely staged; 2, Brade, very good bird, nice col., fails only size to winner; 3, Fairhurst, cloudy markings, still good bird; 4, c, Wright, good col., well pencilled; vhc, Dr. Wilson; hc, Carr. LINNET, F.-M. (18): 1, spl, vhc, Woodhouse, easy 1st, Newcastle, Blaydon winner, needs no comment; 2, Smurthwaite, nice bird, excellent size and col.; 3, Handley, very heavy pencilled, light ground col.; 4, Petterson, good col. and cond.; hc, Smailes; c, Waters. GREENF. (18), grand class: 1, spl, Stewart, fine size, good col., nice shape, fails slightly in head; 2, Fairhurst, "Northern Star," grand typical specimen, good all over, should have won we thought; 3, Thomas, another grand bird, good col., worth its place; 4, Brade, good shape and col., similar to 3rd; vhc, Dr. Wilson; hc, Robinson; c, Carr. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE (14): 1, spl, Dr. Wilson, Chaffinch, grand size and col., splendid cond.; 2, Smurthwaite, Bramble, good colour and spangling, nice head; 3, Nicholson, Chaffinch, larger than winner, better shape, fails col.; 4, Chick, Bramble, good size, nice cond., fails col. and spangling; vhc, Parlett, best col. in class; hc, Forster; c, Wright. SISKIN, &c. (15): 1, spl, Parlett, magnificent Twite, good col., size and facings, noted winner; 2, c, Nicholson, Redpoll, good col., size, faint bib; 3, Dr. Wilson, nice Twite; 4, Atkinson, Siskin, fine col. and cond., trifle small; vhc, Wright; hc, Hailstone. HEN HARDBILL (12): 1, spl, Chick, Yellowhammer, grand for a hen, some inclined to doubt sex; 2, Dr. Wilson, Bramble, buff, nice shape and cond.; 3, c, Gray, Linnet, sweet exhibit, lovely pencilling, well worth its place; 4, vhc, Forster, Bramble, nice bird; hc, Hogg; three good hen Bullies unnoticed. A.O.V. SEEDEATER: 1, spl, Dr. Wilson, well-known Meadow Bunting, pink of cond.; 2, Chick, Hawfinch, lucky to be placed, claw missing, stiff joint, must have escaped notice; 3, Wright, good Corn Bunting, nice size and col., well marked; 4, Wilcock, topping Hawfinch, grand skull, lovely col. and cond., deserved to win, certainly best of six in this class; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Shorney; c, Axe. LARGE SOFTBILL: 1, spl, Wright, lovely Blackbird, extra size, lovely col., grand eye core, wins; 2, Nicholson, grand Waxwing, good cond.; 3, Gray, nice Fieldfare, appeared blind in one eye; 4, Hooper, another nice Waxwing; vhc, Hearfield. FOR. SMALL: 1, Nicholson, Yellow-winged Sugar Bird, grand variety of colours, excellent cond., staged to perfection, much admired; 2, 3, 4, vhc, spl, Almond, grand team of seedeaters, Melba Finch, Lavender Finch, Green Avadavat in order named, all in the pink of cond.; hc, Petterson.

In respect of the Canary classes, Mr. W. A. Cowgill writes as follows, and we are therefore only able to publish the names of the winners as in the catalogue:—

"I have sent you catalogue of awards for my section at Darlington. I fully intended sending you a full report as requested, but owing to the amount of work I had I had not time to go through them all. By the time I had got through the Yorkshire section my time was up. I may say the show room was all that could be desired, and that Darlington is very fortunate in having such a secretary as Mr. F. Stothard, who was assisted by a good staff of fanciers, who had everything in apple-pie order. The quality throughout was A1."

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, vhc, Crawhall; 2, Simeson; 3, Cook and Hood; 4, Snead; hc, Barker; c, Carlisle. BUFF (11): 1, Crawhall; 2, Moffatt; 3, Watts; 4, Thomas; vhc, Barker; hc, Dykes; c, Wearmouth and Hodgson. TKD. or VARIEG. YELL. (8): 1, Dykes; 2, 3, Simeson; 4, Snead; vhc, Rand; hc, Thomas. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Watts; 2, Dykes; 3, Carlisle; 4, Barker; vhc, Campling; hc, Crawhall; c, Taylor. BUFF (8): 1, Crawhall; 2, Thomas; 3, Simeson; 4, Dykes; vhc, Barker; hc, Nattrass. CL., ETC., YELL. 1915 (11): 1, Dykes; 2, Simeson; 3, Crawhall; 4, Watts; vhc, Snead; hc, Campling; c, Wearmouth and Hodgson. BUFF (9): 1, Cresswell; 2, Crawhall; 3, Carlisle; vhc, Simeson; hc, Campling; c, Chesworth. NOV. CK. (15): 1, Blackhourn; 2, Reed; 3, Parnish; 4, c, Linfoot; vhc, Hutchinson; hc, Thornton. HEN (9): 1, Reed; 2, Blackbourn; 3, Linfoot; 4, Cresswell; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Gray; c, Stothard. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Pierson; 2, Brown; 3, Carr; 4, Wright; vhc, Johnson; hc, Wells; c, Wake. BUFF (12): 1, no name; 2, Cook and Hood; 3, Thomas; 4, Holden; vhc, Makeplace; hc, Rutherford; c, Bibby. TKD. or VARIEG. (8): 1, Thomas; 2, Wilson; 3, Watson; 4, Tose; vhc, Brown; hc, Bibby; c, Humphries. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Pierson; 2, Brown; 3, F. Wright; 4, Wake; vhc, Cook and Hood; hc, Wells; c, T. Wright. BUFF (12): 1, Thomas; 2, Smith; 3, Jeffries; 4, Wilson; vhc, Carr; hc, Humphries; c, Pierson. CL., ETC., YELL. 1915 (11): 1, 2, Brown; 3, vhc, Humphries; 4, Smith; hc, Smailes; c, Jeffries. BUFF (16): 1, Smailes; 2, no name; 3, Priestley; 4, Watson; vhc, Thomas; hc, Jeffries. NOV. (13): 1, Tucker; 2, c, Stothard; 3, Wilson; vhc, Hind; hc, Makeplace. CREST (6): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Dickinson Bros.; 4, Jeffries; vhc, hc, Richardson. C.B. (5): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Jeffries; 4, Richardson; vhc, Dickinson Bros. BORD. YELL. (8): 1, Greenwell; 2, Watson; 3, Dunning; 4, vhc, Hillary; hc, Robson; c, Hay. BUFF (10): 1, Greenwell; 2, c, Watson; 3, Robson; 4, Hay; vhc, Campbell; hc, Blackbourn. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, Humphries; 2, Gale; 3, Smith, jun.

Awards in Members' Classes will be given next week.

Club Reports.

CITY OF DUNDEE C.B.S.

A meeting was summoned for Dec. 1 to make arrangements for holding a club show, but owing to the small turn-out it was agreed to abandon the idea of holding a show this year.—Andrew Law, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN BORDER FANCY C.C.

Meeting Dec. 1, Pillar's Cafe, Pink Lane, Newcastle, Mr. A. Affleck chair. The chief item on the agenda was the question of continuing these meetings under the restricted facilities for attendance to a large number of the members. After various suggestions had been discussed it was decided to cancel the January meeting, and also to wind up the table shows for this season, the prizes to be awarded on the points gained up to the present.—C. Farrer, Hon. Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Meeting Dec. 1, Palmer Hall, before a good attendance. Sec. gave a rough balance sheet of show, which was considered satisfactory. Arranged to hold pair show in Feb., and sec. was desired to write to a well-known judge for same. Was also decided to make a charge of 7d. per cage entrance fee, the Society taking 1d. of each entry for expenses, the other to be paid in prize money on sliding scale. Mr. Foster and Mr. Pyke were elected to audit the balance sheet. To all members the secretary extends the compliments of the season, this being the last report for the current year.—O. C. Smith.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting Dec. 4, Mr. Farrer presiding over fair attendance. Show business was gone into. Mr. Swan reported that the Sunderland Tipplers' Association would hold their show in Miner's Hall, in conjunction with our Members' Show, Dec. 27. At next meeting, Dec. 18 (the last one before our show) will members report the specials obtained, to allow them being allotted at same meeting. Entries will close Dec. 21, but schedules, with particulars, will be sent or given out later. A guessing competition will be held at the show, a bird and cage being given to the person who can tell its correct weight.—John Peacock, Hon. Sec.

AYR C.B.S.

Meeting Wallace Tower Hall, High Street, Nov. 29, Mr. J. A. Murray presiding. Present: Messrs. Lyon, Davidson, Wason, T. Erskine, W. Erskine, McCloy, Kelly, Gribben, Tait, Ferguson. Three new members: Ex-Bailie Robertson, Mr. J. Malcolm, and Mr. G. Martin. Classification for Border Fancy approved by B.F.C.C., and medal granted for competition on Dec. 25. Classes as revised at meeting are 6 Scotch Fancy, 11 Nor., 5 Yorks., 13 Bord., 3 Mule and Hyb., 13 Brit., and 1 For. Special prizes were arranged, 45 specials in all. Arranged to have tickets printed and sold at 6d. each, the proceeds, after clearing show expenses, to go to Red Cross Funds.—H. M. Ferguson, Sec.

GLASGOW AND W. COUNTIES.

Meeting, Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram-st., Dec. 4, and Mr. Peter Pettigrew presided over a grand turn out. Many important items in connection with annual show, Jan. 22, were settled. Decided to advertise in CAGE BIRDS as usual. Mr. James Pentland was admitted a member. Mr. Jas. Findlay entertained the members to a bird-washing exhibition, and thereafter a competition took place. Result: 1, Cochrane; 2, McJury; 3, Bannerman. The prizes were presented by Messrs. Pettigrew, Cassels, and Adam. Mr. Jas. McGowan was judge. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Findlay, and the Chairman. Over 40 specials were handed in for annual show, and now, members, let's have a record. Next meeting, Dec. 25, 7, at headquarters.—J. H. Adam, Hon. Sec.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL O.S.

Annual general meeting held at Raglan Hotel, December 2, the President in the chair. Balance sheet read and adopted. Result of voting papers:—Mr. Geo. Crabb, Pres., 40 votes; Mr. G. Crabb, treas., 38; Messrs. F. S. Matthes, 40; and G. Mortlock, 44, auditors. Committee: Mr. J. W. Ramsden 56, Mrs. Huggins 51, Mr. H. L. Huggins 51, Mr. G. A. Harris 42, Mr. G. H. Couzens 41, Mr. R. J. Pretty 41, Mr. W. J. Salter 41, Mme. Madewell 40, Mr. J. Hodder 40, Mr. G. Thurling 40, Mr. R. Bamber 39, Mr. F. J. Day 36, Mr. T. G. Tapper 35, Mr. J. S. Fairman 28, Mr. R. J. Burt 23, Mr. J. P. Ayers 22, Mr. J. B. Kerr 18, Mr. A. J. Clarke 18. The two new rules proposed by Mr. Huggins were carried. Mr. G. A. Harris was elected chairman of Committee, Mrs. Huggins vice-chair, Mr. H. L. Huggins was re-elected hon. sec. Decided not to hold an annual dinner, as the Committee feel that at the present time functions of this description are out of place. Jan. 20: Mr. Robson, leeture on Pairing (all varieties). Feb. 17: Pair show; Mr. J. Robson, Mr. G. Mortlock, judges. Vote of thanks to chair closed the evening.—H. L. Huggins, Hon. Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Wigan Roller C.C. (Lancs.).—Legs of Man Assembly Rooms, Dec. 17-18. Judges, W. Massey, J. Kilshaw, G. Wareing. 5 classes: Champ. Young, Nov. Young, Champ. Old, Amat., Nov., Any Age. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 13 to P. Greenall, 2, Short St., Pemberton, nr. Wigan.

Bradford East O.S. (Yorks.).—Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, Dec. 18. Judge, W. H. Shackleton. 21 open Yorks. classes, 14 Novice Y.U. members' (12 Yorks., 2 Nor.). Prizes on sliding scale from 5 to 14 entries; 15 or more, full prize-money. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 14 to J. Spencer, 10, Runswick Terrace, Bankfoot, Bradford.

Mansfield (Notts.).—Horse and Groom Hotel, Stockwell Gate, Dec. 18. Judge, J. Robson. 21 classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 6, Mules 2, Brit. 6, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 15 to B. Gabbitass, 57, Montague St.

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Questions and Answers.

For Rules see last week's issue.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SILENT AND SLACK (Priory).—You must first of all see that the bird is kept under bright and healthful conditions, and not exposed to cold direct draughts, and do not allow it to hang near or over burning lights in the evenings, nor high up near the ceiling. Give a staple diet for the next few weeks of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition to this give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed; and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and broken groats, and a morsel of banana or carrot, the latter either raw or boiled. To the drinking water every second day for a week add ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and after this give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a fortnight. Offer the bath three times a week, choosing as far as possible the mildest days, and always giving it early in the day.

VARIED (V. Bowes).—(1) See reply to "Priory" in this issue, and make yourself sure that the bird does not hang in the way of a direct draught. Also give the same staple diet and the extra items of food recommended in that reply, except that you should omit the hemp from the seed mixture and substitute in its place an equal proportion of linseed. To the water add every second day for a week ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. After that add 20 drops of chemical food to the water two days in every three for a fortnight. If the irritable condition is removed the bird should come out in full song in the next three or four weeks. (2) I am not sure what the liquid blue you mention consists of, but the powder sold by most chemists as "lime blue," for adding to whitewash, could be quite safely used to tint your cages. Doubtless the liquid would be equally harmless (the chemist would tell you definitely if asked), as would also be a sufficiency of ultramarine blue sold at any oil and colour shop for making blue paint etc. But why not save the messy trouble of mixing by using one of the tinted distempers which may be had in quite a variety of shades suitable for the purpose? (3) A clear yellow cock would be the best mate for a buff hen to breed the greatest proportion of clear young, but a slightly ticked yellow, bred from clear parents, would, on the whole, be the most advisable, as, although the proportion of clears may—I do not say would—be rather lower, the tone of the yellow or buff colour would be better. (4) It is not advisable to mate mother and son unless there is some very definite object in view in doing so. The risk of material loss of stamina and size is too great to do it without a real cause.

THE UGLY DUCKLING (Mrs. Cole).—Glad to hear that the one bird has made such a good recovery. As regards the other, you should have repeated details or referred to the previous reply, as I cannot determine which was your former reply, and do not remember the details. Better continue the treatment advised before for another fortnight or so, and then if you wish for any further advice as to it write again and repeat the full particulars of symptoms, etc.

BREEDING MARKED BIRDS (Bandsman).—You omit to say what type the parents were, either in colour or marking. Consequently, I can only advise you in a general way as to the mates you require for the young birds to breed for marked birds. To have a fair chance of breeding any material proportion of even-marked the parents should have come of an even-marked strain, and if they were green-marked you should only try for green-marked breeding from the youngsters. On the other hand, if the parents were of the cinnamon-marked variety you should adhere to this variety in procuring mates for the young birds next season. With these qualifications, the best mates you can get for the birds with the object of breeding marked birds in the progeny is a buff hen marked on eyes and wings, or both eyes and one wing, and a yellow cock with rather light wing marks, both wings, and good and moderate-sized eye-marks. Both these birds should be bred from an even-marked strain. From the progeny of these two pairs select those nearest approaching even-marks and pair together—cocks from one pair to hens of the other pair, and vice-versa, and mate the marked parents each with the best clear or very lightly marked, eyes preferably, bird of the opposite sex from the other pair in the following season, and you should have made a distinct step towards even-marks of good quality. In the third season you will need some fresh blood, and should introduce it from the same even-marked strain, but as distantly related to your birds as you can get it.

TWO YORKSHIRES (G. A. S.).—See that the birds are kept in a bright and healthful place, and treat as follows for a month. In addition to the present staple of canary and rape give each a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every third day, and on the intervening days give first a morsel of banana or a small spray of watercress when you can get it quite free from frost, and next half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and broken groats. In the drinking water every second day for a week add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and in the second week give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. In the third and fourth weeks repeat the dosage of the first two weeks in the same order.

AILING LIZARDS (Down-Hearted, N. Wales).—If you are really a "five-year-old reader," as your second nom-de-plume infers, no wonder you are a wee bit down-hearted. But, cheer up, laddie, or lassie, as the case may be, you certainly have the honour of being one of CAGE BIRDS youngest students, and there'll come a time some day when you will get over these little troubles and enjoy seeing your pets in the fullest vigour and health. You must see that the birds are not exposed to direct draughts, which are very apt to be very mischievous, and often unsuspected, when a stove is used, especially if the room is a small one. Then, again, one must be very careful to see that such a room is sufficiently supplied with fresh, pure air by proper ventilation, though this must not be allowed to cause cold draughts into the cages, otherwise the stove will very soon consume that portion of the atmosphere which is most necessary for the health of the birds. As you mention keeping the room at a temperature of 45 degrees, I take it you are provided with a thermometer. Therefore, get some "grown-up" to see that the above-mentioned conditions as to ventilation are complied with, then raise the temperature to 55 degrees, and see that it is kept as nearly as can be at this point regularly, day and night, until the birds are quite well. Otherwise treat the birds the same as advised to "Learner" in this issue, with these little differences: add two drops of cod liver oil emulsion for each bird to the bread and milk before sprinkling with sugar; give the salts and rhubarb for three consecutive days, and follow this with five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine and sweet spirit of nitre for four days, then go on with the tonian mixture as in that reply.

EFFECTS OF COLOUR-FEEDING (S. K. R.).—Emphatically, no. Colour feeding has not the slightest detrimental effect on the breeding powers of a hen, nor cock either, for that matter, neither whilst the bird is in its colour-fed plumage, nor afterwards. As a matter of fact, when a plebiscite on the question of colour-feeding was taken a number of years ago the consensus of opinion trended to show that better results on the whole were obtained in breeding from colour-fed birds than with those which had never been colour-fed. But however that may be, you may rest assured that the fact of your bird having been fed last season had nothing whatever to do with her not rearing any young beyond a week old. The fault probably lay in the management of the birds for some months prior to the breeding season, and not in the colour-food nor the bird, except in so far as the latter would be affected by faulty management. There are hundreds of hens to be met with each season which have never so much as seen colour-food, nor their parents or grandparents before them, which, nevertheless act just as badly as your hen did this season. You might have seen many cases similar to yours dealt with in this column during the past summer, and the advice given in most of these, if applied to your own case in time, would probably have set matters right for you. Now, I cannot advise you better than to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager will send you, post free, for 7d., and study its pages between now and next breeding season. Give particular attention to the advice on keeping the birds through the winter.

LOST ALL HENS (A. J. S.).—Your query does not give me the slightest clue as to what may have been the cause of your losing all your adult hens, unless I take the fact of the cock being now suffering from a cold as indicative that the birds have been victims of some bronchial trouble due to unfavourable environments. Had you described the symptoms shown by the hens, and also the cock that is now ill, as fully as you could, I might have formed a much more definite opinion as to what was wrong. See that the birds are kept free from cold direct draughts, rapid extremes of heat and cold and damp, and do not allow them to hang near or over burning lights in the evenings, nor very near windows. For the present keep the cock in a comfortable temperature, but do not overdo it, and see that it is fairly equable. In addition to the usual seed diet give every second day a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days give a morsel of banana in lieu of green food and add to the drinking water five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre. Continue this treatment for a fortnight, which should suffice to set matters right. You would be well advised to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager would send you for 7d., post free, and compare the advice given therein with your management. (2) The Nutshell booklet, No. 6, on "Ailing Cage Birds," 2½d., post free, from our Manager, is at present the only book dealing exclusively with ailments. The subject is also treated at length in Part VI. of "Our Canaries."

STARTING TO SING (J. W. M.).—If I read your letter correctly to mean that the bird is still moulting, you cannot expect him to sing for at least some little time—not, in short, until he has quite got over the effect of the moult, which will be a few weeks after he ceases dropping feathers. As he seems to have developed a "cough" almost simultaneously with the onset of this cold snap, it looks very much like his condition being due to unfavourable surroundings. Look into this, and see that he does not hang in a draughty position, where the temperature is liable to sudden extremes of heat and cold, nor near or over burning lights in the evenings. Above all, do not hang it in or very near a window. Having attended to these points, treat as follows, and if it is not quite well in a month write again, repeating particulars, and I will advise you further. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and well sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and linseed, and also a morsel of banana instead of other green food. You may also keep a morsel of the paste advised to "W. H." in last issue stuck in the wires for the bird to peck at for a week or two. Every second day for a week add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give instead 20 drops of chemical food two days in every three for a month.

A VARIED TRIO (Cuttlefish Bone).—(1) No, it is not likely to throw your birds into another moult if you remove them from a bedroom where no fire is kept to another room with fires, provided that the heat is not subject to sudden and extreme fluctuations. On the other hand, if you put a fire in the cold bedroom for two hours daily, unless it were done with great discretion, it would be much more likely to have this effect. For instance, if there came over a sudden wave of severe cold a small fire started and kept going until the normal temperature became milder, and only just enough to prevent the full severity of the cold spell being felt in the room would do no harm, but to start a fire for an hour or two every day would probably result in the birds soon dropping into moult from the effect of the constant fluctuations. If you wish to start these occasional fires solely on account of the birds, I should advise you, if they have been bred and reared under normal conditions of temperature, and the room is free from draughts and damp, to leave well alone; the birds would thrive much better in the cold room altogether than they would do with occasional fires. (2) I do not approve at all of such a method of rearing young Canaries as you suggest—feeding wholly on crushed arrow-root biscuit moistened with extract of malt and cod liver oil. The latter items are very good things in their proper place, but this would be very decidedly giving "too much of a good thing." It is, of course, quite possible that you might succeed with the method, but a more practical and rational system of feeding is infinitely better than these purely fantastic and experimental methods, unless you wish to try them purely as experiments. (3) Your third question should have been written on a separate sheet, as it relates to a different department. See Mr. Norman's column for reply.

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest Dec. 4; 47 birds entered. 1, Collinson; 2, Morley; 3, Worral. Dec. 5, 30 entered. 1 and 2, shared Milner and Williams; 3, Williams.—Walter Dobson, Sec. (See notice above as to advertisements.—Ed.)

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, members' sing; 14 birds entered for four prizes. Shepherd timer, Wareing chalker. 1, Hall, 2 min. 46 sec.; 2, Brushy, 1 min. 19 sec.; 3, Davis, 53 sec.; 4, Hardman, 30 sec. Three more members this week end, yet there is room for more.—Hardman, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet Contest Club sing, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, Dec. 4. 34 birds entered for 3 minutes' time singing. 1, Beard; 2, Pugh; 3, Piper. Open Linnet contest, Dec. 5; 26 competed for 3 minutes' time singing. 1, Nelson; 2, Pugh; 3, Piper. Intending members hurry up, there is a big time coming.—S. Pugh, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Dec. 5, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane; 16 birds sang for 3 prizes, and some good singing was heard.— 1, Wharam; 2, Binns; 3, T. Chippendale. Judges, T. Summers and H. Playforth. We had a grand contest the same evening; 10 of the best Roller Canaries in Leeds sang for 3 prizes. 1, H. Wigfield; 2, Chaddock; 3, S. Butterfield. Judges, T. Summers and P. Madden.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Quality singing, Old Bird House, Skinners' Arms, Nov. 5; 19 birds. 1, King; 2, Dollan; 3, Conner. Judges, C. Clayton, J. Sellars.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Quality Linnet Singing Club, Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane. Grand contest, Dec. 5, 17 birds sang. Judges, A. Lorrieman and N. Solomon. Mr. B. Dearlove won 1st and 2nd with his champion Linnets, and some very good singing was heard. 3, C. Lorrieman; 4, F. Turner.—F. Turner, Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing Dec. 4; 15 birds sang. 1, W. Sissons; 2, 3, Wharam; consolation prize, Mrs. Tennant. Judges, Naylor and Crane. Dec. 5, 19 birds sang. 1, W. Sissons; 2, Mrs. Tennant; 3, T. Ward; 4, consolation prize, Ineson. Judges, Hayes and Hardcastle. Dec. 5, Roller contest; 17 birds sang for three prizes. 1, Rogers; 2, T. Johnson; 3, Wharam; consolation prize, T. Stead. Judges, Sissons, Hardcastle and Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Nov. 27, Glassmakers' Arms, York Road, Canary sing; 15 entries. 1 and 2, Wharam; 3, S. Johnson. Judges, Biss, Banfield, Thompson. Nov. 28, quality Linnet contest; 24 birds sang before a crowded house. The singing was a treat; it would have done some of the old Linnet fanciers good to have heard Big Albert's "Masterpiece" sing, all quality, no rag-time. 1, Richardson; 2, Hirst; 3, Shaw; 4, Hirst. Judges, Biss, Gomersal, T. Hirst. Nov. 28, Canary match; 15 entries. 1 and 2, Wharam; 3, T. Hirst. Judges, Biss, Gomersall, Richardson. Neutral judges will be welcomed.—E. STANSFIELD, Sec.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

LINNET UNABLE TO USE FOOT (G. R. D.).—Try the following remedy, which has been successful in a similar case. Bathe the leg and foot in fairly warm water; dry with a soft cloth, and rub with "Jacob's Oil," which can be purchased at the chemist. Give the bird an aperient; feed on a little extra hemp and maw seed, and two or three times a week give a spoonful of soaked seeds. If he will take suit food, give a little biscuit, making it crumbly with warm milk. Keep him indoors, but not too warm.

HYBRIDS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PRODUCED (Cuttlefish Bone).—The finches that have not yet mated successfully with the Canary are the Hawfinch, the Chaffinch, and the Bramblefinch. Of these, it is very doubtful if the former will ever breed with a Canary. In the first place, there is a great difference in the actual size of the two species. I use the words 'actual size," because although some Canaries in appearance are almost as big as some Hawfinches, they have such an abundance of feather that they look considerably larger than they actually are. Then, again, the Hawfinch is not a free breeder when in captivity, and I think it would have to be a specially selected pair, kept under ideal conditions to make any attempt to reproduce with any likelihood of success. As regards the Chaffinch and Bramblefinch, successful matings with Canaries have occasionally been reported, and I am convinced that these Hybrids will some day make their appearance. Please note that queries referring to different subjects should be written on separate sheets of paper. (Ed.)

GOLDFINCH WITH RED MITE (Trilate).—The red mite is an insect that lives in the cracks and crevices of the cages, and during the night finds its way to the birds, but they do not live on the birds during the daytime. If you have only the one bird, stand him in a bright light place for an hour or so, and then run him into a thoroughly clean cage—one that has been recently scrubbed in hot soda water with a good dash of Jeyes' Disinfectant

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

added—then hang the cage in an entirely different position, as these pests frequently form a colony round the nail in the wall, or on the wall itself. The old cage can then be scrubbed and treated in the same manner, and used again later on. If you have a birdroom with several birds and cages in it, these cages should be treated in the same manner in rotation and the crevices and perch ends painted with paraffin, with a few drops of strong oil of lavender added.

BIRDS FOR AN AVIARY (E. L.).—If you intend running your outside aviary for pleasure, you cannot do better than place in it several pairs of Finches and Buntings. You do not quite give me any dimensions, so I am unable to advise you as to the number. The following species would be suitable: Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Greenfinches, Linnets, Redpolls, Siskins, Yellow Buntings, Reed Buntings. Do not put in single birds, nor have an excess of males. Keep to pairs of each if you can manage it. Do not overcrowd; you had better have a pair or two less than a pair or so too many.

SEED SAMPLE (H. Freeman).—Your sample of seeds appears to me to be very much like wild mustard, but, unfortunately, I have not a genuine sample by me to compare it with. It is a good clean sample you have, and I would advise you not to use it by itself, but let it be one of the seeds in a mixture. When used by itself it is rather too stimulating. It may be given to the Finches.

HYBRID BREEDING IN A ROOM (J. B. Clifton).—There is no reason why you should not be successful with your birds in the room you propose using; many have been bred in the same manner. I would advise you not to be too ambitious at first, but confine your efforts to the production of Canary crosses principally. Turn in about 8 or 9 Canary hens, and with them a couple of Goldfinch cocks, a Linnet, a Greenfinch, and a Siskin. If you liked you could also add just one Bullfinch hen as a sporting chance for the production of Hybrids. For perches there is nothing to equal natural branches, which should be of various sizes, and one resembling a tree placed in the centre. This should be in a tub or large flower pot. Do not have too many branches on it; many of the smaller ones are useless and should be removed. Nest boxes, pans, small wicker cages, and even small flower pots, should be fastened in various positions for the birds to use for building in. See that you have plenty—quite double the number of birds—or the hens will quarrel for favourite sites.

SEX OF THE MULE (No Name).—It is a difficult matter to sex a Mule by a written description. Cocks are generally brighter-coloured than hens, and more sprightly, but as you have only the one, this is no help to you. Your best guide is the song, and I would advise you to feed him fairly liberally, giving a little choice mixed seed, with hemp, maw, and niger in it, three times a week; also a little soft food about twice a week. This should assist in bringing him into song. Most birds have to recover from the strain of the moult before coming into song again. (2) Your freshly-caught Goldfinch will be quite all right for pairing with a Canary hen next season. Get him as tame as you can, and let him have a fly occasionally in with his intended partner. Kindly send your name and address in accordance with our rules. In the absence of these you were not really entitled to an answer. (Ed.)

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BIRDS FOR GARDEN AVIARY (Tony).—Unless your county is a very northern one, all the birds you name should do well in your aviary, and "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 2d. post free from our publisher, would help you as to treatment. Put a couple of good-sized privet bushes (evergreen variety) in the open flight, and then fill in with coarse grasses and such herbage as cow parsley, dock, mallow, plantain, shepherd's purse, dead nettles, etc. The arrangements seem about right providing the shelter is light enough; it must be as light as an ordinary living room if the birds are to use it freely, also the walls must be thickly lined with twiggy branches, leaving only the centre portion of shelter open for movement. This is as necessary as light, for it is not only to provide perching accommodation but also cover to retreat to if one of the inmates should prove tyrannical and aggressive. Unless you can bring your birds straight from some other outdoor aviary, you must not stock it till spring.

SEPARATING THE SEXES (E. Wilson).—Several replies on this topic have appeared recently, but I repeat the information for your benefit. While many successful breeders of Budgerigars keep their birds together all the year round, it is undoubtedly best to separate them—that is, of course, if you have proper separate quarters for them. Separating them gives the adult birds the rest they need to recuperate their system after some months spent in reproducing their kind. If left together all the year round they will mostly go on trying to breed all the year, except during the moult, till nature is exhausted. The sexes of most wild species separate once the breeding season is at an end, and this alone should teach us a lesson. If you retain any of your young birds for breeding, you must be careful not to mate brother and sister together, for this would soon result in deterioration of your stock.

GREY PARROT WITH FITS (E.E.C.).—After you have given the powders, etc., for a month report progress, stating the bird's condition as clearly as possible. I certainly see no reason why a cure should not be effected, but, of course, there may be several relapses before the trouble ceases. Add two parts of oats to your seed mixture and it will be about right then. I should let it satisfy its thirst thoroughly night and morning, then offer it the water more often, finally leaving it in the cage altogether. You need not give castor oil if there is any difficulty about it: as often as may be required to keep the bowels moving quite freely, give it equal parts of Dinneford's magnesia and water to drink. The bowels must move quite freely, but the excreta must not be liquid or allowed to remain so. During the moult, which is a strain upon a bird's system, the bowels must be maintained in good order, and a little byno-phosphates in the drinking water during the period of the moult is a good tonic.

ROSY-BREASTED COCKATOO (C. W. R.).—Once they are acclimatised, these birds are absolutely hardy, but must not be subjected to draught. Spray the nostrils with a dilute solution of glyco-thymoline—it will do no harm if a little is swallowed. Give a laxative (one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia) in the drinking water every fourth day for a month, and on the intervening days lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food. Literally "chattering" implies that happy state of meaningless jabber (to us) which Parrots utter when contented and docile, as distinguished from the wild raucous cries of excitement, rage and fear. I presume by "chattering," advertisers mean to imply that, if not actually talking, the birds are all-but doing so—a sort of pleasant chatter, not yet amounting to articulate words. However, there are advertisers and advertisers, and the meaning would vary with each one.

YOUNG GREY PARROT (Zoe).—Your best course will be to send to our manager for the Nutshell "Grey Parrot," 2½d., post free, study its contents, and as soon as may be wean the bird from its present dietary to the one given in the Nutshell. Its internal economy is evidently in bad order from improper feeding, but at present it must have soft food till you find it eating heartily of dry seed, fruit, etc. Keep a tin of seed mixture in its cage, and when you see it beginning to eat heartily thereof, gradually discontinue the soft food, finally ceasing the supply altogether. Boiled maize only keeps fresh one day—boil till soft (grains should be whole), drain off all water, lightly dust with flower of sulphur, and when cool supply to the bird. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. You can give while it must

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

have soft food the following: put several pieces of bread in a small dish, spot over it about 15 drops of cod liver oil emulsion, very lightly sprinkle with sugar, then pour over the bread as much boiling water as it will absorb, and when cool supply to the bird. It can also have dry biscuit to eat, ripe fruit, shelled pea, Spanish or walnuts, a piece of raw carrot. Keep a piece of cuttlebone hanging in the cage and supply Parrot grit regularly, but if you have not been giving the latter supply it very sparingly at first; once it has become accustomed to it, it will take no more than is good for it. Also keep a fair-sized chunk of wood in the cage for it to exercise its mandibles upon.

BUDGERIGAR ILL (Mrs. Evans).—I regret to note that you have lost the Budgerigar, but I feared that such would be the case. It is quite possible egg binding may have caused its death, as it is quite natural for birds to feed each other when in breeding condition. I gather you want the birds as pets and not necessarily to breed them; in such case, unless the cock mopes badly I should not trouble to get it a mate. The more often you can let it have a fly round the better it will be for it, as Budgerigars, though not unhappy in a cage, get into poor health through lack of wing exercise quicker than any other species I am acquainted with. A millet spray suspended from the top of the cage so that they cannot get at it save by clinging to it, causes them to take a good deal of enforced exercise (they are fond of spray millet), which is to their general well-being. The kitchen quarters should suit it fairly well, the only objection being that in a room in which cooking goes on to any extent, the temperature rises and falls considerably at different periods of the day and night: nevertheless, a pet bird is best where it can have plenty of company and see much to keep it amused. It should do well if you keep it in that part of the kitchen where the temperature is most regular, but not away from light and air. The cage must be kept below the level of gaslights. If you let it out of the cage pretty freely, the bird should do well and be quite happy as a bachelor.

AILING PARROT (G. Smith).—If it will take it, give it ripe fruit daily. Banana is very wholesome, so is sweet apple; most kinds of Parrots are fond of the core. Get a box of honey and horax from your chemist and put a little (not much at a time) in its mouth once or twice daily so long as the box lasts. You can supply it spread lightly on the biscuit, or give it from the end of a stick, or by any means you can contrive without unduly disturbing it. Put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day for a month, and on the intervening days lightly colour the water with chemical food. Try it with a seed mixture as follows: one quart each oats, canary, hemp, and white millet seeds, one pint each sunflower, wheat and shelled peanuts—the whole to be well mixed. Keep cuttlebone and Parrot grit continually in the cage, also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon. If it can be trusted out of its cage a little such exercise would be of great benefit to it. I do not think there is anything more than a slight indisposition, which the above treatment should correct. Report progress about a month hence, but if any adverse symptoms should arise write again at once with full details

RED AVADAVATS IN A CAGE (M. E. K.).—Apparently there would be no direct draught into the cage, as, of course, during the winter months the window and door would not be open simultaneously. Ventilating from either the one or the other separately should not occasion a draught, but if there is any direct wind blowing into the cage, a glass screen, a little larger all ways than the front of the cage, might be fitted, so that it can be adjusted four to six inches in front of the cage. Near the top of the cage fix a row of small rush nests, twelve inches apart, placing a small twiggy branch between each couple of nests. Do not have any straight perches. The conditions of temperature you name should suffice, as once they get over the hardships of importation they are really enduring little birds. You could turn a dozen of them into your cage, and when in colour during the breeding season they would make a charming picture. Our Nutshell, "Avadavats," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, would help you as to general management. As regards time of purchase, it is a case of opportunity in these troubled times, but it is always well to nurse newly imported birds up a little in a smallish cage, and in warm quarters till established. It is not only possible to buy the birds now, but the birds should do well, if you counteract what draught there may be, by some such means as those indicated above.

SUGARBIRDS AND BUNTINGS (T. W. M.).—(1) If the Sugarbird is still living when you see this, drop two drops of tasteless castor oil on to its cake crumbs, and also put half a teaspoonful of fluid magnesia into the drinking water, repeating the latter after an interval of three days. In addition to the food you are now supplying give the following syrup: Half a teaspoonful each of condensed milk, honey, and Mellin's food; beat this into a paste, then add two tablespoonsful of boiling water, well stir up, and supply to the bird when cool. If the fits do not abate, get half a dozen 2-grain powders of bromide of potassium, thoroughly incorporate one of the powders with the syrup every other day so long as they last, and then report progress. (2) The Rainbow Bunting is fairly hardy once it is acclimatised, but, unless the aviary be a very sheltered one, I advise it being brought indoors at the end of October and not put out again till the spring. At any rate I advise this course for the first winter. It hails from Mexico.

INDIAN GREEN PARROT (Engineer Commander).—(1) It is an Alexandrine Parrakeet, and a hen if it has no ring round its neck. The term "Rock Parrot" is rather indiscriminately used for several species of Indian Ring-necks. (2) A better seed mixture would be: One quart each white millet, canary and oats, one pint each hemp, sunflower and safflower seeds, and a pint of shelled pea nuts; well mix, store in dust-tight tins, and keep in a dry place. Also supply ripe fruit liberally, any kind it cares for, pieces of biscuit, stale crust, and raw carrot. Keep cuttlebone, grit, and a chunk of wood in the cage continually. Water must be regularly supplied. It can also be given walnuts, and Spanish nuts to crack for itself at intervals. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. (3) Sand is the best for cage tray, sprinkle a pinch of parrot grit over this daily. (4) This may be quite natural; most Parrots are just completing the moult now, but some are still dropping a few feathers. To make sure, spray it once a week with a tepid quassia solution, choose a bright, genial day for the operation, and keep it out of the way of cold winds and draught till dry.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Abertillery C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Prince of Wales Hotel, 6.30. Business important. Members in arrears kindly bring or send their contributions, as I want to clear the books for the year.—H. H. Mortimer.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—Dec. 15, Station Cafe, 8. Adjourned lecture on "Seeds and other Foods: Their Use and Abuse"; Mr. T. Harrison.—Chas. Bailey.

Alfreton C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Red Lion, 6.30. Election of officials for ensuing year, and other business.—G. Beardall.

Ayr C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Wallace Tower Hall, 8. Show arrangements for Dec. 25.—H. M. Ferguson.

Burnley C.B.S.—Dec. 18, 75, Lindsay Street. Annual Members' Show. Mr. L. Leonard judge.—J. Moorhouse.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Victoria Hotel, 2.30. Members' show; birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. H. Long. Entries Friday night from 7.30 to 9.—H. Bryant.

Bradford East O.S.—Dec. 14, Park Chapel Schools, 8 to 11. Taking entries for open show.—J. Spencer.

Burnley C.B.S.—Dec. 12, 75, Lindsay Street, 7. Washing exhibition by Mr. Braybrook.—J. Moorhouse.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Dec. 14, Joiners' Arms, 8. Final arrangements for open show.—Jos. Kilshaw.

Barry F. and F.S.—Dec. 11, headquarters. Committee 7.15; general 8. Presenting cups to winners. Nominations for officers and committee for 1916.—H. P. Thomas.

Burnhope C.B.S.—Dec. 12, Fell Houses, 10.30 a.m. Stewards for show Dec. 18, and other very important business. New members.—J. W. Robson.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Dec. 11, Shoulder of Mutton, 7. Nomination of officers, etc. Subs. due. Members note alteration of date of last members' show Jan. 1 instead of Dec. 24.—F. P. Terry.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Maskell's Hotel, 8. To hear report of open show.—E. Thomas.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Dec. 13, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8. Judging competition in Crests and Crestbreds; judge, Mr. G. Gardner. Payment of prize-money and special prizes.—V. Wynn.

City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 11, Flying Dutchman, 7. Nominations of officers for 1916. Election of stewards for members' show, Dec. 27. Subs. due.—W. Hellwell.

Craghead Social Club F.F. and C.B.S.—Dec. 12, Club Room, 6.30. Important business.—M. Archer.

Choppington (Scotland Gate) Social Club.—Dec. 11, 7. Final arrangements for show. Members attend for schedules.—H. Seely.

Chorley C.B.S.—Dec. 15, Shepherd's Hall, 7.30. Very important business; prize-money paid.—J. H. Welch

Doncaster C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Druids' Arms, 7. Re holding pair show, and other important business. Will members let me have all ticket monies and subs.—G. Hunt.

East Ardsley.—Dec. 11, Black Swan, 7.30. Special meeting re new tenant and annual show.—A. Walton.

East Stanley Club F. and F.C.B.S.—Dec. 12, 7. Election of stewards, and other important business.—J. Armitage.

Elgin C.B.A.—Dec. 13, Gordon's Temperance Hotel, 8. Members' Table Show. Classes: Norwich unflig., A.O.V. Can., Bulfi. A. W. Douglas.

Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Bannockburn C.B.S.—Dec. 11, 50, Graham Road, Falkirk, 7.30. General meeting, paying prize money, etc.—R. Rennie.

Gt. Horton Good Intent.—Next members' show Dec. 18 instead of Dec. 11. Birds staged 2.30, Grange Congregational School, All Saints' Road, Birkhill. Judge, Mr. A. Morley.—A. Firth.

Guiseley Yeadon.—Dec. 25, Regent Hotel, 7.30. Entries for Boxing Day Show.—W. Rose.

Halifax O.S.—Dec. 11, Plummet Line Hotel. Members' show, 3; judge, M. Peel, Skelmanthorpe. All unflighted birds except British. Also members' meeting 7.30, adjourned from Dec. 4 owing to the inclement weather.—H. Clegg.

Halifax C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Trafalgar Inn, 8. General meeting. Open show business; important.—A. Sutcliffe.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Colliery Hotel, 6.30. Entries for annual show; members must be square on the books.—G. Vipond.

Huddersfield O.S.—Dec. 13, headquarters, 7.30. Distribution of members' special won at open show, and other business. Next table show Dec. 20 instead of Boxing Day.—A. Lawford.

Ilkeston.—Dec. 11, The Derby Arms, Cotmanhay Road, 7. Most important business.—Geo. Siddown.

Keighley C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Stewards for show and other business.—C. W. Town.

Leigh C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Final arrangements for the last of three table shows Dec. 18. Mr. Boothman, Manchester, will judge and give a lecture.—R. Charleson.

Leith O.S.—Dec. 11, Liberal Hall, Hope Street, 7. Financial statement; election of office-bearers.—George Brown.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Dec. 11, Railway Hotel, 2.30. Last members' show this season; judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Girlington).—W. H. Synes.

Leeds C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Lockhart's, Briggate, next door to Hope Bros., 7.30. Postponed meeting from Dec. 4. Table show of hens, nomination of officers, etc.—E. Norton.

London C.B.A.—Dec. 14, 2, York Street, St. James, 8. Continuation of "Preparing Birds for Exhibition," so ably opened by our president, Mr. Crisp, at last meeting. All friends welcome.—A. Wallington.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Dec. 16, Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green, 8. Paying out prize-money of annual show; report of annual show. A pleasant evening; members may bring a friend.—H. F. Bowring.

Manningham C.B.S.—Members' show, Dec. 11; judge, J. W. Dewhirst.—F. Darwent

Richmond (Surrey) C.B.S.—Dec. 13, St. John's Hall, Richmond, 8. Pay prize-money. General business.—G. Birch.

Sheffield O.S.—Dec. 11, Foresters' Hall, Trippet Lane. Members' show, open 1 p.m. Admission 3d.—E. C. Job.

South Shields.—Dec. 11, Cyprus, 7. All specials and ticket money must be in.—W. L. Smith.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Wharf Hotel. Annual members' show. Birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. R. E. Helliwell, Halifax.—G. Mitchell.

Tong C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.30. Balance-sheet of open show; subs. due.—W. Walker.

Vale of Leven.—Dec. 14, Village School, Alexandria, 8.—John Hannah.

Wigan Roller Club.—Dec. 11, Legs of Man Hotel, 6.30. Final show arrangements.—P. Greenall.

Windhill C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Blue Bell Hotel, 6.30. Nominations of officers for 1916. Balance-sheet for open show. Subs. due for 1915.—J. Taylor.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A. E. Lloyd.—Your show report has been unavoidably crowded out in company with many others. We would have written you, but you gave us no address, and your name does not appear in our books as hon. sec. of your society.

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WANTED, Yorkshires, for cash; approval, deposit: P. Barker, Robinson-st., Dewsbury, Yorks. (101)

WANTED, a large quantity of all kinds of British and Canaries, for cash: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr. (105)

WANTED, Scotch Fancies; exchange Crestbred cocks, 10/-; pair Lancashires, 15/-: A. March, Evesham. (111)

WANTED, Canaries and Mules, either sex; state lowest price for prompt cash: Robinson, 33, Besson-st., New Cross. (93)

WANTED, Nightingale hen, hand-reared preferred, state full particulars and lowest cash price: Arthur Wicks, Norwich. (106)

WANTED, for prompt cash, Parrot or Cockatoo; send price and particulars: Mrs. Jones, Harlech House, Aberystwyth. (111)

WANTED, hen Bullfinch, guaranteed to have had fertile eggs in cage only: Campbell, 137, North Frederick-st., Glasgow. (103)

WANTED Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, Parrots, Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, very top price paid: Broxup, Stock-st., Burnley.

WANTED, a few surplus Roller cock Canaries; state cheapest price for cash; genuine; approval: 5, Water Heys-ter., Wigan.

WANTED, hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/- each; hen Canaries, 1/3 each: J. Flower, 15, Pollard-row, Bethnal Green-rd., London. (34)

WANTED, cheap for cash, Roller Canaries, either sex: Price and particulars to Round, 23, Windsor-rd., Mainder, Newport, Mon. (101)

EXCHANGE yellow variegated Norwich cock, buff hen; wanted, buff cock; young dressed chicks, 4/- each, cash: Cook, Pembridge. (106)

WANTED, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, and Linnets, good prices for good birds; deposit cash: Steele, 201, City-rd., Manchester. (110)

WANTED, pair of typical Borders; exchange large dark 1915 Goldfinch Mule, good singer, or sell 12/6: Smith, 35a, Wells-st., Inverness. (107)

WANTED, offers in Norwich or Crests for John Forest Lever watch, or sell 35/-: Wright, 11, Mannering-rd., Shawlands, Glasgow. (110)

WANTED, from catchers, a few Goldfinches and other British weekly; state price: Birtwistle, 35, Argyle-st., Whittlefield, Burnley. (109)

WANTED British birds, also colour-fed 1915 Canaries; state quantity and lowest cash price to: H. Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield. (94)

HAND-REARED cock Linnet, on full song, exchange for 1915, hand-reared hen Bullfinch: Rowlings, 284, Oundle-rd., Peterborough. (102)

WANTED, for prompt cash, Bullies, Siskins, Goldfinches, Linnets, foreign birds, Mules, Canaries, and cages: Stores, 614, Fulham-rd., S.W. (101)

WANTED, catchers, to supply weekly, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and Linnet: Apply, Seedley Aviaries, 2, Gilbert-st., Hedge-lane, Manchester. (103)

WANTED, from catchers, no dealers, large cock Goldies, for showing, will deposit cash; state price: P. Mallon, 4, McNeil-place, Dumbarton. (105)

WANTED Norwich, Yorkshires, Lizards, Borders, Crests and Cinnamons; state lowest price: W. Fowler, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (22)

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WANTED, pair large Norwich yellows, exchange Bullfinch, grand large specimen, h.-moulted, winner, sell £1: Dawson, 689, Duke-st., Glasgow. (112)

WANTED, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Chaffinches, Siskins, Linnets, from reliable bird catchers, for cash: Wm. Smith, 69 Tib-st., Manchester. (57)

WANTED, large clean healthy Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, must be first-class, state price, approval: C. Clarke, 42, Leopold-st., Birmingham. (108)

WANTED all kinds of healthy Canaries, also Goldies, Bullies and Siskins; state lowest price: Frank Sparks, Bird Dealer, 200, Overgate, Dundee.

WANTED, Norwich or Yorkshire hen Canaries; give 18/- dozen; hen Goldfinch Mules, 1/- each; any quantity: Perkins, 207, East-st., Walworth, London. (103)

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WANTED Canaries, cocks and hens, healthy birds, also Bullfinches, Goldfinches, etc., for re-sale; state price to C. A. Paine, 54, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth. (95)

WANTED, 500 all varieties Canaries, also Goldfinch, Bullfinch, and foreign birds; prices low, cash sent with order: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (89)

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WANTED, 3 yellows, 3 buffs, unfl. Norwich hens, must be good type and colour fed, for cash: Dotherty, 16, Withington-st., Higher Broughton, Salford. (113)

WANTED, weekly, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Redpolls, Siskins, Hawfinches, Linnets, Larks, Canaries, cocks or hens: T. Green, 22, St. Michael-st., West-Bromwich. (109)

WANTED, offers in good Yorkshire Canaries, for two young smooth Fox Terrier bitches, sell £1 each; yours first: Owen Jones, Foundry-rd., Wellington, Salop. (108)

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WANTED, from catcher, two monster yellow cock Greenfinches, for exhibition, no rubbish, will give good price; on approval: Crabtree, 6, Langford-st., Denton, Manchester. (107)

WANTED, Goldfinch Mule, singing, or Norwich hens, exchange gent.'s bike, 24in. frame, 2 brakes, wants one new tyre, sell 10/-; yours first: England, 7, Hallett's-gar., Huish, Yeovil. (106)

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EXCHANGE 4 cocks and 1 hen, Yorkshire Canaries, for camera, or sell 25/-: E. Pettinger, Franklin-sq., Harrogate. (108)

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EXCHANGE three 1915 Norwich hens for exhibition cock Goldfinch; approval; Goldie first: Wm. Potts, 59, Firthside-st., Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire. (107)

EXCHANGE typical unflighted buff Norwich cock and yellow hen for large yell. Norwich cock: approval both ways: Waraker, Auckland-st., Guisbrough, Yorks. (107)

WILL exchange high class green Yorkshire or pair, according to quality of woods, for pair of Taylor's Crown green bowls; approval: Hickson, 49, Lock rd., Broadheath. (103)

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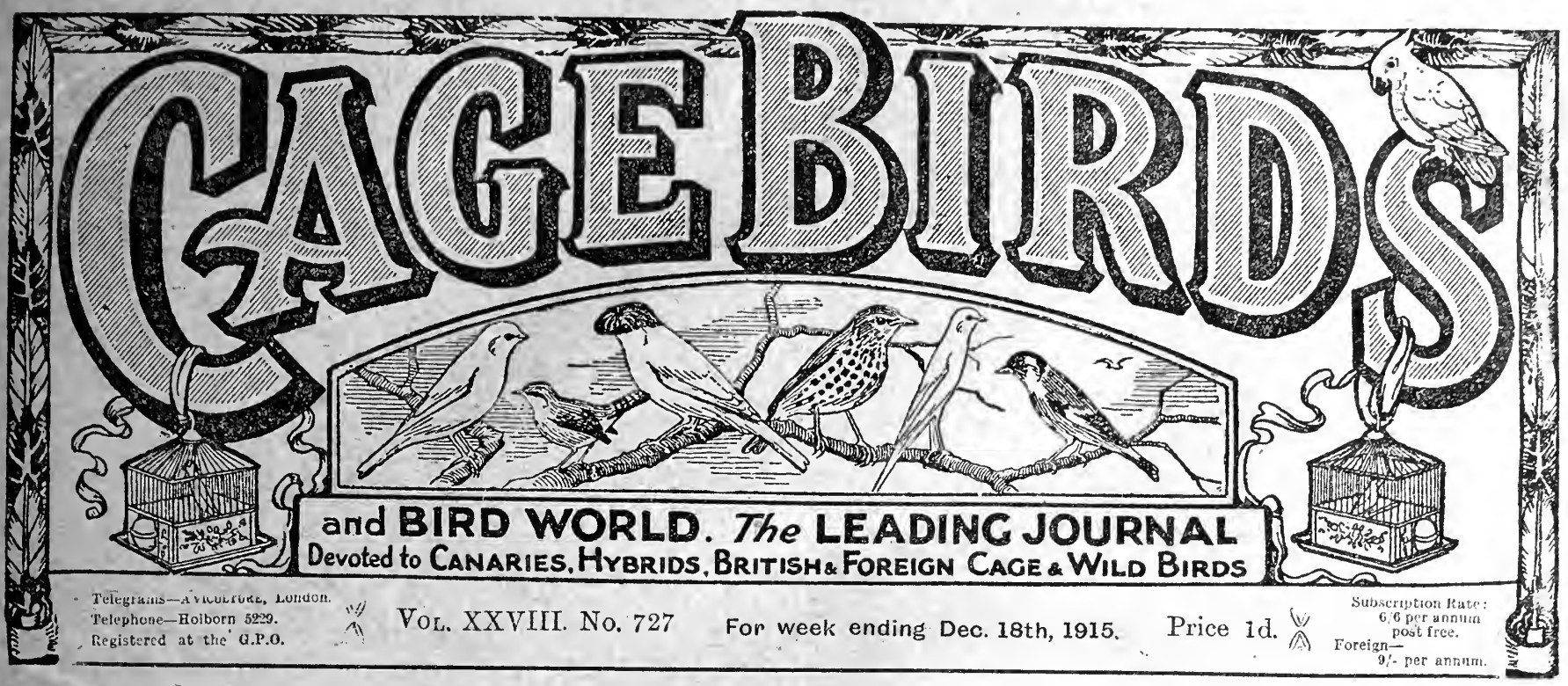

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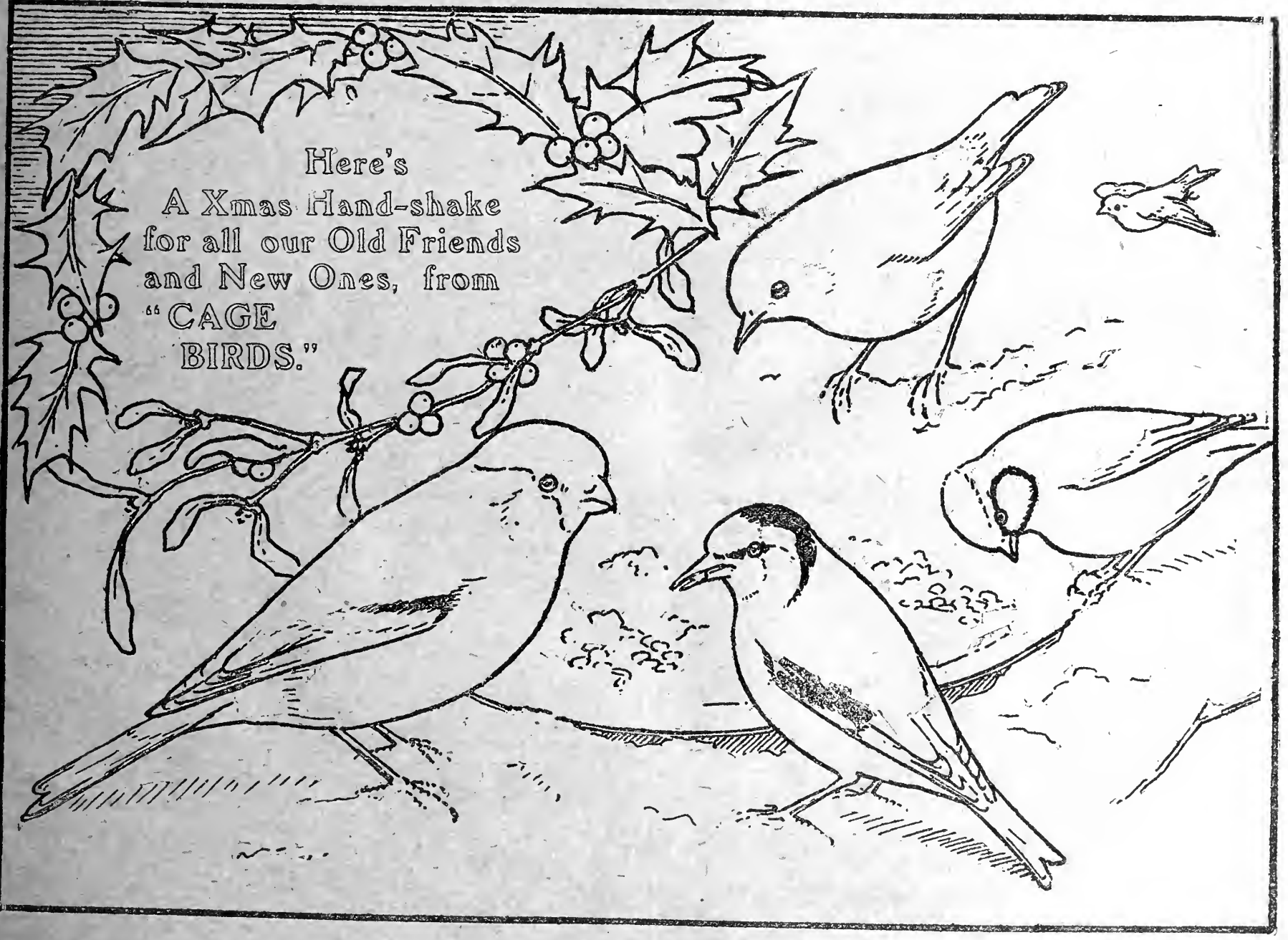

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PRIZE-BRED Borders, yellows, buffs, cocks, 5/-, hens 2/6; matched pairs 7/6; all healthy: Douglas, Bridge-st., Brechin. (128)

NOTICE: Grand lot Borders, many winners, prices low; easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (89)

VERY smart pair 1915 Borders, buff cock, deep yellow hen, both clears, 10/6; approval: Pennal, Totteridge, High Wycombe. (124)

PRIZE-BRED Border hens, clear and variegated, yellow or buff, 3/6 each: Cox, 3, Fairfield Parade, Naunton Park, Cheltenham. (119)

CLEAR buff cocks, marked buff cocks, variegated yellow cocks, 4/6 each; postcard before birds: Love, Cummersdale, Carlisle. (127)

BUFF cock, nearly even, 8/6; another, marked eyes, 7/6; cock clear buff, 7/-, hens from 3/6: A. Short, 9, Dock-rd., Tweedmouth. (116)

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BORDERS, all colours, four shows, 13 1sts, three medals and cup; no other puff required; reasonable; approval, stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin. (120)

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HIGH-CLASS Borders, show or stock, splendid type and quality, clear or marked cocks, from 6/-, hens from 4/-; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Irons, Park-place, Brechin. (128)

FOR disposal, a few very fine Borders related to my winners, yellow and buff cocks and hens, also some good marks; approval; no fancy prices: Weir, Hamilton-pl., Penicuik. (97)

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CLEAR yellow cock, 10/-; buff marked, 7/6; yellow and buff cock, 6/-; cinnamon marked hens, 4/-; stamp; approval: Angus McDougall, Carronvale-rd., Larbert, Stirlingshire. (93)

LAST, 8, Bank-buildings, Purley, has few champion Borders for sale, all typical, high-class birds; see show reports; cocks from 6/-, hens from 2/6, pairs from 7/6; cold room. (119)

SEE report of my winners at Idle, Carlisle, London, Cheltenham, Sheffield, Manchester, Haltwhistle, Hartlepool, Glasgow, Cowdenbeath, Sale: the champion winning strain; state your wants; from 7/6; pairs from 15/-; stamp; approval: George Bennet, Bowmont-villa, Kelso. (126)

FEW smart buff hens left, from 5/6 each, right type, rare quality; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-gro., Peckham, London. (88)

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FOR disposal, my stock of well-bred Borders, comprising 5 cocks, 6 hens, 1914: 10, as bred, 1915; mostly greens; accept £3 15/- for quick sale; approval; deposit: Simmonds, 31, Wilcox-rd. S.W.

WANTED buff cinnamon Border hen, will exchange Borders to value; have still few good Borders for sale, same as shown at Queen's Park, Glasgow: Richard Thomson, 20, Afton-st., Langside, Glasgow.

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FEW pairs of good Crests for sale, cheap, yellow and buff: Reynolds, 47, Goodhead-st., Meadows, Nottingham. (112)

J. MEMMOTT, 55, Meersbrook-rd., Heeley, Sheffield, has for disposal a few stock birds, 1915, from 10/- each. (123)

FOUR pairs Crests and Crestbreds, cheap, from cup winners; apply early: MacFadyen, 150, Main-st., Barrhead. (128)

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F. G. BALE, Crestlyn, Victoria-st., Barnstaple, offers variegated Crestbred cock, 1915, £6; clear ditto, £6; approval, stamp. (104)

CRESTS and Crestbreds, good birds, cocks from 10/6, hens from 8/-; pairs from 15/-: Fortnum, Delrow, Watford, Herts. (120)

MRS. THOS. TAYLOR'S champion strain, a few good birds for sale; approval; stamp reply: 68, Edward-st., Gateshead. (109)

HIGH-CLASS Crest and Crestbred cocks and hens, from 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; on approval; stamp: J. Twigg, 11, Coxon-st., Spondon. (124)

1915 high-class Crested Norwich cocks, 10/6 each; hens, 8/6; approval: A. Thompson, 197, Bradford-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford. (89)

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GREEN Crestbred cock, full song; buff hen Grey-crest, 1914 cold room; approval: Blandford, 122, Hayward-rd., Redfield, Bristol. (117)

DAVID SCOTT, 128, Atkinson-rd., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has a few Crests and Crestbreds for disposal; approval; stamp reply. (84)

T. J. KING, 3, Columbia-place, Cheltenham, offers fine crest, crestbred cocks and pairs, reasonable; approval; personal inspection invited. (129)

CREST and Crestbreds, pairs or singles, good stock birds, 1914; reasonable; approval, deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham. (122)

CRESTS and crestbred cocks from 12/6, pairs from 25/-, bred from prize stock; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (58)

THOS. BEWICK has some useful Crests and Crestbreds to part with, bred from his winners; approval: 43, Florence-av., Low Fell, Gateshead. (126)

NOTICE: Grand lot Crests and Crestbreds, several winners, reasonable; easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (89)

WANTED, prize-bred Crest Canaries; exchange miniature cream sable Pomeranian (Nanky Poo): Barraclough, 110, Atkinson-rd., Fulwell, Sunderland.

TWO dark Crested cocks, fit for show, green, 1914, bird, 40/-; young wing-marked bird, 60/-; approval, deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham. (85)

ABOUT 40 Crests and Crestbred, each from 7/6, pairs from 15/-; healthy birds, bred from prize stock; approval: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-aven., Forest Gate, Essex. (104)

TWO clear bodied grizzle crested cocks, one variegated C.B. cock, 1915 bred, good birds, cold room bred, price reasonable: Brackenbury, 6, Bell-st., Lincoln. (117)

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CREST cock, 25/-; do., hen, 10/-; Crestbred cock, 15/-; var. Crestbred hen, 30/-; clear do., £1; stamp: approval: Angus McDougall, Carronvale-rd., Larbert, Stirlingshire. (126)

GIVING up through illness, a fine stock of crest and crestbred Canaries, Barnet and Evin Bros. strain; apply: T. Barker, 8, Winchester-terr., Sherwood, Nottingham. (128)

WANTED, young Crest hen, with good head, also Crestbred hen, with broad skull, large, and good head feather, for stock; approval: Brown, 2, Junction-rd., Kirkcaldy, Scotland. (126)

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HEALTHY young Crests, bred from show stock; Crest cocks, grand stock birds, 15/- to 25/-; two Crestbred cocks, 15/- each; two Crest hens, 15/- each; Crestbred hen, 15/-; approval: Worrell, Ravenswood, St. James'-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (103)

GIVING up! Select stud of above; grand green Crest cock, £1: C.B. ditto hen, 12/6; buff Barnett C.B. cock, 12/6; variegated buff C.B., 17/6; 30 others cheaper; state wants; feeder hens, 1/8 each; Norwich ditto, 4/-; cages and utensils; your price: Tuckett, 12, Watery-lane, Merton, S.W. (52)

Cinnamons.

GENUINE compulsory sale; only five valuable stock birds left, yellows and buffs; state wants; Flatt, 5, Bramford-lane, Ipswich. (127)

E. GODLEY, Knowles-st., Rishton, Blackburn, has Cinnamons and Plainhead Norwich for sale; single from 7/6; pairs from 15/-; state requirements; stamp; approval. (128)

YELLOW cock, buff hen, buff cock, yellow hen, Deacon's strain, unflighted, 25/- pair; excellent colour and quality; approval; stamp reply: Gough, 71, St. Clement's, Oxford. (124)

HIGH-class cinnamon Norwich yellow cock, buff hen, grand pair, 25/-; buff cock, 15/-; all 1914 bred; approval, cash or deposit; inspection invited: Wm. Parkinson, 13, Cedar-st., Accrington. (121)

Greens.

NORWICH greens, yellows, and buffs, from 10/- each; approval; no single yellow hens: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes. (471)

E. BAKER offers valuable stock bird, fine rich buff foul green (Norwich), good wings, tail, and head. 17/6: E. Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (125)

FOUL green yellow Norwich cock, ideal stock bird, 15/-, cash or deposit, and a bargain; wanted, hens to value: Parkinson, 13, Cedar-st., Accrington. (121)

WANTED, self green Yorkshire cock or hen, must have plenty of length and upstanding specimen, colour-fed preferred: Harris, 102, Tottenham Court-rd., London. (112)

YORKSHIRE greens, yellows, and buffs, selfs and fouls, also few clears, marks, and cinnamons, reasonable; recent wins, 9 firsts in 10 classes, Walton, special best green 12 firsts, 11 seconds. Bootle; grand quality; approval: J. W. Handley, 8, Armagh-vale, Litherland, Liverpool. (123)

Belgians.

HIGH-CLASS Belgian birds for sale or exchange; buff Belgian hens, unflighted: J. Walmsley, 14, George-st., Wakefield. (124)

ONLY two left; buff Belgian cock, buff first-cross hen, good birds, 1915 bred, 25/- each; half-price; approval, stamp: Dix, Yeo Vale, Barnstaple. (123)

CHAMPION Belgians, grand birds, disposal, same strain my championship winners last two Palace shows; cheap; approval: G. S. Baker, Georges-rd., Barnstaple. (104)

I HAVE some half-bred and quarter-bred Belgian and Yorkshire cross to sell, cocks and hens, from 8s. 6d. upwards; stamp reply: J. Fletcher, 63, High-st., Loftus-in-Cleveland. (123)

SPLENDID, large typical Buff cock, bred 1914, massive high shoulders, good position, has won, and can win; also two good pairs; several good buff hens; reasonable; approval: F. Butts, 12, Lower Maudlin-st., Barnstaple. (116

Lizards.

LIZARD Canaries, best money can buy, cocks 8/6, hens 3/6, worth double: Davies, Pawnbroker, Great Bridge, Staffs. (117)

ALL my birds, cages, breeders, show cages, drinkers, seed hoppers, egg drawers, nest pans, to be sold cheap: Mrs. J. Dewsnap, 14, Princess-st., Glossop. (122)

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

J. C. BARNES, Norwich and Yorkshire specialist. Winner of numerous silver cups, medals, etc.; well-known strains. Better blood unobtainable. Grand specimens to spare; both varieties; reasonable; approval; inspection cordially invited; inquiries solicited; stamp: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

J. HODDER, breeder of high-class Norwich, winner of championships; good birds from 7/6 upwards; approval; stamp: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

FRANK F. LAWSON, Norwich Specialist, 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle, one of the best exhibition strains in the Fancy. Stock birds from 10/- each. Pairs from 20/- upwards. Stamped inquiries solicited.

FEW tip-top Norwich cocks, 16/- each; cash or deposit; approval: Onions, Rushall-st., Walsall. (118)

STILL a few unflighted clear buff cocks and hens, also 2-year-old cock, extra good: Thom, Lenzie.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks from 8/-, hens from 5/-; seen any time: Chamberlain, 12, Beyer-st., Gorton, Manchester. (123)

H. C. MAYNARD.—Few good pairs of Norwich for sale, Cup strain; also Yorkshires: 36, Bannon-st., Sheffield. (122)

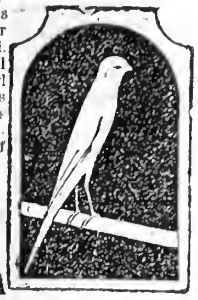
Sensational Quality for the Prices named here

Norwich

Winners for show and high-class stock birds. But sold for far less than they really are worth on the perch. Here is a chance of securing high-class stuff to improve stock, or start breeding your own winners, at a very reasonable price. Have on approval; a marvellous collection to select from; inspection invited; not a shop-keeper. Few prices: Cocks or Hens, colour-fed, nothing ever sold like them before at price, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Pairs, correctly matched to produce best results by me personally, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Other Norwich at following prices: Cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 6/6; pairs, matched to produce best results, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6. Cages to hold one bird 3d., to hold two or three birds 4d. Details of all others free.

Yorkshires

I want you to make a comparison with any others offered at similar and higher prices, by having on approval. These are bold statements, I know, but they can be backed by the birds sent. That is the way to prove all claims made about them. This collection contains the strain of the



£15

Sheffield Hen

and this is a fact I can prove up to the hilt.

Cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Pairs, matched for breeding, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6. Travelling cages 3d. extra one bird, two birds 4d. Detailed List Free.

ACTUAL WINNERS from Sheffield, Gorleston, Coventry, and many other places, including 1st and special for best in show. Not being a professional exhibitor, I can afford to sell my best, and at a very moderate price, too.

NORWICH CRESTS, 15/- to £5 per pair. Scotch Fancies, 25/- to £3 per pair; pure Border Fancies, from 6/6 to 21/- per pair.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; pairs, 10/6, 12/6 upwards: John Ryte, 118, St. John-st., Glasgow, N. (126)

CLEAR yellow and clear buff cocks, unflighted, 7/6 each; approval, deposit: John Welsh, 27, High-st., Hawick, Scotland. (126)

ROBERT COLLEY, champion Norwich, now ready for stock or exhibition, price on application; winner at all leading shows: 78, Corkerhill, via Cardonald, Glasgow. (91)

GOOD Norwich cocks, 6/-; also good Crests and Crestbreds, 10/- each; seen any time: 15, Avery-row, New Bond Street. (118)

WINNERS for sale, yellows and buffs, cocks and hens, must sell; stamp reply: Paling, West Park Cottages, Maxwelltown. (119)

ON sale, seven Norwich cocks, from winning strain, from 5/6 upwards: Apply, Parry, Brynian Fawnog, Llanrug, Carnarvonshire. (124)

NORWICH; 2 yellow var., 3 buff var., 3 clear hens; 2 yellow, 1 buff cocks; stamp reply: John Fulton, 284, Calder-st., Govanhill. (103)

NOTICE: Grand lot Norwich many winners, prices for easy payments arranged; approval: Mckeand, Seafield, Castle Douglas. (89)

BLUCK'S Norwich, see wins Brighton, only few good birds for disposal, reasonable; state wants: 3, Westbourne-terrace, Hove. (120)

I HAVE about 20 Norwich for sale, bred from first-class stock; also a pair of greens: James Yeats, King Edward-st., Fraserburgh. (92)

HIGH-CLASS pure Seifert Rollers, cocks 12/6 and £1; hens 3/6; Crests and Crestbred from 25/-: Pope, 41, Tierney-rd., Streatham Hill. (201)

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, 12 yellow and buff hens, all well bred and healthy, 8/- each, worth double: D. Devoy, George-st., Straman. (126)

MASSIVE non-fed buff cock, good head and neck, £1; or exchange two good songsters in full song: Cole, 10, Levington-rd., Ipswich. (122)

GIVING up; final clearance; unflighted, well-bred, yellow cocks, 10/- each; yellow hens, 4/-; approval: Salter, 32, Grosvenor-rd., Rugby. (105)

NORWICH hens, unflighted, Joe Thomas-Barns strain, 4/6 5/6 each; approval; cash or deposit: Evans, 111, Pwllback, Ystalyfera. (118)

NORWICH, young birds, winners, also Borders, must clear; call or write: Davidson, Clydesdale House, Mossend, Lanarkshire, N.B. (107)

FINE big yellow Norwich 1914 hen, 4/6; equally good Yorkshire, 4/6; carriage paid; package free: 209, Goldhurst-terr., London, N.W. (121)

LARGE clear buff cock, massive head, 15/6; 6 clear and marked buff hens, 5/ each; or £2 the lot, cash: McDonald, 53, Bread-st., Edinburgh. (126)

NORWICH unflighted variegated hen, 5/-; 1914 ditto, 7/6; buff unflighted hens from 5/-; stamp: Ferguson, Allanvale-rd., Bridge-of-Allan. (116)

GRAND pair Norwich, good size and quality, 17/6; also several 1914 cocks, from 10/6; approval: A. Horwood, 8, Lawson-avenue, Long Eaton. (106)

WILLIAM PHIPPS, for splendid, typical, massive Norwich, winner over 100 prizes, also cups; approval; cold: 16, Millplatt-ave., Isleworth. (111)

TWO good buff Norwich cocks, grand birds, marked, 20/- and 35/-, and one hen, buff, 30/-; winners; all on approval: Edwards, Tailor, Leominster.

FEW smart typical birds, cocks from 10/6, pairs from 15/-; all clean moulted and healthy; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (11

HUGH JARDINE has a few good Norwich for disposal, very reasonable; inspection invited, any time: 40, Lochiel-st., off Carbie-st., Glasgow. (119)

FOR sale, good Norwich Plainheads, fed and non-fed, prize and prize-bred, cold-room, in perfect health: Mrs. Banks, 51, Balhousie-st., Perth. (83)

TWO large Norwich hen Canaries, 4/6 the pair, large buff Norwich cock, splendid size, good stock bird, 7/6: F. Jenson, 6, Clifton-terr., Kenilworth.

TYPICAL wing ticked yellow cock, good size, 1914 rung, 30/-; exchange for good unflighted hen, yellow or buff: J. A. Lees, 18, Market-st., Oxford.

BARGAIN: Two yellow hens, one buff cock, good stock bird, all well bred birds, 15/- the lot: F. Sharman, "Lyndhurst," Wordsworth-rd., Wallington, Surrey. (125)

BARGAIN, large unflighted yellow, ditto buff, 25/- each; large 1914 buff 25/-, marked buff, 21/-; others from 15/-; winners: H. Rhodes, 20, Reginald-st., Luton. (129)

GOOD Norwich Canaries, pairs, 8/-; Crested pairs, 14/-; breeding Goldfinches, 6/-; Sib. hens, 3/-; lovely Bullfinches, pairs, 3/-: Carwell Cooke, Wavendon, Bucks. (120)

LARGE clear yellow cock, 1914, 30/-; buff green hen, 1914, 12/6, or £2 per pair: Brown, Hendry-st., Bainsford, Falkirk. (125)

NORWICH, stock for sale, many fit to win; state wants; stamp reply: Calderwood, 65, St. Andrew's-st., Kilmarnock. (87)

HALFORD, 134, Prince of Wales-rd., Kentish Town; cocks 10/-, hens 5/-; one price; quality right; inspection invited. (128)

TYPICAL Norwich cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- upwards; hens, 4/6 upwards; cash or easy payments; stamp reply: Rossell, 85, Whitton-rd., Hounslow, Middx. (119)

R. W. SMITH has a few of his noted Norwich, both sexes, for sale; best of blood; prices reasonable; approval; stamp: 6, Lincoln-st., Gateshead-on-Tyne. (124)

DEVOY, breeder of high-class Norwich, winner at leading shows, over 60 for sale, some typical yellow and buff hens; no fancy prices: George-st., Stranraer. (110)

FINEST foundation anywhere; a few grand buffs left; no yellow hens; Spillman's strain; cages and all utensils: Tomsett, S.N.P.C., 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley. (125)

CLEAR yellow Norwich hen, 1st City of Bradford, also typical Yorkshire and Norwich cocks and hens prices reasonable: Clough, Wilson-st., Sutton Mill, Keighley. (126)

A GOOD buff Norwich cock, winner two firsts, Novice class, yellow hen, Vardy's 1914 birds, 30/- the pair; deposit; approval: Langham, 4, Platoff-st., Nottingham. (122)

TWO big stout Norwich cocks, 12/6 each, 23/- two, brother won 1st at Wyke; 2 hen Mules, 2/6; 1 cock. Finch song, with sirwitty, 10/6: Brown, 22, Almaroad, Weymouth. (128)

THREE buff and one yellow cocks, three yellow and three buff hens, all unflighted and healthy, £3 10s. the lot, or 17/6 pair; approval: Gregor, St. Columb, Cornwall. (123)

GOOD yellow cock, 15/-; large buff, 15/-; two good buff hens, 5/- each; these are excellent show and stock birds: Worrell, Ravenswood, S. James's-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (121)

J. LOMAX, 21, Bentley Street, Haulgh, Bolton, has 4 clean unflighted Norwich for sale, 2 yellow, 2 buffs, 10/- each; on approval; breeder for Norwich for 17 years; stamp reply. (119)

CONSISTENT winning strain; few birds; grand type, closely related to winners; for sale at low prices; approval: G. Thurley, 153, Northumberland Park, Tottenham. (121)

MR. ECKERSLEY offers unflighted buff of lovely type and quality, 30/-; mated with shapely yellow hen; 45/- pair; few other bargains: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (123)

UNFLIGHTED hens, four medium size, typical, excellent quality, also two cocks, from large stock birds, must clear, cocks 20/-, hens 12/6 each: Kerr, Richmond Road, New Barnet.

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, Ayrshire, having decided to dispose of all his high-class Norwich, offers exceptional bargains; many winners; all large; inspection invited; letters only. (59)

THOMAS HERBERT, 35, South-street, Redditch, offers 1914 large buff cock, 20/-; yellow marked hen, 10/-; 2 yellow hens, 5/-, 6/6; 1915 buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, approval; stamp reply. (125)

WANTED, 2 unflighted yellow Norwich hens, extra good in head properties, no rubbish wanted, good price given for good large birds; approval: Moorman, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight. (123)

JOINER-made cages, 20 single, 22/6, 5 double 12/6; 4 show in case, 5/-; 2 cages and case, 3/6; few show and stock Norwich, cheap: Mrs. Roberts, Stannehey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (128)

E. BLANEY, 19, Oliver-st., Mexbro., offers three pairs of Norwich, 22/6 per pair, all 1915 bred, good quality and typical birds, colour-fed, cold-room; stamp reply; inspection; cash; approval. (120)

CHAMPION Norwich, large, with good heads, good typo and feather, well matched pairs or single birds, winners sold every season; 35 years breeder; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham.

THREE unflighted lightly-marked buff cocks at 12/6 each. These are good sized birds, full of colour, and will do any breeder good service; will improve considerably, and always sell for double this price. Mind you, this strain "does" breed good stuff every season. Can also spare year-old buff hen, big rough bird, but a grand feeder, 6/-; unflighted buff hens, bred off good feeders, 4/- each; two for 7/6: Jas. Nelson, 81, Bury New-rd., Bolton.

LARGE ticked exhibition buff cock, grand head, neck, and carriage, "winner," 20/-; also large unflighted variegated buff, only £5, approval: A. Binks, 37, Hazelwood-rd., Hyson Green, Nottingham. (129)

EXCEPTIONAL offer, large deep colour-fed thick-set 1915 buff Norwich hen, recently won 1st in class of 16 and special over three classes, accept 12/6; great sacrifice: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone.

ONE yellow, one marked Norwich, big heads and breast, make grand stock birds, 15/- each; or exchange Glucke Rollers; mine first; others from 10/-: F. Owen, 66, Wolverhampton-rd., Cannock, Staffs. (125)

WELL bred Norwich, two unflighted yellows, two unflighted buffs, cocks, 10/- each; one variegated buff year old cock, 20/-; also hens; state wants; approval: Barnes, Factory Row, Whalley, near Blackburn. (121)

FEW good unflighted and 1914 Norwich, some winners, cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-; stamp; or can be seen Saturday afternoon or Sunday: Walmsley, 98, Markfield-rd., Broad-lane, South Tottenham, N. (124)

WANTED, extra large yellow marked 1915 Norwich cock, large head, for stock, lowest price or exchange champion young cock; four-pointed Goldie mule, perfect, 50/-; approval: J. W. Johnson, Wigan-rd., Ormskirk. (129)

BUSINESS compels me to part with stock: Yellow marked cock and yellow hen, 12/6; yellow marked cock and buff hen, 12/6; yellow marked cock and green hen, 10/6; bargains: Currall, 101, Eskrett-st., Hednesford. (122)

NORWICH for sale; ticked buff cock, 10/-; two green cocks, 7/6 each; clear buff hen, green hen, buff var. hen, 5/- each; var. buff hen, 7/6; good feeder, 3/-; all healthy and outdoor bred: Dyer, Maud, Aberdeenshire. (117)

E. THOMAS, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, can offer 10 pairs of reliable birds, also a few grand buff and yellow cocks, all birds on approval deposit, or seen by appointment; stamp reply: 48, Craddock-st., Cardiff. (116)

NEARLY all sold from last advt.; unflighted yellow and buff cocks left; grand type and splendid quality; related to cup winners, 10/6 to 20/-; value for money; approval, stamp reply: Gears, 73, Duncombe-st., Walkley, Sheffield. (129)

A. L. HAWKES, having decided not to show this season, offers any of his noted strain of Norwich; has several rich coloured-fed specimens of exceptional merits; cocks from 10/-, hens 7/6; approval: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (121)

FEW grand Norwich for disposal, from my winners, reasonable prices; approval; stamp reply for particulars; see report Southampton Show last week's paper; also Bournemouth and Reading Shows: Fellows, 44, Hill-lane, Southampton. (124)

NORWICH cocks, variegated buff 20/-, clear buff 12/6, variegated yellow 15/6, clear yellow 20/-, two ditto 15/6 each, and three ditto 10/6 each; all unflighted and large birds; on approval; deposit with Editor: J. Hesketh, 7, Boundary-rd., St. Helens.

GRAND buff cocks, winners, good size, type, quality, 3rd 20/-, 4th 17/6 upwards; variegated yellow cock, 10/6; large buff hens from 7/6 upwards; colour-fed, fit for show; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Grout, 64, Hughenden-rd., Norwich. (118)

1914 big variegated buff cock, 15/-; big buff hen, 7/6; unflighted buff cock, ticked, 12/6; buff cock, marked; 8/-; champion Muling Goldfinch, 10/-; Muling Greenfinch, 5/-; 3 cock Goldfinch Mules, 7/- each, or £1 for three: Bates, 84, Moscley-st., Southchurch, Essex. (118)

CLEARANCE bargains: yellow cock, with two grand buff hens, big heads and chests, 1914, 20/- lot; house-moulted cock Siskin, winner and muler, 6/-; big yellow Crestbred hen, 1913, 5/-; few good cock Goldies, 2/6 each; approval, deposit with pleasure: Maisey, Aldermaston, Berks. (129)

MR. HAWKES offers an exceptional massive framed rich colour-fed yellow Norwich cock, also extra large buff cock, feather to perfection and in faultless condition and fit for any keen competition in classic shows; sacrifice for 15/- each; worth treble the money: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (120)

WELL bred Norwich, at waster prices, clear yell. cock, 1914, hot colour, grand quality feather, clear buff cock, 1913, 2nd Preston only time shown, good stock birds, 10/- each; var. yell. cock, cobby, good quality, 8/6, clear buff hen, good type, head, neck, 7/6; the lot 32/-; approval, cash or deposit: Hale, Station House, Aintree, Liverpool. (127)

LATEST wins, Dulwich, Peckham, under Robson, with only six exhibits, two 1sts, special, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, vhc; can spare, cheap, last three winners, also 11 others, yellows, buffs, both sexes, related winners; healthy, good size, quality, type, from noted strains; inspection any day, or deposit; approval: Dracup, 163, Halfmoon-la., Herne Hill, London. (122)

SPECIAL bargains, giving them away, cup bred Norwich Plainheads, 1915 bred, clear buff cock, 10/6; clear yellow cock, 10/6; marked buff cock, 10/6; variegated yellow hen, 7/6; clear yellow hen, 10/6; marked buff hen, 8/6; clear buff hen, 10/6, these colour fed, except yellow cock; grand heads, stout, lovely colour, quality, worth treble; cash or deposit: George Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton, Lincs. (127)

MUST be sold, yellow marked Norwich unflighted cock, 10/6; several yellow and buff hens, 7/6 each; these are all colour-fed; one pair, natural colour buff cock and yellow hen, 15/- the pair; all really good birds and winning strain; massive twice H.M. Siberian hen Bullfinch, finger tame, 15/-; giant H.M. cock Greenfinch, a winner, mated to above last season, 6/-; bargains to clear: Taylor, Draper, Bideford. (121)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich for sale, good type and quality; clear buff cock unflighted, 30/-; clear buff cock flighted, 20/-; clear buff hen flighted, 20/-; variegated buff hen unflighted, 15/-; clear yellow hen, 1st Barrow, 15/-; two Muling hens, 6/- each; bright yellow variegated Goldie mule, 30/-; other pairs for breeding; approval willingly; cash or deposit; see Barrow report: Hudson and McFarlane, 26, Lord Roberts-st., Barrow-in-Furness. (100)

E. BAKER'S high-class Norwich: 1915 buff cock; rich colour, short, typical, good head, advertised last week 17/6, first 12/6 gets him; mated valuable yellow hen, rare quality, type, colour, and substance, advertised last week 17/6, first 14/6 accepted; 1915 grand yellow cock, short, stout, all type, short wings, tail, £1 10s.; mated stocky, short, typical buff hen, splendid head, 15/6; £2 2/- pair: E. Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (125)

T. HULTON offers high-class Norwich, good type and quality; two clear buff cocks, winners, 1915 bred, 30/- each; ticked buff cock, 1915 bred, 17/6; non-fed clear yellow cock, large head and neck, 1915 bred, 15/-; self green yellow hen, rare colour, 1915 bred, 20/-; variegated yellow hen, 1915 bred, 15/-; ticked buff cock, winner of two firsts this year, 1914 bred, 36/-; two clear yellow cocks, rare colour, winners this year, 1914 bred, 20/- each; stamp for reply: Ivylea, Larbert, Stirlingshire. (122)

ADVERTISERS SAVE MONEY

by reading the notice on page 320 this week.

TWO PAIRS LEFT
Good stock birds, buff cocks, yellow hens, 15/- pair, worth double: H. Hall, 31, Fountain-st., Macclesfield. (123)

LATEST WINS
Sheffield, Coventry, Birmingham, Sale; variegated yellow cock, winner, 25/-; ticked yellow, 40/-; clear buff, winner, 35/-; buff hens, 10/- upwards; splendid condition; approval willingly; deposit: Dean, Holmewood, Matlock. (122)

J. AND J. HOPKINS
can spare well bred yellow cock, rare type, colour and quality, 27/6, and two clinking buff hens, 15/- and £1: Mouse Trap Inn, Disley, Cheshire. (120)

JOHNSON'S WINNING NORWICH
Grand unflighted yellow Norwich cock, good head and neck, bred from my winning strain, a beauty, can win, only 12/6; lovely buff hen, to match, 7/6; 19/- the pair; worth double; also unflighted buff cock, brother to above, 10/6; approval, cash or deposit Editor: 55, George-st., Leeds. (87)

J. C. BARNES
Norwich specialist; 25 years' study; well-known stud. Winner Shellfield Challenge Cup outright (3 years in succession). 200 birds to select from. Few choice specimens to spare. Cocks from 20/-, hens from 10/-. Inspection invited; approval: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

HIGHEST CLASS NORWICH.
Limited number, bred from my winners, for disposal. Inspection invited at any time. Stamp for reply. W. CRAWSHAW.
CROWN HOTEL, ACCRINGTON, LANCS.

W. N. TURNER
Breeder of Champion Norwich
I have bred and supplied winners at all leading shows, and have a large stock to select from; exhibition and stock birds at reasonable prices; this strain has been winning for the last 20 years, and there is no better blood in the Fancy. See latest show reports; inspection invited; approval willingly: 3a, Percival-st., Hightown, Manchester.

NORWICH AND YORKSHIRES
Grand selection, cocks and hens, from our well-known winning strain; winner of 5,000 prizes this last 30 years at all leading shows; cocks from 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each; hens, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each. Any on approval. Breeder 30 years: Sandiford, Bird Specialist, Preston.

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDER'S CARD

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England. Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show, 1913. (1810)

HENRY NEVE, Roller Specialist. All birds bred from prize winning specimens of high rank; full particulars free: Heathfield, Sussex. (160)

RHODES' noted Glucke and Water Glucke Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, winners of cups, gold, silver and bronze medals, etc., latest wins, 1st and special Leeds, two seconds, fourth, hc, 5 specials, International; 5th, two c's, Wolverhampton; fourth, c, Bacup; winners bred and sold by me this season, first and special Bacup, champion class; fifth, special, Leeds; fifth, special, International; cocks from 25/-, hens 7/6: 40, James-st., Bilston, Staffs. (118)

MISS THOMAS, Fairlight, Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth, breeder and trainer purest Seiferts, Glucke, etc., 110 bred 1915; deposit. (86)

VERY nice Roller cocks for sale, from 5/-: Sewell, High-st., Southwold. (127)

ROLLER cocks, full song, 6/6; hens, 2/-: 346, Oldham-rd., Newton Heath, Manchester. (127)

SEIFERTS, grand cocks, singing, 7/6 and upwards; approval: Beunet, Snelston Hall, Ashbourne. (123)

WANTED, Roller cocks and hens, for cash; any quantity: J. Burton, Ainsworth-rd., Radcliffe. (118)

GRAND cocks, singing night and day, 7/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (101)

HIGH-CLASS Roller cocks, 10/6 and 12/6; hens, 2/6; cold room bred: J. Cavis, 17, Roman-rd., Preston. (261)

HIGH-CLASS Glucke, Randall and Walton, 10/6, 8/6, 7/6; hens 3/6 2/6; approval: Lloyd, 140, Gresty-rd., Crewe. (495)

FOUR extra good Roller hens, 2 rung, three Randle, 1 birds, 3/- each: Whitfield, 27, John-st., South Moor, Co. Durham. (127)

HIGH-class Roller hens for sale, 1915 bred, Randall's and Fould's strain, 2/6 each: Bowmar, 9, Nuncargate, Notts. (103)

WANTED quantity English Rollers or Roller cross, in song; must be cold-room kept: E. J. Davies, 48, Fredcrick-st., Cardiff.

DEEP water Glucke Rollers, prize strain; cocks, 15/-, 20/-; hens 4/6 each: Parker, 12, Friston-st., Ladywood, Birmingham. (79)

ROLLERS for sale: 11 Roller cocks and 20 hens for sale; what offers; giving up: Ollier, 27, Crook-st., Radcliffe, Lancashire. (103)

HIGH-class glucke Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, cocks from 12/6, hens 4/-, 5/-; approval: B. Linley, 47, Freedom-st., Hillsboro', Sheffield. (110)

WATER Glucke Rollers, Turner-Neugbauer's strain; cocks, 12/6 to 35/-; hens, 5/-; approval: Knowles, 19, Princess-st., Dukinfield. (122)

FOR genuine Rollers and other champion songsters see my free list before deciding elsewhere; hens from 1/6: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

ROLLERS (1915), real good birds, noted strains, cocks 15/6, few hens 3/6; inspection invited: M. Mason, 11, King-st., Netherton, near Dudley. (125)

SEVERAL young cock Rollers at 7s. each; one hen Roller at 2/6; also one young cock Linnet at 1/6: D. Wilson, Britannia-rd., Parkstone, Dorset. (119)

TWO very good Water Glucke cocks, 1/4, 3 1915 hens, 3 double breeders, new, quantity of appliances, £2/- lot, or offers: Waddicor, 5, Holly-st., Rochdale. (117)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, Randall's, cocks 10/6 to 12/6, hens 2/9; also Goldfinch, both Mules, cold-room bred: H. Allman, 5, Brackenbury-rd., Preston. (125)

NOTICE: Grand lot high-class Rollers, day and gaslight songsters, 15/- each; approval; easy payments arranged: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (89)

BREEDER and exhibitor of water glucke Rollers; cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 4/-; B.R.C.C. rung; 1915; approval: J. Mawhood, 26, Walton-lane, Nelson, Lancs. (88)

SPLENDID Roller cocks in full song, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- upwards; hens 3/6 upwards; cash or easy payments; stamp reply: Rossell, 85, Whitton-rd., Hounslow, Middlesex. (119)

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SPLENDID pair Yorkshires, grand type, 10/-; grand pair Norwich, from winners, 12/6; exchange Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins: D. Coombes, Stockton-st., West Hartlepool. (120)

WINNING strain stock birds, 25 firsts, 30 seconds, 20 thirds; Crested, Norwich, Yorkshires, Green, Borders; on approval: James Stanger, 59, Grange-terr., Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. (126)

TEN hen Canaries, all have bred this season, including 1 fine Yorkshire and 2 or 3 good Norwich, also H.M. Goldie and L. Redpoll; first P.O. 23/- lot: Farrand, 74, Cavendish-st., Darwen, Lancs. (124)

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EXCHANGE pair Whippet coursing slips, used once, cost 50/-, for Norwich, British; approval: Salmon, 27, Worthing-rd., Lowestoft. (118)

EXCHANGE 1914 buff Yorkshire cock for 1915 Border cock; approval both ways: J. Thomas, 4, Portland-st., Aberystwyth. (116)

EXCHANGE yellow Yorkshire hen, value 12/6, for buff Norwich hen or Muling Goldfinch: Halliday, 6, Angel-st., Baildon, Shipley. (120)

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ROUND THE SHOWS.

WATFORD.

Eleventh Annual Show of the Watford C.B.S., held in the Halsey Hall, Dec. 8 and 9. Although the Society was most anxious to assist in keeping the Fancy going by holding an open show they had some difficulty in securing a hall, and at one time had actually cancelled the event, and it says much for the pluck of the Watford men that they eventually succeeded in carrying out the fixture. Although the entry was a good one, it scarcely came up to last year's total, and the Watford fanciers deserved better support than they had. In this matter Londoners were very remiss. Watford is on a main line and not difficult to get at, so that railway troubles did not apply. The hall is very suitable for a big show, being roomy, cosy and well lighted, and the birds were nicely arranged by Mr. Goodall and his assistants. All the birds sent came in well up to time, and several made quite long journeys. Fanciers in such distant towns as Eastleigh, Leicester, Southampton, Swansea, Brighton, Manchester, Coventry, etc., showed their appreciation by sending entries.

Norwich made a brave show and included some very high-class specimens. In yellow cocks Mr. Sears staged two beauties that have done some winning, including Birmingham and Bedford. The hen class was a topper, and so were the two unflighted classes; the latter including some very promising youngsters. All the novice classes filled well, the unflighteds numbering eighteen birds, the winner changing hands at catalogue price. Mr. Shirley, from Birmingham, sent in a grand buff cock, and it won easily, although there were some good ones in the money. One of the most interesting classes was the A.O.V., which included Dutch Frills, Lizards, Cinnamons and a Crest-bred. It is seldom one sees a better class of light Mules than the one on view. The British birds were a splendid lot, both numerically and in point of quality, many noted exhibitors having grand teams out. Mr. C. Prior had a regular field-day, and the condition and col. of his birds supplied the best possible testimony of the value of wild seeds. Another "old hand," Mr. W. Francis, also did well. The foreign birds were very attractive, although few in number, and we noticed that a pair of Gold-breasted Waxbills found a new owner at the rather remarkable price of £4.

The management of the show was entrusted to that veteran fancier, Mr. J. Goodall, who is particularly keen upon the welfare of the exhibits under his care. He got through his duties splendidly and everything went smoothly and well. His able assistants were Mr. R. J. Pretty, the popular chairman, and Messrs. Brown, Sears, Corley, Littlechild, Buckingham, Dumbleton and Ball. Unfortunately the weather was most unkind, and this no doubt affected the gate. Mr. Clark won the Sear's Cup, and Partridge Cup went to Mr. Swain. The judges were: Canaries, Mr. H. Norman; Hyb. and Brit., Mr. A. Silver; and For., Mr. R. J. Watts.

NOR., YELL. CK. (7): 1, 2, Sears, two magnificent birds, leader very short, thick-set, grand head, with good back, skull, fine qual. feather, capital col; 2, big, good head and neck, sound col. and cond.; 3, Lovegrove, another good one, scarcely so massive as winner, still grand type, capital head and neck, nice qual.; 4, Notley, grand subs. and qual., bold head and front, good wings, shade paler in col.; vhc, Burt; hc, Wren; c, Cannon. BUFF (6): 1, Notley, the Bedford winner, big bold bird, with good full front, showing age now, although still in good cond.; 2, Lovegrove, massive bird of grand type, good wide shoulders, clean cut, sound col.; 3, Fox, nice one, shade longer in barrel, very good head, nice front, capital qual.; 4, Wren, good headed, nice and short, clean cut, beaten subs.; vhc, Burt; hc, Fellows. A.O.V.: 1, Notley, head and wing mkd., yell., good width of skull, nice deep front, grand col. and qual.; 2, 4, Burt, another nice yell., shade longer in barrel, good head and neck, sound rich col.; 4, shade longer in wing, good head, nice qual.; 3, Sears, buff, not a monster, but very compact, nicely proportioned, well braced, lovely qual., sound cond.; vhc, Cannon. A.V. HEN (15): 1, Clarke, grand yell., nice subs., compact and well put together, good bold head, full neck, grand qual.; 2, 3, hc, Fox, lovely buff, fine subs., good head, nice shape, good wings, sound cond.; 3, yell., somewhat smaller, but good, clear cut, capital type, nice qual. and cond.; 4, Sears, fine bold buff, typical, nicely filled in all round, sound cond.; vhc, Fowler and Adams; c, Frost and Rogers. UNFLIG. CK. (16): 1, vhc, Burt, nice qual. buff, bold full head and neck, shade weak in shoulders, very sound col., in fine fettle; 2, Gough and Loach, lovely yell., rare size for a youngster, fine bold full front, good head, scarcely the qual. of leader, but very close up; 3, Fellows, another smart bird, capital type, nice wedge shape, good head and neck, clean cut, capital qual.; 4, c, Fox, grand for size and type, well put together, nice style, scarcely the cond. of winners; hc, Lovegrove. HEN (10): 1, Sears, very full-fronted yell., nice type, good shoulders and back, lovely qual. feather; 2, Clarke, capital buff, typical, nicely moulded and filled in, neat head, good wings and tail, sound cond.; 3, vhc, c, Fox, another nice yell., shade longer than winner, but grand head and neck, fine cond.; 4, Gough and Loach, big buff, grand qual., bold head and neck, shade longer than winner still a very good one; hc, Clarke. NOV. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Goring, fine big head and wing ticked bird, grand sub., ful front, nice pos. and style, good col., very fine cond.; 2, c, Shirley, nice qual. wing tkd. bird, neat, full head and neck, scarcely the sub. of winner, well shown; 3, Cannon, nice cl., good bold head, capital shape, excels in qual.; 4, Dumbleton, another nice one, somewhat smaller, but good head and front, fine cond.; vhc, Day and Sturgess; hc, Hopwood. BUFF (12): 1, vhc, Shirley, magnificent, very full, short and thick-set, bold head, plenty of feather, but well carried, good win; 2, Smith, very fine varieg., grand size, good head, back and wings, nice pos. and style, splendid qual.; 3, Day and Sturgess, head and wing tk., short and compact, nicely proportioned all round, excellent cond.; 4, Kerr, good cl., fine type and sub., nice moulded, neat head and wings, lovely qual.; hc, Swain; c, Martin. HEN (12): 1, Swain, very fine cl. yell. leading, grand type and subs., full head and neck, short wings, sound qual.; 2, Day and Sturgess, grand buff, lovely type, short and compact; built, bold full head, good back, excellent qual.; 3, Kerr, nice typical yell., capital size, well moulded, neat head and neck, good back and wing, fine cond.; 4, Littlechild, capital tkd. buff, fine size and type, grand qual.; vhc, Paterson; hc, Smith; c, Cannon. UNFLIG. (18): 1, 3, Swain, lovely cl. buff, beautifully moulded, grand back and wings, sound qual., quickly claimed at £3; 2, somewhat smaller, but very typical and clean cut, nice head and neck, close wings, lovely qual.; 2, Thorneycroft, head and wing tk., nice type, not a monster, but stoutly built, clean cut, good qual; 4, Cannon, tkd. yell., good shape, nicely proportioned, well filled in, capital cond.; vhc, Paterson; hc, Smith; c, Day and Sturgess. YORKS., UNFLIG. CK. (9): 1, 4, Frost and Rogers, lovely wing and eye mkd., grand length, beautifully proportioned and moulded, neat head, nice shoulders and back, smooth as a bottle; 4, good cl. yell., fine length and style, well up on leg, nice wings, bit pale in col.; 2, Last, grand cl. yell., lovely type, well balanced, good shoulders, fine cond.; 3, Cowley, fine cl. buff, grand length and style, well up on leg, neat head, good shoulders and back; vhc, Montague and Bacon; hc, Troke; c, Lloyd. NOVICE, YELL. CK. (16): 1, Ranchman, splendid cl. yell., grand length and style, beautifully proportioned, clean cut, best of qual. and cond; 2, vhc, Cook, another good one, nice pos. and style, well up on leg, capital shoulders and back, sound cond.; 4, Parker, bird of grand length, nicely built, well up on leg, grand qual.; hc, Winter; c, Neighbour. BUFF (10): 1, Stokes, very fine cl., capital type and qual., good shoulders and length of wing, nice pos.; 2, Winter, another good cl., grand length of side, well up on leg, neat head and wings, sound cond.; 3, Egerton, fine length and style, good type, hardly so fit as winners; 4, Thomas, shade smaller, lovely type and style, good wings, A1 qual.; vhc, c, Higgins; hc, Neighbour. HEN (14): 1, 3, Bell, two beauties, both clears, fine length, typical, leader shade better qual.; 2, Parker, very fine buff, lovely type, nice pos., grand shoulders and wings, A1 cond.; 4, Thomas, not a monster, but lovely type, nicely proportioned and in fine fettle. UNFLIG. (12): 1, 2, Cooke, leader good cl. yell., fine length and type, neat head, good wings, A1 cond.; 2, good wing tkd., very typical, grand qual.; 3, Parker, wing and neck tk., rare length, well up on leg, nice qual.; vhc, Neighbour; hc, Ranchman; c, Billington. BORD., CK. (8): 1, 4, Last, cl. yell. and buff, two grand specimens, lovely type and style, A1 qual., both well put down; 2, Montague and Bacon, beauty, tight as wax, splendidly moulded, neat head, closely braced wings, capital style; 3, Burton Bros., very fine cl. yell., neat head, good front, capital wings, A1 qual.; vhc, Martin; hc, Kemp; c, Fisher. HEN (6): 1, 3, Last, lovely yell. leading, grand type good head, back and wing, sound cond.; 3, good buff, stylish, typical, very fine qual.; 2, Burton Bros., wing and eye tkd. buff, nice size, beautifully moulded, good head and wings, boxy feather; 4, Montague and Bacon, capital yell., neat and typical, nice style and pos., scarcely so tight as winners; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Fisher. A.O.V. (8): 1, hc, Fowler and Adams, grand cinn. leading, fine bold bird, wonderful subs., sound rich col., excellent qual.; 2, vhc, c, Brooks, magnificent team of Dutch Frills, leader variegated, wonderful size, beautifully mantled and frilled, grand qual.; 3, Mrs. Burgess, good cl. cap Gold Lizard, shapely, beautifully spangled, sound col., lovely qual.

MEMBERS, NOR. CK.: 1, Clark; 2, Dumbleton. HEN: 1, 2, Clark; 3, 4, Dumbleton. NOVICE: 1, Corley. YORKS., CK.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Buckingham. HEN: 1, Buckingham. NOVICE, YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, Lloyd. HEN: 1, Lloyd. A.O.V.: 1, Dumbleton. NON-FED: 1, Carter. HYB.: 1, 3, 4, vhc, Carter; 2, Dumbleton. GOLDF.: 1, vhc, Carter; 2, 3, 4, Brown; hc, Goodal. LINNET: 1, Goodall. SISK.: 1, Maxfield; 2, Brown; 3, Goodall. GREENF.: 1, Brown; 2, Goodall. FOR.: 1, 2, Buckingham; 3, Goodall.

HYBRIDS, LIGHT CAN. (10): 1, 2, Lamb, 4 and 2-pointed Goldie-Canaries, both well known, put down in faultless cond.; 3, Gilbert, lovely wing tkd., beautiful shape, scarcely so large as winners, lovely qual.; 4, hc, Martin and Archer, beauty, lightly mkd., shapely, nicely proportioned, not tho polish; vhc, Bowler; c, Buckingham. DK. GOLDF. OR LINNET (6): 1, Lamb, well known dk. Goldie leading, looking fit, grand col.; 2, Andrews, bold buff Goldie, nice size and shape, sound col., fine cond.; 3, Martin and Archer, capital Linnet, grand size and shape, beautifully proportioned, nicely pencilled, sound qual.; 4, Taylor; vhc, Bowler; hc, Meek. A.O.V. (5): 1, Goodall, wonderful Redpoll-Can., grand size, lovely shape, deep rich col., in the pink; 2, Lamb, nice Siskin-Can., shapely, sound col., in good fettle; 3, Andrews, another Redpoll, not quite the shape and col. of winner, but a very good specimen; 4, Buckingham, good Sisk., capital size and shape, good col., beautifully laced; vhc, Green. BRIT. HYB. (7): 1, Martin and Archer, grand Chaffinch-Greenf., fine big bold bird, very shapely, sound col., fine qual.; 2, 3, Lamb, Goldf.-Sisk. and another Chaff.- Greenf., leader a beautiful specimen, shown in grand cond.; 3, fine bird, not the size of winner; 4, Wilmot, lovely example of the Goldf.-Linnet cross, grand size, shapely, good qual.; vhc, Meek; hc, Gilbert. HEN (10): 1, Welsh, massive Greenie-Bullie, bold, shapely, full head and neck, sound col., grand cond.; 2, Edward, lovely Goldie-Bullie, big and bold, grand flush of col., nice dense wings and tail; 4, Martin and Archer, cl. Linnet-Can., lovely bird, scarcely looking its best just now; vhc, Wilmot; hc, Carter.

BRIT. GOLDF. (13): 1, Chick, fine size, beautiful cobby shape, good wide well-cut blaze, failing somewhat, however, in col., excellent body col. and markings; 2, Bowler, splendid size, good col. and markings, rare bold head and expansive blaze, not well cut underneath, unfortunately, or this bird would want beating; 3, Alderslade and Clark, stylish, rich col., good moons and buttons, nice face, trifle small; 4, Oliver, nice all-round Finch, needs more underblaze; vhc, Mitchell; hc, c, Prior, good ones, the former far better than many above it, but not at all steady, which maybe kept it back. GOLDF., F.M. (8): 1, Wren, remarkably steady, lovely cond. and col., nice sq. face most promising; 2, Leech, big one, plenty of blaze, but rounded under, fine col. and markings; 3, Edwards, bonny Finch for size and shape, very steady and showy, splendid clear col. blaze, well cut, we liked for 2nd; 4, Carter, loses a little in blaze, though good all-round bird; vhc, Andrews; hc, Lloyd-James; c, Guller. BULLF. CK. (14): 1, Wilmot, big fine H.-M. bird, thick-set and well rounded, very good breast, splendid head and wings; 2, Brown, also H.-M., very fine cond., nice col. and markings, but too slim for our taste; 3, Hopwood, rare size, very chubby and stylish, excellent col., not as tight in cond.; 4, Edwards, a nice Bullie for size and shape, excellent col. and markings, loses in cap; vhc, Lloyd-James; hc, c, Prior. HEN (10): 1, Chick, a topper, ideal shape and not too big, lovely sound col., grand head and wings, well put down; 2, Hopwood, bigger, fine cobby type, splendid col.; 3, Goodall, grand stamp of bird, lovely head, if in tighter feather might have gone up one; 4, Gough, very nice at all points; vhc, Pretty; hc, Corley; c, Francis; this was "some" class, far in front of that for cocks. LINNET (11): 1, 2, Prior, two beauties, big cone-shaped birds, full of pencilling, rich and sound in col., wonderful cond., shining like plate glass; 3, hc, Francis, 3rd large, well-built, good whites, deep nutty col., very heavy pencilling, too dull in coat; 4, Fairhurst, bonny big hot.-col. bird, very shapely, good wings and tail, lovely cond., short of breast markings; hc, Reynolds; c, Goodall. DITTO F.-M. (6): 1, vhc, Naylor, very promising, good size, Norwich type, rare head and neck, rich sound col., plenty of work on breast, etc., exceptionally steady; 2, 4, Cullen, both excellent Linnets, the cone-shaped type, fine size, nutty col., well pencilled, wonderful cond.; 3, Lloyd-James, big, rich col., more we could not see, as the bird refused to face the wires; hc, Corley. SISKIN, &c. (13): 1, 2, Francis, splendid H.-M. non-fed Siskin, cobby shape, real good bib, finely laced flanks, and very big Mealy Redpoll, grandly mkd., both in excellent cond.; 3, Prior, clinking good Twite, extra big, very bold head and chest, extremely well mkd., and rich in col., a bit restless yet, will take some beating; 4, Oliver, beautiful col.-fed Siskin, gem for shape and polish; hc, Martin and Archer; c, Beard. LESSER REDPOLL (7): 1, Chick, H.-M., fine sound col., very distinctly mkd., splendid bib, A1 cond., trifle slim in build; 2, Corley, F.-M., fine size, very chubby, good bib and mkgs., nice tone of col.; 3, Francis, H.-M. very close on winner's heels, grand all-round bird; 4, Knight, F.-M., good stamp; vhc, Guller; hc, Green. CHAFF. (12): 1, 3, 4, Prior, very hot trio, all in the pink of cond., winner gem for col. and mkgs., rare size and shape, carrying bloom like a plum; 2, Francis, noted winner, lovely bird at all points; vhc, Wilmot; hc, Chick; c, Knight. BRAMBLEF. (13): 1, 2, Prior (quite a field-day, Mr. P.), two gems, leader rare size, shape and style, mantle well cut, deep in col. and beautifully spangled, rich breast col., fine flank markings, 2nd almost equal, losing a trifle on breast; 3, Chandler, bonny bird, lovely col., mkgs., and polish, very steady and stylish; 4, Green, another beauty for col. and mkgs.; vhc, Beard; hc, no name; c, Francis. GREENF. (6): 1, 3, Francis, 1st huge size, Nor. type, wonderful head and chest, good wings and tail, real good grassy col., 3rd very good, though not quite so massive; 2, Fairhurst, beauty for col. and polish, grand wings and tail, very large and shapely, close up, just beaten in build; 4, Hopwood, nicely col.-fed, good bold bird, lovely cond.; vhc, Pretty; hc, Bowler. YELLOW B. (4): 1, Lloyd Jones, nat. col., grand size and shape, tight as wax in feather, very steady, splendidly mkd.; 2, Chick, nicely fed, big, fine bird, well put down, remarkably clear in mkgs.; 3, Offord; 4, Goodall. A.O.S. (9): 1, 2, 4, Francis, leader extra big Hawfinch, large bib, fine col. and cond., 2nd champion Corn Bunting, very large, grand mkgs., 4th another Hawfinch, fails to head col.; 3, Oliver, very rich col. Hawfinch, grand bib and wings, lovely polish, trifle smaller than winner; vhc, c, Chick, latter splendid Hawfinch, one toe defective; hc, Fairhurst, another clinking good Hawfinch, we liked much better than 4th for depth and soundness of col. A.O.S. HEN (8): 1, 2, Chick, 1st lovely Yellow B., exceptionally rich in col. (we overheard an argument going on about its sex!), latter a very fine hen Hawfinch, both again well staged; 3, Francis, exceptionally good Brambleficnch, hot col. for a hen; 4, Wren, really fine Chaffinch, good cond.; vhc, Pretty; hc, Reynolds; c, Knight. INSECT. (5): 1, Burrows, champion Redstart, gem for col. and perfection of cond., steady as a rock; 2, Swain, rare good Nightingale, exceptional size and col.; 3, Usher, lovely pair Bearded Reedlings; 4, Goodall, real good Robin. FOR. WAXBILLS, &c. (8): 1, The Hon. Mrs. Morrison, charming pair Lavender Finches, in perfect cond.; 2, vhc, c, Howe, St. Helena Waxbill, gem, fine size, commended, grand pair Cordon Bleus, we preferred for higher place; 3, 4, hc, Buckingham, pair Goldbreasts (claimed at £4!), pair Green Avadavats and pair Orange-cheeks, all lovely birds, in nice trim. JAVAS, &c. (9): 1, 2, vhc, Howe, grand lot, staged in perfect cond., Combasous leading, White-headed Mannikins 2nd, Red-billed Weavers vhc; 3, c, Buckingham, extra good pair Silverbills; 4, The Hon. Mrs. Morrison, fine White Java, lovely col.; hc, Hubbard. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (7): 1, 4, Hubbard, leader Jackson's Whydah, perfect tail, nice cond., 4th good Blue-breasted Waxbill; 2, Howe, Melba Finch, splendid col., not quite fit yet; 3, The Hon. Mrs. Morrison, Rainbow Bunting, charming col., a little down in cond. when we saw it; vhc, Buckingham; hc, Goodall. INSECTIV. (4): 1, 3, 4, The Hon. Mrs. Morrison, leader beautiful Scarlet Tanager, 3rd Gold-fronted Fruitsuckers, very attractive; 2, Mrs. Newall, lovely Black-headed Sibia, perfect cond.

DARLINGTON.

(Members' Section, concluded from page 303 last week.)

MEMBERS.—YORKS. YELL (7): 1, Stothard; 2, 3, Stephenson. BUFF (7): 1, Carter; 2, Blackbourn; 3, Stainsby. HEN (5): 1, Blackbourn; 2, Warrington; 3, Gale. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Stothard; 2, Carter; 3, Jeffries. BUFF (10): 1, spl, 2, 3, Jeeries. HEN (11): 1, 2, Jeffries; 3, Cooper. CREST (8): 1, 2, 3, spl, Jeffries. C.-B. (7): 1, 2, Jeffries; 3, Carter. BORD. (6): 1, 2, 3, spl, Harrow. MULE (5): 1, spl, 3, 4, Stephenson; 2, Robinson; vhc, Hearfield. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (9): 1, spl, Hearfield; 2, Forster; 3, Harrow; 4, Wilcock; vhc, Robinson; hc, Stephenson; c, Carter. LINNET (6): 1, spl, 4, Forster; 2, Wilcock; 3, Slothard; vhc, hc, Hearfield GREENF., &c. (9): 1, spl, 2, 3, Forster; 4, vhc, Gray; hc, c, Robinson. SISKIN, &c. (5): 1, spl, 2 3, Forster; 4, Robinson; vhc, Gray. A.O.V. HARD (6): 1, spl, Wilcock; 2, Hearfield; 3, Stothard; 4, Forster; vhc, Robinson; hc, Gray. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Gray; 2, Hearfield. HARDBILL HEN (6): 1, spl, 2, Gray; 3, 4, vhc, Forster; hc, Hearfield. NOV. MEMB.—YORKS, CK: 1, Stainsby; 2, Stephenson; 3, Blackbourne. HEN: 1, Gray; 2, Stainsby; 3, Stephenson. NOR. CK.: 1, Gray; 2, Heslop; 3, Raisbeck. The proceeds of the Gift Class realised £1 1s. 9d., which is to be handed to the Red Cross Society.

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SWANSEA.

Open show, Dec. 9. Unfortunately the cage bird section did not fill as well as was expected, owing, no doubt, to several other shows clashing; still, some very good exhibits were staged, and in more normal times the committee hope to be better patronised. Several classes in the Canary section had to be cancelled—which is very regrettable, seeing the extensive classification that was provided by this society—as also had one of the British classes. Our section was in the capable hands of Messrs. Bancroft and Jeffreys, who took every care of the exhibits. Judging started promptly, and award cards were soon on the cages. We were pleased to hear that although the weather was very unpropitious, the gate amounted to over £13, and the society hope to be able to hand over a substantial amount to charity. The secretary, Mr. E. Dendle, carried out his duties in a very able manner. Mr. J. Hocking judged Canaries, and Mr. F. Heal the rest, the awards being well received.

NOR., YELL., CK. (4): 1, Mabbett, cl., grand col., nice round head, good neck, well-rounded body, good wings and tail, A1 cond.; 2, Jenkins, another cl., of grand col. and qual., nice type and size, a trifle browy; 3, Hitchings, var., grand col. and qual., hardly as chubby as leaders; 4, Folke, non-fed, nicely-shaped body, weak head. BUFF, CK. (5): 1, Richards, cl., grand size, nice type and qual., good short well-packed wings and tail; 2, Davies, cl., grand size and shape, nice col. and qual., hardly as bold head as leader; 2, Hitchings, var., nice size, col., and qual., well moulded throughout; 4, Mabbett, cl., cl. very shapely, good type and qual., rather weak in entrance; vhc, Addison. HEN: Cancelled. YORKS., YELL. CK. (7): 1, 4, Mock, cl. leading, lovely tone of col. throughout, neat head, well-filled neck, good straight back, nice length, handles well; latter hardly the col., neatly moulded, nice leg and pos.; 2, Ford, cl., nice col. and qual., good leg and pos., hardly length of leader; 3, vhc, Jones, cl., good length and pos., crosses wings badly at times; hc, Edwards; c, Williams. BUFF, CK.: Cancelled. BORDER FANCY, BUFF, CK. (6): 1, Payne, var., nice shape and col., very jaunty, best of wings, good cond., a trifle flat-headed; 2, Evans, cl., grand qual. and cond., nice wings and tail, very sprightly; 3, 4, Hoddinot, both cl., neat brace, true Border type, both in the pink of cond.; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Mrs. Mitchell. HEN (6): 1, Jenkins, cl. yell, a little gem, lovely boxy feather, beautiful shape and col., A1 cond.; 2, 3, Hoddinott, cl. buff, very shapely, lovely qual. feather, correct type, in the pink of perfection; 3rd, another cl. buff, close up, splendid type and qual., very jaunty; 4, Ford, cinn. mkd. yell., shade smaller than leaders, lovely qual. feather, tip-top cond.; vhc, Edgington; hc, Ycandle. GREEN, CK. (9): 1, Jenkins, yell., lovely grass-green col., splendid back, good wings, best of shape and cond.; 2, Allen, buff, another good one, grand shape and qual., lovely col. and cond., nicely mealed throughout; 3, Edgington, Jonque, nice size and shape, lovely qual. feather, hardly as rich col. as leader; 4, Payne, buff, grand type and qual., nice cond., crosses wings badly, or would be a real good one; vhc, Padley; hc, Edwards; c, Evans. HEN, GREEN OR CINN. (7): 1, 2, 3, Allen, grand team, leader Jonque cinn. of exquisite col., beautifully moulded throughout; 2nd, Jonque green, another good one, grand col. for hen, nice shape and cond.; 3rd, buff green, very shapely, lovely order; 4, P. Jenkins, cinn., nice col. and qual., in splendid order; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Edgington; c, Padley. GOLDF. (5): 1, Lucas Bros., good size, nice shape and cond., expansive, good col. blaze, nice tans, bars, and buttons; 2, Slocombe, nice size and shape, neat blaze, though hardly as large or well cut as leader, good cond. and qual.; 3, Sampson, shade smaller, nice col., blaze, good tans, bars, and buttons; 4, Jeffreys, good size and shape, hardly as rich col. as leaders; vhc, Evans. GREYPATE (9): 1, Jeffreys, splendid Finch, grand size, lovely shape, good rich expansive blaze, nice tans, bars, and buttons; 2, Ford, shade smaller, rich, good size, blace, nicely tanned breast, good bars and buttons, lovely qual. and cond.; 3, E. Longden, nice size and qual., rather paler col., good square blaze, neat bars and buttons; 4, Rees, neat blaze, good tans and buttons, could do with a little more size; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Sam Jones, jun.; c, Slocombe. BULLF. (6): 1, Lucas Bros., grand cobby shape and size, rich breast col., lovely back, good cap and bars; 3, 4, Sam Jones, jun., another good one, grand cap and bars, nice breast col. and cond., hardly as cobby as leader, latter trifle paler col., good size, very shapely; 3, T. J. Gregory, nice type and qual., lovely cond., shade paler; vhc, Price; hc, Jeffreys. LINNET, H.M. (11): 1, 2, 3, Nicholas, leader well-known winner, looking as well as ever; 2nd, shade smaller, grand col. and qual., good shape, well-laced breast; 3rd, grand size, very shapely, beautifully laced breast, trifle paler in col.; 4, Holborrow, nice size and col., hardly cond. of leaders; vhc, Mrs. Dalton; hc, c, Jeffreys. F.M. (12): 1, Bancroft, grand size and shape, lovely col. and qual., well-laced breast, wins; 2, Gregory, trifle small body, col., and qual., neat breast markings, good whites, very steady; 3, Davies, nice size and shape, good col., neatly marked throughout; 4, Nicholas, good col. and qual., nicely-laced, shade on the small side; vhc, Rees; hc, Jenkins; c, Ford. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Nicholas, Twite, good Nor. type, lovely col. and qual., well-laced breast, grand back; 2, 4, Mrs. Dalton, well-known Sis., lovely col. and qual., beautifully marked throughout; latter, Twite, grand size, hardly as rich col. as leader; 3, Jeffreys, neat Mealy 'Poll, nicely laced thighs; hc, Sampson. LESSER 'POLL (5): 1, Jeffreys, F.M., a real topper, grand size, good wagon-horse shape, beautifully laced, grand col., thorough-out; 2, Prosser and Evans, H.M., nice shape, col. and qual., well laced, hardly size of leader, still a real good one; 3, 4, Rees and Sons, leader, grand shape, nice size, col., and qual.; latter, slimmer, good col. and lacing, nice cond.; vhc, Sampson. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, 3, Nicholas, both Brambles, leader better col., nicely spangled throughout, good mantle and thigh lacing; latter, shade larger though hardly as good col., neat thigh lacing, both in tip-top order; 2, Richards, F.M. Chaffinch, nice size, beautiful col., said to have only been caught eight days, as steady as a rock; 4, Nicholas, H.M. Chaffinch, grand shape and size, nice whites, though poor col., compared to leader; vhc, Ford; hc, Jeffreys; c, Rees and Sons. GREENF. (6): 1, Jeffreys, capital shape, grand size, well moulded, nice col. and qual., good wing bars; 2, Gregory, very shapely, though hardly as thick set as leader, lovely col. and qual., good head and cond.; 3, Holborrow, fed, nice size and shape, lovely col. and qual.; 4, no name, shade smaller, beautiful qual. and col.; vhc, Rees and Sons; hc, Mrs. Dalton. HARDBILL, CK.: Cancelled. HEN (7): 1, Bancroft, sweet Siskin, nicely laced, grand col. and qual., well put down; 2, Rees, dainty Chaffie, as steady as a rock, a real charmer; 3, Price, Bramble, nice size, good col. and cond.; 4, Jeffries, neat hen Greenie; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Prosser and Evans.

SALE.

Open Show on Dec. 10 and 11, in the Social Club. We were not struck with above, but it was the best that could be obtained, as the Military had commandeered their usual hall. There would have been no show at all if it had not been for a quorum of members headed by that Border enthusiast, Mr. W. Middleton, guaranteeing the Society against any loss. The wheel has run very evenly at Sale for a good many years, and it would have been a great blow if one cog had been missing this year. Exhibitors follow certain shows every season, and when they miss one, another society gets their patronage next year. 505 exhibits turned up in response to a well organised schedule, and the promoters were to be congratulated on the method they adopted in staging them in so small a space. The entry in Green Yorkshires was a disgrace—10 birds in four classes: they are making a whip for their own backs; clear Yorks were a marvellous lot, and quite the sensation of the show. The cinnamon mark of Messrs. Benson and Young was an eye opener, they refused a bid of £10 for him. Norwich Green were only fair, but good quality was in evidence. Clear Norwich in numbers were much down, but the noted cracks of the year were staged. Sales were up to previous years. Visitors turned up well including many ladies and clergymen from Manchester. Mr. Middleton carried out his work as Show Manager to effect: it takes a lot to upset him. Being a keen exhibitor, he knows what is required for the birds in his charge. He has an admirable assistant in that noted British bird specialist, Mr. H. Whitney. The pen and ink department is superintended by Mr. Hardcastle, who has forgotten more than a good many Secs. know: he soon had the cards up, and made everybody comfortable. Mr. Oldham and Mr. Fields looked after the seed and water for the birds, and none missed their keen eyes. The judges were Messrs. Houlton and Metcalfe who got through their work in good time; satisfaction was written on all exhibitors' faces.

MR. J. W. METCALFE'S CLASSES.

YORKS., GREENS, SELF OR FOUL YELL. (5): 1, W. Jones, excellent col. and pencilling, straight as a rush, wins; 2, withheld; 3, Postlewaite, erect and fearless, bit blurred in markings, wedge shape; he, Stewart. Yell. Hen (5): 1, 3, W. Jones, well clothed, nice pos., and qual.; vhc, Benson and Young; he, Stewart; c, Postlewaite. CL. ETC. YELL (14): 1, Hyde's sp, Benson and Young, noted cinn. mkd., best we have seen for some time, a Yorkie throughout; 2, O. Balmer, neck mkd., topper for style and qual., plenty of leg, long sided; 3, Knowles, very hot, rare wings and tail, round top, just beaten head; 4, Snead, smart as a whippet, nice qual, A1 pos., full of swank; vhc, Furnis and Bingham; hc, Taylor; c, Brown. BUFF: 1, Snead, wiug mkd., rare pos., nice feather and cond., gets up well; 2, Dykes, more length, round as a pencil, neat head and neck, near thing; 3, vhc, Thomas, full of style, all there for pos. and qual., just beaten size; 4, O. Bulmer, stronger, better filled in, correct shape, perfect wings; hc, Knowles; c, J. Green. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Knowles, cinn. mkd., Liverpool and Ardwick winlooking as well as ever; 3, Smith Bros., longer, full of style, excellent qual. and pos., nice front; vhc, Dykes; hc, Wadsworth; c, Lane. BUFF HEN: 1, Thomas, flier for type and qual., round as a top, good legs and perfect wing carriage; 2, Dykes, marvellous feather, very shooty, col. only beats her; 3, Taylor, very smart, neat head and neck, grand back and wings, not disgraced; 4, Hird, hot stuff for col., grand top end, full of go, plenty of leg; vhc, Knowles; hc, Walkden; c, Brown. UNFLIG. COCK, grand class (14): 1, Knowles, yell., fine length and style, straight as a gun barrel, wedge shape; 2, Brown, buff, exquisite feather, well up on leg, long sided, pipe tail; 3, Bulmer, again nice qual., full of swank, nice top end, in rare form; 4, Johnson, very racy, grand style, marvellous qual., fails at top end; vhc, Bingham and Furness; hc, Benson and Young; c, Smith Bros. HENS: 1, Snead, yell., excels in pos. and qual, round front, perfect wings; 2, Knowles, charmer of a buff, wonder for qual, neat waist, put down in form; 3, Bingham and Furness, wing marked., full of York properties, smart appearance, worth her place; 4, Smith Bros., excellent qual., nice top, but short behind; vhc, Dykes; hc, Walkden; c, Johnson. NORWICH GREEN, SELF OR FOUL YELL.: 1, Walker, foul, rare head and neck, short wings and tail, easy wins; 2, McAndrew, unfligh., bold head and neck, broad back, possesses grand Norwich properties, combined with col.; No 3 or 4; vhc, Handley; hc, Pugh; c, Thornton. BUFF (9): 1, hc, Handley, excels in type, nice tone of col. clean cut away, wins; 2, Thornton, smaller, built, broad back, bold head and neck, well staged; 3, Fields, foul, monster for size, bold front, exeellent for stock; 4, Bruce, longer, rare feather and eond., moves very free, for a big 'un; vhc, McAndrew; c, Raynes. YELL. HEN: 1, Walker, not a big one, but good in all other properties; 2, Thornton, grand head and cheeks, nice type of col., neat wing carr.; 3, McAndrew, bolder, but not so good in feather; 4, c, Handley, rare size, correct shape, bad in feather through bathing; vhc, Bruce; hc, Pugh. BUFF HEN: 1, McAndrew, very cobby, great head and front, shapely throughout; 3, Thornton, another one of the right sort, bit down when taking notes; vhc, Raynes; hc, Pugh; c, Handley. NORWICH, CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Rev. Wragg, massive head and neck, correct wing carriage, a big good 'un; 2, 3, Sam Cook, finer in feather, excellent shape, broad back, runs above close; 3, cap mark, glorious feather, bold front, clean cut away; 4, hc, Green, great head and subs., had a late moult, showing pens; vhc, Thomas; c, Jones and Chester. BUFF: 1, Baldwinson, well mkd, broad boat shape back, clean cut, well clothed; 2, Rev. Wragg, smarter but smaller, lovely feather and cond., very shapely; 3, 4, Thomas, wing mkd., rare size, bold clean cut front, moves freely; 4, massive bird, grand head and cheeks, even wing carriage; vhc, Stafford; hc, Cook; c, Jones and Chester. BUFF HEN: 1, Thomas, marvels for qual., quite a gem, full of true Nor. properties, perfect head; 2, 3, vhc, Cook, monster of a head, short, thick set, mkd. cap, tremendous width; 3, cleaner cut, rare qual., cobby, bold eye, well worth her place; 4, Stafford, a smasher, very fine top-end, short wings and tail well packed, bit loose; hc, Peters; c, Jones and Chester. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, Cook, buff, marvel for qual., short barrel, wings and tail, perfectly packed, broad as long; 2, Thomas, yell., bit on the long side, but excellent feather, great head and thick neck; 3, Peters, grizzle, not quite so good in head, but very shapely, full of go; 4, Rev. Wragg, another smart exhibit, cobby and wings of the best, well staged; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Milward; c, Baldwinson. UNFLIGHTED HENS: 1, Stafford, buff, marvel for true Nor. properties, mealed to perfection, nice win; 2, Cook, yell., grand entrance to head, good back, skull, broad back for a yell.; 3, Peters, shapely full of qual., wings well carried, clean cut away; 4, Thomas, neat head and neck, well braced wings, short and thick; vhc, Raynes; hc, Milward. AMATEUR. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Drew, stands up well, round top end, long wings, perfectly carr.; 2, Eastwood, almost self cinn., and a good one, well up on plus; 3, Pickup, hot col., rare wing and tail, bit loose at front; 4, Radford, longer, nice top end, round head, might be better in qual.; vhc, Howarth; hc, Stuart; c, Aldridge. BUFF: 1, Drew, great top end, wedge shape, long sided, just a bit open at front; 2, Jones, rare qual., bold eye and rare top end, with a bit more leg, an easy win; 3, Wilson, smarter than above, but not quite long, neat shoulders and wings; 4, c, Fletcher, rare length, pipe tail, high up, nice back, bit short behind; vhc, Dagnall; hc, Stuart. YELL. HEN: 1, Aldridge, long drawn, beauty for feather and cond., stands on nice legs; 2, Howarth, marvel for qual., neat top end, well drawn out; no 3 and 4; vhc, Jones; hc, Mrs. Winter; c, Stuart. BUFF HEN: 1, Taylor, hot 'un, nice length, round as a pencil, excellent legs, wins; 2, Clerk, again a good 'un, but poor col., neat legs, grand wing carr.; no 3 and 4; vhc, Stuart; hc, Fletcher; c, Collins. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, Wilson, long, racy lady, full of go, nice top end, wedge shape, perfect pos.; 2, Radford, bit rounder, smart head and neck, capital back and wings; 3, Beesley, slimmer, very racy, well carried wings and tail; 4, Collins, very typical, full of swank, well put down; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Stuart; c, Miss Winter. AMATEUR NORWICH YELL.: 1, Hales, short and thick, very bold eye, in right place, quite a romper; 2, Rev. Gaul, bold head and neck, excellent qual., put down like a professional; no 3 and 4; vhc, Lane; hc, Green; c, Fletcher. BUFF: 1, Barker (cage smashed), a right good thick set chap, marvel for type and qual., wins; 2, none; 3, Dean, cap mkd., bold head and neck, short, compact wings and tail; 4, none; vhc, Buxton; hc, Brear; c, Fletcher. YELL. BUFF HEN: 1, Brear, great style, neat all over, marvel for qual., not a big one but good; 2, Rev. Gaul, great size, massive front, broad back, neat feather, wee bit sluggish; 3, Lane, smart and good, neat entrance, fair back skull, shapely; 4, no name, variegated buff, marvel for size and qual., looked like having had a rough journey; vhc, Dean; hc, Green; c, Weston. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, Dean, yell., good 'un, rare head and cheeks, short, round, and compact all over; 2, Barber, nice buff, fair size, exeellent qual. and cond., well put down; no 3 and 4; vhc, Rev. Gaul; hc, Lane; c, Haslam.

MR. HOULTON'S CLASSES.

Borders were a splendid lot, witbout a doubt equal to anything seen before in this hotbed for the wee gems. Cracks were present from all parts, and competition was consequently of the keenest possible description. A fifth prize of 1s. was announced to be given in these and British classes to the vhc. birds. British were exeellent, and competition here again very close and keen. Hybrids were a capital lot, and many of the best birds of the day were winning. "White Rose" had dropped some feathers, and so was put out of court for the time being. A few very promising young Canary Hybrids were shown very creditably. Four of the Canary-Bullfinch cross were in one class. Mr. Middleton won the £5 5s. challenge cup for most points. Mr. Parlett was runner-up. Mr. Middleton also won the Pearson Cup, and a gold-centre medal for best members' bird, with a lovely young buff green Border, a perfect gem. Mr. Oldham won special best British with his fine Twite for members. Messrs. Hardcastle, Middleton, and Whitney managed the show in a masterly manner, and were well and ably assisted by Mr. Raynes, Mr. Tom Harrison, Mr. A. Royle, Mr. Drinkwater, and others, all doing their best for the birds' and visitors' comfort.

BORD., CINN. MARKS (12): A splendid class, and quite the cream of the Fancy here: 1, 2, Nicholson, exquisite, flowing with qual., shape, style, earr., and cond.; 3, Middleton, very smart and compact, teeming with qual.; 4, Nelson; all these four almost equal, and a marvellous quartette; vhc, Hampson, very stylish, tight cond.; hc, Espie; c, Royle. CL. OR YELL., CK. (9): 1, hc, Royle, most typical, tick left cheek, grand earr., qual., jaunty; 2, Bennett, cl., lovely standard qualities, shape, earr., qual., and cond. fine; 3, Tallantyre, good level bird, pos. and carr. A1; 4, Cavanagh, tick wing, lovely shape; vhc, Nelson; c, Drinkwater. BUFF, CK. (15): A splendid class of real gems: 1, Bennett, magnificent Border all over, much admired; 2, 3, Nelson, beauties, and inseparable practically; 4, Eckersley, still another gem, A1 to-day; vhc, Bennett; hc, Espie; c, Moore and Son. YELL., HEN (11): 1, Drinkwater, tick wing, a real typical Border lady, contour all out perfect; 2, Pennington, most typical cl., grand style, earr., and cond.; 3, Bennett, quite up in main points, and little to choose; 4, Royle, tick neck, very nice type and qual.; vhc, Espie; hc, Nelson; c, Tranter. BUFF (12): 1, Moore and Son, typical beauty, wing ticked, well up to standard; 2, Royle, tick cheek and wing, a right wee gem, gay and jaunty earr.; 3, Nicholson, very compact, lovely contour and qual.; 4, Egerton, very neat, carr. good; vhc, Tallantyre; hc, Nelson; c, Drinkwater. VARIEG., CK. (12): 1, 4, Bennett, yell. and buff, former regular typical beauty, both in tip-top feather and cond.; 2, Eckersley, splendid buff, grand shape and qual.; 3, Walkden, very compact yell., a gem for style, carr., qual., and cond.; vhc, c, Royle; hc, Egerton. HEN: 1, Drinkwater, very smart, gay, and jaunty earr., fine shape, qual., and cond.; 2, Moore and Son, very compact, wee bit smaller; 3, Meekley, pretty shape, good qual.; 4, Royle, well posted; vhc, Meekley. GREEN YELL. CK. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Middleton, very strong team, looking grand; vhc, Johnson; hc, Montgomery. BUFFS (10): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Middleton, leader wins 2 spls, a perfect beauty; others in fine order, too; 2, Cavanagh, chases leader up very smartly, sound and level col., and good type; hc, Johnson; c, Montgomery. YELL., HEN (7): 1, Johnston, beauty for col., shape, qual., and cond.; 2, 4, Montgomery, level sound col., and good type; 3, vhc, hc, c, Middleton, leader quite typical, fine earr. BUFF, HEN (7): 1, 4, Middleton, leader sound col. and type, in grand feather; 2, 3, Montgomery, right up in shape, col., qual., and bloom; vhc, Johnston. CINN. BDR., CK.: 1, 4, vhc, Middleton, well known leader crack, wears well; 2, Nicholson, very pretty compact buff, A1 cond.; 3, Clare, very nice shape, col., and cond. HEN (7): 1, Clare, quite a nice yell.; 2, vhc, Middleton, good buff leading; 3, Tranter, another smart yell.; 4, Coldbeck; hc, Hampson; c, Cavanagh. SELL., 20s.: 1, Radford; 2, Weedall, jun.; 3, Eastwood; 4, Bulmer; vhc, Field; hc, Ridley; c, Mattinson. 12s. 6d. (15): 1, 3, Field; 2, hc, Collins; 4, Brown: vhc, Middleton; c, Herd. BULLF. (9): 1, Edwards, well-known winner, in the pink; 2, Wilson, shade smaller, all else grand; 3, Woods, narrower skull, good col. and feather; 4, Parlett, bit looser in cond.; vhc, Garlick; hc, Broadbent; c, Hirst. GOLDF. (19): 1, Critchlow, pretty well balanced bird, nice bright deep rich-coloured level blaze, good tan moons and bars, and nice cond.; 2, Parlett, grand size, shape, good blaze, nice moons, bars, and cond.; 3, Chick, shade smaller, good cond.; 4, Daley, good tans, moons, bars, etc., nice cond.; vhc, Oldham; hc, Brade; c, Dr. Wilson. GREENF. (15): 1, Jeffreys, big bouncing bold bird, rare wagon-horse shape, col., and cond. A1; 2, Fairburst, well known, in fine order; 3, Oldham, buff, fine subs., bloom, and cond.; 4, hc, Parlett, smart pair, shade smaller; vhc, Whitley, buff, grand shape, etc.; c, Brade. BRAMBLE, ETC. (13): 1, Brade, massive wagon-horse shape Bramble, A1 form, fine spangling; 2, 3, Parlett, very nice Chaffinch, and well-balanced Bramble, just behind leader in subs.; 4, hc, Macpherson, good Chaffinch 4th; vhc, Oldham; c, Chick. F.M. LINNET (14): 1, Chick, good size, shape, col., and markings, glossy feather; 2, Blakely, well mkd., nice bird; 3, Davis; 4, hc, Brade, big body, fine markings, shade narrow head to compare with body; vhc, Oldham; c, Parlett. H.M. (20): 1, Nicholas, well-balanced, typical Linnet, shows all points well; 2, Oldham, smaller, in nice order; 3, Davies, full of markings, shape, and cond.; 4, c, Parlett, fine bird, not in his best form; vhc, Brade; hc, Fairhurst. LESSER REDPOLL (11): 1, Parlett, stout, good head, nice size, col., and markings; 2, Clare, pretty well up in all to leader; 3, Jeffreys, very good, and quite close runner; 4, Middleton, pretty markings and cond.; vhc, Oldham; hc, Whittack; c, Daley. TWITE, ETC. (8): 1, Oldham, takes spl., best members' Brit., well known, good Twite; 2, Middleton, fine bird, good cond.; 3, Parlett, Twite, nice col. and markings; 4, Wilson, pretty Siskin; vhc, Hampson; hc, Oldham; c, Robertshaw. HEN: 1, Chick, capital Bullf.; 2, Weedall; 3, Parlett; 4, Hirst; vhc, Robertshaw; hc, Broadbent; c, Middleton. SELL. (10): 1, hc, Parlett; 2, Macpherson; 3, 4, Whitney; vhc, Sawyer; c, Holt. CL., ETC., MULE (7): 1, Dr. Wilson, well-known crack Canary-Bullf., was singing champion in the show; 2, Hubbard, nice marked Goldf.-Can., buff, well fed, in good cond.; 3, K. L. Palmer, very fine Can.-Bullf., shade duller in plumage than 1st; 4, Ridley, big pale young buff four-point Goldf.-Can., owner's breeding; vhc, Palmer, smaller Canary-Bullf., nice bird; hc, Parlett, "White Rose," quite in a moult. DARK YELL. MULE (9): 1, Jeffrey, yell. Goldf.-Can., grand col. and cond.; 2, vhc, Parlett, yell. Greenf.-Can., and yell Goldf.-Can., not quite so tight as usual; 3, Fisher, fine Siskin-Can., in A1 cond.; 4, hc, Oldham, pretty Redpoll-Can. and Siskin-Can., in good order; c, Dr. Wilson. DK. BUFF.: 1, vhc, Oldham, both in fine cond.; 2, Whitney, good young Linnet-Can.; 3, Wilson; 4, Middleton; hc, Jones. HYB., TWO BRIT. (12): 1, 2, 3, hc, Dr. Wilson, Redpoll-Bullf., Chaff.-Bramble, Redpoll-Goldf., and Goldf.-Siskin, all in fine order; 4, c, Palmer, fine Greenf.-Bullf., and a pretty Redpoll-Greenf.; vhc, Hubbard, bouny Goldf.-Bullf., in A1 order.

PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY C.B.S.

Members' Show, Nov. 27, Fleece Hotel, Stanningley. Show stewards, Messrs. E. Allott and J. Kinder. Judge, Mr. W. Ormanroyd, Lidgett Green.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS., CK.: 1, Marsh; 2, Baldwinson; 3, Marsh; 4, Noble; vhc, Barraclough; hc, Towler and Hargreaves. CL. BUFF: 1, Barraclough; 2, Noble; 3, Towler and Hargreaves; 4, Raistrick; vhc, Raistrick; hc, Marsh; c, Bracewell. A.O.V., YELL.: 1, Raistrick; 2, Bracewell; 3, Bracewell. BUFF: 1, Marsh; 2, Noble; 3, Marsh; 4, Towler and Hargreaves; vhc, Winn; hc, Winn. CL. OR TKD. YELL., HEN: 1, Noble; 2, Barraclough; 3, Winn; 4, Marsh; vhc, Raistrick; hc, Baldwinson; c, Raistrick. BUFF: 1, Baldwinson; 2, Raistrick; 3, Marsh; 4, Towler and Hargreaves; vhc, Bracewell; hc, Bracewell. A.O.V., HEN: 1, Raistrick; 2, Barraclough; 3, Towler and Hargreaves; 4, Marsh; vhc, Baldwinson; hc, Towler and Hargreaves; c, Winn. NOR., YELL., CK.: 1, Baldwinson; 2, Bracewell. BUFF: 1, Baldwinson; 2, 3, Bracewell. BUFF, HEN: 1, Baldwinson; 2, Bracewell. YELL.: 1, Baldwinson; 2, Bracewell. NOV. CK., NOV. HEN: All Barraclough.—Roy Kell, Sec.

NEWARK.

The Newark and Dist. C.B. Society 6th annual show, Nov. 20. The Friendly Socleties' Room, which is of good size and of capital light, was utilised for the purpose. W. Lidgett, the worthy secretary, kept everything well in hand, controlling throughout capitally. Two solid silver challenge cups were competed for: One, for best bird in show, went to Mr. F. Lidgett; the other, for best young bird, bred by exhibitor, to Mr. Staniland. Runner-up in both cases, Mr. Lidgett. Staging of exhibits was neatly arranged, and the beuches were nicely decorated with foliage. Judging was over in good time, show opened by 1 o'clock, prize cards were displayed promptly, and everything went well. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and the following are his awards.

NOR., Y. OR B. (6): 1, 3, vhc, Lidgett, grand shaped cl. yell. leading, and a nice typed unflighted buff, full of promise; 2, Ashton, bouncing cl. buff, capital type and qual., pressed hard for 1st place; hc, Staniland. MKD. (5): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Staniland, with a nice team, mkd. yell. of rare substance and shape, full of col.; 3rd, var. buff, shapely, A1 qual. and col., not the size of 2, Hopkinson, var. buff, bouncer, tight as wax, pale col., still good specimen. HEN (5): 1, hc, Lidgett, shapely and stylish cl. buff, smooth as glass, jaunty carriage; 2, Ashton, mkd. yell., not overdone with size, yet of nice shape, col., and feather; 3, vhc, Staniland, cl. yell., good type and feather, wants more substance. NAT. COL. (2): 1, Hopkinson, mkd. buff, cobby, tight as a Java, very neat; 2, Lees, cl. buff, nice col., beaten in shape and feather. YORKS. (8): 1, 3, Ashton, nicely drawn and well feathered, cl. yell., unflighted, leading, should make up well; 3rd, cl. yell., good in col. and qual., stronger in build; 2, vhc, hc, Staniland, cl. buff, straight as a rush, smooth as glass, not big, but very stylish; c, Hopkinson. TK., ETC. (4): 1, vhc, Ashton, buff, mkd. neck, rare length, stands well, capital feather; 2, 3, Staniland, yell., tkd. neck, nice col. and qual., rather on the short side; 3rd, buff, mkd. wing and neck, good in qual., nice stand, not so lengthy as winner. BRED 1915: 1, cup, vhc, Staniland, buff Nor., mkd. eyes and wing, lovely col., well up in size, nice feather, good head and neck; 2, Ashton, cl. yell. York, superior qual., nice length and pos., well on leg; 3, hc, c, Lidgett, very smart cl. buff Nor. hen, not large, but all there otherwise. BRIT. (6): 1, Lees, Bramble, in grand form, not a feather wrong, well staged; 2, vhc, Lidgett, Hawfinch, nice size, shape, and col., little faulty over beak; 3, c, Spray, very neat Goldie, capital blaze, bars, and buttons; hc, Hopkinson. MULE (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Spray, good sized and rich colour Lin.-Can.; 2nd, 3rd, both Gold.-Can. of fair size and shape, 2nd best in colour. FOR. (6): 1, cup, 2, 3, hc, c, Lidgett, with a fine team, all in lovely trim, and greatly admired.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' show, Nov. 31, Station Hotel. Mr. W. Stables judged. CHAMP. CLASSES. Class 1: 1, Lingard 2, Ormonroyd; 3, 4, Hartley. Class 2: 1, Ormonroyd; 2, Hartley; 3, 4, Lingard. Class 3: 1, Lingard; 2, Ormonroyd; 3, Midgley. Class 4: 1, Ormonroyd; 2, Lister. Class 7: 1, 2, 4, Hartley; 3, Midgley. Class 8: 1, 3, Hartley; 2, 4, Midgley. Class 9: 1, Ormonroyd. Class 10: 1, 2, 3, Hartley. NOVICE: Class 15: 1, Hanson; 2, Sharpe and Son; 3, 4, Shackleton. Class 16: 1, Collins Bros.; 2, Oliver; 3, Self; 4, Hanson. Class 17: 1, Shackleton; 2, Self. Class 18: 1, 3, Collins Bros.; 2, Self; 4, Hanson. Class 19: 1, 2, 3, Shaekleton. Class 20: 1, 2, 3, Collins Bros. Class 21: 1, Coombs. Class 22: 1, Hanson; 2, 3, Self; 4, Oliver. Class 23: 1, Hanson; 2, Coombs. Class 24: 1, 2, Self; 3, Sharpe and Son.—A. W. Hartley, Sec.

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SHOWS.

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The Popular One-day Show, on 1st January, 1916. Classes: Borders 14, Yorkshires 5, Plainheads 9, Crests 5, British 12, Mules 2, Foreign 1. Judges: Messrs. John Calderwood, Ed. Barron, Jas. Gentleman. Entries taken up to morning of show. Schedules from—Jas. Watson, Sec., 16, Young Street, Wishaw.

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GREAT SCOTTISH RED CROSS SHOW
with the object of instituting an Ornithological Bed in a Military Hospital, on
Fri. and Sat., 31st Dec. and 1st Jan.
in Central Halls, 25, Bath Street, Glasgow. 22/- per class. 1/6 Entry Fee. 97 Classes.
Entries Close Dec. 25.
Schedules have now been posted, and anyone omitted might drop a p.c. for same. Show will be opened by The Right Honourable the Countess of Glasgow, about 2 o'clock on the Friday.—Robt. Heggie, Stepps, near Glasgow.

FORFAR Open Show Cage Birds, JAN. 1 & 3. 37 Classes (B.F.C.C. patronage). Judges, J. Sandison (Aberdeen), Norwich; P. Gentleman (Avonbridge), Border Fancy and British. Schedules from—A. Low, 63, West High Street, Forfar.

BISHOP AUCKLAND
Open Annual Show, New Year's Day, 1916. Entrance fee, 1/6. Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Judge, T. C. Crawhall. Classes: Yorks. 7 (Novice 2), Norwich 7 (Novice 2). Classes for Crests and Crestbreds, British, and Mules or Hybrids. Schedules are sent out to known fanciers. If not supplied, please apply for one to the secretary—W. Crowther, 2, Seymour Street, Bishop Auckland.

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First Open Show of Larkhall Cage Bird Association in Drill Halls on Friday and Saturday, 7th and 8th January, 1916. Whole proceeds for Red Cross Funds. 18 Border, 17 Norwich, 11 Yorkshire, 25 Mule, Brit. and For. 75 Valuable Specials. Judges: G. Hyslop, Stirling; W. Bishop, Stirling; R. Heggie, Glasgow; J. Livingston, Bathgate. Entries close with last delivery on Monday 3rd. Schedules ready from—Allan Thomson, Show Secretary and Treasurer, Croft Place, Larkhall.

Border Fancy Canary Club, EDINBURGH
Great Open Show, in Cathedral Hall, Albany Street, Friday, 31st December, and Saturday, 1st January. Judges, H. Bennet, J. Nicholson, and D. Hamilton. 24 Classes open to all Border exhibitors. Over 80 Special Prizes, including Championship Gold Medal, three Silver Medals, and 2 Cups. Prize Cards free. Prize-money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Schedules from—James Lumsden, 13, George Square, Edinburgh.

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Twitterings.

We hear from Mr. F. Hayward, hon. sec., that the Manchester and N.C.O.S. has fixed Oct. 27 and 28, 1916, for the annual open show.

We hear that the London C.B.A. intends holding a members' show on Feb. 4 and 5, in conjunction with the National British Bird and M.C., and the Foreign Bird E.C.

We are having an Open Linnet Class at our Members' Show on Jan. 15, with Mr. R. S. Bewicke, of Newfield, as judge, writes Mr. Matt. Archer, Sec. Craghead Social Club F.F. and C.B.S.

Owing to the great number of orders already on hand, writes Mr. E. M. Stanton, Manchester, we are forced to state that we cannot guarantee any orders being dispatched before Christmas. The success accorded us is due to your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS.

Kindly advise Novice exhibitors, writes Mr. W. Crowther, Hon. Sec. Bishop Auckland C.B.S., that the following Novice Classes were omitted from our schedule by error: Class 20, Yorks Cock; 21, Yorks. Hen; 22, Norwich Cock; 23, Norwich Hen.

The prize-money of our first annual show, writes Mr. J. H. Bevan, sec. Porth and Rhondda Valley C.B.S., has been sent out to winners. If there is any exhibitor overlooked, a postcard will bring about a settlement. I also wish to thank all exhibitors who patronised our first show and trust we will receive their future consideration.

In the schedule of Halifax C.B.S. Show, Jan. 8, writes Mr. A. Sutcliffe (Sec.), Class 13 should read Foul Mkd. Yorks., not Foul Mkd. Green Yorks. We have the patronage of the Yorks. Union; Y.C.C., all competitions; N.C.M.Y.C.C., open and novice; and the C.M.Y.C.C. We are also having four classes for open novices. Schedules are ready (see review).

"British Birds" for December, Messrs. Witherby and Co., High Holborn, W.C., one shilling monthly, opens with notes on the Grey Plover on the Yenesei, by Miss Maud Haviland. Mr. H. F. Witherby continues his article on the Moults of the British Passeress, an extract from which appeared in our Dec. 11 issue, and among the usual interesting "Notes" is a record of the appearances of the Lapland Bunting in Suffolk. The writer, Mr. J. K. Stanford, reports that on Oct. 10 last he saw a party of no less than ten Lapland Buntings near Aldeburgh, and four on Nov. 4 and Nov. 5.

Corrections in Show Reports.

In the report of Birmingham Show, 1st in Mkd. Nor. should be Broome Bros., not Brown Bros. In the Clydebank report Brit. Hen, 1 Kane should be 1, Mallon; Open Yell. Nor. Hen should be 1, McLean, 2 Johnstone; and in open Linnets, 3rd should be Robb, not McLean. In Buff Piebald Hens at Paisley 5 and spl. should be Wilson, not Brown.

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An Address Wanted.

Will Mr. W. P. Foster (Loughborough) send his correct address to Mr. A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street, Leicester.

Prize Money Paid.

We are informed that prize-money has been paid in respect of the following shows; if any winners have been overlooked, they should apply to the respective secretaries: Watford, City and Suburban A.C.B., City of Birmingham C.B.S.

Affairs of the Crested C.C.

A committee meeting of the above club, writes Mr. T. Heath, hon. sec. and treas., will be held on Jan. 6 at 8, at 2, York Street, Piccadilly. I trust all members will make an effort to attend this meeting, as I have not yet been able to obtain from the late sec. any further reply to my letters.

Jollity at Windhill.

There will be a smoking concert and presentation to one of our members, writes Mr. J. Taylor, the sec. of Windhill C.B.S., on Jan. 15 at the Blue Bell Hotel, at 6.30 p.m. All fanciers are invited, and can rest assured that it will be a "real good do," with plenty of talent.

Happenings at Watford.

Mr. J. Goodall, hon. sec. Watford C.B.S., writes:—"The railway people refused to despatch exhibits on Thursday, so we held them over till Friday morning, when they had an hour to feed and drink before being packed. I have had several complaints of catalogues not being received up to yesterday (Monday). I have been to the Post Office, and all I can get is, they will make enquiries. Lord Clarendon and family visited the show, and were interested in the British section; he seemed to know nearly all our Britishers."

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Owing to Christmas day falling this year on a Saturday, the Boxing Day Bank Holiday will be Monday Dec. 27th. The offices of CAGE BIRDS will be closed from Friday night Dec. 24th to Tuesday morning Dec. 27th. Queries which are for answer in the following week's issue (Jan. 1st, 1916) must be received not later than Friday, Dec. 24th.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that I have to announce the sad loss our member, Mr. E. Roycroft, has sustained in the death of his wife, writes Mr. F. A. Green, hon. sec. Coventry Godiva C.B.S. I am sure members and all fanciers in Coventry will join with me in extending deepest sympathy to Mr. and Miss Roycroft in their sad bereavement.

Our deepest sympathy, writes Mr. W. H. Gibb, hon. sec. Brighton C.B.A., is extended to Mr. W. Swaysland, the well-known judge on the great loss he has sustained in the death of his daughter, Mrs. Mumford, on Dec. 13, at the early age of thirty-nine. She was his right hand in his business, and her cheery presence will be sadly missed at her father's old-established premises in Queen's Road. Mr. Swaysland is to be further condoled with in that his son is now in hospital badly wounded, after many months in the firing line in France. We all hope for a speedy recovery for him, and in the meantime his father can be sure of the sympathies of all his fellow fanciers, both in this town and elsewhere.

MR. JOHN PARK (Govan).

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. W. Connelly, that I have to announce the death of Mr. John Park on Saturday, Nov. 27, at Shieldhall Hospital, after a very short illness of a week. Erysipelas in the face which went to his throat was the cause of death. Mr. Park was well-known throughout Scotland and Ireland as a breeder, exhibitor and judge, Scotch Fancies being his favourites, and was one of the old school. He was sixty-two years of age, has been a keen and genuine fancier all his life, and was very highly respected by all who knew him. He is survived by a widow, two sons, and a daughter; one of his sons is serving with the colours. I am sure that all who knew him will extend their heartfelt sympathy towards the widow and family.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

"Last week's 'tanner' advt. enabled me to sell 14 birds. How's that for a 'nimble sixpence'?"—D. J. JAMES (Shepherd's Bush).

"Kindly thank those who wrote for Norwich, which I advertised in CAGE BIRDS Double Number, November 20th, as I have not time to write to them all. It is well worth the money to advertise.—E. PETTET (Leyton.)

A 44-Year-Old Goose.

At a recent meeting of the Council of the Royal Zoological Society of Ireland the secretary reported that during the week the Gardens had lost from the collection an interesting specimen of the Goose family—interesting from the point of view of long-lived birds—this ancient Goose being, as near as can be ascertained, 44 years old.

Ravens for Yorkshire Cliffs.

An interesting experiment had been tried by Mr. St. Quintin in liberating three young Ravens on the Bempton Cliffs, Yorks. It is about 50 years since such birds bred there, and the last breeding-place disappeared long since into the sea. On July 2 they were penned on the cliff to get accustomed to their surroundings, and on July 23 to August 1 were liberated one by one. During the first week in September two of them were seen feeding on the land.

A Happy Xmas and a Brighter New Year

To Bird Lovers the world over.

Here's to your Health,
Here's to your wealth;
A Jolly Good Christmas to you!
A Happy New Year,
With loads of Good Cheer,
And friends that are many and true!

ANOTHER WAR TIME ECONOMY.

Dick: "Good gracious! What's the meaning of such a long holder?"
Phillip: "I've promised my wife to keep away from cigarettes."

THE BIRDKEEPERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.

Sir,—Mr. Andrew Bracewell has joined the Royal Navy, and is now in training at Portsmouth.—ROY KELL, Sec.

Burnley and District, O.S.

Sir,—Will you kindly have the following members placed on your Roll of Honour:—J. Whittaker, R.A.M.C., drowned on the Royal Edward; J. Tapper, R.F.A.

R. HINES, Sec.

Port Glasgow O.S.

SIR,—Three of our members who are serving our King and Country, all in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. One has been wounded, and is now in Hospital. Sergt. Wm. Boyle, Lance-Corpl. John Forrester, Lance-Corpl. James Montgomerie. As we have just started our meetings for the winter, and the festive season is so near, we have decided to send each a Chrismas-box, hoping it will help to cheer them and let them see they are not forgotten.

THOS. ADAIR, Sec.

New Cross C.B.S.

The following additional members of the New Cross C.B.S. have now to be added to the Roll of Honour:—Pte. H. C. Humphries, H.A.C., in training at Richmond; Pte. W. H. Gardner, A.V.C., in training at St. Alban's; Pte. J. Whitting, Navvies' Battalion, serving in France. Pte. Gardner would like to meet some of the St. Alban's fanciers. His address is Pte. W. H. Gardner, 219, No. 1 Base, Divisional Veterinary Hospital, St. Stephen's Hill, St. Alban's.

I am glad to say Pte. Preece, 20th London, who was wounded at Loos, is now well again, and has returned to his regiment. Rifleman Burton, Queen's Westminsters, who has just returned to the Front for the third time, after seven days' leave, wishes to be remembered to all old friends. We have now 9 members with the colours, and 6 on war work; not a bad record for a small society.

GEO. BURTON, Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Border Fancy (Edinburgh).—Cathedral Hall, Albany Street, Friday, Dec. 31 and Sat., Jan. 1. Judges: H. Bennet, J. Nicholson, and D. Hamilton. 24 classes: 19 open, 2 novice, 3 limit. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Ent. close 25th Dec. to J. Lumsden, 13, George Square, Edinburgh.

Forfar Poultry, &c., Assoc. (Forfar).—North Public School Hall, 1st and 3rd Jan. Judges: J. Sandison, P. Gentleman. 37 classes: Nor. 14 (2 sell.), Bord. 11 (2 sell.), Brit. 9, For. 1, Sell. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close Dec. 24 to Alex. Low, 63, West High-st., Forfar.

Bishop Auckland & Dis. C.B.S. (Durham).—Y.M.C.A. Hall, Jan. 1. Judge, Mr. Crawhall. 19 open classes: Yorks 5, Nor. 5, Crest 2, Mule 1, Brit. 2, Sell. 4. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, or under 15 entries on sliding scale. Fee 1/6. Entries close Dec. 27 to W. Crowther, 2, Seymour Street, Bishop Auckland.

Truro F. & F.S. (Cornwall).—Market Hall, Dec. 27. Judges: Messrs. C. H. Toy and E. White. 17 classes: Nor. 4, Yorks 3, Brit 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 2. Prizes 6/-, 3/6, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close Dec. 21 to Messrs. Dunstan and Ride, 2, Redannick Villa, Chapel Hill, Truro.

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MY PEKIN ROBINS
(*Liothrix Lutea*).

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

PEKIN Robins have always been prime favourites with me, and though they have many faults as well as many good qualities—I am pleased to say the former are a very small minority—I always have, and shall put them down as "ripping" birds.

It is not easy to describe a Pekin Robin, for he has so wide a range that individuals vary considerably as to depth of colour, etc., making it not only difficult to form a reasonable idea of a typical specimen, but also complicating the sexing problem; for in some pairs at any rate the colour differences are almost infinitesimal, and there certainly are singing hen Pekins as well as singing hen Canaries. Nevertheless, the cases are not parallel, for singing hens of the latter are fairly numerous; of the former, I think, quite rare.

The question of sex distinction is not difficult to the owner of a given pair, nor yet among adult normal specimens from the same district, but at the same time it is not easy to give the sex of an odd bird offhand, but after having it under observation for a few days, even as an odd bird one can usually do so. As already indicated, the owner of a given pair can at once say which is which.

The Sex Problem.

In a pair I have at present, though two richly coloured specimens, the hen is certainly less brilliant than the male, and her head is much flatter too, though it would take a very keen eye to detect any difference in size as they disport in the aviary. The variation between normal and extreme forms is so great, however, that few would care to dogmatise as to the sex of a given bird unless they had heard it sing, and even in an aviary bachelors often never sing, never get beyond the call note. One bachelor which I had for many years never got beyond the call note until, during his last year with me, I gave a home to an odd bird for a friend. This proved to be a hen, and the same day the erstwhile bachelor burst into full song. Thus one cannot always say a non-singing bird is a hen. What then are the differences which may be termed fairly reliable? These I would tabulate as follows:—

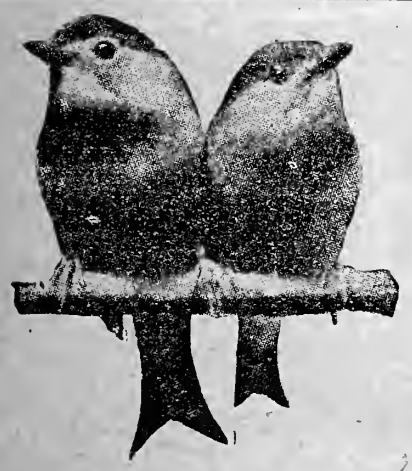
The rich mossy-green (rich colour in both sexes) of the top of the head of the male is more golden in hue, as if suffused or shot with old-gold.

The difference in the form of the bill is not great, and unless one possesses very keen eyesight will pass unnoticed; but the bill of the male is a little longer and more slender than that of the female, and also, as a rule, a deeper red.

The top of the head of the male is broader and more arched.

As a rule, the pale elliptical eye patch of the male is distinctly yellow.

As a rule, the yellow of the throat is more intense in the male, as also is the rich orange-



THE PEKINS HAPPILY MATED.

This charming photo., and that on column 4, are the work of Mr. G. E. Low, in whose aviary Pekin Robins have nested several times, but failed to rear the young they have hatched.

chestnut band across the chest; the latter is also broader than that of the female.

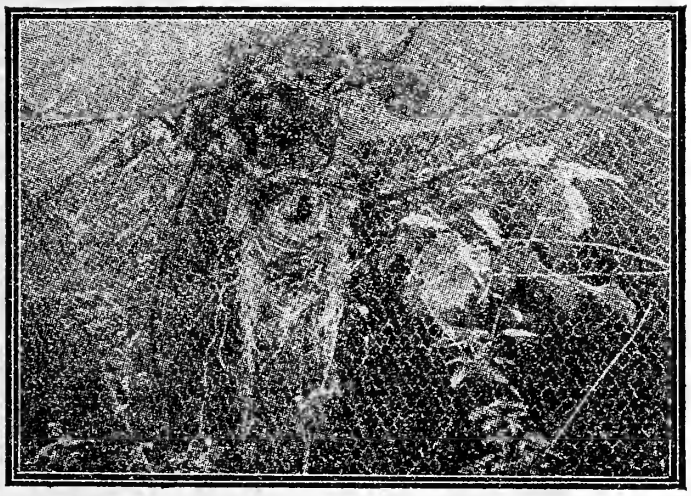
The primaries of the male have broader yellow and vermilion margins than those of the female, and they are usually of a more intense hue.

The upper-tail coverts of the male have broader white-tips.

The above are the more striking distinctions in the plumage and form, but their value as factors in coming to a decision is somewhat spoiled by the extreme variability of the species. I will not, therefore, commit myself so far as to state that all are constant, but all of them are to be seen in my present pair, which have reared young in my aviary this season.

It is not always easy to ascertain the source of the various arrivals, in some of which, omitting the bright coloured areas, the hue is brownish, others are distinctly slatey, and with the tails more distinctly forked; the latter, I think, represent the Chinese and Japanese forms.

The Pekin Robin is well off for trivial names—Red-billed Hill-Tit, Pekin Nightingale, Japanese Robin, Red-billed or Yellow-billed Liothrix, and Japanese and Chinese Hill-Robins. Considering its range, Pekin Robin is a most inappropriate name for it, but it has become so well-known under that cognomen, that it would be unwise and idle to attempt to suggest a more appropriate one. As "Pekin Robin" he has established himself in our aviaries and hearts, and as Pekin Robin he must and will remain to the end of the chapter. The attractive qualities of the Pekin Robin are legion, in fact I know of only one failing, viz., a fondness for the eggs of other birds for breakfast, but even in this respect I do not think he is quite so black as he is painted, and he has never seriously interfered with breeding results in my aviaries; in this respect I have had more trouble with the Virginian Cardinal. Most certainly in epitomising their good qualities, one must class them as a handsome couple; few foreign birds surpass them for beauty, and however one may muse over a rare species, the Pekin, cheap as he is to be obtained, is in the very front rank of glowing Eastern beauty, and, more than that, possesses all those characteristics that make an ideal cage or aviary bird. His praises have been sung again and again, and most thoroughly he deserves his popularity, for he has fine song, bold, fearless and vivacious demeanour, attractive and interesting deportment, is amiable even to the smallest inhabitant of the aviary; and is absolutely hardy, being quite unaffected by the worst weather an English winter can inflict upon him. What more can one desire?



NEST OF THE PEKIN ROBIN IN MR. W. T. PAGE'S AVIARY.

Photo by E. O. Page taken after the young had flown and the nest had been tied down a little to show the interior.

My First Pekin.

But this is all general; what about my Pekin Robins? This may be true, but however general it may be, it is also true of my Pekin Robins, for I regret I cannot take you, like some, round to the shop, and describe the purchase of my first Pekin. It was away back in the misty past, longer than I care to think about, or the price I paid for it—I was never without them for long together for very many years, but with all their chumminess and other charms they never did anything in the breeding line. In fact to this day the recorded instances of their breeding in captivity in this country are few indeed. I have always attributed my non-success in this respect to having my aviaries so crowded that natural cover was impossible, for in the end not even herbage was allowed to grow. Nevertheless, the Pekins throve, looked handsome, and greeted me always with perfect familiarity to a sort of "What have you got for me?" expression. Thus would I sum up the past, and bring the period down to about five years ago when my London aviaries were dismantled, since when till this spring Pekins had no place in my present aviary.

Now my little yarn can become more of a personal narrative, for they only came into my possession this spring—it was thuswise. I was with Capt. J. S. Reeve, of Leadenham, at the Zoo, looking at some of his birds which were there on deposit owing to his aviaries being closed for the period of the war. Among them were two fine pairs of Pekins which I much admired; it ended in some of the birds coming to me "on deposit," and a pair of Pekins as a gift, and it is of the doings of this pair that I propose telling. They behaved handsomely, so much so, that the luck of years of no breeding successes was broken, and for the first time in my avicultural experience young Pekins were fully reared in my aviary. When my yarn is finished I think readers will agree with me that for perseverance in the midst of repeated failure, my birds deserve a medal.

Soon Made Themselves at Home.

They were turned into the aviary in late April, and made themselves at home at once. Early in May I discovered a charming cradle nest in the middle of a thick privet bush, and it was some days before I could discover its builders; some days passed and no eggs were deposited therein, and that bush was a contentious spot in the aviary, and I fear I credited the Pekins with upsetting some bird's domestic "apple cart." Instead of that, it was a bachelor Virginian Cardinal and a pair of Black Tanagers which were doing their best to frustrate the Pekins' efforts. However, they stuck to their task, and about the middle of the month the nest contained two eggs, but after a few days the interference of the other birds caused the nest to collapse and the eggs were broken—failure No. 1.

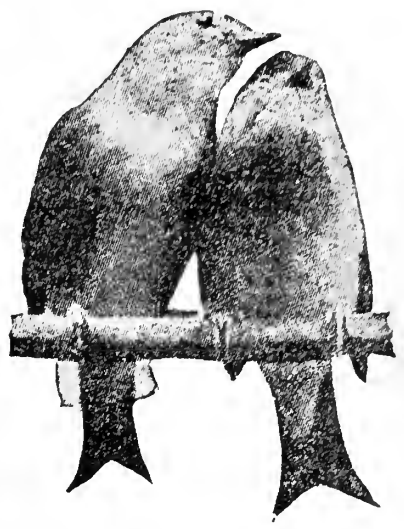
"Are we downhearted? No," quoth the Pekins, and forthwith they proceeded to reconstruct their nest, making it this time more substantial. They deposited therein a clutch of eggs, and for a week all went well. Then, on making my morning visit, I knew something was wrong, for in Pekin alley the language of Mr. Pekin was something shocking, while the plaintive cries of Mrs. Pekin were really distressing. It was failure No. 2, for the nest was dismantled, and the precious eggs broken.

However, things soon quietened down, and the Pekins decided on a change of residence and moved over to the other side of the aviary. Very soon, in Hazel Glen, another cradle was suspended to the slender branch of a privet bush, overshadowed by a large hazel.

Still Dogged by Ill-Luck.

Incubation lasted twelve days, and both parents took part in the task, as they had done in the nest construction, and then a chick appeared. This lived for six days, and was apparently doing well, but on the morning of the seventh day, after a night's heavy rain, on my way to the aviary I knew something was wrong, by the distressful cries of the Pekins. Sure enough, ill-luck continued to dog their efforts, for the rain and wind had caused one of the grass suspending ropes to give way, and the young chick was stark and cold on the ground beneath. Failure No. 3!

If the Pekins still hoped on, my hopes of success were certainly getting low. I was less curious of their doings, and concluded they had given it up as a bad job, as I had not noticed them carrying nesting material; but on July 23 a fellow aviarist was taking a look round the aviary, and he suddenly said "What nest is that?" Yes, it was the Pekins, they had moved to Elder Avenue on this occasion, and suspended to a slender swaying elder branch was domicile No. 4, with Mrs. Pekin busily incubating a clutch of three eggs, so buried in the nest as to escape notice at first.



"WHEN I GAZE INTO YOUR EYES."

A typical attitude of the happily-wedded couple.

In due course two chicks hatched out, and though the weather was very unsettled, heavy thunderstorms being prevalent, all went well, and the young were all but fledged on the ninth day, in spite of gales of wind and rain which still prevailed. Going down to the aviary on the tenth day I was prepared for disaster, for the distressful cries of the Pekins were to be heard all over the garden, and I was prepared to find my hopes of breeding Pekins for the season 1915 effectually quenched. The weather had proved too much for the nest, two of the grass ropes had given way, one young bird was dead beneath it, and the other had disappeared. I was, of course, very disappointed but I was more sorry for the Pekins than myself, their distress was so very real. I considered failure No. 4 was final so far as 1915 was concerned.

However, they were of a different opinion, for they belonged to the "try again" brigade. After much searching they settled on another part of Hazel Glen for attempt No. 5. They wasted no time in useless grief after the first shock was over, for in three days a nest was completed and the first egg laid. I am afraid I did not take a great deal of interest in the matter, for they had commenced the moult, and I did not expect anything to come of this attempt. Incubation steadily went on, and on the thirteenth day, when I ventured to look into the nest, the gaping mouths of three vigorous chicks greeted me, and hope once more reigned supreme.

Success at Last!

On September 10th Capt. Reeve called to see them, they were then seven days old, and we both agreed that success seemed very probable, though the parents were very ragged from the moult, and liable to "throw up the sponge" at any moment. On Sept. 15 there was a perfect clamour in the aviary, and I hastily went down thereto, fearing some pirate bird was appropriating the young Pekins, but parent Pekins were only shouting "Hurrah! Brought it off at last"; for there, hopping amid the branches were two strong young Pekins, not able to fly, but very active amid the twiggy branches of the privet hedgerow.

(To be Continued.)

Our Painting Competition.

A Prize for Artistic Bird-Keepers.

(See frontispiece this week.)

Following our usual custom at Christmastide, our Frontispiece this week is designed to be coloured. We offer a cash prize of one guinea for the best attempt at colouring the same which reaches us from one of our readers on or before Friday, January 7th.

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In this competition entries are received only on the understanding that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as final.

My Parson Finches:

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR

This article is No. 47 of the new series of personal birdy experiences entitled "Through a Birdroom Window."

MORE years ago than I care to remember sometimes, my friend George Carrick used to come home from Australia, bringing a huge cargo of birds of all sorts and sizes, some exceedingly rare, and some comparatively common. On one voyage he landed with a huge cageful of Parson Finches, and as they did not for some reason seem to go off, he offered me some very cheaply. I was never very struck on Parson Finches, why, I shall tell by and bye; but the apparent bargain tempted me, and I fell.

One thing I could never understand is why these birds should be known as Parson Finches, as anything more unclerical looking I never saw. There might be some excuse for giving this title to Pöe birds; as they have some feathers under the beak, something like the white bands clergymen used to affect 50 years ago; but Parsons are absolutely innocent of anything clerical about them.

Sober as Their Name.

They are sober little birds, about the size of our English Goldfinch, with a grey head, the feathers of which they are capable of raising at will, a black bib under the chin, and sober brown plumage. They are exceedingly active birds and dreadfully inquisitive; poking and peering into every corner, and, alas, I am compelled to say it, into every neighbour's nest. This renders them most undesirable birds in a mixed collection, if your heart is set on breeding. This is why I do not like Parson Finches. People talk about Crimson Finches being quarrelsome, but I will defy anything to come up to an irascible old Parson Finch with a nest in building.

It is not very easy to distinguish the sex of these birds as the plumage is so exactly alike; the surest way to distinguish the cocks and the hens is to put a lot into a cage with one long perch, where they can all sit in a line, and then take note of the size of the "bibs." The birds with big ones are the cocks; the others the hens.

It is easy to spot them out then, but the difficulty comes in when you put in your hand to catch them. Then, in a moment, all the birds depress their bibs, and all look exactly alike. The only way to overcome this difficulty is to spot a bird and carry him in your eye, until you have him safely in your hand.

When my birds arrived from Mr. Carrick it was evening, so I left them in the travelling cage till morning, as it is always a foolish thing to enlarge new arrivals at night in a strange aviary, as they are sure to dash about and not only injure themselves, but will frighten all the old inmates into fits.

Up in the Morning Early.

When morning dawned I was up betimes, and after replenishing the seed and water pots I opened the door of the travelling cage and let the Parson Finches out. I wished I hadn't a few minutes later, for they started in and had a regular free fight. I suppose it is not really good for you to be without troubles, or worries, because then you begin to regard content as a right rather than as a blessing. At any rate, I know my content was one for the time being.

Some people know things by instinct; others have to be told. I am one of the latter sort. Any well informed person would have known that Parson Finches are quarrelsome little beggars. I had to find it out by experience. It gave me a bitter conceit of myself, so to speak, and I think that conceit is the most delicious possession in the world. The conceited person is always perfectly happy; he knows for a fact that the world revolves round him.

I knew that my only course was to get the net and catch the whole lot; but it is easier said than done. It takes a keen eye and the patience of Job himself to go dodging about a bird room trying to keep one particular bird in your eye, and at the same time to avoid losing that eye on some projecting twig.

After catching them all up, and allowing myself time to cool, I selected the finest cock and a couple of hens, and put them into a small cage to examine them at leisure. I quite believe the cock hoped he was going to have both the ladies, like the lad who, being asked by H.M. Inspector how many wives it was permitted a man to have, replied blandly: "two only as generally necessary to salvation." I, however, know better, for I felt that if the two ladies were left together it would mean the survival of the fittest.

The next day I put the pair into the aviary and awaited events. I had not long to do so. These two wretched birds began a systematic examination of every nest and cigar box in the place, ruthlessly ejecting the lawful inmates and taking forcible possession—for about ten minutes. Then they would fly down to the end twig, feed and drink as if nothing had happened.

As I did not wish to lose the whole breeding season I had once more to catch the little murderous wretches and put them in a small compartment by themselves. The cock, though a great bully out of doors, was remarkably quiet at home, and I noticed that whenever his wife was about, like Agag of old, he walked delicately, but then that is often the way with husbands, birdy and otherwise.

Not many days after, when I entered the bird room, my trained eye caught the hen slipping into a German travelling cage with a lot of hay in her bill, so I knew she was bent on nest building. Of course I pretended to see nothing. It never does to let birds think you have noticed their domestic arrangements. I felt very pleased with myself. Till you have nearly all that the gods can give, it is not difficult to be virtuous, as Becky Sharp once said.

I only wanted one thing more, a nest of little Parsons. All went well for some days, and then one morning I saw both the old birds at the seed tray. For some days the hen had been hidden. Horrible doubts arose in my mind about deserted nests, but some doubts are like dirty water, let them alone and they will evaporate. Mine did in this case. The nest was all right, and the hen was only taking needful refreshment. I saw her return to her duties with the joy of an Arctic explorer welcoming a relief party.

Counting the Chickens.

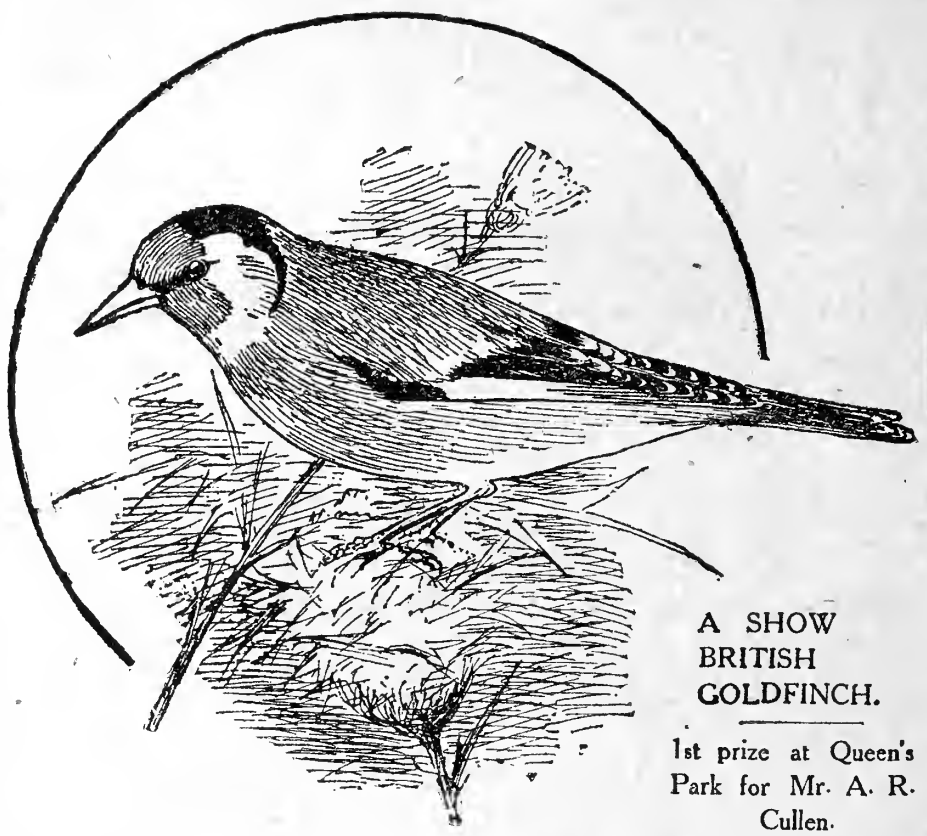
I now began to count confidently on a good hatch. I seldom see things as they are, but as they are going to be. It was so in this case. I was counting my chickens before they were hatched. At the end of 13 days I saw the hen off; she remained off, and then I knew that the eggs were clear. I went in and told the family and they only said "Oh, are they," but some people haven't got the feelings of a broomstick! When a week later I saw the Parsons busy at nest building again, the world was fixed in its orbit, and Time itself stood still, but then, was I not greatly blessed, as the pious Evangelists say.

I think Browning's man, who never turned his back, but marched breast forward, believing in the triumph of right, must have had my square shoulders. At the end of the 13 days I could hear faint sounds from the nest box, and if even those sounds ceased for any length of time I felt as wretched as Adam and Eve on the fatal evening when they had eaten the apple. To merely remember that time even now makes my mouth like a brick kiln and my flesh as that of a goose.

One morning, when I entered the bird room I saw the Parson Finches surrounded by a little crowd, and then I knew that success had once more crowned my endeavours, and I felt inclined to quote the old Italian proverb, open your mouth and the Larks fall ready roasted into it.

You may be sure that I was not long in making my success public. You can never be too quick in these things, as every Jerusalem, it has been said, has its Samaria close at hand and somebody else may have got before you. Of course Parson Finches have often been bred before and since; in fact, Mr. Gedney speaks in the most airy way of the ease with which the thing may be done.

I can't say that the Parson Finch cock seemed happy—though married; he always seemed to me to share Jane Welch Carlyle's feelings anent her husband, that Carlyle "was gey hard to live with." And now I think I will end lest you should say of me what one girl said of another: her tongue was like a dock root, so long there was no end of it.



A SHOW BRITISH GOLDFINCH.

1st prize at Queen's Park for Mr. A. R. Cullen.

Are British and Foreign Birds Declining in Favour?

By "SUB ROSA."

ON looking over the schedules and catalogues of most of the shows for the past few years, I am reluctantly forced to the opinion that British and Foreign birds are to a certain extent declining in favour by fanciers. A few evenings ago, when the weather was in one of its worst moods, I found myself staring into the embers of a bright fire and ruminating on the factors which are contributing to the steady decline in the numbers of our beautiful resident and migratory birds upon the show bench, and of the gorgeous coloured Foreigners.

It is not easy to arrive at a cause at a time like this. We must not overlook the fact that the times are not normal. We have to acknowledge that our domestic and commercial system is in an uproar which has in some cases completely, and in others partially, knocked the stuffing out of the Fancy. Some fanciers and some societies have struggled and are struggling to keep things going, at what personal or pecuniary inconvenience we may only conjecture; but either the schedules have not been sufficiently attractive, or the railway facilities have left something to be desired, or—and I am reluctant to offer this as a solution—fanciers of our attractive British and Foreign are becoming scarcer and scarcer.

Suppose we examine the different factors I have named as causing the decline. It would perhaps be better to explain to the reader that although this contribution may be read as generally affecting the whole of the Fancy, I shall only speak of the shows it has been my privilege to visit, or those which have appealed to me because of their position on the map.

One does not take quite the same interest in shows which are hundreds of miles away, especially as there is a continuity of shows in one's own district, and a cursory glance through the reports of those shows which are far away is the most that can be expected of even an enthusiastic fancier at a time when many items in the newspaper press call for his attention, and reduces the time at his disposal for a closer study of affairs in the Cage Bird Fancy. Parenthically, I may mention that I have known the time when I could tell the average entry per class at almost any show in the Kingdom on referring to a pocket book.

Better in the Old Days.

Recent shows in the district that has Manchester for its centre have proved to me that British and Foreign birds have not been exhibited in such numbers as they were 15, 10, or even seven years ago. Looking over the names and the number of entries in the catalogues of present-day shows, one recalls the names of Olbaldiston, H. B. Smith, Ball, the two Walsh's, Jones, Williams, and many others who used to keep the classes going by their support.

Certainly there are a few exhibitors to-day who contribute to the attractiveness of our shows by sending a few entries, but they do not send quite so varied a collection nor so large an entry as did those whom I have mentioned, consequently societies have suffered monetarily, and have reduced classification to the minimum, while some have even crossed them out altogether.

Are societies wise in doing this? Are the shows quite as attractive without British or Foreign? Do they get the same number of visitors at the shows as they did formerly? In my opinion, we fanciers think too much of the present instead of looking to the future. We overlook the fact that every individual non-fancier who visits a bird show is a potential bird-keeper, and it is the attractiveness of birds that he only reads about that brings most of such people to a bird show.

The many varieties of Canaries, considered as different varieties, have no more interest to a non-fancier than his last week's but one wages. To him they are simply Canaries, all of them. But he can see a difference between a Goldfinch and a Bullfinch, a Linnet and a Hawfinch, a Thrush and a Chough, or a Pekin Robin and a Macaw. Their colouring appeals to him, their vivacity attracts him. He likes to see things in the flesh that heretofore he has only read about or seen in a museum. Once get him really interested, and before long he is a fancier, and "once a fancier always a fancier."

Too Many without Hobbies.

There are far too many working men without hobbies. We want to attract these men to our shows, so that they will adopt our hobby. If we once get a man interested in such a hobby as the keeping of birds, his attention will be diverted from baser pursuits, and he will ultimately be led to try his hand at exhibiting birds, and we can do with more exhibitors at the present.

If we are to keep up our shows we must do something towards replacing the older fanciers who are continually being taken from us, and those who decline the Fancy from lack of interest, or who get "fed up" from other causes; and I can see no better way of making recruits than through the attractiveness of our shows.

The majority of purely Canary fanciers, I think, have started in the Fancy with British Birds. I may be wrong, so I won't labour the point; but I know of plenty of fanciers whose initial entry into the fold has been through the agency of British Birds. Myself for instance. Many years ago I did some small service for a friend who resided in the country, for which I would not receive any remuneration, and a few weeks later I was the recipient of a Goldfinch (the first I ever saw). I bought a hen Canary, and attempted to breed, and I didn't know till the following year that I had been trying to breed from two hens!

But I had the "fever"; and in less than two years I had won a first prize with British at an open show, and from British I drifted to the breeding of Norwich—or, as a British fancier friend of mine told me, from the sublime to the ridiculous. I merely mention this personal experience as an instance, and because I know there are hundreds of potential bird-keepers in the country whose interest could be awakened by some similar experience, or through the agency of shows.

(To be continued.)

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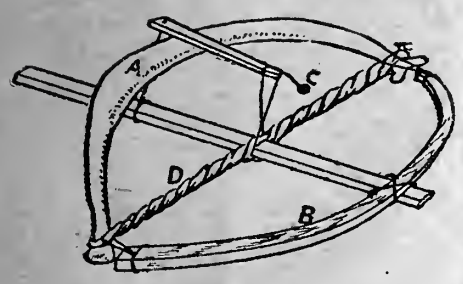
The Woodlark in Captivity.

By W. E. Teschemaker B.A.

THE Woodlark is one of those interesting species which are extremely particular in their choice of a residential district; among these species will be found the most difficult subjects with which the aviculturist has to deal. Though few general statements with regard to birds are worth making, this one at least has but very few exceptions, namely that the more local a species is, the more difficult will it be found to meet its requirements in captivity.

The Reed-Warbler and the Bearded Tit must necessarily be local in a country whose fens have long since been drained and turned into arable land, but there are hundreds of thousands of acres of apparently suitable ground in Great Britain, on which the Woodlark never is and, as far as we know, never has been found. Without attempting to fully explain the preferences of the Woodlark, we may briefly note what those preferences are. The name Woodlark is misleading; it should be "Tree-lark," as the great Swedish naturalist, Linnaeus, evidently thought when he gave it the scientific title of *Alauda arborea*. The German name, "Heather Lark," is also quite inappropriate. The typical locality for this species is the dry,



A VERY ANCIENT LARK TRAP.
A—Bone Loop; B—Wooden Loop; C—Bait; D—Twisted Fibre.

sunny side of a warm, sheltered valley, well covered with dry bracken and a little gorse. Let us note that the first of the Woodlark's requirements is warmth, and, presumably for this reason, he is a bird of the southern and western, rather than of the northern and eastern counties. Here in Devonshire we find him in the sheltered valleys, but, when we climb on to Dartmoor, we leave the Woodlark behind, though we find the Skylark, Meadow Pipit and Stonechat nesting up to 1,500 ft. above sea-level.

The Woodlark does not like too much warmth, however, as we may infer from the fact that when he nests in the warmest parts of Europe he chooses generally the hill tops and mountain sides; and we must not run away with the idea that he is a delicate bird because he crosses the North Sea to reach his summer haunts in South Scandinavia, and, as Gatke tells us, he is one of the very earliest spring migrants, passing over Heligoland in February and March.

When we come to know him intimately, we find that he requires a more liberal and more insectivorous diet than his near relative, the Skylark. We may also infer from the wild, lonely districts which he selects that he is a shy bird with a touch of the romantic; lastly from his expression, we shall guess, and guess rightly, that he is of an amiable, affectionate disposition, in which respect also he differs markedly from his conceited and pugnacious cousin, the Skylark.

Lark Trapping Long Popular.

A book might be written on the subject of Lark-trapping, for from the very earliest times this occupation seems to have been extremely popular; it appealed to the sporting instincts of our ancestors, and even more to their appetites. Polydore Vergil, who resided in this country in the early years of the 16th century, tells us that "The cheefe foode of the Englisheman consisteth in fleshe; of wilde burdes; these are most delicate, pheasaunts, quayles, owsels, thrusshes and larckes. This last burde in winter season, the wether being not to owtragious, dothe waxe wonderus fatte, at which time a wonderful nombre of them is caughte, so that of all others they chefle garnishe menns tables." (Notice the spelling of "larckes," which seems to suggest that the name Lark is simply the old German word, "lerche," and not an abbreviation of "laverock.")

"Low-belling" seems to have been the most popular method in this country. One man walked in front ringing a large bell, others followed dragging large nets over the stubbles and behind these came someone carrying a light ("low"). One ancient writer tells us that on a dark night the Larks were so overcome with fright that they used to turn over on their backs, showing their light underparts. This the reader may believe or not, as he likes; the writer has never noticed such an occurrence on the various occasions when he has been out Lark-netting, but of course nowadays for various reasons we dispense with the bell, and use only just sufficient light to extricate the Larks from the net, so the Larks are not so much alarmed.

In Germany we are not surprised to find that the slaughter of Larks was more wholesale; lines of nets, six feet high and more than a mile long (according to Brehm) were stretched across the plains, and into these, at the approach of night, the Larks were driven by dragging long ropes across the ground. We read of more than half a million Larks being supplied to the city of Leipsig in this way in a single month.

The Italians were more subtle in their methods. They mostly used clap-nets, and we are told that one man could work five of these single-handed. Those of us who know from personal experience that it requires an active person to handle a single pair of nets, when sport is at all brisk, will take off our hats to these masters of the ancient art of fowling. Their method of displaying their brace-birds was very far from humane; a long line was attached to the top of one eight-foot pole and ran through a hole in the top of another. To this line the unfortunate brace-birds were tied; when the line was pulled tight, they were swung up in the air together and dangled helplessly. A Police-Inspector nowadays would probably have a fit if he saw such a sight as this.

A Trap of Great Interest.

We may here notice a very ancient Lark-trap, which all twentieth century bird-catchers should examine with an interest almost amounting to reverence, not only because it takes us back through the centuries to the time when man first set snares for birds, but also because it is the veritable prototype of the modern circular spring net trap. (The sketch is based on details taken from Macpherson's History of Fowling.) This trap was used in Italy, Sicily, Morocco, Egypt, and other countries surrounding the Mediterranean.

One of the two half-hoops was a rib of some quadruped, between the extremities of which a tightly twisted skein of string, or fibre, or sinew, forming the spring, was stretched. The other half-hoop, the cross-piece, and the trigger were of wood. The trigger was held down by a loop of grass, and to this loop was tied the bait either a single pea or an insect. The Lark standing on the wooden hoop pulled the bait, thus releasing the trigger, and was killed by the bone hoop falling on its back.

I believe that Woodlarks could be easily taken by setting a few net-traps round a call-bird, but on the only occasion when I tried my hand at trapping this species I used a small pair of clap-nets, placing two call-birds in small cages in the space between the nets. One fine October day I made my way to a farm where Woodlarks can be found at any time of the year and set the nets about fifty yards from a wood in which I concealed myself.

Hall-Marked by Its Tail.

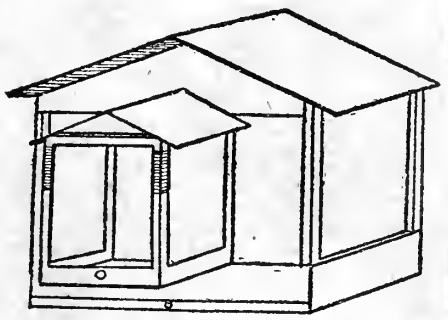
I had not long to wait before I heard the familiar call-note (which Gatke well renders by the phrase "Tu-piddl"), and presently I had the pleasure of seeing a prospective captive circling round and round overhead. It may be here remarked that a Woodlark can always be recognised, even at a considerable height in the sky, by its remarkably short tail, which always gives me the impression that I am either looking at a young bird in immature plumage or else that someone has unkindly docked off a part of the tail with a pair of scissors.

The call-birds called lustily, and down came the stranger, which by this time I regarded as my very own. Bird-catching, however, is one of those arts which is never a certainty; when all the conditions are just right and the apparatus is a proved success, it may be described as an easy accomplishment, but when the conditions are not quite right, the results are apt to be most scanty, not to say vexatious.

The bird pitched just outside the nets and just outside he remained. He exchanged "Tu-piddls" with the call-birds at the rate of nineteen to the dozen, and remained for quite ten minutes, but, having satisfied his curiosity, he said good-bye nicely and departed in peace. Other Woodlarks arrived and exchanged greetings; they walked round and round the nets, and some even perched on the staves, but not one would give me a chance of a pull.

The hours passed, the cramped position of the nets-man became more and more uncomfortable, and still there was nothing doing in Woodlarks. But at last I saw a little brown object creeping like a mouse across the open space in the centre of the nets. The energy I imparted to the pull was almost enough to rip the pegs out of the ground, but even so he nearly beat me, so quick is the spring of a Lark. The conclusion that I came to was that it was much cheaper and infinitely less laborious to purchase Woodlarks from the professional trapper.

We now know where to look for a Woodlark, how to recognise the bird, and how to attempt his capture, but, before we attempt to keep one, we must provide ourselves with a suitable cage. The writer has more than once remarked on the fact that we have but



AN IMPROVED WOOD-LARK CAGE.

very few types of cages, and many of these are not very suitable. My objections to the ordinary Lark-cage are numerous; it is too small, too low, there is usually nothing to prevent the bird injuring its head when it springs, the food is generally placed in a dark box, and the turf cannot easily be removed; also few Lark-cages are well enough constructed to stand rain and sun.

The cage of which a rough sketch is appended has been well tested by actual use, a succession of Woodlarks having lived happily and sung freely in it. Only the framework of the cage is shown, because, instead of a wire front, it has wire-netting of three-eighths of an inch gauge (in order to make it perfectly mouse-proof) and many would object to this on the ground of appearance. Personally, both in the matter of cages and aviaries, I study only suitability, and leave appearances to look after themselves.

The height of this cage is twenty inches, the width twenty-two inches, and the depth of the floor from back to front eleven inches; the roof projects three inches over the front. The span roof and the smaller ditto over the porch are both covered with a sheet of zinc to throw off rain. Under each roof a piece of light canvas is tightly stretched, forming a kind of ceiling, so that, however violently a freshly-caught bird may jump, it cannot possibly hurt itself; with the same object the single short perch projecting from the back of the cage is hinged.

The hinge, which works very freely, is screwed to the back of the cage, and its effect is to hold the perch rigid, should the bird perch on it, but to allow the perch to rise should the bird strike it when jumping. The entire left side of the cage is of wood, to prevent draughts, and on this is hung the usual food-box, which, however, has never been used, all food being placed in the porch. In this position a freshly-caught bird can easily see it.

It is also important that the bird-keeper should see at a glance what the food-vessels contain, so, when designing a cage, bear in mind the principle that "out of sight is out of mind." The turf is placed in the porch, and on this turf the Woodlark may be expected to stand when delivering his beautiful song; for, though the wild Woodlark will frequently sing from the top of an oak tree, a perching Woodlark is quite an exception in captivity.

The Advantages of Sliding Doors.

The porch is eight inches wide, six inches deep and one foot high, not including the roof. The door of the porch (8in. by 12in.) slides up and down in rabbets. The two rabbeted pieces in which it slides are five inches long, and thus allow the door to rise seven inches, which is ample, for it will be found that, should the bird be startled by the sudden opening of the door, it will for some inexplicable reason usually make for the porch.

The advantage of a sliding cage-door can only be realised by those who have used one; a spring door is the next best thing, but this generally requires to be forcibly held back when the hand is inserted, and some day the spring will break, in which case you will be lucky if you do not lose your bird. A sliding door rests lightly on the wrist, when the hand is inserted; it cannot fail to close, and it cannot possibly be opened by the bird; lastly it has no hinges, hasp, or other mechanism.

The tray is three-quarters of an inch deep, made of tin, black-japanned, and soldered at the corners so as to be water-tight. One of the difficulties of keeping Larks is the clogging of the feet. Until I hit upon the idea of a water-tray I used to find the cleansing of the feet a laborious occupation; it also frightens the bird and puts it off song. By removing the sand and pouring a little water into the tray we can compel the bird to wash its own feet without alarming it in any way. When, however, the sand is renewed every other day, and the turf constantly changed, it will be found that a Woodlark, which is a much tidier bird than a Skylark, will rarely, if ever, require this treatment.

(To be continued.)

A CHAMPION . . . EXHIBITION HEN . YELLOW-HAMMER. .

This charming hen, whose markings and style are so ably depicted by Mr. E. F. Bailey, has won many prizes for Mr. H. J. Chick, of Nottingham. So rich is she in colour (we have seen many cock birds inferior in this point) that discussions have arisen as to her sex.

COLOUR IN THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD.

Its Importance and Its Origin.

By E. W. Allsopp, (Cardiff).

INASMUCH as colour is one of the main features of the Norwich Plainhead, it has, or should have, the duo respect of all breeders. To my mind, when you have succeeded in breeding a reasonably good all-round bird in all other features, colour, of the desired exhibition depth, or the lack of it, decides the issue upon the show bench.

It is just a case of a "topper," readily selected by almost everyone for premier honour, and one of the other kind, perhaps actually better in all other features, rescued with difficulty from amongst those cast by the judge "into outer darkness," and given a commended card, because "somehow," says that gentleman, "there is something I like about the bird."

Anyhow, whether we breeders truly realise the importance of colour or not, the fact remains that a very wide range of degrees of colour exists upon the show bench; and if you are fond of committing apparently trifling details to memory, for future development at your own fireside, you will sooner or later realise in what few hands are birds of the desired depth of colour, and practically so, season after season, in the same hands.

What Green Blood Is It?

Of course, you say, there is no mystery about these insignificant facts, as it is easily explained by the breeders concerned using the green blood very liberally. This, I believe, is very true, but all the same I would ask, "What sort of green blood is it?"

If you are under the impression that green blood is of one standard and of certain character and power in the production of colour, get rid of that impression quickly, for many a breeder has found to his dismay that the more green blood he introduced into his stock the less colour he obtained; so that a "best common" green will not be likely to suit, for what is required is an "uncommon best" and, take it from me, they are uncommon too.

Some recommend a bronze green, others a "Liverpool green," and some the cinnamon and cinnamon green as sure aids to beauty, and I assure you, having tried the whole "bag of tricks" in a small and quiet way, all are worth trying if only from an actual experience point of view.

A writer not many months ago made a very definite statement to the effect that Cinnamon blood was undoubtedly just "it" as a foundation for colour, or urged words to that effect. I am not rash enough to say he is wrong, but, like the sailor's Parrot, I can think pretty hard, and I think he is.

Cinnamon blood, whether pure, or through the medium of a cinnamon green, will in many instances certainly ensure a nice tone of colour in your stock; but, compared with the fiery or brilliant tone found in some Plainheads, it is of a softer, more subdued tone; in fact, an uncovered arc light is representive of the one, and when enclosed in its white glass globe represents the other. Personally, I like better the softer or salmon shade of colour, but for keen competition it is generally found in the "also rans."

The Colour of Yorkshires.

Now, if there is not any foundation in fact in what I write, and which actual experiment would seem to support, I would say "Very well, what about the Yorkshires?" Outside of the Cinnamon, I expect there is not another variety which is so charged with Cinnamon blood. Does this variety stand out for colour by reason thereof? Frankly, taken as a whole, can it hold a candle for colour to the Plainheads? True, an outstanding colour is often found in a Yorkie, and wins somebody's special for best or hottest colour in the show, but I will gamble my best Sunday hat, or at least my wife's, that Yorkie was not built upon Cinnamon stock.

You may introduce the Cinnamon blood through the medium of cock or hen, pure, or as Cinnamon greens; the result I have found the same; and even Mules bred from such, whilst possessing quality of feather, have nevertheless lacked the desired brilliancy of colour.

We have now left the Bronze and Liverpool greens, the latter being generally accepted as the grass green, and if both are absolutely free from Cinnamon blood the chances for improvement in colour are certainly more pronounced, but can only be proved by actual experiment, for after all even non-Cinnamon bred greens are very often poor colour producers.

The astonishing feature is perhaps the wonderful depth of colour we sometimes see upon the show bench possessed by birds which lack quality of feather. Compared with the fine textured silky plumage of their paler brothers and sisters, the plumage is coarse and hairy, or even fibrous, quite contrary to the old doctrine of quality and colour going hand in hand. As a matter of fact the more heavily variegated these particular birds, the more pronounced is lack of quality, but the colour is all there, don't forget; real proper "nose-warmers" I call them, the sight of which always cheers but not inebriates, at least so I tell some friends "as bends their elbows a bit."

The Small Ones of Years Ago.

Now years ago, when we breeders were satisfied with something a good bit smaller, the Lizard cross for colour was a short and sure road, and although I cannot prove it up to the hilt, there is a good deal of evidence to support the view that the Lizard blood is really the responsible factor for the brilliant depth of colour we sometimes see. Were the breeders of the particular specimens interrogated upon this point, it is quite possible they would stoutly deny it was so, and frankly and honestly too. With so many breeders of Canaries, however, and many thousands of birds annually changing hands, it requires no stretch of imagination to realise how a veritable gold mine for colour could be secured, the origin or history of which was wrapped in obscurity.

Therefore, unless a breeder has actually built up his green blood, too much importance must not be attached to such denials. Anyhow, if you closely compare these birds of outstanding colour with the Lizards, you will find as a whole the exact shade of colour is common to both. Also the harsh description of feather seems a characteristic of the Lizard variety; and in some of the saddle marked Plainheads there is distinct evidence of the rowing of the Lizard, which feature has no doubt been firmly fixed in the Lizard variety, and it is significant that it is about the last marking to leave in the Plainhead cross.

After all, when we realise that the Lizard is the oldest and best colour blood we have, why should it not be available in our Plainhead interests to-day? 'Tis easily the purest blood we have, for I think I am right in declaring a cross of any sort will only harm and not improve it. Lack of size is the only real objection I have ever heard against it; but remember I am not advocating a run on the Lizards for crossing to obtain colour, but am merely trying to fix the responsibility for the wonderful depth of colour held by two or three prominent breeders up north.

The quickest way to ensure good results, whether due or not to the Lizard blood, is to obtain some of the green blood, but I know that whilst the demand is great the supply is limited, and I can only admire breeders who have a green or variegated cock of proved worth as a colour producer to stick to him closer than a brother, for such birds are nearly as scarce as Christmases, which only turn up once a year, and I wish all readers a cheerful one upon this occasion, even in the circumstances under which we now labour.

A Dutch Frill Canary which has done a great deal of winning for Mr. A. E. Brooks, of Cambridge.

HOW BRITISH BIRDS CHANGE THEIR PLUMAGE.

(Continued from page 301.)

SISKIN (*Carduelis spinus*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult in August or September. No moult in spring, but abrasion makes the plumage brighter and in the male the crown becomes almost uniform black. The female has no black on the crown and chin, is browner and more streaked on the upper-parts than the male, and has more streaks and scarcely any yellow on the under-parts.

JUVENILE.—Somewhat like the adult female, but browner on the upper-parts, distinctly spotted on the sides of neck and throat, and more streaked on the rest of the under-parts. Inner secondaries and wing-coverts tipped pale buff. (Only one specimen examined).

FIRST WINTER AND SUMMER.—The juvenile plumage is moulted as in the Greenfinch. The birds then become like the adults, but the male is more streaked on the mantle than the adult male, and the female has a browner head and mantle than the adult female.

TWITE (*Carduelis f. flavirostris*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult in September or October. No moult in spring. Abrasion makes the upper-parts much darker except for the hind-neck, which becomes greyish; the pink of the rump becomes brighter owing to the wearing away of the buffish-brown portions of the feathers, and the streaks on the breast and flanks become more prominent. The female is like the male, but usually has no pink on the rump, though sometimes there is a faint tinge of this colour.

JUVENILE.—Very much like the adult female, but never with pink on the rump; the chin has indistinct streaks instead of being uniform buff, and the throat, breast and flanks are more strongly streaked than in the adult. Sexes alike.

FIRST WINTER.—The juvenile plumage is moulted as in the Greenfinch and the birds then become like the adults.

LESSER REDPOLL *Carduelis l. cabaret*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult in September or October. No moult in spring. Abrasion makes the pink very much brighter and more extensive, but it should be noted that the amount of pink varies individually. The upper-parts become less tawny and more dark brown, with a greyish-white edging to many of the feathers. The female usually has no pink on the under-parts or rump, but very rarely there is a slight tinge of pink on one or other or both these parts.

JUVENILE.—Much like the adult female in worn summer plumage, but with no pink on the crown or elsewhere, only a little sooty-black on the chin and more spotted and streaked on the throat and breast. Sexes alike.

FIRST WINTER AND SUMMER.—The juvenile plumage is moulted as in the Greenfinch. The male then becomes like the adult female, but almost always has some trace of pink on the rump and usually a trace on the cheeks, whereas this is more exceptional in the female. The female becomes like the adult female.

The moults and sequences are the same in the Mealy Redpoll (*C. l. linaria*) and Greenland Redpoll (*C. l. rostrata*). The juvenile Mealy Redpoll I cannot distinguish in colouration from the juvenile Lesser Redpoll, but the juvenile Greenland Redpoll (like the adult) has distinctly broader streaks on the upper- and under-parts. In first winter and summer plumage the male Mealy Redpoll has a little pink on the breast more often than in the Lesser Redpoll.

LINNET (*Carduelis c. cannabina*).

ADULT.—Complete moult from August to October. No moult in spring, but in the male especially abrasion greatly alters the appearance, which varies according to the amount of wear. In much worn summer males the mantle, scapulars, and wing-coverts become almost uniform chestnut, the blackish-brown streaks and buff edges of the feathers having worn off, the flanks become almost uniform chestnut-buff and the crimson on the crown and breast, which in fresh plumage is almost concealed by the buff tips to the feathers, becomes prominent. Moreover, the more worn the feather is the more brilliant the crimson becomes. The reason for this has been frequently explained and it is only necessary to say here briefly that in Redpolls, Linnets, Crossbills and Grosbeaks not only the tips and edges of the feathers wear down, but the radii also wear off and leave the rami more or less bare. The rami only are pink and the radii grey, so that the wearing off of the latter makes the pink appear much more brilliant. The female has no pink and is darker and less chestnut on the mantle and more heavily streaked than the male.

Mr. Austin Burgess, of Thetford, Norfolk, who is an enthusiast in all that appertains to British Birds and their keeping.

JUVENILE.—Much like the female, but with the chin and throat almost uniform buffish-white, without decided dark streaks. The streaks on the upper-parts, breast and flanks, are also much narrower than in the adult female. The male even in juvenile plumage is more chestnut-buff on the upper-parts than the juvenile female.

FIRST WINTER.—The juvenile plumage is moulted as in the Greenfinch and the birds become like the adults.

BRAMBLING (*Fringilla montifringilla*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult in August-September. No moult in spring, but abrasion produces a remarkable change in the upper-parts of the male and to a lesser extent in the female. The chief difference is in the crown and mantle of the male, the glossy blue-black of which is mostly concealed in fresh plumage by the long buff tips of the feathers. The effect of the wearing off of these tips usually begins to show in February or March, and by June or July there is scarcely a buff tip left, but individuals vary in the amount of wear. The female is much duller than the male, and its crown and mantle are dull brownish-black not glossy blue-black.

JUVENILE.—Closely resembling adult female, but the white of the rump and belly tinged with yellow. Sexes alike.

FIRST WINTER.—The juvenile plumage is moulted in the first autumn, except the primary-coverts and wing- and tail-feathers. The birds then become like the adults.

TREE-SPARROW (*Passer m. montanus*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult from August to October. No moult in spring, and abrasion causes little noticeable alteration. Sexes alike.

JUVENILE.—Much like the adult but duller, the feathers of the crown being smoky-brown with blackish tips, the mantle and wing-coverts less rufous, the throat, lores and ear-coverts more greyish-black and other small differences.

FIRST WINTER.—The juvenile plumage is *completely* moulted in the first autumn. The birds then become like the adults.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

Clear Mule or Canary?

A Curious Communication About a Bird at Larbert.

SIR,—Do the fanciers in Larbert know a Mule when they see one? They asked fanciers from other districts, and they told them this "Mule" was a Canary. They sent the so-called Mules on the quiet to Aberdeen, to a well-known faucier, to see what it was. He said it was a Canary. They sent it to Carlisle show, and it was left out; the same at Hamilton show. It got second prize at Cowdenbeath, but there were only two in the class. Why could the Larbert fanciers not show it at some of the Falkirk shows instead of sending it out of the road, so nobody would know. Trying to make it wild, and taking it away from Canaries, so as not to get it on the Canary song, are not making it a Mule. Are they still convinced it is a Mule?

CAMLEON.

Breeding the Bearded Reedling in Captivity.

Sir,—If the letters appearing recently in CAGE BIRDS bear upon this most interesting event from the standpoint of the Foreign Bird Club and similar societies, then I beg to state that "in confinement" and "in captivity" are synonymous terms, for the term covers cages, indoor aviaries, and garden aviaries (no restriction as to size), or enclosures naturally planted, etc., in which the birds depend upon their owner or an attendant for daily supplies. When Dr. Lovell-Keays' article appeared in the August issue of "Bird Notes" I was under the impression that it was the first instance of success with the species under the conditions stated, and it was with great surprise that I heard they had been bred for two or three years past in the Tring aviaries. I do not know the Tring aviaries, but as soon as facts are ascertained, if it is shown that these are large enough for the birds to be independent of the care of an attendant and regular supplies of food, then it will not count as an "in captivity or confinement" event, and Dr. Lovell-Keays will receive the medal of the F.B.C. for the event. I may perhaps be permitted to say that the medals are awarded for breeding a species of hybrid for the first time in captivity (confinement) under any conditions which entail feeding and personal attendance on the birds—of course, "personal attendance" is taken as having been met where an aviary attendant is kept to look after the birds.

WESLEY T. PAGE.

The Novice Problem.

SIR,—I think it is about time societies and clubs should now, once and for all, settle the question. Within the last fortnight at an open Northern show I note that a certain exhibitor gets first prize in a novice class. This gentleman, to my knowledge has been exhibiting well over twenty years, and has had a good many red tickets on his cages. Are we to consider him, with his many years of experience, a novice?

Again, not a month ago the novice medal of a certain specialist club was won by the son of a champion exhibitor who a short time ago advertised in the press that he would not be exhibiting this season, and I think as "Novice" says in CAGE BIRDS of Nov. 30, that beginners or pure novices have not an earthly chance against such. We also often find in looking through catalogues, Miss So and So, or Master So and So in a novice class, but on looking at the index we find their address that of a champion exhibitor.

All these examples are entirely unfair to the true novice; I might go further and say they are unsportsmanlike and not worthy of good fanciers. I am in agreement with your editorial note on the subject, but might I ask you to go further and take a plebiscite of the secretaries of all societies in the kingdom (as per the list in CAGE BIRDS 1915 ANNUAL) and from their answers formulate the best definition of a novice, which should be agreed to and adopted as a special rule by all, and should be carried out in its entirely all over the Kingdom.

JUST COME BACK.

[We would willingly carry out our correspondent's suggestion if we thought good would come of it. We may point out, however, that a very widely accepted definition of a novice is already before the Fancy, i.e., that in use at the Crystal Palace and other large shows. This definition we adopted ourselves during the season in which CAGE BIRDS' Championship Competition was running, and it answered its purpose quite satisfactorily. Further, it obviously would be adopted by the London and Provincial O.S. for its Palace shows only after the "novice question" had been examined and discussed in all its aspects. Therefore it seems a natural conclusion that here the Fancy has already a rule by which the question "What is a Novice?" may be satisfactorily answered. It reads as follows:

> A novice is a person who has never won a first prize for Canaries, or Mules and Hybrids, or British, or Foreign birds, in a class at any show other than one confined to club members, or residents in the town or county where the show is held, or limited as to the price at which the exhibit is to be sold (price not to exceed £5), or three first prizes in open novice classes. All members of a family, or residents in the same house, must show in the highest section in which any of them may have to compete.

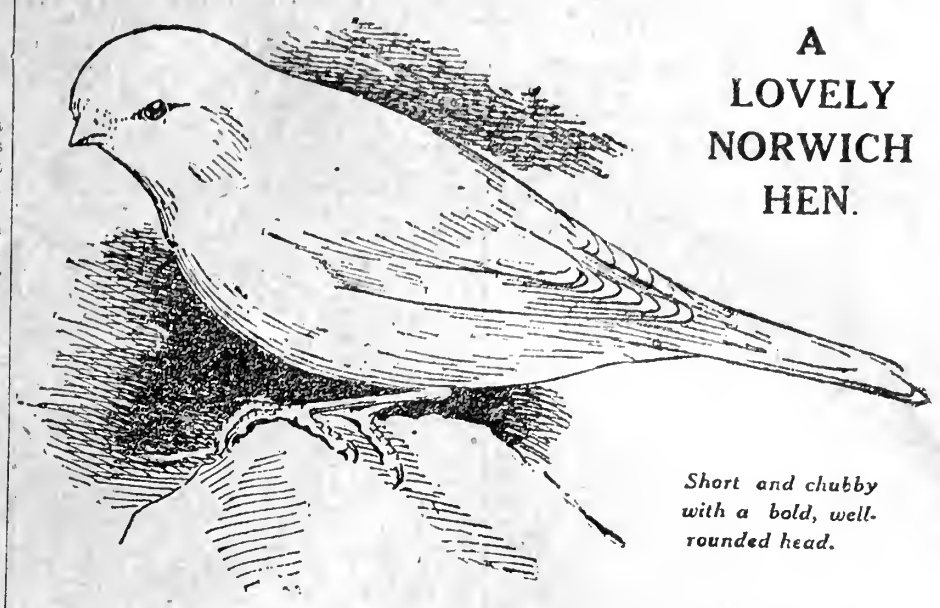
Have societies or fanciers any objections to raise against the above? One point occurs to us, viz., that after the words "is held" in the 6th line, might be added: "or restricted to a radius of 50 miles."—EDITOR, "C.B."]

Where Rare-feathered Birds Seem Common.

SIR,—I had a pure, but rather dingy, white Starling brought me, which I bought about a week ago. It was alive when I got it, and in fair condition, apparently, but was dead next morning. This was not to be wondered at, as it had lost half its top beak. How it came by its accident I have no knowledge. It was run down by some workmen and captured, as through inability to pick up its food it had got into a weak state, which accounted for it being captured in that way. It was late in the afternoon when I got it, but I had an idea that if it lived until next morning, with gentles and earthworms placed on the top of soft food, I might have taught it to pick. But, alas, it was dead when I went first thing in the morning to look at it. It does seem a pity that the country people, when anything out of the ordinary is about, should be always after it.

This was the case last year with a pure white Blackbird we had. It got no peace until it was under a riddle, or in a trap of some sort. These parts of Lincolnshire, being on the fringe of the sea-marshes, are fairly wealthy in many kinds of rare-feathered birds, besides rare birds in natural feather. Only last week I saw a fine specimen of the Great Buzzard, in the local taxidermist's, which had been shot. Amongst others in rare feather I have noted in the past few years white Sparrows, several; variegated Linnets, 1 variegated Greenfinch and 1 variegated Yellowhammer. I have had several more or less variegated Blackbirds, two fine variegated Linnets, and the one Greenfinch above noted. Sparrows I do not wish to possess, as they are so "mad" in confinement.

J. WHITELEY.



A LOVELY NORWICH HEN.

Short and chubby with a bold, well-rounded head.

Clear Buff, 1st Prize at Bedford Show for Mr. H. W. Valentine of Bedford.

Training Rollers by the Organ.

SIR,—Will some of your readers who have been successful in training Rollers exclusively with an organ kindly let me know the procedure? That is, how long and at what times in the day the birds should have their lesson?

C. HARRISON.

An Object Worthy of Your Best Support.

Scottish Red Cross Show Will Endeavour to Establish a Hospital Bed.

SIR,—Schedules for the Scottish Red Cross show at Glasgow (see advert.) have been posted to all exhibitors at the last Glasgow and Dist. show, and others who have not received a copy might apply. The following judges have been secured: Norwich, J. Winter, Edinburgh, and W. A. Turner, Manchester; Crests, John Young, Rutherglen; Borders, Jas. Hamilton, Eskbank, and Gollan Hislop, Stirling; Yorks., L. Dykes, Bolton Woods; Mules and For., A. W. Watson, Edinburgh; British, R. Bold, Bathgate and H. Jamieson, Glasgow. With 97 classes, 23s. per class, 1s. 6d. entry fee, and 130 specials, the exhibitors should rally round this venture, as the cause is a most deserving one, and if all fanciers will help by sending a few entries, also 1s. for membership, no doubt the Fancy will be able to institute the Ornithological Bed in the name of the Fancy, which will be a credit to all helping. Now, fanciers, send along your entries by the 25th inst, as printers are short-handed, and it is necessary to have the entries early.

Fanciers who help are not helping a society but helping a most deserving cause, as after matters are squared up, it drops entirely, but before that it is to be hoped that sufficient funds will be gathered for the object aimed at. It will be something creditable to the Fancy to look upon, and a lasting memory. Any one wishing to exhibit and pressed for time to write for a schedule, should post on full particulars of entries, and I will classify.

R. HEGGIE.

A Warning to Cage-makers and Bird Dealers.

SIR,—I would be very pleased if you would give a warning to all cage-makers of a chap who goes up and down the country making cages. He is sure to be known, for he is a chap with a big lump over his right eye. He came to me three weeks last Thursday night, and told me he had been doing a bit of work for Mr. North, of Bradford, and that he had walked from there that day. I gave him something to do. On Friday morning last I went up town to order some stuff and locked him in, going on making cages. I was away a little over an hour. When I came back he had broken off the lock and gone with £30 worth of my Canaries (Yorkshires and Crests). He told me he came from Birmingham; or, at least, he belongs there. He is a chap about thirty-eight years old, clean shaved, no teeth at the front on the top of his mouth, and the lump on his right eye, which he has covered with his cap. The police are looking for him.

JOHN W. STEELE.

80, Ordnance Lane, Salford.

Identity of Song Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid Challenged.

WELL-KNOWN SCOTCH JUDGE AGREES THAT THE BIRD IS GENUINE.

SIR,—The Hybrid arrived back in the best of form the morning after you put it on rail, though the cage was not quite so well cared for. It was a good thing you had tied it, as a special precaution, else it might have gone smash. The side and bottom had parted company when I got it back, no doubt through rough handling on the railway.

I am also grateful to you for your kind letters, and for the published report of your examination of the bird, as it clears me, or should do so, of any charge of attempt to present the bird to the Fancy in a wrong light. While I bear Mr. Robson no ill will, I still hold that no judge should wrong-class any exhibit with a casual observation, more especially in a Hybrid class, and your report very well suggests that a close and careful observer would not fail to detect traces of both parents in the bird in question. If any further identifying marks develop later, I will be pleased to let you know.

I might say that the bird was judged at our Club Show, Dec. 4, by Mr. McQuiston, of Ayr, one of the best known Scottish British Bird exhibitors, and he had no hesitation in pronouncing it a Hybrid, showing traces of both parents.

T. H. ANDERSON.

SIR,—I well remember the sensation caused when the first Canary-Bullfinch was exhibited, and the mixed reception accorded it. Quite a number of fanciers cried "Impossible," but Canary-Bullfinches are now fairly plentiful. Till comparatively recent years it was considered impossible to produce Hybrids from the Chaffinch, and now Chaffinch Hybrids are fairly numerous. The latest, but by no means the least, is the Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid, concerning the hatching and rearing of which a full account was given in CAGE BIRDS, and now we are told in the columns of the same paper that it is not a Hybrid, but simply a Thrush. At one of our Scottish shows this bird was recognised as a genuine Hybrid by one of our prominent Hybrid and British Bird judges. This, added to the opinion of the British Bird experts on the staff of CAGE BIRDS leads one to think that there must be something more than Thrush in the composition of this bird. The opinion of fanciers who have spent almost a whole lifetime in one branch of the Fancy, ought surely to carry as much weight as the opinion of one who is what is termed an all-round fancier. Might it not be as possible for one Hybrid to show traces of only one parent as it is for another Hybrid to show traces of *three* parents? It is only right that extreme caution should be used by our judges when confronted with an alleged new Hybrid, and had more caution been used in the past it might have prevented the perpetration, and repetition, of the greatest farce that the Cage Bird Fancy has ever witnessed.

SCOTIA.

SIR,—I note that Mr. John Robson says last week he will trust in the bird for his defence, and all he desires is for the bird to be sent to shows under recognised Hybrid and British Bird judges, who will soon expose it by confirming his, Mr. Robson's, view that it is only a Song Thrush. Mr. Robson has soon had his answer. I was at Darvel Club Show last Saturday, when this rarity was on view, and judged by that keen fancier, Mr. Peter McQuiston. Mr. McQuiston carefully looked it over and said he had no doubt whatever that it was what it was represented to be, viz., a genuine Hybrid, between Song Thrush and Blackbird. Now no one can doubt Peter's qualifications ta judge Hybrids and British—he has bred and exhibited the best of them for long years—and he knows a wild bird as well as anybody. This makes three judges who have accepted the bird as a Hybrid. It seems to me that it is not CAGE BIRDS experts who require "sympathy," but Mr. John Robson.

A. FORBES.

SIR,—Mr. Robson, in his letter is rather strong in some of his statements. He says that the bird in dispute was never hatched from a Blackbird's egg Now, as one who had the privilege of seeing the eggs and young, surely I should be in a position to know the parentage. Mr. Robson suggests that by some means or other Thrush's eggs got mixed up with the Blackbirds. I here emphatically say that no such thing occurred. Does he think Mr. Anderson and others do not know a Song Thrush's egg from a Blackbird's? He further says that he would be the first to acknowledge a genuine Song-Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid, but not such as was exhibited at Carlisle, which had no characteristics whatever of a Blackbird. At this point, I really do feel sorry for Mr. Robson. Not see any characteristics in it! Why, in most of its actions it portrays the Blackbird. Surely he gave it scant attention, or he never has been a keen observer of birds in their native haunts.

NICOL HOPKINS.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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How Cheltenham Helped.

SIR,—If you can find room in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, to announce the fact that the profit on our recent show was £6 4s. 6d., and that this sum has been handed to the local Red Cross Society, I shall be very much obliged. We had a splendid show in every way, and consider the balance very satisfactory. Many thanks for the excellent report you gave us.

A. S. TREASURE, Hon. Sec.

The Canary Section at Darlington.

SIR,—Allow me to state through the medium of your paper, CAGE BIRDS, referring to the incomplete report of Darlington Show, that the Canary section, considering the present situation, was very encouraging. The open classes averaged 10 per class, not to mention the splendid response from members. Competition was keen, and quality of the best.

F. STOPHARD.

Apologies and Thanks from Watford.

SIR,—We must apologise for the late delivery of labels and catalogues, owing no doubt to the curtailed postal arrangements. The catalogues were posted before 7 p.m. on the first day of the show, and in the ordinary course should have arrived at their destinations by first post the following morning; but in several cases they were not received until Sunday, although additional copies were sent. On behalf of the members of the society, we beg to tender grateful thanks to the exhibitors for their generous support, both in entries and by their attendance, and we trust they will overlook any shortcomings on our part in face of the difficulties in which we were placed.

JOHN GOODALL, Show Manager.
R. J. PRETTY, Chairman.

A Yellow Yorkshire Lost at Aberaman Show.

SIR,—Mr. W. Davies, of Aberaman, and I have been in conversation re the loss of the Yellow Yorkshire from the show held at Aberaman last week. I find Mr. Davies is very greatly distressed about the matter, and is feeling the loss so keenly that he is willing to pay the sum of £2 (two pounds) to the holder of the bird if the bird is returned to him, yourself, or to me in sound condition. He will not ask for the name of the holder of the bird, and will pledge his word not to make any enquiries re the same. If the bird is not returned, Mr. Davies is prepared to use the utmost rigour of the law in order to discover the culprit, if such there be. I sincerely hope, for the honour of all South Wales fanciers, after such generous treatment, the bird will be immediately returned.

(REV.) C. B. JOLLIFFE.
19 Pontcanna Street, Cardiff.

Should Present-day Exhibition Lancashires be Abolished?

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Jameson, I did not see any Coppies at Manchester. I saw your bird, Mr. J., and I don't call him a show Coppy. I quite believe you when you say you have never put any Crest in. They did not want any; the strain had enough. His head is not a good Coppy; he is short on the leg; he does not stand up; his tail is short; and he is altogether too near the perch. You may have been told they were pure bred; all tell that tale. But they have not bred many pure Lancashires in Rochdale or Oldham for many years. You take a tip from me, and I know. I know your bird has won; he could do no other. He has never met a right good one. The last two fair buff Coppies were those of Messrs. Hordern and Hardy. Your bird is not like what they were in a show cage. Don't be so sure he is the best buff Coppy living, as you have not seen them all.

Glossop. E. FULLER.

SIR,—I think Mr. Clegg has given Mr. G. Fitton the straight tip that I had nothing to do with his judging at Manchester. Mr. Clegg also said we were one man as regards what a Lancashire should be, and after reading his letter, I think we are, as I have also been thinking all the week, that if a few breeders would join in and try and help one another, we could soon improve things. You say, George, that your father has been showing forty years. Will you kindly let me know where and when he has put a clean-bred Lancashire down this last thirty years? I have not seen one in all that time, and I may tell you that since he took you in as a partner things have been worse, the birds have been more Cresty than ever. Did you not buy some Crests at Nottingham some years since to put into your birds? And I know you had too much in at the time.

Yes, Mr. Fitton, I did win with a fair bird at Glossop under Mr. Compston. Three birds in the class; great, was it not? The same bird was second at Rochdale Good Intent show under the late Mr. Garner in a good big class; W. Lee won. He was also second at the last L. and L.F.A. show at Hyde. What about that ticked yellow first at Oldham under Mr. House, and that clear buff Coppy at Manchester under Mr. Compston, the only Lancashire in the class? He was second and was badly staged. I sold them at a good price to two gentlemen in London, not for Crest breeding. It is all right for you to say I have never won. Will you kindly tell readers when I have shown to get beat? As for my "rubbish," I have still a lot, as I keep a lot of hens for feeders, bred all ways. And as I don't sell, I always have a lot of spare Lancashire cocks to "run them down," and they breed young ones like Crest-breds. Don't try and make readers believe I put Crest into my birds, like you Oldham people. If any judge can find any Crest in my Lancashires I will give him the lot. You say you could have put some birds down that would have suited me. If you have any clean-bred Lancashires, George, put them down, as I have never seen you do it yet. Now about Nottingham show in 1911, and your yellow and buff Coppies. I went to Nottingham to judge Lancashires, not Crests, and I found some. Mr. Heath was there to judge Crests, not me. You have told that tale too often about "giving someone else a chance"; tell it no more, it won't do. What has Mr. Hordern told you many a time? Did he not tell you I was judging Lancashires and that I put them in their right places? Do you think sound, good fanciers have had any encouragement showing thoroughbred stock against mongrels, as they have been doing for the last twenty-five years, and getting beaten? Just because the pure, well-bred bird seems a bit smaller than the big rough bundles of feathers that look bigger in a show cage? If your father has forgotten, and you don't know, what a Lancashire should be like, just look at those plates of Blakston's, and you will see. Read the description of a Lancashire in your club card, and see if you have any like them. I did not ask you to sell your bird. I told you a friend of mine said he would like it to breed with Crests. Sam Fitton, or Rochdale, did breed and show some good stuff. You say you love the Lancashire; well, start breeding some. A Crest never improved a Lancashire, and no man will ever breed a real Lancashire from birds that are full of Crest blood.

Glossop. EDWARD FULLER.

The Keeping of Fresh-caught Goldfinches.

Hemp and Niger Recommended.

Sir,—Allow me to give you the information how to keep fresh-caught Goldfinches. I give no aperient whatever, and this is how I feed mine. I give them crushed hemp till they will crack it, and niger seed. I had a hen Goldfinch 12 years, living on nothing but hemp seed, and a cock bird lived 14 years. I had the latter stuffed, and his colours are still as bright as any bird shown on a bench. If you follow these instructions you will not lose many.

H. DRAKE.

Out in the Cold World.

SIR,—Members of the Falkirk Good Intent Society should be able to get into the hall to see their birds judged. Fanciers from different districts, however, were put out of the hall and made to walk the streets in the cold rain and snow, when they might have been sitting in comfort watching the judging. The Grangemouth, Falkirk, and Bannockburn combined show did not do this to us, and other clubs care better for their members. If the heads of the Good Intent had supported other shows, they would not have done this to their members. It would pay them to exhibit and attend at other shows and learn something, instead of showing only at their own fixtures.

BANNOCKBURN.

Alleged Painted Birds in Glasgow.

SIR,—Re Glasgow's Red Cross Show, I would like to ask the sec., seeing they are only holding one show, if their rules will be the same as for any other open show, and will they have a rule to disqualify all birds belonging to an exhibitor if it be found out that one or more of his exhibits are painted or fraudulently tampered with. There is a great talk going on about a well-known exhibitor who was showing at the Glasgow and District show, whose birds in the opinion of many were painted. This must be put a stop to, and the only way to put it down is to have the birds of this particular fancier tested. I, for one, mean to do all in my power to have a stop put to it, as I am determined not to let a painted bird beat me without having it tested by the committee. Now, exhibitors, it is for you to be up in arms against this faking and allow all honest-shown birds to have a chance.

DISGUSTED.

TWO OF "LIFE'S LITTLE IRONIES."

What is the Matter with City of Glasgow Show?

SIR,—I was a little surprised at Mr. McLay's reply to "Briar Bush" re the above, more so as I know "John" and don't for one minute believe that he would misstate facts; but if his reason, namely, the question of a hall, is the cause of the "City" not holding their show, then popular rumour has once again made a mistake, as it is generally given out in the Fancy that what is wrong with the "City" is "blue funk" among the Scotch Fancy section, who both this year and last strongly opposed the holding of a show, but who later on ran, and intend again to run, a show on their own. Their reason for doing so is beyond me, as I am certainly of opinion that the "tidy nest egg" which Mr. McLay talks about would certainly have covered any loss they might have had in running the "City" show as usual, and after all is said and done, what better purpose could have this nest egg have served, than to help to keep the Fancy going in times like the present?

The whole sum and substance is that the Scotch Fancy section is proving itself a nuisance to the Fancy in Scotland, and its "ruling passion" of bye-gone days, namely, "philanthropy," has certainly deserted it, as it is another popular rumour that they absolutely refused to assist in any way the coming Scottish Red Cross Show.

After all, why does "Briar Bush" want to disturb the "City" in its peaceful sleep, when there is a Great Red Cross Show on the boards at which he can show, and by doing so he would not only help himself and the Fancy, but also many a poor Tommy who looks on the Red Cross as a light in the darkness

V. A. D.

The Greenfinch as a Pet Bird.

Sir,—It is with great interest that I have read the articles in your splendid paper, CAGE BIRDS, concerning the attachment which is formed by some birds for their owners. As a great lover of birds myself, I have kept them from the time I was a small schoolboy (I may add against my parents' wishes at times).

With my experience of birds as pets I find that the Greenfinch is about the best of all for docility, especially if the bird be brought up from the nest. I have had many Greenfinches that would fly about the room in the day time and go into their cages for food and water whenever they required it.

The tamest birds I ever had were those in my possession about three years ago. It happened in this way. In the May of 1912 I found a young Greenfinch in the road, and, as I never say no to an addition to my stock, I took him home and brought him up, and this bird became very attached to me. In the late August of the same season I brought home a nest of young Greenies, put them in a cage, and hung them in the kitchen, where the original bird was flying loose. He immediately went over to the cage and clung to the bars, so I opened the door of the cage to see what he would do, and to my astonishment he went in and fed the young ones. I left him to them, and he brought them up without any help from me.

When they were fully grown I hung their cage outside and used to let them loose every day, always keeping the older bird in a cage to call them back now and then. I did this all the summer and through the winter, and not until the next spring did I lose any of them. In the spring two of them went away, and I discontinued the outdoor liberty, but the other two still remain in my possession, and fly about the room perfectly contented, and go in and out of their cage as they wish.

P. O. FROST.

Brighter Days for the Garston and District B.B.A.

Sir,—Now that we have brought our year, 1915, to a close, I wish to thank you for the help you have given me in publishing the various reports I have sent, which has helped me materially in again building up the Society. I took up the position of secretary in July this year. We had £1 10s. in the bank, with outstanding debts amounting to £2 12s. 6d. Well, I started with a good heart, and meant to try and save the Society from going down into obscurity. I wrote you various reports of rambles, meetings, etc. I worked among patrons, and promoted a first draw, which, under present circumstances, was a huge success, bringing in £8. I boomed our show locally, with the result that we had an increase of 101 birds over last year, and birds from 18 members (our Society consists of only 22, so I think this very good). I spent £3 on special prizes to encourage the members, and now, with the Club clear of all debt, I have a balance to carry forward to next year of £7 3s. 9d., and things are looking brighter every day, as we made four new members this week. Of course, this success could not have taken place without the hearty co-operation of the members, who have done all they could to help me. Also the reports of our work, having, through your valuable paper, reached our members not living in the vicinity, these have taken courage; I think what members like to see is their own society's reports in their weekly journal. Excuse me troubling you with this, but I thought that such good progress under the circumstances would be interesting to you. I hope that other societies will be in as happy a position at the close of 1915 as the Garston B.B.A.

R. T. LONSDALE, Hon. Sec.

THE SHOWS.

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GREAT HORTON.

Annual exhibition held in the Council Schools, Cross Lane, on Dec. 11. The room is one of the best in the North of England for a show, being large and lofty, possessing a splendid light and a proper heating apparatus. The entry of 354 was very good, considering the rough weather and the shortage of daylight at present. The quality of the exhibits was quite up to standard, as most of the noted winners were to be seen. The champion and novices were about equal as regards number of entries per class. The unflighted classes were the strongest, as usual, having an average of 13. The Norwich and the selling classes were rather stronger than at previous shows.

The society has in Mr. Fred Self, the President, a real good fancier, who took his share in the hard work. Mr. A. W. Hartley, the able secretary, had full charge of the show, and got through his dutics in a proper businesslike manner. The show stewards were Messrs. Midgley and Self; the committee, Messrs. Ellis, Self, Shackleton, W. Firth, Hainsworth (Assist Sec.), and Holroyd. Mr. A. Firth, the Sec. of the Good Intent Society, also gave assistance. The way in which the officials and workers got through their duties is deserving of the highest praise. The weather was very bad and therefore spoilt the gate. There were several birds claimed, which helped to improve matters. The prize money was paid out to all the winners who attended the show. The judge was Mr. H. W. Battye. The packing and sending away of the exhibits was got through without a hitch.

CHAMP CL. OR INVIS. TKD. YELL. YORKS: (11): 1, Dyson, splendid length, correct shape, grand head, shoulders, wings and tail, rich level col., A1 pos., staged to the moment; 2, F. Self, plenty of length, nice col. and qual., good head, neat wings and tail, stands well up on best of legs; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, very stylish and hot in col., stands correct, hardly as full in neck; 4, Ogden Bros., wonderful length, nice shape and style, just a bit loose in front; vhc, hc, Bennett; c, Stobart. BUFF (11): 1, Ogden Bros., standard length, rich in col., feathered like glass, nice head, full neck, wings well carried, stands like a guardsman; 2, Dr. Craig, beautiful silky feather, grand head and neck, sound level col., rare wings, carr., hardly as straight as winner; 3, Sharpe, very hot col., lovely qual and shape, built on stouter lines; 4, Dykes, plenty of length, fine boxy feather, neat wings and tail, level col.; vhc, F. Self; hc, Mitchell; c, Bennett. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Dr. Craig, beautiful neck tkd., grand length, correct type, good head, wings and tail, well braced, rich col., A1 qual.; 2, 3, Dyson, nice length, full of nerve, hot in col., shape like a wedge, stands well up on good legs and feet, 3rd lovely qual., rich level col., very stylish, neat wings and tail; 4, Bennett, mkd. on head, rare type and qual., rich col., only beaten in length; vhc, Towers; hc, Lister. BUFF (5): 1, Dykes, sweet wing tkd., feathered like silk, sound col., grand head, full neck, wings and tail perfect, correct pos., well benched; 2, Hartley, plenty of length, nice shape, very typical, nice head and wings, pipe tail, hardly as tight in feather as 1st; 3, Dyson, wonderful length, good style and feather, nice stock bird; 4, Ross, lovely wing tkd., excels in qual., nice shape, shade less; vhc, Bennett. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, Dykes, cl., grand length, fine silky feather, rich col., nice round head, wings and tail, well carr., stands well up, wins; 2, Bennett, cl., beautiful shape and style, feather like glass, exquisite tone of col., A1 pos., hardly as good head as the leader; 3, Hodgson, even mkd., correct type, lovely qual., neat wings and tail; 4, F. Self; mkd. neck and wing, very long and nice qual., not as steady, will improve; vhc, Greenwood; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Mitchell. BUFF (17): 1, Seager, cl., grand length, splendid head, full neck, fine boxy feather, stands correct, wings and tail well braced, sound col.; 2, Ogden Bros., cl., plenty of length, good head and neck, lovely feather, neat wing carr., not quite as level in back as the winner; 3, c, Cruise, wing tkd., nice length and shape, rather pale in col.; 4, Snead, cl., lovely type, fine silky feather; vhc, Dyson; hc, Hirst. UNFLIG. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Dykes, wing tkd., beantiful lady, feather like silk, rich col., head, wings and tail perfect, correct pos., staged well, gem; 2, Ogden Bros., cl., another lovely lady, rather longer, grand qual., but rather stronger in build, stands well up on good legs; 3, Snead, cl., very stylish, nice qual., full of nerve, shows well; 4, Mitchell, cl., nice length, feather like glass, rather low on leg; vhc, F. Self; hc, Thornton and Robertshaw; c, Casey. BUFF (15): 1, Fisher and Dyson, tkd. on wing and head, grand length, feather as tight as wax, rich level col., nice head, wings and tail perfect, fine cond.; 2, Casey, wonderful length, silky feather, not quite as full in neck, wings and tail well carr., stands well up; 3, Greenwood, cl., lovely type and qual., only beaten in length; 4, Helliwell, wing tkd., very typical, excels in qual., close up; vhc, Dr. Craig; hc, Towers; c, Lunn. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 4, F. Hirst, tkd. on neck and wing, lovely shape, like a wedge, rich col., nice length, A1 pos., head and wings well carr., pipe tail, well staged, 4th grand length, good had, wings and tail well placed, nice style; 2, Helliwell, cl., lengthy, very slim, beautifully moulded, fine silky feather, good hoad, neck and wings, very close up; 3, Dykes, cl., grand qual., neat wings and tail, stands well; vhc, F. Self; hc, Casey; c, Mitchell - BUFF (12): 1, Helliwell, cl., standard length, fine silky feather, sound level col., nice head, full neck, rare wing carr., stands correct; 2, Fisher and Dyson, cl., plenty of length, nice qual., just a shade strong in build, very long flights, wings and tail well. carr.; 3, Dykes, cl., beautiful qual., very stylish, nice head, wings and tail; 4, Hodgson, cl., very slim and typical, lovely qual., will do better; vhc, Whitwham; hc, Dyson; c, P. Hirst. GREEN MKD. YELL. (8): 1, Dykes, even mkd., wonderful length, rich col., feathered like glass, head, neck and wings perfect, stands in perfect pos., a beauty; 2, 3, Morrison, even mkd., lovely qual., rich in col., nice head and neck, wings and tail well carr., not as long as leader, 3rd slightly mkd., rare qual., grand type, rather short of bloom; 4, Towers, very long and stylish, rich col., neat wing carr.; vhc, c, Middleton; hc Sharpe. BUFF (7): 1, Towers, even mkd., wonderful length, very tightly feathered, rich level col., good head, neck and wings, stands like a guardsman; 2, Dykes, plenty of length, fine boxy feather, rare shaped head, wings and tail, well carr., stands well up on best of legs; 3, Dr. Craig, even mkd., lovely type and qual., hot in col., shows well; 4, Thornton and Robertshaw, var., grand shape, rare qual., A1 pos.; vhc, Morrison; hc, Sharpe. GREEN MKD. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Morrison, even mkd., grand length, fine silky feather, rich col., nice shaped head, wings and tail well placed, put down in fine cond.; 2, 4, Towers, even mkd., very breedy, full of nerve, rare tone of col., feather like glass, stands correct, close up, 4th very stylish, lovely qual., neat wings and tail, stands well; 3, Sharpe, var., plenty of length, silky feather, nice shape; vhc, Mason. BUFF (9): 1, Dykes, even mkd., beautiful qual., correct length, grand head, wings and tail perfect, rich level col., fine cond.; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, even mkd., feathered like glass, sound in col., well-fitting wings and tail, hardly as long as the winner; 3, Towers, even mkd., grand type and qual., nice length; 4, Hodgson, mkd. on head, lovely qual., very stylish, shown well; vhc, Lister; hc, Mason; c, Ormonroyd. CINN. MKD. YELL. (9): 1, Morrison, mkd. head and wings, plenty of length, rich in col., very long flights, wings well carr., correct stand; 2, hc, Dr. Craig, beautiful type, fine silky feather, rare tone of col., wings and tail well braced, nice head, A1 pos.; 3, Chittenden, grand shape and size, lovely qual., stands well up; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, rare length, very stylish, rich in col.; vhc, Hoyle; c, Towers. BUFF (8): 1, Dr. Craig, uneven. mkd., standard length, feathered to perfection, rich in col., grand head, full neck, wings and tail perfect, real gem; 2, Bennett, uneven mkd., lovely type and qual., nice round head, level neck, body beautifully moulded, stands on best of legs; 3, vhc, Atkinson and Firth, lovely qual., very typical, just a shade strong; 4, Binns, uneven mkd., nice type, very long wings, stands well; hc, Morrison; c, Towers. CINN. MKD. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Dr. Craig, even mkd., beautiful type, nice length, rich in col., grand head, full neck, wings and tail well placed, A1 pos., another gem; 2, Morrison, even mkd., also a perfect lady, very slim, plenty of length, nice shapely body, all quality; 3, Hodgson, very hot col., lovely shape and qual., rare wing carr.; 4, Towers, mkd. head and wings, very stylish, excels in qual., stands well up; vhc, Midgley; hc, Sharpe; c, Atkinson and Firth. BUFF (7): 1, Morrison, grand length, fine silky feather, A1 pos., rare shaped head, level neck, well-fitting wings, rich col., fine cond.; 2, Whitwham, even mkd., beautiful shape and qual., hardly as long as leader, wings and tail well carr., pale col.; 3, Towers, even mkd., lovely shape and style, rather unsteady; 4, hc, Dr. Craig, even mkd., very slim and typical, lovely qual., rich col.; vhc, Midgley; c, Chittenden. SELL. YELL. CK. £1 (13): 1, hc, Lingard; 2, Horsfield; 3, Mason; 4, Hudson; vhc, Naylor, jun.; c, Bennett. BUFF, 15s. (13): 1, 2, Lunn; 3, Ambler; 4, Naylor, jun.; vhc, A. Firth; hc, Sutcliffe; c, Chapman. A.V., 12s. 6d.: 1, Lunn; 2, Horsfield; 3, Sharpe; 4, Hartley; vhc, Dutton; hc, Symes; c, Barraclough.

NOVICE (Limit £5 5s.), CL. INVIS. TKD. YELL. YORKS (9): 1, Pacey, cl., correct length, real Yorks. type, rich col., grand head, rare wing carr., pipe tail, A1 pos., staged in fine cond.; 2, Ambler, cl., longer and rounder, fine silky feather, level col., nice head, well-fitting wings and tail, beaten in pos.; 3, Rayner, cl., very slim and stylish, nice qual., stands well up; 4, Ratcliffe, cl., plenty of length, full of nerve, sound col.; vhc, Bower; hc, Craven; c, Bailey. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Naylor, jun., cl., beautifully built, fine boxy feather, level col., lovely shaped head, wings and tail perfect, 4th nice length, very long flights, stands well up, hardly as tight in feather; 2, A. Firth, wonderful length, lovely shape, neat wing carr., nicely drawn, rather pale in col., good stock bird; 3, Craven, cl., nice shape and style, lovely qual., rather smaller; vhc, Bower; hc, Swift. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, A, Taylor, mkd. head, grand length, correct type, feathered like glass, rich level col., wings and tail well braced, fine cond.; 2, Fisher, plenty of length, fine silky feather, nice head, level neck, rare wing carr., pipe tail, stands well; 3, Shackleton, mkd. head, very stylish, loose in front; 4, J. Hanson, very slim and typical, silky feather, low on leg, wants more training; vhc, Allatt. GREEN MKD. (11): 1, 3, J. Taylor, uneven mkd. yell., grand length, fine silky feather, rich in col., good head, wings and tail, staged in fine cond, 3rd heavily var. yell., lovely type and qual., rich col., grand stock bird; 2, F. Hanson, var. buff, plenty of length, feathered as tight as wax, good head, full neck, wings and tail perfect, sound col., A1 pos.; 4, Shackleton, buff, very typical, best of qual., only beaten in length; vhc, Clarke; hc, Hamlyn; c, P. Taylor. HEN (11): 1, 2, Gledhill, var. yell., beautiful hen, correct type, lovely qual., nice head, wings and tail, rare tone of col., A1 pos., 2nd buff, another good one, unbeatable for type and qual., sound level col., correct shaped head, just a shade shorter; 3, Crowther, yell., very long and slim, lovely type; 4, Ratcliffe, buff, nice shape, boxy feather, shown well; vhc, c, Collins Bros.; hc, Rayner. UNFLIG YELL. CK. (12): 1, Gledhill, cl., correct pos., full up to standard length, rare qual., rich col., nice head, well-braced wings and tail, true Yorkie; 2, Crowther, cl., nice length, fine silky feather, stands on good legs, wings and tail well placed, could be staged better; 3, J. Taylor, uneven mkd., grand length and type, lovely qual., fine cond.; 4, P. Taylor, cl., shows breed, full of nerve, nice qual.; vhc, Chapman; hc, Neale; c, A. Taylor. BUFF (17): 1, Sykes, mkd. head, grand length, nicely moulded, feathered like glass, stands like a guardsman, fine cond.; 2, S. Firth, cl., beautiful shape and style, best of qual., nice head, neck and wiugs, pipe tail, only beaten in length; 3, H. Firth, cl., very long and stylish, rare qual., hot col., rather flashy; 4, Sutcliffe, cl., plenty of length, nice qual., not quite as good in wing carr.; vhc, Bloomfield; hc, Dutton; c, Nayor, jun. UNFLIG. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Sykes, c., lovely type and qual., rare shape, nice head, well-filled neck, good shoulders and back, rich col., stands correct, gem; 2, A. Firth, mkd., wonderful type, best of feather, rich col., stands well up, rounded body, but rather strongly built; 3, Sugden, cl., good length and very slim, nice qual.; 4, W. Firth, tkd., very slim and typical, neat wings and tail; vhc, Rayner; hc, Crowther; c, Chapman. BUFF (13): 1, W. Firth, cl., correct type, feather like glass, lovely col., beautiful shaped body, wings and tail well placed (claimed at catalogue price); 2, Crowther, cl., plenty of length, fine hoxy feather, grand head, full neck, neat wings and tail, hardly as much bloom as leader; 3, Paeey, cl., very long and stylish, nice qual., shade low on leg; 4, Sugden, mkd. wings, grand length, lovely qual. and col., will do better; vhc, Craven; hc, S. Firth; c, Neale. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (10): 1, F. Hanson, tkd., beautiful type, rich col., feathered like glass, nice head, neck, wings and tail, A1 cond., gem; 2, J. Taylor, cl., lovely feather, rare tone of col., stands well up on best of legs, neat wing carr., only beaten in length; 3, J. Hanson, cl., very stylish, fine silky feather, pale col.; 4, Neale, cl., grand lengthy hen, very typical, lovely qual., close up; vhc, hc, Ratcliffe; c, Hamlyn. BUFF (10): 1, A, Taylor, cl. stands in correct pos., beautiful qual., grand head, wings and tail well carr., fine cond.; 2, Shackleton, cl., very long and typical, fine boxy feather, nicely moulded, grand head, wings and tail, loses in pos.; 3, E. Self, cl., lovely type and qual., neat wings and tail, shorter; 4, H. Hirst, cl., very stylish, best of feather, hardly as good on legs; vhc, Swift; hc, Rayner; c, Broadbent. CINN. MKD. (9): 1, Gledhill, yell., wonderful length, rich tone of col., fine silky feather, rare shaped head, wings and tail, well braced, fine cond.; 2, Ratcliffe, buff, plenty of length, best of feather, stands well up, ful of nerve, neat wings and tail, good stock bird; 3, Wood, var. buff, lovely type and qual., very stylish, rich col.; 4, Wood, even mkd. yell., grand shape, nice length, hardly as tight as leaders; vhc, Lymer; hc, Hodgson, jun.; c, Clarke. HENS (9): 1, Wood, yell., beautiful shape and style, feathered to perfection, good head, well-fitting wings, pipe tail, staged well; 2, A. Firth, buff, nice length, rich col., feather like silk, grand head, neat wings and tail, put down in fine style; 3, Smith, yell., lovely type and qual., stands well up, will do better; 4, Gledhill, buff, nice qual., rather stontly built, neat wings and tail; vhc, Sugden; hc, Pacey; c, Symes. NOR. CK. (9): 1, Rolfe, buff, mkd. on head, massive, beautiful shape, grand head, hot in col., stands well; 2, 3, hc, Spencer and Maiden, fine team, cl. yell., plenty of subs., rich col., beautiful shaped head, hardly as good breast as winner, 3rd cl. buff, correct shape and type, rich col.; 4, c, Sheard and Ellis, full cinn., grand head, rich col., fine cond.; vhc, Jowett. HEN (9): 1, vhc, Simonett, cl. yell., beautiful shape and style, rare head, full breast, rich sound col., well balanced, staged well; 2, 3, Spencer and Maiden, tkd. buff, grand shape, plenty of subs., nice head, rich col., rare qual., 3rd tkd. yell., lovely type, nice head, good stock hen; 4, c, Sheard and Ellis, full cinn., correct shape, nice col., loose feather; hc, Jowett.

LIVERPOOL

(20-Mile Radius.)

This show, promoted and run hy the Sterling Seed Company, was held Dec. 3, 4, in the Neptune Hotel, Clayton Square, a nice room tastefully set out with palms, etc., for the purpose. Mr. Haddon, proprietor of the Sterling Seed Co., and his manager, Mr. Hunt, are to be heartily congratulated on this, their first venture, which was, without doubt, a great success, and a rare advertisement for the firm. Over 350 birds faced the two specialist judges, who had their work cut out in awarding the prizes, so keen was the quality of the exhibits. Yorks. were the pick of the bunch, the Liverpool and Chester winners being very much in evidence. The Sterling Seed Co. had a large stall, well decorated with their specialities. There was a remarkable number of lady visitors present, which gave a pleasing tone to the function. Mr. Hunt, show manager, may justly feel proud of himself; he used admirable tact in everything connected with the exhibits, and we are sure local exhibitors will support him in further ventures. He had provided a nice lot of serviceable specials, and a smart and attractive diploma for best birds in each variety. These were won in the Canary section by Messrs. Benson and Young, Abbott, Johnson, Challoner, Kewn, Handley and Robinson (2), Roberts, Mrs. Powell, Browse, Dyson, Radley, Lowe, and Ball. The judges were Messrs. Cowgill and Houlton, who gave entire satisfaction.

The Border classes were quite a treat, both quantity and quality being well represented. Competition was very close and keen all through. Diploma for best yell. Border was won by L. Kavanagh; buff, Bratherton; yell. green, Ritchie; buff, Parsons.

Hybrids and British birds made a very fine display, and were quite equal to most big open shows this season. Competition here was of the best, and only really tip-top condition could get a look in. There is plenty of life in the locals for 20 miles around here if they are encouraged in similar manner to this. The promoters are to be cangratulated on such a venture. They contemplate putting on several field-moulted British classes next season. The diploma for best British bird was won by a fine Nightingale splendidly shown by F. C. Minoprio, Esq., an enthusiastic British bird fancier.

YORKS. YELL.: 1 and 3, Benson and Young, the noted cinn. mk., looking as well as ever, put down in winning form, 3 stronger, rare top end, charming feather for a "big 'un"; 2, H. Johnson, cl., shooty closely carried wings, long sided and full of go; vhc, Alston; hc, Helsby. BUFF (5): 1, Abbott, cl., rare top end, grand qual., plenty of leg, clean cut away; 2 and 3, Benson and Young, monster, just beaten qual., nice wing carr., round head and full neck; 3, foul cinn., wedge shape, smooth as marble, plenty of leg; vhc, Helsby; hc, Alston. YELL. HEN: 1, H. Johnson, sweet and well drawn, good shoulders, well up on leg; 2, Alston, longer, rare stock hen, magnificent feather, even wing carr., staged to perfection; 3, Hibbert, neat, glorious type and qual., straight back. BUFF: 1, H. Johnson, rare length, very strong, but nice for stock, well filled in at top; 2, Abbott, better feather, long sided, topping wing carr. and general cond.; 3, Hennings, nice type and qual., even wings and tail, well staged. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1 and 2, H. Johnson, neck mkd., slim, but rare and shooty, with a bit for top would want beating, 2 plenty of leg, good top end, bit long in feather; 3, Hennings, round top end, good, but loose at waist when taking notes; vhc, Hibbert; hc, Hibbert; c, Benson and Young. BUFF: 1, H. Johnson, rare length, more on the stock side, right top end and wedge shape; 2, Hibbert, gem all over, but a size too small, feathered like a Java, in spanking form; 3, Benson and Young, grand qual., very shooty, polished like marble; vhc, Mrs. Powell; hc, Stott. NOV. YELL. (17): 1, Challinor, cl., smashing length, full of style, grand top end, full of nerve; 2, Stewardson, neck mkd., razor like appearance, fails in bead to winner; 3, Nixon, round as a bottle, full neck, clips wings at times (claimed); vhc, Teare; hc, Adams; c, Ashton. BUFF (15): 1, Barr, wonder for qual., nice style, round head, full neck, well packed tail; 2, Veale, great length, wedge shape, closely carried wings and tail, staged to perfection; 3, vhc, Stott, long sided, good top end, in fine fettle, nice pair of legs; hc, Nixon; c, Fitzsimmons. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Barr, sweet lady, excellently clothed, full of swank, well carried wings; 2, Stott, eye and wing mk., not quite so straight, nice texture of feather, well up on leg; 3, Challinor, bit thicker, nice top, wedge shape, round head; vhc, Platt; hc, Sharples; c, Stewardson. BUFF (14): 1, Kewn, rare length, full neck, neat wings, shows nice shoulder, plenty of leg, a "good 'un"; 2, Veale, again topping length, round as a bottle, straight as an arrow, put down well; 3, Stott, not quite so long, but excellent qual.; vhc, Challinor; hc, Howard; c, Fitzsimmons. YORKS. GREEN YELL. (5): 1, Handley and Robinson, a new firm, a wonder for style, correct col., rare pencilling, well up on leg, put down to win; 2 and hc, Parsons, rare length, good top end, wedge shape, magnificent col. and pencilling; 3 and vhc, Roberts. BUFF (3): 1 and 2, Roberts, rare wedge shape, nice shoulders, well braced wings and tail, lovely ground col.; 2, hardly so good at top, good col. and markings, not the best of wing carr.; 3, Handley and Robinson; YELL. HEN (3): 1 and 3, Roberts, foul on cap, not the best of col., but excellent shape, neat wing carr.; 2, Benson and Young, foul wing and tail, smart appearance, nice full neck, capital wings and tail. BUFF (4): 1, Bell, great length, wings carried correctly, strong hen, should do well; 2, Handley and Robinson, grand col. and marking, good back, well braced wings, a bit fat; 3, Roberts; vhc, Benson and Young. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1 and 3, Benson and Young, foul tail, great length, magnificent col. and pencilling, correctly carried wing and tail; 2, Browse, not quite the length, very round top, good ground col. and marking; vhc, Bell. BUFF (6): 1 and 2, Handley and Robinson, very smart, great col., perfect wing carr., not the biggest, but good; 2, wedge shape, good top end, rare col., a bit soft when taking notes; 3, Roberts, smart little one, nice tone of col; vhc, Bell; hc, Mrs. E. Powell. NOV. GREEN YELL. (13): 1, Mrs. Powell, nice length, good neck and head, best of col., well up on leg, nice win; 2, Cowen, not a big one, but full of style, A1 qual., in rare trim; 3, Browse, capital length, wedge shape, plenty of leg, shows a fine square feather; vhc, Postlewhaite; hc, Pool; c, Sharples. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Browse, foul tail, as smart a buff as we've seen for some time, rare Yorkie type and correct col.; 2, Kewn, longer and a bit stronger, full neck, long sided and well balanced wings and tail; 3, Postlewhaite, topper for style and shape, bit blurred in markings; hc, Hawkins; c, Stewardson. YELL. HEN (12): 1 and 2, Browse, nice tone of col., smart appearance, full neck and neat wings; 2, bit longer, pencilling very good, just a bit flat in head to winner; 3, Hawkins, very smart type, even shade of col., marking, well defined; vhc, Postlewhaite; hc, Adams; c, Teare. BUFF: 1, 2, Browse, foul tail, nice Yorkie properties, round chest, perfect wings and tail; 2, bit stronger at top, better col., neat front, tail a bit open; 3, Stewartson, racy and full of style, well up on leg, good col; vhc, Sharples; hc, Postlewhaite; c, Pool. NOR. CK.: 1, Ball, wing mkd. yell., slim but excellent qual., neat head and neck; 2, Hill, big, winning buff, rare head and neck, well carried wings and tail; 3, Dyson; vhc, Radley. HEN: 1, Dyson, cl. buff, round as an apple, short and compact, nice qual.; 2, Hill, variog., rare qual., noble bead and neck, well put down; 3, Radley; vhc, Higham; hc, Teare. UNFLIG. YELL. (3): 1, Dyson, red hot, bold head, grand qual., short and compact; 2, 3, Radley. BUFF (3): 1, Higham, short and compact, grand head and neck, moves well; 2, Phillips; 3, Dyson. NOR. GREEN. YELL.: 1, Lowe, foul throat, bold bead, great col. and pencilling; 2, Bache, round and cobby, nice col., well cut away; 3, Parsons; vhc, Alcock. BUFF: 1, Ball, foul tail, nice qual. and col., massive and well carr. wings; 2, Lowe, foul at throat, more cobby, broad back, excellent feather; 3, c, Parsons, great size and col., bonny head and neck, well put down; vhc, hc, Bache. HEN: 1, Lowe, rare head and neck, short wings and tail, a wonder; 2, Ball, foul tail, neat and full of type, grand col. and markings, not a big one but good; 3, Lowe; vhc, Parson; hc, Radley. BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. CK.: 1, sp, Cavanagh, very smart type, clean cut, rare carr., and cond., even mkd., almost; 2, Higham, larger, clear, fine type and carr., good feather; 3, vhc, Bratherton; hc, Reynolds. BUFFS: 1, Bratherton, tkd. left ear, quite up to standard size, fine carr., silky feather; 2, Cavanagh, stouter built, but carries itself well; 3, Parsons, finer cut, neat carr. and good cond.; vhc, Ritchie. HENS: 1, 3, vhc, c, Bratherton, grand quartet, all good; 2, hc, Ritchie, grand buff, very neat and stylish. VARIEG. (11): a smart lot: 1, hc, Bratherton, eye and wing mkd. buff, finest of type and qual.; 2, Walkden, heavy green varieg., shade stronger built, but grand qual. and cond.; 3, Hampson, cinn. varieg., very slim, grand qual.; vhc, Parsons; hc, Bratherton; c, Collier. YELL. GREEN (11): a strong lot: 1, Ritchie, wonderful col. and type; 2, Parsons, shorter, fine carr., col., qual., and cond.; 3, Longmore, finest carr. and type; vhc, Collier; hc, Longmore; c, Hampson. BUFFS (7): 1, Cavanagh, grand type, and level col., good jaunty carr. and cond.; 2, vhc, Longmore, well posted, just gives way a little in wing carr.; 3, Hampson; hc, Parsons; c, Ritchie. YELL. GR. HEN: 1, Hampson, very neat size, shape, col., carr., qual. and cond.; 2, 3, vhc, Longmore, trio of wee gems, all good; hc, Parsons; c, Collier. BUFFS (7): 1, Parsons, grand bird all over; 2, Ritchie, good col. and type; 3, Collier, quite up in most points, A1 cond.; vhc, c, Longmore; hc, Battersby. SELL. PAIRS: 1, vhc, c, Helsby; 2, Teare; 3, Nixon. SINGLE: 1, Hill; 2, Adams; 3, c, Hale; vhc, Vealc; hc, Helsby. HENS: 1, Abbott; 2, Higham; 3, Helsby. MULES: 1, Ball, big buff dark Gold.-Can., in fine cond.; 2, Phillips, yell., dk. Gold.-Can., beaten in cond.; 3, Cavanagh, Siskin-Can.; vhc, Phillips. BULLF.: 1, Cavanagh, grand, cobby bird, A1 bloom; 2, Battersby, fine type, C.M., grand order; 3, Walkden; vhc, Sharples; hc, Minoprio; c, Howard. BRAMBLE., ETC. (9): 1, Hampson, well cond. Bramble, well balanced spangling and col.; 2, Phillips, grand cond. Chaffinch; 3, vhc, Carron, big Bramble, and fine Chaff., both bit of cond. only; hc, Howard; c, Minoprio. GOLDF. (17): fine class: 1, Cowen, good size, shape, well cut blaze, nice tanning, neons, and bars, polished sheen; 2, Barr, fine bird, in rare good order; 3, Powell, well balanced; vhc, Collier; hc, Walkden; c, Phillips. GREENF. (8): 1, Adams, very smart, tight cond., steady, well shown; 2, Collier, very tight, grand shape; 3, Sharples, fine big, stout buff, bit soft; vhc, Howard; hc, Phillips; c, Hart. LINNET (10) all good ones, especially leaders: 1, 3, vhc, Phillips, grand trio, leader, largest, all in fine trim; 2, hc, Minoprio, beautiful shape, col., and markings, tight cond.; c, Abbott. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, Hampson, pretty Twite; 2, Ashton, fine Redpoll; 3, hc, Rimmer, good Siskins; 3, largest; vhc, Hart; c, Sharples. A.O.V. HARD: 1, Carron, big Yellow Bunting; 2, Minoprio, smaller, nice col. and markings; 3, Walkden, very restless. SOFT: 1, sp, best Brit.: Minoprio, very nice Nightingale, well shown; 2, Hemmings, old champion Thrush, A1; 3, Minoprio, bonny Robin; vhc, Hart. HENS: 1, 3, Minoprio; 2, Hart; 3, Walkden.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' Show, Granby Hotel, Nov. 27; 49 birds were judged by Mr. D. Sutcliffe, Wibsey.

CL. OR TK. YELL., CK.: 1, Sharpe; 2, Allatt; 3, Sugden; 4, Ambler; vhc, Farrar; hc, Williams. BUFF: 1, vhc, c, Allatt; 2, hc, Farrar; 3, Sugden; 4, Hoyle. MKD., CK.: 1, 3, vhc, Hoyle; 2, c, Sharpe; 4, Ambler; hc, Haggis. CL. OR TKD. YELL., HEN: 1, 3, Sugden; 2, 4, Farrar; vhc, Williams; hc, c, Allatt. BUFF: 1, Sharpe; 2, Williams; 3, Sugden; 4, hc, Hoyle; vhc, Haggis; c, Allatt. MKD. HEN: 1, 2, hc, Sharpe; 3, Sugden; 4, Allatt; vhc, Haggis. UNFLIG., HEN: 1, 2, 4, Sugden; 3, vhc, Farrar.—W. Jagger, Sec.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything but...

PORTH AND RHONDDA VALLEY.

First Open Show, Dec. 8, Porth Hotel, in a large room, nicely adapted for the purpose, though not quite so light as we would have wished. Considering the splendid classification, we thought the entry should have been better. Borders were decidedly disappointing, and if, another year, the classes are cut down, exhibitors have only themselves to blame. Other varieties, with a few exceptions, filled fairly well, and competition was fairly keen. The management was A1, and nearly, if not all birds despatched night of show, and we maintain that with willing hands this can nearly always be done; the committee (whose names we fail to find in schedule or catalogue, as also those of the stewards) selected the right man, Mr. J. H. Bevan, as secretary, for, though new to the work, he seemed to have a thorough grasp of his duties, being tactful, obliging, and full of work, and the same may be said of the show manager, Mr. Challenger and his stewards, whose capabilities we trust the society will avail themselves of for bigger events in the future. A splendid list of open specials which should have increased the entries, were unfortunately collected too late for schedule, but appeared in catalogue, and gave the judges quite a busy time. The birds were splendidly staged, and in such a way that all could be seen with no difficulty. The judges, Mr. T. L. Castree, Mountain-Ash, and Mr. E. J. Davies, Cardiff, took odd and even classes, and appeared to give general satisfaction.

Specials Best Nor., W. Davies; Nov., Jos. Davies; Yorks., J. Bale; Nov., F. Goodenough; Bord., D. Jenkins; Nov., H. Watts; Linnet, T. and G. Davies; Bullf. or Greenf., P. Emanuel; Redpoll, A. H. C. Legg; A.O.V. Hardbill, B. Payne; Dark Mule, J. E. Jeffreys; Light, A. Ball; best Clnn. or Green, Jos. Davies; best Bord., Member, J. H. Bevan; runner-up, J. H. Bevan; best bird, Member, opposite sex, member, and B.L. Goldie, Escott and James.

MR. DAVIES' CLASSES.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Greaves, cl., good head and neck, well covered, A1 cond.; 2, E. Thomas, nice type and col., trifle open chest, yet good; 3, Rev. Jolliffe, good type and qual., close up; 4, D. W. Jones, Nos. 5 and 6, transferred to class 5. HEN (5): 1, sp, 2, 3, W. Davies, cl., grand all round hen, Aberaman winner; 2, another very similar bird, fails to winner in subs.; 3, grand cl., unflg., beautifully covered, wrong in one eye or easy 2nd.; 4, W. Morris; vhc, E. Llewellyn. VAR. HEN (5): 1, Selby, cobby, solid fronted buff, good head, neck, wings and tail, excels qual.; 2, 3, E. Thomas, a brace of heavily mkd. yells., best of type and feather, latter loses trifle in head and qual. to leaders; 4, Rev. Jolliffe; vbc, J. H. Bevan. UNFLIG CK., A.C. (10): 1, 2, W. Davies, cl. yell., a really grand all round show bird, Cardiff, Cheltenham, etc., winner; 2, another grand cl. yell., lovely head excels qual., fails to winner in col.; 3, E. Thomas, cl. yell., good head, chest, and wings, not quite the qual. of leaders; 4, Rev. Jolliffe; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Selby; c, D. W. Jones; sp, Escott and James. NOVICE, CK. A.C. (23), a really grand class: 1, sp, Jos. Davies, cl. yell., clinking all round bird, good subs., col., and qual., wins well; 2, W. Morris, cl. buff, good head, neck and chest, nice col. and qual.; 3, Jas. Morton, var. yell, rare good chest, good head and col., fails to winner in qual.; 4, W. Morris; vhc, c, J. Davies; hc, Phelps. YORKS., CL. OR TKD., YELL. CK. (8): 1, no name, wing tkd., fine length, nice narrow shoulders, good wings, tail and pos., lovely qual.; 2, W. B. Watkins, cl., very slim and long, grand pos. and head, fails to winner in col.; 3, W. T. Osborne, better col., but shorter, trifle chesty; 4, J. A. Davies; vhc, he, Smith; hc, W. Baker; c, no name; No. 1, absent. HEN (3): 1, Bale, faint wing tkd., grand length, well drawn and filled, lovely back, wings and tail; 2, no name, smart thigh tkd., good pos. and col., fails to winner size and finish; 3, G. Perkins, nice pos. and legs, not so shapely. VAR. CK. (6): 1, sp, Bale, yell. head and wing mkd., good length, lovely wings and tail, wins; 2, w.c., A. Wotton, yell., neck and wing tkd., stronger built, trifle flat col., good qual. and filling; 3, W. B. Watkins, eye and wing mkd. buff, good length and back, bit loose at thighs; 4, vhc, Curtis and Son. UNFLIG. HEN, A.C. (10): 1, no name, yell. mkd. neck, splendid length and pos., charming feather, neat waist; 2, W. T. Osborne, head mkd. bull, capital head and neck, well filled, upstanding, good qual.; 3, Hubbard, cl. yell., paler, fails to winner in tail and head, doubtful sex; 4, hc, Smith; vhc, no name; hc, R. F. Griffiths; c, Bale. NOV. HEN, A.C. (7): 1, sp, F. Goodenough, cl. buff, nice length, col., pos., and well filled, easy win; 2, W. T. Osborne, fine, upstanding yell., good length, fails to winner, head and tail; 3, J. H. Jones, slim, orcedy yell., good qual., wings and tail, but too small; 4, sp, c, J. H. Bevan; vhc, H. Watts; hc, Escott and James. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Evans and Parry, perky, well filled, cl. buff, lovely col., good cond.; 2, no name, head tkd., nils to winner in col.; No. 3, W. R. Williams, w.c.; No. 1, absent. CL. OR TKD. BUFF HEN (17): 1, D. Jenkins, cl., sweetly moulded, little body, grand cather, trifle heavy in heak; No. 1, absent. VAR. HEN (3): 1, D. Jenkins, head and wing mkd., buff inn., A1 type, well filled, grand wings and tail; 2, E. Broome, eye and wing mkd. buff, good type and eather, trifle loose under; 3, Evans and Parry, nice all round hird, but bit guttered in throat. UNFLIG. COCK, A.C. (3): 1, G. Broome, cl. yell., sweet head, good type, col., wings and tail, well staged; 2, H. Rowlands, wing mkd. buff, good type and qual., trifle heavy in heak; No. 3, Hutchinson, absent. NOV. CK., A.C. (8): 1, sp, H. Watts, cl., bull, splendidly moulded, good col. and qual., excels in filling; 2, vhc, Lapworth, eye and wing mkd. yell., shapely, lovely head, good col. and qual.; 3, Egdington, cl. buff., fails filling to winner; 4, A. James, Mrs.; hc, M. Thomas; c, Denyard. A.O. VAR. CAN. (4): 1, T. and G. Davies, self green crest, capital type and col., nicely formed, fairly heavy crest, we believe the Aberaman winner; 2, 4, Burgess, Mrs., cl. cap, buff Lizard, A1 type, nicely spangled, good size; 4, broken cap, yellow; 3, W. Thomas, Scotch, nice depth and cond., fails in curl., not what we used to see in Wales some years back. BRIT., LINNET (9): 3, extra large H.M., fails col and markings, wild; 1, sp, 3, T. and G. Davies, a grand F.M. specimen, excellent type, col., and pencilling, very steady, we think Aberaman winner; 2, Jeffreys, nice H.M. bird, much smaller, nicely mkd., trifle too dark; 4, T. Thomas; vhc, B. Payne; hc, E. Llewellyn; c, R. Hillman. SISKIN REDPOLL OR TWITE (10): 1, 4, T. J. Gregory, grand H.M. Siskin, lovely type and col., grand cap, bib, and markings, clear win; 2, sp, A. H. C. Legg, nice little H.M. Redpoll, not over big, but splendid col. and mks., well staged; 3, J. H. Bevan, topping F.M. Redpoll, good size, col. and type, grand bars, should moult well, vhc, J. Davies; hc, Jeffreys; c, Hillman, several birds in this class exceptionally wild, including Twites. A.V. SOFTBILL: 1, J. Sheppard, very nicely mkd., and steady Skylark, A1 cond. A.V., LIGHT OR VAR MULE (9): 1, sp, A. Ball, the well-known Greenf.-Can., Cardiff 2nd, excels in qual. and col.; 2, vhc, J. W. Evans, yell. Goldie, slashing size and shape, mkd. eyes and wings, fine flush; 3, D. W. Jones, head and wing mkd. yell Goldf., capital col. and cond., loses size to 2nd; 4, Jeffreys, light Greenf., loose type and col.; hc, Sam Jones; c, T. and G. Davies. A.V. FOR.: 1, R. Lewis, nice size and cond., B.F. Amazon, well staged. SELLING, 10s.: 1, J. Grilliths, grand bull York, soon claimed; 2, D. Jenkins, smart pair Borders, bargain.

MR. CASTREE'S CLASSES.

NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Greaves, cl., nice col. and depth of chest, good head and shoulders; 2, Selby, good type and col., presses hard; 3, Rev. Jolliffe, very nice cond., bit long in barrel; 4, D. W. Jones; vhc, E. Davies. BUFF: 1, 2, W. Davies, leader, grand qual. and type, well known; 2, also good, but loses bit in subs.; 3, Greaves, nice bird, but loses qual. of feather, and bit long in barrel; the remainder of this class we missed. VAR. CK. (6): 1, 4, W. Davies, good head and chest, well mealed, showy; 2, Greaves, var. yell., nice type, presses; 3, Escott and James, var. yell., loses to winners in subs., otherwise nice; vhc, E. Thomas; hc, E. James. CINN. OR GREEN, CK. OR HEN (4): 1, 3, 4, Legg, yell. green, lovely col. and finish; 3, nice, but loses in feather; 2, sp, Jos. Davies, shilar stamp, well staged. UNFLIG. HEN, ANY COL.: 1, 2, Phelps, buff, tkd. head, good qual, and nice chested bird; 2, heav. var. yell., good head and chest, loses in barrel; 3, Rev. Jolliffe, cl. buff, splendid type and qual., loses in subs.; 4, vhc, Escott and James; hc, F. Jenkins. NOVICE HEN, ANY COL. (14): 1, Jos. Davies, cl. bull, nice type, good subs., lovely qual.; 2, Phelps, cl. buff, capital head and neck, good chest and wings, bit soft; 3, Jas. Morton, var. yell., good type and feather, bit flat in col; 4, vhc, hc, c, we missed; No. 3, Escott and James, sp. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. BUFF COCK (9): 1, no name, thigh tkd., grand pos., well drawn waist, nicely filled, good qual.; 2, R. F. Griffiths, well drawn, fine qual. of feather, stands well; 3, W. T. Osborne, good pos. and qual., bit strong, but presses hard; 4, hc, Smith; vhc, Bale; hc, Escott and James; c, W. Morris. HEN (3): 1, W. B. Watkins, cl., nice head and shoulders, well up on legs ;2, hc, Smith, cl., lovely pos., and qual.; 3, no name, tkd. buff, arrived late, wanted pulling up. VAR., HEN (3): 1, Bale, var. buff, nice head and shoulders, good wings, stands well; 2, J. A. Davis, var. cinn., well moulded, nicely drawn, good pos.; 3, J. Hubbard, var. buff, loses in subs., and qual to winner. UNFLIG. CK., ANY COL. (7): 1, Bale, cl. yell., sweetly drawn, moulded like marble, good col. and pos., wins well; 2, 3, hc, Smith, tkd. yell., another equally as good, just loses in tightness, feather; 3, cl. buff, lovely qual. and pos., well deserves his place; 4, R. F. Griffiths; vhc, Wotton; hc, Osborne; c, no name. NOVICE, CK., ANY COL. (18), grand class, many fit for good open classes: 1, hc, J. H. Jones, cl. yell., good pos., grand qual. and col., wins well; 2, W. Baker, cl. buff, fine lengtb, nicely drawn, good pos.; 3, J. H. Bevan, var. yell., good head, neck and shoulders, lovely qual., stands well, smaller; 4, W. T. Osborne; vhc, W. Thomas; c, W. J. Lewis. BORDERS, CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (4): 1, D. Jenkins, cl. yell., beautifully moulded, proper little swell, pressed for best Border in section; 2, Evans and Parry, nice type and pos., but well beaten in qual.; No. 2, absent; No. 4, transferred, Everett. HEN (2): 1, D. Jenkins, good shape and qual., moves well; No. 1, Hutchinson, absent. VAR. CK.: 1, sp, best open Border, D. Jenkins, var. cinn., lovely type, moves well, feather like boxwood, a gem. CINN. OR GREEN. CK. OR HEN: 1, D. Jenkins, beautiful grass green, topping shape, col. and qual.; 2, Evans and Parry, cinn., typical, well moulded. UNFLIG. HEN, ANY COL., only one entry and that absent, W. Everett. NOVICE, HEN, A.C. (6): 1, Chas. Denyard, cl. yell., nice size and shape; 2, James, Mrs., 4-ptd. buff, nice mover, well shown; 3, M. Thomas, cl. yell., good type and size, wants little bracing up; 4, H. Watts; vhc, Edwards; hc, sp, J. H. Bevan. BRIT., GOLDF. (13): 1, Cozens, bright, square cut face, best of tans and moons, grandly burnished all over, excellent Finch and well shown; 2, D. Edwards, another good one, nice expansive face, well cut, good buttons, large bird, the Aberaman winner, loses tan and burnish to winner; 3, c, sp, Escott and James, good square, well cut face, nice tans and moons, well deserved his place; 4, T. and G. Davies; vhc, J. Davies; hc, D. W. Jones, BULLF. OR GREENF. (14): 1, sp, T. Emanuel, Bully, the Aberaman winner, fine type and qual., nice col. and cond.; 2, vbc, Emerson and Winstone, massive, well shaped, hen Bullf., fine cap and qual.; 3, Jeffreys, yellow Greenf., good size, shape and col.; 4, Hilman; hc, D. F. Davies; c, Gregory. A.O.V. HARDBILL (3): 1, sp, Payne, yell. Bunt., F.M., wins on steadiness and lacing ;2, Arnold, Chaff., steady, on fair col., etc.; 3, Hillman, Yell. Bunting, good mks., but fails to winner in steadiness. ANY VAR DARK MULE (11): 1, sp, Jeffreys, Lin.-Can., grand size, col., and qual., wins well; 2, Gilbert, Jonque Goldie, good col., lovely qual., well burnished all over; 3, H. Rowlands, Gold.-Can., larger, loses col. and qual. to winners; 4, T. and G. Davies; vhc, E. James; hc, T. Emanuel; c, Jos. Williams. A.V. HYB. (3): 1, A. Ball, Goldf.-Bullf., promising youngster, nice face, col., and qual., will improve; 2, D. W. Jones, Lin.-Bullf., Ahcraman winner, could be better sbown; 3, D. Edwards, another Goldf.-Bullf., nice hird, hut loses qual. to winner. SELL., £1 (8): 1, J. A. Davies, yell. York.; 2, D. Jenkins, pair Nor.; 3, D. W. Jones; 4, E. Tbomas; vhc, G. Griffiths; hc, c, Curtis and Son.

FARNWORTH C.B.S.

Annual show, Nov. 20, Bird-i'-th'-Hand Hotel. Judge, Mr. Thos. Deakin (Newton Heath).

Yorks.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, 2 spls, Spiby. Hen: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Spihy. Unflg: 1, 2, 3, Spiby. Nor. Yell.: 1, 2, Davies. Buff: 1, 2, spl, Davies; 3, Mitchell. Hen, Yell.: 1, Mitchell; 2, 3, Davies; vhc, spl, Lawton. Buff: 1, Marginson; 2, 3, Mitchell. Unflg.: 1, Lawton; 2, Marginson; 3, Mitchell. Roller Cl.: 1, vhc, hc, 2 spls, Horsfield; 2, 3, Chappell. Green: 1, Horsfield. A.O.V. Can.: 1, Spiby; 2, Hulme. Goldf.: 1, 3, vhc, 2 spls., Mullineux; 2, Marginson. Linnet: 1, 2, Hulme; 3, Mullineux.—W. Dawson, Sec.

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GATESHEAD.

Held Dec. 11. No hall being available to hold a show of large dimensions, it was decided that even a small show would do much at the present time to keep up the interest in the Cage Bird Fancy, so the use was obtained of the Rochester-st. Sunday School, a place well adapted for the purpose. The classification was cut according to the limited space for staging. In the result there were nearly 700 entries. Norwich were extra good, averaging twenty per class, there being no less than thirty in the unflg. buff. British birds came a good second, all the classes being well filled. Yorks. and Border entries in open classes were down in numbers, but the novice classes filled well. Owing to the trains being behind time many of the birds were late in arriving at the show, which delayed judging considerably, and caused the officials a rather anxious time, some classes being allowed to stand back for over two hours waiting for the late comers. One unfortunate incident occurred. A local fancier had taken his case of birds to the hall on Friday night, and left it at the back of the platform, where it remained, undiscovered, till the fancier arrived at the show after the judging was finished. The committee held an impromptu meeting, and very generously decided to give an additional prize to any of the birds which, in the opinion of the judge, would have won had they been judged in their respective classes, with the result that one of them was awarded an equal first prize.

Quite a crowd of fanciers visited the show, and at times it was almost impossible to get near some of the birds. Two birds which had many admirers were a Skylark and a Hedge Sparrow, both pure white, the formed pink-eyed, the latter dark-eyed. Both birds were bred in the neighbourhood during the past season. Gateshead Society has always been fortunate in having a good Secretary, but for sheer hard work and absence of bluster their present Secretary (Billy Curry) would take some boating. Billy has engineered the largest and most successful shows ever held in the North of England. Gateshead has a strong Committee, including A. Holden (Chairman and Show Manager); C. G. Petterson (Vice-Chair), F. F. Hawkins, J. Mackenzie, R. Tindale, H. Welsbury, F. W. Laidlaw, J. Maddison, J. Davison, J. W. Lawson, J. Pierson, W. Mather, E. B. Hooper, J. Moor, J. McQuire, J. W. Reid, J. Liddle. I must not forget to mention the Rev. C. R. Appleton, who is quite an enthusiastic fancier of Mules and British birds, and who rendered valuable assistance in the capacity of steward. The judges were F. W. Laidlaw, Nor.; T. Almond, Crests; J. Stewart, Yorks.; A. Montgomery, Borders; J. Maddison, Mules, Brit. and Foreign.

NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (19): 1, Fielding, fine size and shape, rich col.; 2, Thomas, rare good type, perfect feather, capital wings; 3, vhc, Bell, not far behind, scarcely the col.; 4, Hathaway; hc, Stephenson; c, Smailes. BUFF (16): 1, Nicholson and Stephenson, grand cobby shape, compact feather; 2, Thomas, very close up, scarcely the width of head; 3, fine type and col., loss size; 4, Bates; vhc, McKay; bc, Glendenning; c, Pierson. HEN (14): 1, Bates, yell., grand type and feather, full head and neck; 2, Fielding, yell., more col., but scarcely the shape; 3, Nicholson and Stephenson, buff, capital shape, col., feather and cond.; 4, vhc, Pierson; hc, Briggs; c, Smith. UNFLIG. YELL. (21): 1, Mathewson, good all-round; 2, Stanger; 3, Wright, both really good, close up; 4, Hathaway; vhc, Smailes; hc, Fielding; c, Lawson. UNFLIG, BUFF (30): 1, Godley, rare size, col. and feather; 2, McKay, grand cobby shape, paler col., but better head; 3, Thomas, beaten only in size; 4, Telfer; vhc, Smailes; hc, Nicholson and Stephenson; c, Priestley. HEN (21): 1, spl, best Nor., Hathaway, grand stamp of hen, bot col.; 2, Godley, paler col., otherwise close up; 3, Mathewson, scarcely so tight in cond.; 4, no name in catalogue; vbc, Fielding; c, Lawson. NOVICE, CK. (22): 1, Lieut. W. C. J. Finn, bulf, of rare size and shape; 2, Bird, varieg. yell., fine type, good head, wings and col.; 3, Tucker, cl. yell., nice cobby shape, close up; 4, Gillis; vhc, Wilson; hc, Makepiece; c, Evans. HEN (18): 1, 4, Evans, wing-mkd. buff, capital size and shape, tight feather; 2, Gillis, yell., good stamp, full head and neck, good feather; 3, Brown, ycll., fine size and shape, beaten in feather. CREST (8): 1, c, Scott, Blaydon cup winner, needs no comment; 2, hc, Dobson, a grand bird, only beaten in expanse of crest; 3, Radley and Son, very neat, well formed crest, but smaller than leaders; 4, J. Taylor; vhc, Dickenson Bros. C.B. (6): 1, J. Taylor; 2, Radley and Son; 3, Simpson, all have good width of head and an abundance of feather; 4, Dickenson Bros.; vhc, Dobson; hc, Mrs. Taylor. 1915 CREST (11): 1, 2, J. Taylor, both crests of good size and shape; 3, 4, Mrs. Taylor, good size, close up; vhc, Richardson; hc, Dickenson Bros.; c, Stanger. C.B. (10): 1, Edwards; 2, vhc, hc, Mrs. Taylor; 3, Richardson; 4, Dickenson Bros.; c, Forster. YORKS., YELL. (5): 1, Dykes, fine length and shape, excellent feather and cond.; 2, Crawhall, plenty length, well roundod, in rare order; 3, Carlisle, fine pos., good wings, compact feather; 4, Simcson; vhc, Harrison. BUFF (5): 1, Dykes, grandly moulded, rich col.; 2, 3, Crawhall, long and erect, fine wings and tail; 4, Warren; vhc, Mather. HEN (6): 1, 4 spl. best Yorks., Crawhall, well-known winner; 2, Dykes, long and slim, finely tapered, extra good feather; 3, Carlisle, fine type and qual., close up; vhc, hc, Mather. UNFLIG., YELL. (10): 1, Dykes, plenty length, well drawn, hot col.; 2, Simeson, nice pos., well rounded back and front; 3, hc, Crawhall; 4, Everett; vhc, Archbold and Lascelles; c, Harrison. BUFF (11): 1, Warren, nice length and pos., rich col.; 2, Dykes, grand length, well on leg; 3, Everett, upstanding, neat head, well rounded back; 4, Crawhall; vhc, Mather; hc, Carlisle; c, Simcson. NOVICE, CK. (26): 1, 3, Nattrass, fine length and shape, compact feather; 2, Cleverley, long and slim, capital feather; 4, Gillis; vhc, Jerdon; hc, Linfoot; c, Willis. HEN (20): 1, vhc, Nattrass, fine type and pos., good order; 2, Gillis, rare length, well drawn, capital feather; 3, Willis, well on leg, neat head, wings and tail, grand cond.; 4, Reed; hc, Jerdon; c, Grealy. SCOTCH FANCY, CK. (8): 1, 2, vhc, Willison, fine size, massive shoulder, head well down and tail well under; 3, 4, J. Little, rare length, good shoulder and neck, shows more Belgian in back and tail; hc, c, Chapman. HEN (5): 1, 2, vhc, Chapman, rare size, capital shoulder and neck, well rounded back; 3, Little, very good all round, close up; 4, Willison. BORDER, CL. OR TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Johnston, smart and typical, extra qual.; 2, Purvis, very neat all over, capital feather; 3, Nicholson, good, close up; 4, Heslop; vhc, Anderson; hc, Wilson; c, Blakey. BUFF (8): 1, Purvis, rare good type, moves well; 2, 3, Nicholson, beautifully moulded, in rare bloom; 4, Becvor; vhc, Watson; hc, Wilson; c, Forster. HEN, A.C. (13): 1, Greenwell, nice size and shape, excellent feather; 2, Wilson, grand qual., neat head, wings and tail; 3 Watson, very smart, close up; 4, Johnston; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Bates; c, Anderson. VARIEG. (6): 1, 2, 3, Johnston, all of rare type and qual. of feather; 4, Nicholson; vhc, hc, Heslop. GR. OR CIN. YELL. (7): 1, 2, vhc, Johnston, 1 green of nice size and shape, rich col., well pencilled; 2, very typical cinn. of sound level col.; 3, Green well, green of grand shape and well pencilled; 4, Render; hc, Blakey; c, Heslop. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Johnston, both greens, winner extra good in pencilling; 3, Farrar, very neat and typical, grand feather; 4, Blakey; vhc, Render; hc, c, Ridley. HEN (8): 1, 2, c, Johnston, green and cinn., a fine pair for type and sound col.; 3, hc, Stephenson, clnn., nice size, shape and qual. of feather; 4, Greenwell; vhc, Farrar. NOVICE, CK. (24): 1, 3, hc, Render, 1 green, grand type, beautifully pencilled; 3, nice size and shape, capital feather; 2, vhc, Mitchell, very neat all over, close up; c, Anderson. HEN (17): 1, 4, Render, 1 green of sound col. and pencilling; 2, no name, eye and wing mkd., smart and typical; 3, Jerdon, varieg., grand shape and qual. of feather; vhc, Forster; hc, Bolam; c, Topping. A.O.V. (9) all cinnamons: 1, vhc, Godley, yell., sound rich col., good Nor. type; 2, Lucas, buff, fine size and subs.; 3, 4, Roy, yell., grand size and shape, rich sound col.; hc, c, Mason and Sanderson. SELL., 12/6 (25): 1, McKay; 2, c, Coulthard; 3, Dobson; 4, Gillespie; vhc, Telfer; hc, Wilson. SELL., 7/6 (13): 1, Fielding; 2, Coulthard; 3, Schooler; 4, Dunning and Furness; vhc, Stothard; bc, Wilson; c, Spoor. MULE OR BRIT., SELL., 10/- (16): 1, Blancheon; 2, Caunt; 3, Coombes; 4, c, Rutherford; vhc, Graham. HYB., CAN.-BULLF OR CL. MULE: 1, Dr. Wilson, Greenie-Chaffie, in rare order; 2, Graham, Redpoll-Bullie, of fine size and col.; w.c., H. Wade. VAR. MULE: 1, Rev. C. R. Appleton, very fine, head and saddle mkd. Linnet-Mule, in splendid cond.; 2, 3, Evans, six-pointed Goldie, and head and wing mkd. Greenie, good col. and cond.; 4, Dr. Wilson. DK. MULE (14): 1, Baker, Cinn.-Greenf. of grand size and shape, rich col., shows the cross well; 2, Apedaile, yell. Siskin, rich col., dark cap, full of Siskin markings; 3, Rev. C. R. Appleton, large buff Goldf. of good col. and cond.; 4, Couchman; vhc, Stanger; hc, Liddell; c, Hooper. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (16): 1, Wright, Goldf., nice size and shape, wide rich coloured blaze, good wings, rare cond.; 2, Dr. Wilson, large cobby Bullf., bright coloured breast, perfect feather; 3, 4, Almond, good Goldf., rich tans, good wings, scarcely the blaze of winner; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Petterson; c, Wakenshaw. GREENF. (15): 1, vhc, Blancheon, fine size, extra good shape, in grand bloom; 2, Conkie and Louden, capital feather, col. and cond.; 3, Stewart, good length, col. and feather, not the shape of leaders; 4, Nicholson; hc, Gentleman; c, Inman. BRAMBLEF. OR CHAFF. (14): 1, Nicholson, big shapely Chaff., grand head, neck and front, capital wings and cond.; 2, Smurthwaite, large cobby shaped Bramblef., hot col., carried well down, fine spangling; 3, Dr. Wilson, Chaff.; deep coloured breast, fine shape, but lacks the size, wing and cond. of winner; 4, Wright; vhc, Sergt. J. Forster; bc, R. Johnson; c, Hooper. LINNET, H.M. (14): 1, 4, Waters, fine upstanding Linnet, profusely marked front and flanks; 2, 3, Wright, two fine birds, with well marked fronts, a bit dry in feather; vhc, Dr. Wilson; hc, Glendinning; c, Robson. LINNET, F.M. (18): 1, Young, fine size, col. and markings; equal 1, Woodhouse, could not be found when class was judged, but was subsequently awarded equal first, grand size, shape, col., markings and cond.; 2, Smurthwaite, grand bird for size and markings, paler col.; 3, R. Johnson. SISKIN, ETC. (15): 1, hc, J. Johnston, good sized, rich coloured Siskin, good cap and markings, capital cond.; 2, Collins, really good Lesser Redpoll, in rare order; 3, Dr. Wilson, big, shapely, well marked Twite; 4, R. Johnson; vhc, Nicholson; c, Peacock. A.O.V. HEN: 1, 4, Wright, Hawf., bright in col., glossy feather; 2, Sergt. J. Forster, Yellowhammer, grand size, col. and markings, very steady; 3, Dr. Wilson, fine specimen of a Meadow Bunting; vhc, Inman; hc, Hetherington. F.M., EXCEPT LINNET (21): 1, Nicholson, Goldf., with a wide, clean cut blaze, good wings, very steady; 2, R. Johnson, large shapely Bullf., grand breast col., perfect feather; 3, Blancheon, big cobby Greenf., good wings and col.; 4, Smurthwaite; vhc, Bertram; hc, Christor and Son; c, Forster. HEN FINCH OR BUNT. (15): 1, 2, Conkie and Loudon, Corn Bunting and Bramblf., in rare order; 3, Gentleman, large steady Yellowhammer; 4, vhc, Caunt; hc, Lindsay; c, Gray. A.V. H.B. NOV. (20): 1, Rev. C. R. Appleton, Goldf., good blaze of rich col., capital wings and tanning, rare cond.; 2, Lumby and Hunt, Bullf. of grand size and col.; 3, Hall, very fine Hawf., good col., steady; 4, Hetherington; vhc, Tarn; hc, Rowan; c, Hardie Bros. SOFTBILL (15): 1, spl., best Brit., Montague, very fine Chough, in excellent cond.; 2, Lindsay, very fine Albino Lark; 3, hc, Wright, really good Blackbird, in grand bloom; 4, Affleck and Cresswell; vhc, Gray. FOR., FRUIT-EATERS, ETC.: 1, Nicholson, Sugar Bird, brilliant col., best of cond.; 2, Christor, Lory, rare cond.; 3, Almond. AVADAVATS, ETC. (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Almond, St. Helena Green Avadavat and Lavender Finch, all in grand order; hc, Peacock. A.O. SEEDEATERS: 1, 4, vhc, Almond, Melba Finch, in full col. and cond.; 2, Christor and Son, long-tailed Whydah, in perfect feather; 3, Dr. Hilson, grand-sized, very rich col. Siberian Bullf.

BOWLING B.F.A.

Old Bird Show, Nov. 24, Barley Mow Hotel. Eleven members staged 92 birds, which were well judged by G. E. Walker, West Bowling. CHAMP., Class 1 (7): 1, 4, Padget; 2, 3, Pacey. Class 2 (5): 1, 2, 3, Padget; 4, Robinson. Class 3 (5): 1, 2, Padgett; 3, Robinson; 4, Hodgson. Class 4 (10): 1, 3, Hodgson; 2, Pacey; 4, Robinson. Class 5 (7): 1, 2, 4, Hodgson; 3, Padgett. Class 6 (7): 1, 2, 4, Hodgson; 3, Padgett. Class 7 (1): 1, Robinson. Class 8 (6): 1, 2, Pacey; 3, 4, Robinson. NOV.: Class 9 (9): 1, Wardman; 2, 4, J. G. Hodgson; 3, T. Robinson. Class 10 (8): 1, Wood and Mirfield; 2, 4, Crabtree; 3, T. Robinson. Class 11 (9): 1, Wardman; 2, Wood and Mirfield; 3, Crabtree; 4, J. G. Hodgson. Class 12 (8): 1, 3, Wood and Mirfield; 2, Nicholl; 4, T. Robinson. Class 13 (6): 1, Wardman; 2, H. Hodgson; 3, Nicholl; 4, J. G. Hodgson. Class 14 (3): 1, Wood and Mirfield; 2, Nicholl; 3, Crabtree. Class 16 (1). 1, Crabtree.—J. Nicholl.

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HAMILTON.

Hamilton Red Cross Show, Dec. 11, was a magnificent success. The Town Hall was taxed to its utmost, and eight classes were shown in a very nice side room adjoining the large hall. Birds were finely staged on the three-tier principal all round the four sides, with a tier up the centre. Quality was a leading feature, and many prominent winners were on view. The entry totalled well over 600. Borders were a capital lot, and were quite a show by themselves; the assistance of another judge had to be called in, and, so keen was the competition, it was only a matter of condition that separated many of the winners. Scotch Fancies had a very good classification, but we regret this section was poorly supported, only averaging three per class. In Norwich entries came up fairly well; type being prominent throughout, and many past winners adding to their laurels. Mules and British came up strong, and again the services of another judge were called in, Mr. G. Marlin (Hamilton) obliging. Foreigners set out a grand finish to a successful show. Unfortunately several birds arrived too late for judging. Judging was finished in good time, and the Hon. President, Provost Moffat, declared the show open. He referred to the keen enthusiastic and true spirit in which the fanciers of the district had responded to such a good cause. Hamilton was in much need of aid at the present time, as the men from all around had responded well to their country's call. He wished the show the success it richly deserved. The management was comprised of a hard lot of working officials, and the patriotic spirit shown by them was appreciated by all. In the Sec., Mr. W. S. Wilson, they possess a man who well knows his business; he was ever ready to respond to the many calls made upon him, obliging and courteous to all. He was well supported by the following well-known fanciers: Pres., J. Braidwood; committee, Messrs. G. Marlin, A. Reid, R. Houston, T. Allan, T. Dick, J. Bisset, J. Glass, J. Naismith, J. Scobbie, and Joe Higgins. Among the nobility and gentry who supported the cause by giving donations were Provost Moffat, Lord Newlands, Duchess of Hamilton, T. W. Watson, Esq., Lady Watson, Rev. T. M. B. Patterson, Mrs. Diton, Sheriff Shennan, Rev. Dr. Thomson, Mrs. Colville, Wm. Meek, Esq., Mrs. Loudan, and many others. The Judges were: Scotch Fancy, Mr. D. Black (Govan); Bord,. Mr. W. S. Clark (Irvine), and Mr. A. Reid (Hamilton); Nor., Mr. R. Martin (Kirkinsullock), Brit., Mr. Clark (Larkhall), and Mr. G. Marlin (Hamilton), and their awards, on the whole, met with satisfaction.

NOR., CL. YELL., CK. (11): 1, Stewart, Queen's Park winner, grand head, neck, and front, fine qual. and col., even throughout, fine size, style, and cond.; 2, Harper, very close up, about equal in every respect, grand bird; 3, Bissett, rare size and subs., good head, qual., and col., fine short flights, shade rough in feather; 4, sp, Gallacher, splendid qual., col., and cond.; 5, W. P. Campbell; 6, Liddell. BUFF (7): 1, Liddell, fine head, qual., col., and cond., good size; 2, Sommerville, rare head and neck, fine short cobby body, good qual. and col., fine salmon tint, neat flights, few tail feathers missing or would have won; 3, Scobbie, eye tkd., rare qual. and col., good size and shape, short, well-laid wings; 4, Braidwood; 5, 6, Anderson. VAR., YELL., CK. (7): 1, Bissett, eye, wing, and neck mkd., grand size, fine deep front, extra qual. and col., nice head, style, and cond.; 2, Mabon, heavily mkd., hot col., bold head, neck, and front, grand type, shade coarse in feather; 3, McLean, lovely qual. and col., grand size and shape, good head and subs., wing mkd., close up (Clydebank winner); 4, Hope; 5, Whyte; 6, Aitken. HEN (9): 1, McLean, Clydebank winner in new hands, head and wing mkd., grand size and type, extra good qual. and col., short body and flights, neatly cut away behind; 2, Godfrey Bros., grand head, neck, and front, rare qual. and size, scarcely so good in flights; 3, Aitken, fine short-coupled bird, rare breadth across chest, fine qual. and col., good size, neat wings, close up; 4, sp, Scobbie, fine size, type, and qual.; 5, Braidwood; 6, Robertson. VAR., BUFF, CK. (9): Gallacher, grand size and qual., bold head, thick neck, could do better with a little more breadth across chest; 2, Godfrey Bros., heavily mkd., rare head, neck, and qual., good subs., Glasgow and Dis. 2nd; 3, Scobbie, grand size and fine deep front, good qual. and col., nice head, shade long, and loose in feather; 4, Robertson; 5, Findlay; 6, Aitken. HEN (4): 1, Campbell, eye and wing mkd., good qual., fine short cobby body, good size and col., well-packed flights and tail; 2, Stewart, good head and subs., excellent qual., heavily mkd.; 3, Bell, heavily mkd., great size, fine subs.; 4, Kean. CL. BUFF, HEN 1, Davidson, nice head, grand qual. and type, fine size, col., and cond.; 2, Marlin, fine head, neck, and front, extra good qual, good size, and shape; 3, Naismith, fine size, nice qual. and col., neat short flights and tail; 4, Kean; 5, Braidwood; 6, Malone. UNFLIG. YELL., CK. (7): 1, Harper, tkd. head, good size, rare qual. and col., fine short body, flights, and tail, grand head, nice full neck, wins; 2, Hope, cl., rare size, fine head, neck, and qual., hot col., neat flights; 3, Cuthbertson, cl., fine bold head, rare qual. and size, paler in col.; 4, sp, Johnstone; 5, Morrison; 6, Brown. HEN (11): 1, 3, Harper, 1st, cl., grand stamp, extra good qual., rare head and neck, fine short cobby body, neat flights and tail; 3rd, clean cut, good head, capital qual., neat flights; 2, Lawson and Son, rare qual., fine head, neck, and size, nice short body, flights, and tail, well cleaned out behind; 4, Somerville; 5, Robertson; 6, Godfrey Bros. BUFF, CK. (6): 1, Robertson, good size, fine head, capital qual. and col., short flights, could do with more subs.; 2, Findlay, shade smaller, but all there for type and qual., fine short body, flights, and tail, nice head, neck, and cheeks, pale in col., known face; 3, Johnstone, fine size and subs., lovely qual. and col.; 4, sp, Lawson and Son; 5, Hutton. HEN (7): 1, Lawson and Sons, green, fine head and neck, rare bold front, short, and clean cut, neat flights, and tail, typical; 2, Marlin, rare stamp cl., nice head and neck, fine short body, flights, and tail, capital qual., col., and cond., close up; 3, Morrison, var., good size, fine head, neck, and qual., A1 cond.; 4, Hope; 5, Smith; 6, Davidson. NON-FED, CK. (5): 1, Marlin, buff var., rare type and size, capital qual., col., and cond., wins; 2, Godfrey Bros., cl. yell., lovely qual. and col., fine head, good subs.; 3, Brownlie, buff var., good head, nice size, shade long in body, fine qual.; 4, Braidwood; 5, Findlay. HEN (11): 1, Stewart, yell., var., grand size and type, excellent qual. and col., fine head and front, neat flights and tail; 2, Gallacher, buff var., rare size and subs., lovely qual., col., and cond.; 3, Godfrey Bros., cl. yell., grand head and qual., fine col., good order; 4, sp, Marlin, cl. yell., good head, qual., and deep front; 5, 6, Findlay. CREST (3): 1, 3, Wilson, 1st, grizz. Crest, cl. body, rare top piece, well radiated from a good centre, grand size and subs.; 3rd, yell. D.C., good qual. and col.; 2, Lawson and Sons, var., scarcely so massive top piece, nice droop, good qual. C.B.: 1, Findlay, Kirkintilloch winner, almost green, rare wide skull; well lashed, grand size and subs.; 2, 3, Wilson, 2nd, cl. buff, well lashed, good size and subs.; 3rd, var., fine lashing, good qual. GIFT (4): 1, Braidwood; 2, sp, Scobbie; 3, sp, Wilson; 4, Pirrie, late arrival. HYB. (7): 1, Crone, Redpoll-Bullf., nice size, col., and cond., shows parentage distinctly, wee beauty; 2, W. P. Campbell, grand big Greenie-Bullf., rare bold head and front, hot col., fine bars and flights, shows cross well; 3, Williamson, Goldf.-Bullf., good size and shape, rich col. face; 4, sp, Heggie, Greenf.-Chaff., winner in hot company, fine size, shape, col., and whites, defective claws; 5, Glass; 6, Watson; good class. VARIEG. MULE (7): 1, Heggie, Greenf. cross, mkd. neck, fine size, shape, and col., rare cond.; 2, McQuiston, yell. Goldf. cross, mkd. eyes and wing, fine size and shape, hot col., A1 cond.; 3, M. E. Campbell, eyes and wing mkd. Goldf., rare size and cond., very fine qual. of feather; 4, Glass, almost cl. buff Goldf., nice size, qual., and cond.; 5, Stewart; 6, Anderson. DARK GOLDF. OR LINNET (12): 1, 4, sp, McQuiston, 1st, grand size and col., rich face, rare qual. of feather, nice sheen and cond.; 4, sp, Linnet cross, fine size and col.; 2, Clark, grand big Linnet, Nor. type, rare shape and col., fine bloom and cond.; 3, Crone, Goldf. cross, wonderful col., rich face, scarcely the size of winner, fine polish and cond.; 5, Heggie; 6, Cummings A.O.V. (12): 1, 2, Crone, 1st, Canary-Bullie, grand size and shape, marvellous col., rare cond.; 2, Siskin cross, hot col., fine size, shape, and cond.; 3, McQuiston, fine big Greenf., strongly built, rare head, front, and col., fine qual. and cond.; 4, Baxter; 5, Heggie; 6, Liddell. GOLDF. (11): 1, Trotter, fine size and shape, rare rich square-cut face, nicely tanned body, fine flights, good cond.; 2, Connelly, rare rich col. face, scarcely so square cut, grand tanning, nice size, shape, sheen, and cond.; 3, Wallace, grand rich square cut, expansive blaze, in full bloom, scarcely so rich in tanning, fine size, shape, and cond.; 4, sp, W. P. Campbell, grand bird, fine face and tanning; 5, Boag; 6, Shaw; good class. BULLF. (7). 1, McQuiston, rare stamp, grand cap and front, rich col., prominent wing bars, fine qual. and cond.; 2, Clark, jun., good size and shape, neat cap and wing bars, fine col. and cond.; 3, Watson, not the biggest, but fine shape, col., and qual., nice cap; 4, Gibson; 5, 6, Pirrie; 7, Trotter; these last three arrived too late for judging; hard lines, Mr. Trotter, would have been in the money (Vale of Leven and Clydebank winner). HEN (11): 1, W. P. Campbell, very fine qual. and col., rare size and shape, grand cap and bars, nice bloom, and cond.; 2, Cowan, rare shape and size, fine col., qual., sheen, and cond., close up; 3, Sharp, fine cap and bars, good order; 4, sp, Watson, nice col, shape, and qual.; 5, Minopris; 6, Adam. HEN, A.O.V. (10): 1, McQuiston, grand Bramblef., nice size, shape, col., qual., and cond.; 2, Marlin, Greenie, grand size, well built, fine qual. and cond.; 3, Smart, Chiff., fine size, shape, and cond., grand col., as good as a male; 4, Patterson, Bramble, nice size and col., steady; 5, W. P. Campbell; 6, Malton. LINNET. H.M.: 1, Naismith, grand size, shape, col., and polish, wonderfully well laced breast, well closed, in good whites and back; 2, W. P. Campbell, well up in size, very fine col., neatly laced front, good flights, and cond., shows well; 3, 4, sp, McQuiston, grand pair, fine col., size, shape, bloom, and cond., leader better-laced front; 5, Trotter; 6, Godfrey Bros. F.M. (13): 1, 3, Naismith, 1st, fine size, shape, and col., rare laced front, good flights and back; 3rd, grand breast, full of work, fine col., and steady; 2, Davidson, better size, fine shape, and col., good front, showy bird, steady; 4, Neilson, fine col. and size, steady; 5, Cathcart; 6, McQuiston. GREENF. (14): 1, Davidson, grand size and col., built on strong lines, bold head and front, rich flights and tail, fine cond., steady; 2, M. E. Campbell, buff, grand stamp, fine shape, col., qual., and cond., rare qual. flights and tail; 3, Henderson, fine big yell., capital col. and shape, bold head and front, good flights, well put down, close up; 4, sp, Brownlie and Cook, the old firm, rare good buff, grand size and shape; 5, Dickson; 6, W. P. Campbell; fine class. LESSER 'POLL: 1, W. P. Campbell, grand size and bloom, fine cobby shape, good head and col.; 2, Marlin, smart little chap, nice shape and polish, scarcely so cobby, fine cond., steady; 3, Boag, better size, well laced breast, fine col. and cond., close up; 4, sp, Private Hamilton, fine col. and lacing, nice 'Poll; 5, Taylor; 6, Williamson. F.M. (15): 1, Pirrie, rattling size and col., fine head and bib, well-laced breast; 2, Lambie, rare lacing and col., fine size, bloom, and cond., steady; 3, Hardie, more size, prominent bib, nice col. and lacing, shade rough; 4, Lambie, good col. and bib; 5, Ferguson; 6, Minopris. MEALY 'POLL OR TWITE (10): 1, McLean, Twite, Brechin and Clydebank winner, grand size, col., and lacing, good flights, fine cond., and steady; 2, McQuiston, Twite, close up, rare col. and bloom, fine size and shape, well-laced breast, good wings; 3, Lindsay, Twite, fine one for col., size, and lacing, good flights and cond., not much between these three; 4, Sprott; 5, Neilson; 6, Patterson; No. 4, late arrival, fine Mealy, would have been in the money; hard lines. SISKIN (1): 1, no name, a topper, capital col., grand size and shape, rare cap and flank markings, faint bib, grand polish and cond., wins; 2, Dickson, F.M., well., grand col., cap, and lacing, good bib, size, and shape; 3, Calder, grand wide cap, finely laced flanks, nice shape, col., and cond.; 4, sp, Naismith, good size, shape, col., and bib; 5, Glass; 6, Sharp. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE (5): 1, McLean, Clydebank winner, rare broad front, grand col. and size, well spangled, steady, and nicely staged; 2, Renwick, hot col., scarcely so massive build, fine mantle and cond.; 3, McQuiston, fine col., size, and shape, nicely spangled, all the above Brambles; 4, Stewart; 5, Lindsay. BUNTING (5): 1, Henderson, very rich and pure in col., rare size, shape, and markings, wins; 2, White, fine size, neat shape, good col. and markings; 3, Clark, shade smaller, fine col. and markings, nice shape, and steady; 4, Adam; 5, Trotter. A.O.V. BRIT. (7): 1, McQuiston, rare big Hawfinch, wonderful col. and cond., grand head and bib, fine wings; 2, Crawford, grand Waxwing, good size, fine tips, rare bib and crest, splendid col. and cond.; 3, Henderson, another fine Waxwing, close up, rare cond.; 4, sp, Alex. McLean, wee beauty, of a Redstart, rare head, col. and cond., well put down, might have split the Waxwings; 5, Taylor; 6, Connelly; 7, Perrie. FOR. (7): 1, Lee, grand rich col. King Parrot, undefeated, well shown; 2, Begg, Orange Bishop, in full col.; 3, Henderson, grand Goldf., rare rich square-cut face, nicely tanned body, pure in whites, well placed; 4, 5, Begg. GIFT (6): 1, 4, Wilson; 2, Weir; 3, Lawson and Sons; 5, Naismith, 6, Allan.

The Scotch and Border Fancies.

The Scotch Fancies were not numerous, but what they lacked in quantity was made up for in quality. Unfortunately the weather was bad, snow and sleet falling all day, and although the Town Hall is well lighted, artificial light had to be used part of the day. Artificial light is not of the best, especially when colour is being judged. The bad light no donbt accounted for the criticism heard on some of the awards in the Border Fancy section. In this and the British section the entries were extra heavy and additional judges had to be called in, Mr. Geo. Marlin taking some of the British, and Mr. A. Reid some of the Border classes.

SCOTS FANCY, YELL. CK. (2): 1, A. Hamilton, cl., hard up, prominent top end, decided drive, fine head and neck, good thickness through, wins; 2, Jackson, erect, grand thickness through, scarcely so good in drive. HEN (3): 1, Stewart, junr., erect, grand top end, rare thickness, good head and neck, grand style, wins; 2, Higgins, rare top, grand thickness, decided drive, close up; 3, G. Hamilton, large, hard up, rare top end, head and neck, fine depth through. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Higgins, erect, grand top end, rare thickness through, fine head and neck; 2, T. Jackson, fine length, long reach, round back, fails thickness to 1st; 3, Gibson, fine length, thinner, got up, good neck and reach. HEN (2): 1, L. Jackson, hard up, good top end, rare thickness through, good drive, handles well; 2, A. Hamilton, fine length, long side, nice drive and thickness. YELL. PIED OR GR. CK. (2): 1, L. Jackson, erect, decided drive, rare style and action, good top end and reach; 2, A. Hamilton, hard up, fine length, good thickness, beaten in drive. HEN (3): 1, 3, Higgins, hard up, rare top end, grand thickness, fine head and neck, wins; 3, erect, rare thickness, fine size, hit unsteady; 2, A. Hamilton, erect, good thickness, solid top, fails drive to 1st. BUFF PIED OR GR. CK. (5): 1, Higgins, hard up, rare top, great thickness through, rare worker, wins; 2, L. Jackson, erect, rare length, fine head and neck, good thickness; 3, G. Hamilton, hard up, rare style and action, fine length, beaten thickness; 4, T. Jackson. HEN: 1, T. Jackson, erect, grand top end and thickness, good drive, style and action, wins; 2, Higgins, hard up, good thickness, only fails in style to 1st; 3, L. Jackson, hard up, fine length, good drive. BORD., YELL. CK. (13): 1, W. S. Wilson, cl., grand col., good wings and tail, bit pointed at chest; 2, J. S. Nairn, head tick, nice mould, good head, wings and tail, fair col.; 3, Craig, grand little fellow, lovely col., sweetly moulded, nice wings and tail, our choice; vhc, Pte. W. Hamilton; hc, G. Bennet; c, McClue and Hilson. BUFF (19): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, W. S. Wilson, cl., grand col., nicely rounded body, beautifully tapered, rare good style and qual.; 2, J. Wilson, bead tick, sweet head and neck, nicely moulded, good wings and tail, sweet bird; 3, Purvis, nice type and qual., neat head, good wings and tail, fair col.; vhc, Kilpatrick; hc, Patterson; c, Weir; some grand birds cardless in this class. YELL. HEN (14): 1, McClue and Hilson, cl., nice col., finely tapered body, good wings and tail; 2, Craig, cl., grand col. nicely moulded body, well tapered, neat head, wings and tail, could have won; 3, Nairn, cl., nice col., well tapered body, neat head and tail, grand qual.; vhc, Alexander; hc, Frayer; c, Robertson. BUFF HEN (24): 1, A. Robertson, cl., excellent col., type and qual., good head and tail; 2, Sandilands, cl., sweetly moulded, fair col., nicely tapered body, good head, wings and tail; 3, McClue and Hilson, cl., nice col., well tapered body, good head; vhc, Craig, cl., lovely qual., sweetly moulded body, grand head and wings, in the pink, unlucky; hc, Stewart; c, Murray. EVEN MKD. (8): 1, McClue and Hilson, Cinn., 4-point buff, fair markings, nice col., good type and qual.; 2, Orton, 4-pointed yell., nice markings, grand type and qual., sweet head and neck, wings and tail; 3, vhc, Nicholson, 4-point buff, best markings in class, nice type and qual., showing a bit leggy; hc, Allerdice; c, Brownlee. VARIEG. YELL. (10): 1, Brownlee, eyes, wings and chest mkd. yell., grand head, wings and tail, good col., lovely type and quality; 2, Elliott, grand 5-point, splendid mkgs., rare col., good type and qual., close up; 3, Harper, eyes, wings and rump marked, very nice type and qual., good wings and tail; vhc, W. S. Wilson; hc, Nairn; c, Marley. BUFF (17): 1, W. S. Wilson, really grand 3-point, nice col., type and qual., beautifully moulded body, well put down; 2, Craig, eyes, wings and rump mkd., grand col., type and qual., best of wings and tail, close up; 3, Ritchie, eyes, wings and shoulder mkd., lovely type and qual., grand wings and tail, neat head; vhc, McClue and Hilson; hc, Ritchie; c, Robertson. VARIEG. YELL. HEN (12): 1, J. W. Wilson, very nice 3-point, sweet shape, neat head, wings and tail, fair col.; 2, Marley, variegated cinn., very good col., type and qual., shade flat on head; 3, Nairn, variegated., cinn., best of type and qual., fair col., fails wings; vhc, D. McPhie, nice eyes, wings and saddle marked, grand type and qual., neat head and wings, unlucky; several grand birds cardless in this class; hc, W. S. Wilson; c, Ferguson. BUFF HEN (10): 1, Craig, grand eyes, wings and head mkd., lovely type and qual., neat bead, wings and tail, wins; 2, Boag, similar mkgs., very nice shape good wings and tail, beaten only in col.; 3, Robertson, again similar mkgs., neat shape, good col., bit short in tail; vhc, Ritchie, grand 3-point, lovely qual., sweetly moulded, hard luck; hc, Stewart; c, Allerdyce, junr. YELL. CINN., CK. (14): 1, McClue and Hilson, good col., nice head, wings and tail, rather slim, got up; 2, McLindon, better type, good wings and tail, neat head, pale in col.; 3, Harper, nice col., good type and qual., neat head and tail, tips wings a wee bit; vhc, hc, J. W. Wilson; several grand birds left out in this class. BUFF (13): 1, 2, 3, J. W. Wilson, winner fine col., good head, nice wings and tail, good type and qual.; 2, nice shape, neat head, fails wings; 3, slimmer, got up, nice wing carr., neat head; vhc, Whitelaw; hc, Pierce; c, Campbell. YEL. CIN. HEN (14): 1, Harper, very rich col., nice type and qual., neat head and wings; 2, 3, J. W. Wilson, good type and qual., nice head and tail, excellent col.; 3, same remarks apply, but better in chest; vhc, Patterson; hc, Heslop; c, Dick; again several grand birds out of money. BUFF (11): 1, 2, J. W. Wilson, good col., splendid shape, nice wings and tail, shade strong in head, still a real good one; 2, shade paler col., better head, nice type and qual., close up; 3, McLinden, grand hen, lovely type and qual., good head and wings, not much between 1, 2, 3.; vhc, Glass; hc, McLinden; c, Lambie. YELL. GREEN CK. (19): 1, Johnstone, grand rich grassy green, sound and level throughout, grand markings, neat head and tail, real good one; 2, 3, Harper, grand type and qual., neat head, wings and tail, nice markings and depth of col.; 3, slimmer got up, nicely tapered, good head and wings; vhc, Lawson and Sons; hc, Whitelaw; c, Greenwell. BUFF CINN. CK. (15): 1, Johnstone, grand bird, true col., level throughout, lovely type and qual., wins easily; 2, Whitelaw, nice col. and markings, good type; 3, Lawson and Sons, nicely moulded, good qual.; vhc, Reid; hc, Baxter; c, McColl. YELL. GREEN HEN (17): 1, B.F.C.C. Novice medal, Reid, grand hen, lovely col., and mkgs., good type, splendid qual., wins; 2, Smith, grand col. and mkgs., neat head, wings and tail, another nice one; 3, Lawson and Sons, nice type and qual., neat head and wings, bit brassy on sides; vhc, Johnston; hc, McLinden. BUFF (15): 1, hc, W. S. Wilson, choice hen, grand type and qual., neat head, wings and tail, nice col. on back, bit light below; 2, Nicholson, grand col. and mkgs., sound and level, fine type and qual., neat head, wings and tail, close run, some preferred her; 3, Johnstone, nice type and qual., neat head, well rounded body; vhc, Reid; c, Heslop Bros. GIFT (6): 1, vhc, W. S. Wilson; 2, Weir; 3, Lawson and Sons; hc, Naismith; c, Allan. NOVICE BORD. (19): 1, Lees, lightly cinn. mkd. buff, sweet exhibit, nice col., excellent type and qual., smart action; 2, Alexander, fine cl. yell., nicely moulded, good head, wings and tail, close up; 3, Ferguson, lightly mkd. buff, nice col., sweet shape, jaunty carr., well staged; vhc, Heslop Bros.; hc, Robertson; c, Rae; a very creditable class.

KETTERING.

Kettering C.B.S. held its annual show in the Victoria Hall, Dec. 11. The entry scarcely reached 200 birds, a poor response considering full prize money was guaranteed, and the expense will fall heavily on a committee of hard-working fanciers. Everything was in apple-pie order, and cards up in good time. The show was well patronised by fanciers from a distance, and we were pleased to meet Tom Irons, looking as young as ever. W. Vardy judged.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Stubbs Bros., massive bird, grand head, full neck, good qual.; 2, Bateman, larger, good head and neck, not the col.; 3, F. W. Martin, nice stamp, fails in col.. BUFF: 1, Stubbs Bros., well-known, excellent col. and qual., well made; 2, W. H. Howe, good head and neck, grand stamp, scarcely the qual.; 3, Fennel, splendid qual., slimmer. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Stubbs Bros., saddle mkd. yell., lovely col. and qual., grand type, very fine bird, 2nd wing and neck mkd. buff, fine feather and col.; 3, Bateman, variegated buff, grand stamp, fails only in col.; vhc, Martin. YELL. HEN: 1, Fennel, tkd. head, beautiful col. and qual., nice stamp; 2, W. H. Howe, good one, but rather thinner. BUFF: 1, Stubbs Bros., tkd. neck, large, good qual., fine shape; 2, Lewis, good head and neck, equal in shape, fails trifle in col.; 3, Martin, capitally made, grand qual.; vhc, Fennel; hc, Lineham. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, 2, Stubbs Bros., tkd. head, massive, well built all round, trifle frilly, 2nd cl., lovely qual., trifle browy; 3, no name, very nice yell.; vhc, hc, Gibson. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, Stubbs Bros., cl. yell., real beauty, fine qual., good size and shape; 2, Bateman, variegated yell., trifle smaller, equal in other respects; 3, Fennel, another nice specimen; vhc, Gibson. YORKS YELL.: 1, vhc, York, grand length, very fine col. and qual.; 2, 3, Gasson, fine length and qual., 3rd not so large. BUFF: 1, 2, Pass, cinn. mkd., fine length and qual., well on leg, 2nd very fine qual., fails a little in wing carr.; 3, vhc, Gasson, good length and style, not the qual. A.O.V. CAN. very fine class: 1, Tatman, buff, dark crest, large expanding crest, good droop; 2, A. E. Brooks, very fine Dutch Frill; 3, Rinkin, cl. cap. Gold Lizard, beautifully spangled, well marked on thighs; vhc, Bateman; hc, Morris; c, Tatman. BRIT. GREENF., ETC.: 1, Checkfield, Yellow Bunting, grand head markings, very steady, fine cond.; 2, Dr. M. A. Wilson, nice Chaff., good wing bars, grand cond.; 3, Garrod, very nice jonque Greenf.; vhc, Wallis; hc, W. Howe; c, Potter. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Checkfield, big square, good col, blaze, fine wing bars, buttons; 2, Dr. M. A. Wilson, Bullfinch, grand chest, fine feather, large cap, good wing bars; 3, Poole, fine Bullf., larger, paler in col.; vhc, Lineham; hc, Smith; c, Garrod. HYBRID: 1, Hayter, Canary-Bullf., fine size and col.; 2, Dr. M. A. Wilson, very good Linnet-Bullf.; 3, Seale, large buff Goldie-Can. MEMBERS' YORKS: 1, Sharpe; 2, 3, Tebbutt; vhc, hc, c, Gasson. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Scarborough; 2, Wright; vhc, Johnson; hc, Liney; c, Lynham. BUFF: 1, cup, Scarborough; 2, 3, c, Liney; vhc, Johnson; hc, Lewis. HEN: 1, Lewis; 2, vhc, Liney; 3, Lewis; hc, Lewis; c, Tansley. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Bosworth. HYB.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Johnson; vhc, hc, Sharp. NOV. CAN.: 1, hc, c, Meadows; 2, 3, Smith; vhc, Woolmer. FOR.: 1, 2, Sharp; 3, vhc, hc, Martin. BRIT.: 1, 2, hc, Martin; 3, Smith; vhc, Wilson; c, Lynham. FOR.: 1, Liney; 2, Mrs. Martin; 3, Wilson; vhc, Martin; hc, c, Chester.

MIDDLESBRO' AND TEESSIDE.

Members' show, with an entry of 173, record for the society. Messrs. Hill and Marwood judged.

Yorks. Yell.: 1, Rand; 2, Taylor; 3, Bibby. Buff: 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Atkins. Heu: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Rand. Unflig.: 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Rand. Nor. Yell.: 1, Bibby; 2, Carr; 3, Wake. Buff: 1, 2, Bibby; 3, Taylor. Hen: 1, 3, Bibby; 2, Taylor. Unflig.: 1, 2, 3, Watson. A.O.V. Ck.: 1, Appleyard; 2, Taylor; 3, Gibson. Hen: 1, 3, Gibson; 2, Rand. Unflig. Ck.: 1, Appleyard; 2, 3, Gibson. Hen: 1, Gibson; 2, Wake; 3, Appleyard. Nov. Can. Ck.: 1, Dodsworth; 2, 3, Bean. Hen: 1, Mrs. Hind; 2, Dodsworth; 3, Bean. Unflig.: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Hind. Brit.: 1, Greenwood; 2, Deans; 3, Bean. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, 2, Smurthwaite; 3, Deans. Linnet: 1, Smurthwaite; 2, Thomas; 3, Greenwood. Greenf.: 1, Thomas; 2, Carr; 3, Deans. Sis., Redpoll, or Twite: 1, Smurthwaite; 2, Thomas; 3, Carr. A.O.V. Hardbill: 1, 2, Smurthwaite. F.M.: 1, Thomas; 2, Smurthwaite; 3, Fox. Brit. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Smurthwaite. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 3, Hanson; 2, Hind.—T. C. Deans, Hon. Sec.

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Club Reports.

LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting, Dec. 7, nt 2, York Street, St. James', Mr. Robson in the chair, and 25 members present. Resolved to hold a members' show on Feb. 4 and 5, in conjunction with the National British Bird and Mule Club, and Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League, at St. George's Hall, St. George's Circus, Westminster Bridge Road. Show manager, A. Silver, Esq.—A. Wallington, Assist. Sec.

CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH.

Meeting, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, Dec. 6, Mr. D. Brown, Pres., in the chair. Balance-sheet for year was read by Treas., and showed a balance on the right side. The Auditors, Messrs. D. Brown and A. Borrie, reported all books, vouchers, and receipts correct, and these were approved. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to chair.—J. L. Smith, Sec.

GLASGOW (Queen's Park) C.B.S.

Members please note that we have removed from our old headquarters in the Marie Stuart Halls to more central and superior accommodation in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Eglington Toll. We are holding our first meeting in Room No. 1, Dec. 22, at 8, and trust that members will show their appreciation of this welcome change and turn out strong to the meeting.—A. K. Hunter, Sec.

BACUP ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Dec. 7, headquarters, Park Hotel, Bacup, Mr. Geo. Wantling presiding over a rather sparse attendance. The meeting being the end of the financial year, the secretary produced the balance-sheet of shows, etc., showing a profit of £2 8s. 2d. on year's working, which was considered very satisfactory and unanimously adopted. Decided to hold a members' show, Jan. 22. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.—Geo. Johnson, Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting, headquarters, Marlboro' Hotel, Dec. 8, J. T. Willmott chair, before a good attendance, the chief business of the evening being the presentation of awards for the young stock show, and final arrangements for the members' annual show on New Year's Day. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. Birds to be staged by 2.30. Entries close Dec. 29. Owing to the early closing the washing exhibition was put off until Dec. 15, at 8, when the whole evening will be devoted to same. Mr. G. Raby is giving the exhibition.—G. W. Bayliss, Sec.

FIFE C.B.L.

Meeting, Bay Horse Tavern, Lochgelly, Dec. 11. Mr. Grewar presided over a good turn-out. It was suggested by Mr. Grewar that the Fife C.B.L. step in and try to avoid clashing of show dates in Fife. Secretary was instructed to write all Cage Bird societies in Fife outside of the League and ask them to send a delegate to next meeting in Cowdenbeath, January 22. After business was over Mr. Grewar gave a lecture on the Norwich Plainhead, which was enjoyed very much by all present. A vote of thanks to Mr. Grewar ended the meeting. To all members the sec. extends the compliments of the season.—J. Sneddon, Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Meeting, Dec. 4, Victoria Hotel, Charterbouse Street, E.C. Mr. Harrison presided over a fair number of members. The society granted a special prize to Mrs. Harrison, the winner of the autumn essay competition for lady members. Mr. Shakespear was proposed as a member. Twenty birds staged for the judging competition—10 Nor., 10 Yorks. Members in the competition were Messrs. Harrison, Cullen, Dyer, H. Bell, M. A. Ball, Durham, Ayris, Gilbert, and Mr. Mortlock, the latter up for a few days' leave. Mr. H. Bell took 1st prize with 21 points; Durham 2nd, 14; and Mr. Mortlock 3rd, 11. A very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Shakespear for acting as final judge and giving a few words on the birds staged. Vote of thanks to chair brought a pleasant evening to a close.—W. Gilbert, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Annual meeting, headquarters, Rose and Crown Hotel, Chairman, Mr. T. Down, presiding. The attendance was large and enthusiastic. It was satisfactory to find so many members present, as so many are employed practically night and day. Final arrangements were made for members' show, Dec. 11, and this has proved a record in both numbers and quality. Mr. T. Down was unanimously re-elected chairman; Mr. J. A. T. Woodall, vice-chair, Press Corresp. and Advertising Manager; Mr. E. C. Job, Hon. Sec.; Mr. R. Calton, Assist. Sec.; Dr. Craig, Treas., was also re-elected. The committee were re-elected with the exception of W. Moor and W. Baxby, Mr. Farrow and Mr. Kuypers taking their places. Owing to the early closing the meeting then terminated, leaving the committee to go into a few details to submit to the January meeting.—John A. T. Woodall, Press Corresp.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting, Dec. 2, Mr. Jones chair. Officials for 1916: Pres., Mr. Jones; Vice-Pres., Messrs. T. Hemming, W. Bingham; Treas., W. Oxley; Sec., A. Hobson; Committee, W. H. Champion, J. G. Cowley, J. Curley, G. Drabble, L. Fallding, W. T. Furness, D. Pickering, A. W. Sparkes, T. Tow, P. Walsh, J. Woolhouse, L. Woolhouse. Show dates fixed and local secs. notified. Decided to procure specials for the shows to be inserted in the syllabus. Many were promised and more will be welcomed. Result of final table show:—Members' Nor. Yell.: 1, 3, vhc, J. and L. Woolhouse; 2, 4, hc, Hemming. Buff: 1,4, hc, Woolhouse; 2, 3, vhc, Hemming. Nov. Yorks. Yell.: 1, hc, c, Bagshaw; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Fretwell. Buff: 1, Williams; 2, 3, 4, Bagshaw; vhc, hc, c, Fretwell. Nov. Nor.: Mr. Gears secured all the cards in a class of 13—a meritorious performance. Special winners:—Members' Yorks: D. Pickering; Nov.: A. Bagshaw: Members' Nor.: Messrs. Woolhouse; Nov.: T. Gears. Next meeting, Jan. 6, washing competition; 2s. special for novices. Let us have a good start for the New Year.—E. Sisson, Assist. Sec.

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CLAPHAM C.B.A.

Fairly well attended meeting, Dec. 7, but the only business was the choosing of the medals won this year, and it was decided to have the same as last year. Next meeting will begin at 7.30 p.m. instead of 8, it being the annual general meeting, and there will be a volume of business to transact. —A. R. Coe.

PLUMSTEAD AND WOOLWICH.

Annual general meeting, Dec. 9, Trinity School, Beresford-st., Woolwich; Mr. Newnham, chair. Decided to allow all officers to retain office for 1916. Show report accepted, showing a profit. Decided to hold pair show in February and Finch and Mule pairs in March. Mr. Alford was admitted a member. This being the last report for 1915, the Sec. extends the compliments of the season to all members.—Geo. H. Maclellan, Hon. Sec.

WALLSEND MID-TYNE C.B.A.

Annual Meeting, Station Hotel, Dec. 8, Mr. G. Couchman presided over a poor attendance many important items were gone through, also election of officers for the coming year; one important position was left over till next meeting. Balance-sheet was read for the year, and after paying prizes and all expenses, we have a balance of £6 16s. 5d. We hope members will turn up at next meeting for important business, altering of rules, etc.; new members elected, Mr. Lucas (Walker), Mr. Cleminson, Byker.—Geo. Greenwell, Sec.

EDINBURGH O.S.

Meeting, Dec. 4, Mr. Allan presiding; auditors gave report of audit, which was correct in every detail, after general business. Mr. Allan called for nominations for president, as he intended to retire after six years in the chair. Mr John Dalgleish was asked to fill the office as president, and to this he agreed, hoping to have the loyal support of members in making a large increase in the membership. Mr. Allan was thanked for the great service he had rendered to the E.O.S. for the past six years. Fanciers join this old and sound O.S.—A. Weston, Sec.

WALTON, EVERTON AND DIST.

General meeting held Dec. 8, at headquarters, Kilshaw Street, many members present, and keen discussion over business in hand. Balance-sheet for 1915, showing a good balance in favour, accepted and passed. Officials for 1916 as follows: Pres., Rt. Hon. F. E. Smith, K.C., M.P.; Vice-Pres., Rev. A. P. S. Pink, T. Handley, Esq., C. Robinson, Esq., E. Bunner, Esq; Chair, Mr. Holmes; Vice-Chair, Mr. Smith; Auditors, Messrs. Wilkins and Jordan; Treas., Mr. J. W. Metcalf; Committee, Messrs. Bratherton, Evans, T. Handley, J. W. Handley, Hammond, Qualtrough, Rowlands, and Roberts. Schedule for show, Jan. 19, compiled. Amateur section abolished. British section open to the district. Judge nominated J. Thornton, Esq., Liscard.—A. G. Hunt, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.C.

Annual meeting held Dec. 9, Mr. Havenhand presiding. The retiring Pres., Mr. L. Havenhand; Vice-Pres., Messrs. J. Hibberson and F. W. Hollingsworth; Treas., Mrs. Justice; and Sec., E. Johnson, were all unanimously re-elected. Messrs. W. Blunt, M. Darlow, W. Grainger, J. Hartley, T. Hammond, J W Merrills, F. Beardor, and F. Holling, were elected on the committee. Messrs. T. Hammond and J. W. Merrills auditors. Cup rules were altered so that the three highest awards count in each section instead of starring as previously. Other rules as last year. The society has never been so strong, either numerically or financially, and I urge fanciers in the district to join our ranks, and let us take another step forward in 1916.—E. Johnson, Sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Meeting Dec. 4, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, Mr. T. W. Walton chair. Sec. gave a rough statement in respect to Annual Show. Nov. 12, 13. Everybody agreed that it was the best effort yet made by the Leeds Club and exhibitors were more than satisfied with the prizes given. We are a few pounds on the wrong side, but it was agreed that it is impossible to run a show like this and make money. After business members settled down to a long argument in respect to the ring question as it at present stands in the Fancy, and it was unanimously agreed that it will be better if only one lot of rings be issued throughout the country; all clubs to be affiliated to each other, and each club to be able to send a representative to a meeting once a year to draw up rules, judging standard; etc. In this way it was felt that every club would have a say in the matter of management, and every breeder would be in touch with any alteration of song points, etc. A copy of the minute has been, or will be sent to all Roller Clubs in the kingdom.—H. Best,

LEEDS C.B.S.

Meeting Dec. 11, Mr. A. E. Parker was elected a member. Decided to hold tea and concert at our prize distribution as last year. Officers nominated for 1916: Pres. Mr. W. Hall; vice-pres., Messrs. W. Greenwood and E. Hattersley; chair, Mr. Mennard; Mr. Norton, treas., Mr. A. G. Rhodes, Assist. Sec.; Mr. Middleton, sec.; Messrs. G. Yellaud and H. Simms, auditors. Table Show of hens, judge Mr. C. E. Hall, his awards being well received. There was a very poor turn up for such an important meeting; this show was the last of the series to count for table show specials. Yorks. Hen (16): 1, 3, vhc, Featherstone; 2, 4, Norton; hc, c, Yelland. Nor. (19): 1, vhc, hc, Chambers; 2, Fryer; 3, Livingstone; 4, Lamb; c, Johnson. Brit. Hen (9): 1, hc, c, Middleton; 2, 3, vhc, Hunt; 4, Owen. The draw for table shows to count for specials resulted in Oct. and Dec. shows to count, the winners being Yorks.: 1, Norton, 18 pts.; 2, Featherstone, 15; Nor.: 1, Fryer, 22; 2, Livingstone, 18. Brit.: 1, Hunt, 30; 2, Middleton, 29.—E. Norton, Hon. Sec.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Meeting Dec. 9, Mr. Ridal chair. Owing to the bad weather only a few turned up. Officials for 1916: Mr. Ridal, President; Vice-Chair, J. Woolhouse and A. W. Sparkes; Treas., L. Fallding; Committee: Biggin, Drabble, Goodison, Bagshaw, Fretwell, L. Woolbouse; Sec., C. Tomlinson; Assist. Sec., E. Sisson. Decided that in case of being only one competitor in a section for the cup, a win should not count, but the holder be entitled to retain the cup for another year if desired. Table show result: Yell. Yorks: 1, hc, Fretwell; 2, 3, 4, c, Bagshaw; vhc, Parsons. Buff: 1, 3, 4, Bagshaw; 2, Parsons; vhc, Williams; hc, c, Fretwell. Mkd.: 1, 2, 3, Fretwell; 4, Williams; vhc, Bagshaw. Nor.: Mr. Gears gained all the cards. Messrs. Bagshaw and Fretwell tied on points for the rose bowl. Each selected a team of birds, which were re-judged by the President, Mr. Fretwell being the winner. Messrs. D. Pickering and Matthews, the donors of the rose bowl, were accorded a hearty vote of thanks.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Meeting for Red Cross show, 7th and 8th Jan., Drill Hall, Dec. 6. Classification fixed: Bord. 18 classes (1 Sell.), Nor. 17 (1 Sell.), Yorks. 11 (1 Sell.), Mule and Hyb. 4 (1 Sell.), Brit. and For. 22 (1 Sell.). Judges: Bord., Mr. G. Hyslop, Stirling; Nor., Mr. Wm. Bishop, Stirling; Yorks., Mr. R. Heggie, Glasgow; Mule, Brit., and For., Mr. J. Livingstone, Bathgate.—Allan Thomson, Sec. and Treas.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S

Meeting, Dec. 7, Mr. Gibbins presiding over a good attendance. Several minor items were dealt with. Judges for 1916 Open Show were elected: Mr. H. W. Battye, Canaries; Mr. H. J. Chick, British. Decided to ask Mr. C. H. Walton to judge next Table Show. Table Show was held, Mr. Jno. Allen judged. Nor. Var.: Yell. Hen: 1, Roberts; 2, Jolley; 3, vhc, Moores. Buff: 1, Jolley; 2, Day and Sturgess; 3, Roberts; vhc, Moores. Green: 1, Moores; 2, 3, Day and Sturgess. Nov. Var. Yell. Hen: 1, Pearson; 2, Brooks; 3, Lonton. Buff: 1, Pearson; 2, Hughes; 3, Knight; vhc, Brooks. Green: 1, West; 2, Brooks; 3, Knight; vhc, Gorebam. Bullf.: 1, c, Kilsby; 2, vhc, hc, Deakin; 3, Brooks.—A. Freestone, Sec.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Meeting, Headquarters, Dec. 6, Mr. Bartlett chair, and a good muster for the distribution of prizes won at the Annual Show. Winners of challenge cups were Mr. G. A. Parker, champ. and Wilson cups; Mr. A. W. Farmer, amat. and Yorks.; Mr. A. Newton, nov.; Mr. G. Oliver, Brit. cup, and Mr. Franz, Crest. These were presented with a few appropriate words by our president, Mr. S. C. Rhodes. Our secretary, Mr. Collinge, gave a preliminary report on the financial aspect of the annual show, which, to the great satisfaction of all, showed a good balance on the right side. The remainder of the evening was taken up by a series of questions and answers, and many knotty points were raised for discussion. Vote of thanks to chair brought a pleasant evening to a close.—A. W. Farmer.

Singing Contests.

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CASTLEFORD.

Linuet contest, Dec. 11; 40 birds entered: 1, Milner; 2, Watkiss; 3, Nelson. Dec. 12, 27 birds: 1, Watkis; 2, Colliuson; 3, Worral. Remember our open sing, Dec. 27. All Linnet fanciers are invited. —W. Dobson, Hon. Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest club sing held Woodman Inn, Horsefair, Dec. 11; 34 birds competed for 3min. time singing: 1, Scobson; 2, Pugh; 3, Piper. Open sing, Dec. 12; 41 competed for 3min, time singing: 1, Pugh; 2, Morley; 3, Beard; 4, shared Piper and Foster. We have a splendid club just now. Now you intending members, why not join now? There are some big times coming. Hurry up or you may be too late.—S. Pugh, Hon. Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Members' sing, Dec. 12, for 4min. time sing; 18 birds entered for five prizes: 1, Jones, 3min. 6sec.; 2, Brusby, 2.42; 3, Davis, 2.4; 4, Thowker, 2.21; 5, Norman, 2.7. We have a very big entrance just now and a membership of 36, so they have not all been called to fight for their country. We made another seven members this week, and yet there is room for a few more; so hurry up for special prizes. —Hardman, Sec.

KIPPAX.

First sing, new headquarters, White Swan Hotel, Dec. 11, 25 birds entered for 3min. time singing: 1, Collinson; 2, Potter; 3, Wallis. Timekeepers, J. Wallis and J. Cooper; tappers, O. Potter and W. Perkin. A good company was present, and they were delighted with the contest, especially with the singing of O. Potter's bird, which will make a name for him before the season closes.

General meeting, Dec. 9. Officials elected for 1916: Pres., A. Cooper; Treas., J. Wallis; Sec., R. Plows; Auditor, O. Potter. The result of the season's contests was satisfactory, with a balance on the right side. Decided to have an open contest at an early date, which will be advertised in CAGE BIRDS, so look out for open contest and give us your support. We are most fortunate, as our new host is a fancier, and we shall be able to prove to him that Linnet contesting is a nice hobby. His favourite birds are Canaries. Trusting for a successful season for 1916. Five of our members are with His Majesty's forces in France, and another has joined under Lord Derby's Scheme. We expect our membership increasing this year, as several have already promised to join.—R. Plows, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane. 14 birds sang for three prizes, and some good singing was heard: 1, 2, Wharam; 3, shared Wigfield and Chippendale. Judges, T. Summers and S. Butterfield.

Quality Linnet and Canary singing, Glassmaker's Arms, Greyhound Place, York Road. Linnet contest, Dec. 11; 19 birds sang: 1, Stockhill; 2, Hirst; 3, Richardson. Canary contest, Dec. 11; 16 birds: 1, Hirst; 2, 3, Johnson. Linnet contest, Dec. 12; 25 birds: 1, 2, Richardson and Hirst shared; 3, Hirst. Canary contest, Dec. 12; 18 birds: 1, Wharam; 2, Hirst; 3, Wharam.—E. Stansfield, Sec

Leeds Linuet and Cauary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Dec. 11; 14 birds sang: 1, Wharam; 2, Ineson; 3, Ward; consolation prize, Sissons. Judges, Hayes. Naylor, and Crane. Dec. 12; 16 birds sang: 1, B. Smith; 2, Sissons; 3, 4, shared by T. Ward and Mrs. Tennant. Judges, Hardeastle, Hayes and Topping; also a Roller contest, Dec. 12; 16 birds sang: 1, T. Johnson; 2, 3, shared by Rogers and T. Johnson; consolation prize, Condliffe. Judges, Grant, Sissons, and Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Quality Linnet Singing Club, Skinner Lane. Grand singing contest, Plasterer's Arms, Dec. 12, before a crowded house. 24 entered, and some very good singing was heard. We were all pleased to see some old faces present. Judges, Alf. Lorriman and N. Solomon. 1, J. Lorriman; 2, 3, Chippendale; 4, Dearlove.—F. Turner, Sec.

Quality Linnet and Canary singing, Glassmakers' Arms, Greyhound Place, York Road, Dec. 4. Linnet contest, 15 birds: 1, Richardsou; 2, Shaw; 3, Hirst. Canary contest, 16 birds, Dec. 4: 1, Stansfield; 2, Stead; 3, Johnson. Linnet contest, Dec. 5, 19 birds: 1 and 2, Richardson; 3 and 4, Hirst. Canary contest, Dec. 5, 17 Birds: 1, Wharam; 2, Stead; 3, Lacey.—E. Stansfield, Sec.

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TO TREAT ROLLER (W. P. B.).—(1) Try to forget the first portion of the name you give your bird. The simple term Roller is quite good enough,

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Care Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

and most descriptive, and, henceforth, we must ensure that all these little pets are British made and British goods throughout. In addition to the staple seed diet you are giving supply, every second day for a fortnight, a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, and then sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternate days give a morsel of banana or a little of some green salad, provided you can get the latter quite free from frost. In the drinking water add, every second day for the same length of time, ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. This should suffice to enable the bird to "find its voice," if nothing else is wrong with it. (2) A box type of cage—that is, one with the top, bottom, back, and ends of wood, and only the front of wire—is much the best for the bird. If you have the bird in a cage of this type, keep it in a bright and sunny position, but not in a window, and do not by any means exchange it in favour of an all-wire cage. (3) A limited quantity of sugar as an occasional treat is not really harmful, but it should not be overdone. The best way to indulge the bird with this luxury is to stick a piece of lump sugar in the wires for a week or two now and again, and let the bird nibble at it when it likes. This helps to keep the tip of the beak from becoming overgrown.

WILL THEY PINE (Miss A. M.).—Your query leaves very much to be assumed. For instance, you do not even say whether the birds are Canaries, and I can only assume so from your reference to one as a plain yellow. Judging from your remarks, I can only imagine that you placed the birds together with the idea of commencing to breed with them, and, in that case, even if the birds are a true pair, of opposite sexes, it is only what is to be expected that they would not get on well in this direction. The present is not the natural breeding time for small birds, and it would be only quite abnormal examples that attempted it now. Your best course is to separate the birds until the end of next March or beginning of April, when the natural breeding season will be commencing, and you may then put the birds together with some chance of success. There is not the least reason to fear that they will pine by being kept in separate cages. Meantime, you

CANARY QUERIES—Continued.

cannot do better than get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager will send you post free for 7d., and study its pages during the interval between now and next March.

MOPY CANARY (Miss F. W.).—The only rational way of getting the bird on to song again is to remove the apparent bronchial trouble. In addition to the staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape, give, every second day, half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed on it, and sprinkled with maw seed, and, on the alternate days, give first a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, and next a morsel of banana or a little green salad, if you can get the latter in good condition. Stop the linseed altogether, and limit the diet solely to the above. In the water add, every second day for a week, six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give instead five drops each of oxymel of squills, tincture of lobelia, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a fortnight. See that the bird is kept in a fairly comfortable and equable place, and quite free from exposure to direct cold draughts. It may help to bring him out in song sooner if kept within hearing of another free singer; but it is not likely to do much in the singing line until its condition of health is improved.

ROLLER QUERIES (Roller Canary).—(1) The staple diet should consist of a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape, by measure. Summer rape is distinguished from winter rape by being smaller in the grain, of a mild nutty flavour when a little is chewed in the mouth, in contrast to the somewhat acrid and hot taste of winter rape; and whilst the latter is blackish in colour, summer rape is of a reddish-brown colour. In addition to the staple diet give, twice a week, a small teaspoonful of the seed mixture advised to "Miss F. W." in this issue; on two other days give a morsel of banana or sweet apple, and on each remaining day, as long as you can get it quite free from frost, give a morsel of watercress or some similar green salad. This will be all that is really essential to keep the bird in good health and song, provided you take due care to see that it is kept in a suitable place, free from direct cold draughts or extreme and rapid fluctuations of temperature, or heated fumes of burning lights in the evenings. For fuller details of treatment you might get our Manager to send you No. 10 Nutshell booklet on "The Roller," post free, 2½d., or House's "Canary Manual," post free, 1s. 2d. (2) If you give half a teaspoonful of each of the seeds you mention, it is certainly too much to give of those seeds at one time. If you mix any quantity of the seeds named above in the proportions given and keep by you, it will only be necessary to give one small teaspoonful of the mixture on the days named. (3) As regards this query, there can be no real comparison between the song of the Roller and the Nightingale, because they are of totally different types. Judging each bird by its own standard of type, I should certainly say that the Roller could equal the Nightingale in song, but at the same time the song you heard would be totally different. A comparison of the songs of the Roller and the Song Thrush would be much on a par with one relating to the nightingale.

AN OLD FRIEND (M. H. P.).—Full details for dealing with red mites were given a few weeks ago. It is the cage, not the bird, that needs treatment for this trouble. The following method, though rather drastic, is one of the very best. Remove the bird to a temporary cage for a few days, then thoroughly cleanse the infested cage, probing any cracks, if necessary, with a pin to cleanse all debris from them, and at once burn the result. Then paint all over the cage, inside and outside, with a solution of camphor in methylated spirit—an ounce of the former to half a pint of spirit—using a small paint brush to work it well into all the joints and crevices. Do it thoroughly, and leave no spot untouched, and also treat the seed box in the same way. The perches would be better burned, and replaced by new ones, and the drinking vessels should be boiled for a few minutes. Do not overlook the nail or hook on which the cage was hung, paint the nail liberally with the liquid, and if the wall is papered and the paper is not in perfect condition it would be best to rub it off, saturate the place with the liquid and put on a new piece before the cage is replaced. Repeat the above treatment of the cage, etc., three times, at least, with an interval of one clear day between each dressing. After this re-paint or distemper the inside, and re-stain and varnish the outside. The latter will be necessary, as the liquid will destroy the varnish that was on. When the cage is quite dry after this operation you may return the bird, and for the next few weeks touch the ends of the perches and joints of door with the above liquid twice a week.

VARIOUS (Dudar).—(1) You omit any reference which would enable me to identify your previous reply. But if I am right in thinking it was a case of abnormal feather growth, you should examine the bird to see if the ligature has been got rid of, and if so, re-establish it, or it may not have been put on sufficiently tight. If properly done it is very rare that this treatment will fail, and you could still allow the bird the liberty of the flight cage, provided the other inmates did not worry her. (2) The outlook for the bird with no feathers on its neck now is not very hopeful. Try the following treatment for a few weeks. In addition to the staple seed diet give every third day for a month a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and then sprinkled with soft sugar. On the intervening days give first a morsel of banana or green salad, and add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and next half-a-teaspoonful of a mixtue of equal parts niger, white millet, teazle, linseed and broken groats. Slightly moisten the bare skin twice during the first fortnight with sulphur ointment, but do not soil the surrounding plumage. As you seem to have a fair amount of stock for a beginner, I would advise you to reject this bird for breeding. (3) It is possible that the cock got his leg fractured in the accident. The best thing you can do for him now is to leave a bad job alone, lest you should make it worse. Put food and water in the cage, and arrange the perches so that it does not have to make any particular effort to get about them. Then keep a light cover over the cage in order to keep it as quiet as possible, and leave it so until it begins to move about again of its own free will. Left thus, Nature will make a far better job of the cure than any interference of yours on its behalf. I wish you all success. Get some of our handbooks—they will help you to avoid mistakes.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

HYBRID QUESTIONS (Nor-West).—I quite approve of your method of working your Hybrid pairs; there is nothing better than plenty of exercise (especially for the hens) during the winter months. Now as regards your pairing up, you will not be able to run a Greenfinch cock with the two hens; he would probably pair properly with the one, and maltreat the other when put with it. I would advise you to pair him with the Goldfinch hen, and the cock Canary with the Bullfinch hen; if you were successful with the latter pair, the young would be quite valuable. Anyway, I think your chances of success would be greater pairing this way than the way you suggest. (2) Pairing cock Canaries to British hens does not increase your chances of breeding light offspring; the majority come dark, as they do in the usual way of pairing.

BREEDING LINNET MULES (Bird Fancier).—You omitted to send your name and address, which is contrary to our rules. Will you kindly send them to us on a post card? Your young Linnet will be quite suitable for Mule breeding next season, and I would advise you to let him fly with the hen Canaries occasionally during the winter month. If this is not done the hens are sometimes very shy of their intended partner when paired up for breeding. Now as regards the hens, the best birds are undoubtedly bred from big yellow hens, and if you are desirous of producing good class dark Mules you had better use a yellow variegated bird, or you could try your luck with one of the clears; you may get a light one, one never knows, and if so, it would be valuable. On the other hand there is always the possibility of producing a good dark bird from this pairing with a light feather or two in it which would spoil it for exhibition; but whatever hen you use, the majority of the young ones come dark. If in doubt, use the largest and best shaped bird.

CATCHING BULLFINCHES (Fancier).—You also have omitted to send your name and address, which kindly post on to us. We have from time to time published articles upon bird-catching, which I am afraid you have missed. If you have back numbers I would advise you to look them up. They may be caught in the following manner: If you know where these birds can be found, or, say, a certain spot they frequent, place a trap-cage with another Bullfinch in the bottom compartment; or they can be taken with limed twigs, and are frequently captured with other birds in the clap-nets. As regards the management of freshly caught Goldfinches and Linnets, they should be placed in a quiet room with a fairly good light shining into the cage. For the first few days give them their water inside and supply the Goldfinches with the following seeds: A pot of cracked hemp fresh daily, teazle, niger, maw, canary and cracked sunflower. Soak a little rape and teazle, do not overdo the latter, give it more as a pick-me-up than as general food. Also supply them with wild seeds, gradually getting them on to the usual dry foods. After they have been caged a week give an aperient of salts, enough to cover a shilling, in an ordinary drinker. It is as well to keep the Goldfinches in separate cages if you can arrange it, as they are inclined to be quarrelsome. As regards the Linnets they can be treated in much the same manner, but be more sparing in the use of hemp and sunflower. They enjoy a little rape, radish and canary that has commenced to germinate. Put a little in a warm corner and keep damp for a few days, when it will soon start sprouting.

VENTILATING BIRD ROOM (John Knight).—Your outside building should do famously for British birds, but it is necessary to have it properly ventilated. You say you have our book on Aviaries. The system of ventilation recommended can be very well applied to your building; you could not have the outlet as shown in the span roof, but you could have one in the top corner farthest from the door. This would ventilate the whole of the building; the inlet could be between the door and the window. To do this, remove one of the lining boards and make a shaft, with the outside opening near the ground, and the inside opening one foot from the roof. Make all these openings too large and have sliding shutters so that you can partially close them when necessary. Your plan of cages would do nicely, although I would advise you to make the cupboard to fit between the windows; it would then be a cupboard and table combined This would allow you more cage room on the back wall; if your partition shuts off too much light part of it could be glazed. As regards the painting of the outside of the building I would advise you to treat it with common creosote. It should be made hot and put on with an ordinary paint brush; two coats would preserve the wood for several years. Paint the inside a very light tone of either blue, green or grey. The interior of the cages should be a rather bright green.

HYBRID BREEDING (Fairfield).—From No. 1 pair you would get dark birds, and if the hen was of good size they should be exhibition specimens, although as a rule they fail a bit in colour. No. 2 pair I would advise the yellow green Norwich, providing she was not dark in tone with very dark beak and legs. To get high-class birds she should be bright in tone, showing a decided yellowish tendency. No. 3 pair should be reversed, as the cock Bullie is not a reliable Breeder, but there is no reason why you should not have a try for it if you have the birds. The cross has been reported this last season, but hundreds have tried to breed with the Bullie cock and failed.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

PARROT (Watford).—I cannot advise you to leave the bird unattended for three days; at least, not within the limits of a Parrot cage. Surely there is some neighbour, or if you are in lodgings, your landlady, who would change the water and refill the seed tin daily; that would be all that would be required, as the cage would do without cleaning for three days. You could easily hang up a good sized apple in the cage, so as to leave it a supply of fruit. The only way I can suggest for you to leave it unattended is to have a good strong case, say 2½ or 3ft. square, nail some good strong netting over the front and fasten securely some receptacle that the bird cannot upset, which will hold about a quart of water, and another receptacle similarly fixed which will hold about a quart of seed mixture. Hang up a large apple, put in a stout perch, also a chunk of wood, scatter sand over the case bottom, and throw in a handful of monkey nuts and some pieces of biscuit, and the bird should fare well enough. All this would cost some few shillings, but you would be properly equipped for any similar occasion. Nevertheless, I advise you asking some acquaintance to give it the necessary attention named above, or failing this, give your greengrocer or some local small tradesman you deal with a small gratuity to look after it for you—the one you get your seed mixture from should be a likely individual.

A RECENT PURCHASE (Irex).—The bird is a Rosy-breasted Cockatoo, and you appear to have got hold of a good established bird, which, as it already talks a little, is likely to add to its vocabulary such sounds and words as it hears uttered around it. It is a hardy species and only needs protection from draught. As regards diet supply seed mixture regularly, any kind of ripe fruit it will take (apple and banana are good), nuts in variety (shelled and unshelled), dry boiled potato, raw carrot, crusts, pieces of biscuit and plain cake, not necessarily all at once, but so as to maintain a varied menu. Keep cuttlebone and Parrot grit continually in the cage, also a chunk of wood, for it to exercise its mandibles upon. Water must be supplied regularly. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. If you treat on above lines it should thrive and do well. All are not talkers, but they make chummy, interesting, droll acrobatic pets, if given a roomy cage, and once they become thoroughly tame can be allowed to take exercise out of the cage—of course, with closed doors and windows.

AILING GREY PARROT (Mrs. Burnard).—The proper diet for a Grey Parrot is seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, biscuit, etc., but, if the bird cannot eat these, substitutes must be provided till strength returns, then it must be gradually brought back to the proper diet. Mix the following: One teaspoonful condensed milk, 10 drops cod liver oil emulsion, one drop laudanum, and two tablespoonsful of boiling water; well stir together and supply to the bird when cool, in lieu of the drinking water. Continue to give the boiled maize; boil till soft, but the corn should be whole, drain off all water and supply when cool. Also prepare several pieces of biscuit or stale bread, half a teaspoonful of chemical food, then as much boiling water as the biscuit or bread will absorb, and when cool supply to the bird. Also give a little honey and borax, either from the end of a small stick or by smearing it on anything the bird will eat, a piece of biscuit, plain cake, or anything similar. Keep seed in cage, and when you notice the bird to be eating same, write again at once, fully describing its symptoms and general condition. You must keep it warm, but not in a stuffy atmosphere. You say nothing as to the state of its bowels, but these must be kept moving freely, though not watery loose. If a laxative be necessary, then give either 3 drops tasteless castor oil, or half a teaspoonful of fluid magnesia; either can be given on the boiled maize, to be added after the water has been drained away, of course. All the soft foods, etc., named above must be prepared fresh daily; they are not to be treated as regular diet, but merely till its condition enables it to eat the ordinary dietary.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

SEPARATING THE SEXES (A. F. J.).—While many do well with breeding Budgies, and get good results by keeping their birds together in the same aviary all the year round, of course, taking care to introduce new blood, and to eliminating weak, imperfect and exhausted birds as they crop up. I certainly consider the more natural way is to separate the sexes (in a state of nature very many species separate as soon as the breeding season is over, and choose fresh mates annually), say, at the beginning of November, and then, at the beginning of March pick out a given number of each sex, your finest and largest birds, and turn them into your breeding aviary, which should have been thoroughly cleansed and prepared for them in every way. My reply to L. Scott in our issue of 18th inst. referred not only to separating the sexes, but also to the question of keeping Budgies and Finches together. The latter is an unwise practice, and may end in disaster. There is a further reply to L. Scott in this issue, which should help you. Aviculture is never thoroughly learned, therefore its principles are continually undergoing modification.

RED-HEADED FINCH (E.P.M.).—The Red-headed Finch has been well called a glorified Cutthroat, and if you treat it similarly to the latter bird, as given in the hook, all should be well. Yes, the Red-headed can be kept all the year round in an outdoor aviary, except in our more Northern counties. As regards breeding, in some aviaries it does really well, in fact is prolific, and in others there is no luck at all, even though the management and other conditions may be equal. It is an African species, and almost as large again as the Cutthroat. The male is tawny brown, lined and mottled with darker brown above and mottled with a number of creamy-white spots beneath; head entirely red. The female is greyer, has no red in her plumage and the white spots on underside of body are less distinct. If you treat them exactly as the Cutthroat, they should do well, and I hope the next season luck will come your way.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Bowling B.F.A.—Dec. 18, Barley Mow. Staged 3. Members' show; judge, Fred. Self, Clayton; steward, J. G. Hodgson.—J. Nicholl.

Bromley C.B.S.—Dec. 18, Carnival Rooms, 2.15. Entries for show. Birds must be staged by 2.30. Society's business, etc.—F. Page.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Dec. 21, Ablett's Cafe Room, Market Street, 8. Reports on annual show; also fix class for night shows in January. New members enrolled; 4s. per annum.—A. E. Lloyd.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Dec. 22, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 7.30. Nomination of officers for 1916; distribution of prize money, etc. Members in arrears kindly bring or send contributions and ticket money.—A. C. Shirley.

Clydebank C.B.C.—Dec. 16, 81, Kilbowie Road, 7.45. Annual general meeting. Payment of prize-money and specials.—W. Kane.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Dec. 20, Sydenham Palace, 8. Very important bus. Members requested to bring all ticket money in.—F. A. Green.

East Ham F.S.—Dec. 23, Earl of Wakefield, 8. Distribution of prize-money, cups, medals, etc., for annual show. Visitors welcome.—W. A. Harwood.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Dec. 21, Cairns Memorial Hall, 8. Financial report for year 1914. Election of officers for 1915. Monies for tickets and extra entries to be paid; also unsold tickets returned.—J. Charlton.

Guisbro' Priory C.B.S.—Dec. 18, Wear's Cafe, 7.30. Arrangements for Fed. New Year's Day show.—A. W. Knaggs.

Hanley C.B.S.—Dec. 22, 28, Mayer Street, Hanley, 8. Prize-money paid for last show; arrangements for next members' show, and new members.—C. Beckett.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—Dec. 20, Spencer Hall, 8.30. Judging competition for members; final judge, Mr. Geo. Street. Members please bring some birds, also settle for outstanding subs. and ticket monies.—J. Hyde.

Huddersfield O.S.—Dec. 20, headquarters, 7.30. Last of the monthly table shows for matched pairs; 3 Yorks. classes and 2 Norwich. Judge, Mr. G. Bray, of Holmfirth. Kindly note alteration in date, Dec. 20 instead of Dec. 27. Contributions are now due.—A. Lawford.

Halifax C.B.S.—Dec. 23, Trafalgar Inn, 8. Open show business.—A. Suteliffe.

Idle C.B.A.—Dec. 18, Springfield Hotel, 2.30. Members' show; birds staged at 2.30. Judge, Mr. H. Symes (Laisterdyke).—T. Elsegood.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Dec. 18, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse, E.C., 7.30. Table show of British birds. Kindly bring a few birds. Visitors welcomed.—W. Gilbert.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Dec. 21, White Swan, 8. Table show; judge, Mr. C. H. Walton.—A. Freestone.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—Dec. 11, Newmarket Hotel, Shudehill, Manchester, 6.30. General business and annual club show.—J. Rukin.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Dec. 25, Y.M.C.A. Halls, 6. Border table show. Classes: Yell. Cock, Yell. Hen, Buff Cock, Buff Hen. Compete for Mr. Arnott's special, most points over show.—T. J. McGregor.

Middlesbro' and Tees-side C.B.S.—Dec. 27, Princess Alice Hotel, 1. Table show; judges, Wright and Nicholson. We want another record; those not at last meeting please pay subs., so balance-sheet can be made out.—T. Deans.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Dec. 20, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Notice of motion. Balance-sheet and January show-room and judge, etc.—F. Wilkinson.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Dec. 21, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, 8. Election of officers for 1916. Members kindly let us have all unsold tickets, so we may close books for the year.—A. Colley.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Dec. 22, Club-room, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. Entries, annual show; subs. due.—A. W. Newton.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Dec. 18, Granby Hotel. Members' show. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford). Birds staged at 3.—W. Jagger.

Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S.—Dec. 22, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Eglington Hall, 8. Return of tickets sold and unsold for club show; handing out specials in confined events.—A. K. Hunter.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Dec. 18, Mail Coach, Rotherham, 7. Yearly meeting; election of officers.—W. Wilshaw.

Stratford and E. London F.S.—Dec. 22, Eagle, 8. Committee meeting, to arrange specials, etc., for annual on Jan. 6. Other members invited.—A. Wasey.

Stanley Garden Houses Club F.F. C.B.S.—Dec. 19, Club Room, 7. Business important.—J. Armitage.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Dec. 18, Station Street Cafe, 7.30. (1) Show business; (2) specials, etc.; (3) stewards, etc.—J. Peacock.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Dec. 20, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for Boxing Day show.—J. Pitchford.

Walkden and Dist. Roller Society.—Dec. 21, Stock's Hotel, 7.30. General business and members' contest prize-money paid.—E. Hibbert.

Windhill C.B.S.—Jan. 1, Blue Bell Hotel, 2.15. Members' show; judge, W. Richmond, of Rodley. Birds staged 2.15, as the hotel closes at 2.30; show opens 6.30. Entries Friday night.—J. Taylor.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A 12-years' Reader.—We do not recollect the account of the Skylark at Birmingham which sang "Home, Sweet Home." It is quite possible we published a paragraph about it, but this would be sent by some correspondent, or, maybe, "scissored" from a local paper. We remember printing an account of a Blackbird which a reader had taught to whistle tunes; this was quite true, beyond any question.

POST MORTEMS.

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C. H. Plain.—Cock bird, acute double

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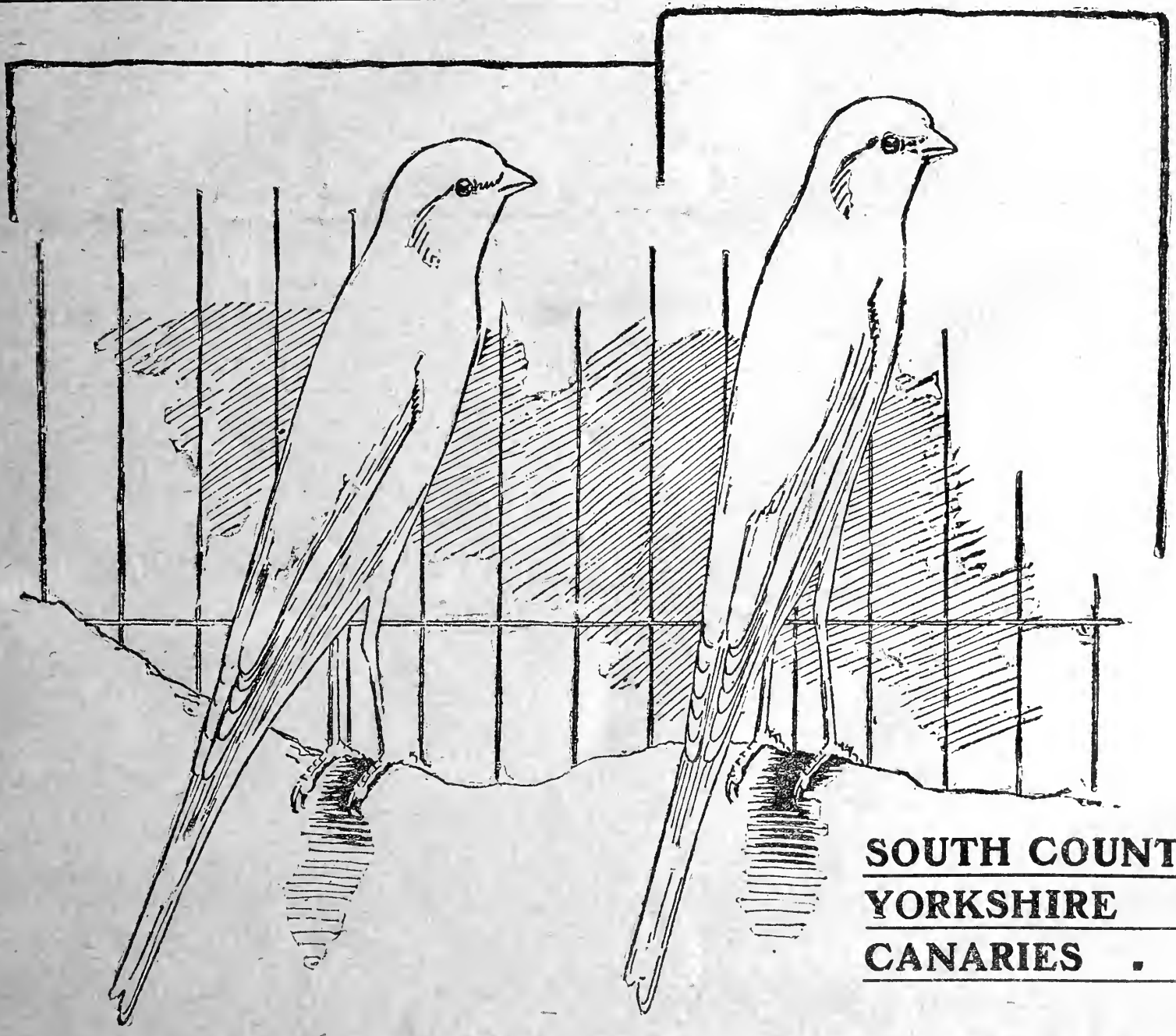

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EXHIBITORS! Specially selected giants, highly-coloured Scotch Finches for keenest competition: cock Linnet, 3/6; Twite, 3/6; Greenfinch, 3/-; Redpoll, 3/-; Chaffinch, 3/-; Lark, 3/-; approval: Ross Aviaries, Forres, N.B. (126)

CAMBRIDGESHIRE cock Linnets, 4/- dozen; selected cock Linnets, Chaffinches, Reed Buntings, Pipits, Yelow Buntings, Greenfinches, Blackbirds, Thrushes, Twites, Tree Sparrows, three 2/-; mixed birds, 1/3 dozen: Watson's Aviaries, Littleport, Cambridgeshire. (135)

EXHIBITORS. Must reduce my stock. Chough, latest wins: 1st Chester, 1st, 4pl, best British, Wolverhampton, £4; 1915 Redpoll-Greenfinch Hyhrid, 1st West Bromwich, only time shown, 20/-; Chaffinch, 1st West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, 2nd Walsal, 25/-; approval with pleasure: Hepwood, Albrighton, Wolverhampton. (137)

COCK Greenfinches 1/- doz.; 12 mixed aviary birds 1/-; Linnets, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, Treesparrows, Robins, Reedbunting, Cornbuntings, Bluctits, Oxeyetit, 1/- pair; cock Blackbirds and Song Thrushes 1/- each; any above selected songsters, 1/6 each; Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, 3/- pair: Fenn and Sen, Bowen-lane, Isleham, Cambs. (136)

CHAMPION British giant Scotch Thorn Linnets, 1/- each, 9 for 2/6; one extra giant, 2/6, make good show bird; Greenfinches, 6d. each, 1/- a pair; one good large yellow, 2/-; grand Chaffinches, 1/- pair; grand cock Bullfinches, 2/6 each; hens, 2/- for muling; extra good large cock Goldfinches, 3/6 each; other Finches, 2/-; cock Larks, 8d. each; one on song, 1/-; cock Thrushes, 2/-; one 2 years old, in song, 5/-; Goldie and Linnet Mules, 1915, last round youngster, cocks 4/6, hens 1/6: Goldie Mules, full song, pure notes, 10/6 each; Budgerigars, 5/6 pair; Yorks Canaries, Norwich Canaries, 10/6 a pair upwards; approval: Edwin North, 442, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (139)

CANARIES.

Border Fancy.

FIVE Border hens, 1 yellow, 4 buffs, exchange; what offers: Hodgetts, Middle Row, Isabella, Newsham. (135)

WANTED for export, small or large quantities of Borders for cash: J. Taylor, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford. (133)

TWELVE class Border cocks, 1915, grand type and quality, from 6/- each: Phillips, 18, Westendpark-st., Back, Glasgow. (135)

FEW smart buff hens left, from 5/6 each, right type, rare quality; approval: Robson, 28, Camdengro., Peckham, London. (88)

NOTICE: Grand lot Borders, many winners, prices low; easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (89)

TWO pairs Borders, cocks singing nicely, 10/- pair; Roller hens, 2/6; Yorkshire variegated hen, 7/6: Jewers, Garage, Plymouth. (135)

FOR sale, yellow cock, buff cock, even marked bred, only 2s. 6d. each; could win at some shows; approval: Mr. Watt, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire. (133)

GOOD greens and cinnamons for sale, cheap; see reports leading shows; no green hens to spare; stamp reply: Whitelaw, 95, Elderpark-st., Govan. (138)

BORDERS, few left, quick sale, greens and variegated, for breeding or songsters, cocks from 7/6, hens from 2/6: Write or call, Daw, 31, St. John's-rd., East Ham. (137)

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Crests and Crestbreds.

FOR Crests, Crestbreds, send for list: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

FEW pairs of good Crests for sale, cheap, yellow and buff: Reynolds, 47, Goodhead-st., Meadows, Nottingham. (112)

J. MEMMOTT, 55, Meershrnok-rd., Heeley, Sheffield, has for disposal a few stock birds, 1915, from 10/- each. (123)

FOUR pairs Crests and Cresthreds, cheap, from cup winners; apply early: MacFadyen, 160, Main-st., Barrhead. (128)

F. G. BALE, Crestlyn, Victoria-st., Barnstaple, offers variegated Crestbred cock, 1915, £6; clear ditto, £6; approval, stamp. (104)

CRESTS and Crestbreds, good birds, cocks from 10/6, hens from 8/-; pairs from 15/-: Fortnum, Delrow, Watford, Herts. (120)

MRS. THOS. TAYLOR'S champion strain, a few good birds for sale; approval; stamp reply: 68, Edward-st., Gateshead. (109)

DAVID SCOTT, 128, Atkinson-rd., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has a few Crests and Crestbreds for disposal; approval; stamp reply. (84)

DARK crested cock, 6s.; yellow crested hen, 5s.; Cirl Bunting hen, 5s. 6d., 2nd Clapham: Pearce, 64, Coleman-rd., Camberwell, London. (134)

CREST and Crestbreds, pairs or singles, good stock birds, 1914; reasonable; approval, deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham. (122)

CRESTS and crestbred cocks from 12/6, pairs from 25/-, bred from prize stock; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (58)

UNFLIGHTED clear Crest Cock, twice shown, winning 1st and 2nd, 30/-; also brother of above, winner of two 3rds, 30/-: Craig, 18, St. Leonard's Bank, Edinburgh.

NOTICE: Grand lot Crests and Crestbreds, several winners, reasonable; easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (89)

LARGE, well-bred, 1914, variegated Crestbred cock, good head, plenty of feather, 12/6; approval: Miss Hacker, Beechcourt, St. Helen's Park-rd., Hastings.

ABOUT 40 Crests and Cresthred, each from 7/6, pairs from 15/-; healthy birds, bred from prize stock; approval: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-aven., Forest Gate, Essex. (104)

HIGH-CLASS Crests, 35 years breeder of the best, many winners sold; some grand birds for sale, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (17)

CREST cock, 25/-; do., hen, 10/-; Crestbred cock, 15/-; var. Crestbred hen, 30/-; clear do., £1; stamp; approval: Angus McDougall, Carronvale-rd., Larbert, Stirlingshire. (126)

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CRESTS: Being one of the oldest breeders in the Fancy, having bred and shown hundreds of winners, have few good birds to part with; price from 7/- to £6; approval: G. Williams, 50a, Lower Union-st., Torquay. (134)

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Cinnamons.

E. GODLEY, Knowles-st., Rishton, Blackburn, has Cinnamons and Plainhead Norwich for sale; single from 7/6; pairs from 15/-; state requirements; stamp; approval. (128)

YELLOW cinnamon Norwich (grand stock bird) and buff hen, 12/6 pair; grand buff cinnamon cock, can win, 15/-; yellow green Norwich cock, capital head and quality, 8/6; yellow var. hen, grand quality, 7/6: Smith, 15, Bedford-pl., Aberdeen. (137)

Greens.

NORWICH greens, yellows, and buffs, from 10/- each; approval; no single yellow hens: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes. (471)

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UNFLIGHTED foul buff cock, winner 1st and 2nd only twice shown; one ditto, yellow cock, also winner: Craig, 18, St. Leonard's Bank, Edinburgh. (135)

Belgians.

CHAMPION Belgians, grand birds, disposal, same strain my championship winners last two Palace shows; cheap; approval: G. S. Baker, Georges-rd., Barnstaple. (104)

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

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WANTED Norwich or Yorkshire cocks in song, 5/- each given: Jones's Aviaries, 126, Plaistow-rd., West Ham. (130)

TICKED yellow Norwich cock and clear buff hen, 8/6; also pair stock birds, 10/-: 31, Gordon-rd., Kingston-on-Thames. (139)

FEW pairs of Norwich, 10/6 pair; also 13 Yorkshires, paris, 12/6; hens from 5/-: Spanu, Stivichale, Coventry. (138)

SIX pairs Norwich for disposal, properly mated to produce likely winners, 15/- pair: Edwin Lloyd, Bridge-st., Chester. (134)

WINNERS for sale, yellows and buffs, cocks and hens, must sell; stamp reply: Paling, West Park Cottages, Maxwelltown. (119)

TYPICAL, unflighted Norwich cocks, from 10/6, pairs from 15/-: Offord, 24, Little Welbeck-st., Cavendish Square, London, W. (136)

NOTICE: Grand lot Norwich many winners, prices low; easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (89)

UNFLIGHTED yellow cock, unflighted buff cock, can win, 15/- each; approval: John Dalgety, 10, River-st., Brechin, Forfarshire. (138)

NORWICH, young birds, winners, also Borders, must clear; call or write: Davidson, Clydesdale House, Mossend, Lanarkshire, N.B. (107)

TWO pairs first-class Norwich stock birds, four double breeders, lot 25/-; one pair cost more last year: Walter Tann, Littleport, Ely. (134)

ABSOLUTE bargain, clear yellow 1915 cock, grand songster; 1914 green hen, 14/6 pair; Ernest Fairhurst, Thunder Bridge, Kirkburton. (135)

STOCK Norwich, large heads, exchange other fancy, or sell 8/- to £1; on approval; 1915 bred: Owen, 66, Wolverhampton-rd., Cannock, Staffs. (441)

NORWICH Canaries, 1915 breed, matched pairs, 8/-; cocks, 6/-, singing, show breed, prize birds: Duckworth, Hammerton-yard, Burnley. (134)

GREAT sacrifice, rich, deep fed 1915 yellow Norwich hen, winner of two 3rds, 10/-; approval: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (138)

NORWICH unflighted variegated hen, 5/-; 1914 ditto, 7/6; buff unflighted hens from 5/-; stamp: Ferguson, Allanvale-rd., Bridge-of-Allan. (116)

GRAND pair Norwich, good size and quality, 17/6; also several 1914 cocks, from 10/6; approval: A. Horwood, 8, Lawson-avenue, Long Eaton. (106)

WILLIAM PHIPPS, for splendid, typical, massive Norwich, winner over 100 prizes, also cups; approval; cold: 16, Millplatt-ave., Isleworth. (111)

FIFTEEN Norwich hens, 1915 birds, 2/6 each; five for 10/6; packing 3d.; warranted strong healthy; stamp: Newton, 10, Harcourt-terr., Salisbury. (133)

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FOR sale, good Norwich Plainheads, fed and non-fed, prize and prize-bred, cold-room, in perfect health: Mrs. Banks, 51, Balhousie-st., Perth. (83)

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WANTED for export, small or large quantities of Norwich, for cash, 7/- to 8/- a pair paid for good large birds: J. Taylor, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford. (133)

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OVERSTOCKED, a few good, typical Norwich for sale, flighted and unflighted, well bred, reasonable, stamp reply: Connelly, 123, Henderson-st., Kinning Park, Glasgow. (135)

CONSISTENT winning strain; few birds; grand type, closely related to winners; for sale at low prices; approval: G. Thurley, 153, Northumberland Park, Tottenham. (121)

LARGE unflighted, almost green, buff Norwich cock, 10/6, exchange large yellow, good head, give 5/- good one; yours first; approval: John Harvey, Measham, Atherstone. (137)

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TYPICAL buff colour-fed 1915 Norwich hen, won two 3rds recently, 8/6; also rich coloured deep yellow hen, 2nd in class of 12, 8/6; great sacrifice: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (138)

BLUCK'S Norwich won 1st and 4 specials, 2nd and special in champion class, including special for best Canary in show; matched pairs or singles; reasonable; state wants: 3, Westbourne terr., Hove. (132)

CHAMPION Norwich, large, with good heads, good type and feather, well matched pairs or single birds, winners sold every season; 35 years breeder; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham.

GRAND Norwich for sale, large buff cock, with typical yellow hen, 15/-; another good buff cock, 10/-; large massive green, winner, with grand buff hen, 17/6; approval: Spoor, Library-place, Whickham. (129)

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DEEP Glucke Schoolmaster, prize strain, 25/-; B5 cocks, 15/-, 20/-; hens 4/6: Parker, 12, Friston-st., Ladywood, Birmingham. (139)

OVERSTOCKED: Seifert Rollers, cock 6/-, two hens 1/9 each; unrelated; healthy birds: Chapman, Longfield-ter., Wakefield. (137)

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BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Annual open and members' show Nov. 20 in the Co-operative Hall, an ideal room for a show, over 300 exhibits being on view. Mr. A. E. Lloyd, hon. sec., together with Messrs. Browse, Adams, Jones, McElroy, and others carried out their various duties in an admirable manner, all prize-money and specials being paid out during the afternoon. Mr. Mundell (Bradford) judged, and his awards were well received all round. Most points throughout the show in the order named: Phillips, Jones, Benson and Young, Barr, Browse, Corbett, etc.

YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Scott, big slashing bird, long flights, leggy, fine feather and col., grand stock bird; 2, Greatrex, nice texture of feather, wing carr., neat head, nice length of leg, good pos.; vhc, Barr; hc, Corbett; c, Harding. BUFF (4): 1, Benson and Young, easy winner, stands by itself, needs no comment; 2, Greatrex, another good one, long flights, neat head, nice feather and pos. TKD. OR UNEVEN MKD. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Scott, grizzle cap, big, nice feather, neat head, pos., and leggy; 2, Adams, neck and wing tkd., promising exhibit, full of swank, stands well up, cinn. mkd. wing, true Yorkie. BUFF (5): 1, Browse, plenty of length and leg, rather pale, but otherwise a good one; 2, Harding, eye and wing mkd., grand stock bird. CL., TKD., OR MKD. YELL. HEN (9): 1, McGlery, cl., grand hen, neat head, nice length and leg, wins; 2, Barr, nice breedy Yorkie, plenty of length, short feather, piped tail, neat head; 3, Browse, close up, all there for style, feather and pos., hot fed; vhc, Stott; hc, Corbett; c, Greatrex. BUFF (8): 1, Greatrex, unflig. hen, nice feather, length, and leg, good pos. and style; 2, Morton, neat head, good neck, long flights, plenty of leg, nice feather; 3, hc, Corbett, heavy green mkd., grand qual. feather, lovely pos. and style; vhc, Benson and Young. CL., ETC., YELL., BRED 1915 (9): 1, Benson and Young, cinn. mkd. wing, fine Yorkie, lovely pos., style, and feather, great length and leg, one of the best we have seen this season, cl. yell., Corbett, a marvel, length, leg., pos., style, and feather, neat head, piped tail; 3, Darlington, grizzled neck, nice young Yorkie, clean cut,, lovely feather and style; vhc, Morton; hc, Browse; c, Greatrex. BUFF, BRED 1915 (9): 1, Benson and Young, wins easy, all there, will be heard of again; 2, vhc, c, Greatrex, fine feather and pos., good leg, length, and style; 3, Darlington, great length, fine pos., very breedy, bit loose in front; vhc, Sharples. HEAVY, CINN. OR GREEN MKD. YELL. OR BUFF HEN (4): 1, Stott; 2, Benson and Young. COCK (4): 1, 3, Stott; 2, Benson and Young; vhc, Browse. NON-FED, CK.: 1, Sharples; 2, Benson and Young; 3, Lloyd. YELL. OR BUFF, CK. (14): 1, sp., Non-fed, Barr; 2, Phillips; 3, vhc, Jones; hc, Darlington; c, Cooper. HEN (8): 1, 2, vhc, Jones; 3, Stott; hc, Darlington; c, Barr. YORKS., GREEN, SELF YELL. CK. (3): 1, 2, Jones, true Yorkie, fine pencilling, col., type, and qual. of feather; 2nd, fine all round, good length, pos., and col. BUFF, CK. (7): 1, 2, 3, Jones, 1st, Sheffield winner, best buff out this year fine length and col. grand pencilling, long-sided, piped tail, well benched; vhc, Benson and Young. FOUL YELL. (2): 1, Jones. FOUL BUFF (2): 1, Jones; 2, Browse. SELF OR FOUL YELL., HEN (7): 1, Benson and Young; 2, c, Browse; 3, vhc, Jones; hc, Corbett. BUFF, HEN (7): 1, Browse; 2, Corbett; 3, McElroy; vhc, McGlory; hc, c, Jones. YORKS., SELF OR FOUL YELL., BRED 1915 (8): 1, 2 spls, 3, Jones, 1st, best Yorks. green and best unflig. Yorkshire in show, well known, Liverpool, Manchester, and Sheffield winner, needs no comments, best green bred this year; 2, Corbett, sound col., close up, fine pos., clean run through, neat head, piped tail; vhc, c, Browse; hc, Adams. BUFF, BRED 1915 (6): 1, Jones; 2, Corbett; 3, vhc, Browse; hc, Lloyd; c, Adams. NOR., CL., ETC. YELL. (3): 1, Benson and Young, grand subs., broad skull, short, compact, fine feather; 2, Stott, head and wing mkd., good drive, fine head and neck, short wings and tail. YELL., HEN (6): 1, vhc, Barr, clear, short flights, good front, fine head and neck, grand texture of feather; 2, Tearc, clear, plenty of size, bold head and neck, short flights and tail, good carr.; 3, Benson and Young, clear, fine exhibit, fine subs., bread head, good neck and carr., short, and compact feather. BUFF, CK. (5): 1, spl, best Nor., vhc, Phillips, clear, grand bird, all the points for a good Norwich, real gem; 2, Barr, grand size, runs close. BUFF, HEN (11): 1, McElroy; 2, Phillips; 3, Browse; vhc, Darlington; hc, c, Barr. NOR., YELL., BRED 1915 (4): 1, Stott; 2, vhc, Browse; 3, Fairley. BUFF, BRED 1915 (4): 1, vhc, hc, Phillips; 2, Barr; 3, Morton. A.O.V. (2): 1, Stott. SELLING, PAIRS, 30s. (3): 1, Tearc; 2, 3, Corbett. 15s. (4): 1, Hall; 2, Corbett. 12s. 6d. (2): 1, Tearc. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, c, Hall; 2, Phillips; 3, Darlington. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, 2, Barr; 3, Phillips; vhc, Keen. H.M. LINNET (6): 1, 3, Phillips; 2, hc, Barr. F.M. LINNET (5): 1, 2, Phillips; 3, Lloyd. BRAMBLE OR CHAF.: 1, Phillips; 2, 3, Carran; vhc, Sharples. SISKIN, REDPOLL, OR TWITE (8): 1, Phillips; 2, Hall; 3, hc, c, Sharples; vhc, Greatrex. A.O.V. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Carran; 2, Sharples. DRAW, BIRD AND CAGE: 1, Cooper; 2, Forrester; 3, Tooley; 4, Ellison. The officials desire to tender their best thanks to Messrs. Fry and Co., Ltd., for gift of box of cocoa.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Ninth annual contest and exhibition, Trinity Church Schools, Boar Lane, Leeds, Nov. 12th and 13th. The show opened on as dismal a day as it is possible to imagine, which greatly affected the attendance. The hall that was chosen was the best that it is possible to get in Leeds, and without crowding there would be room for a thousand birds. The schedule was the best that the Leeds members have ever put up, and it merited a better entry, although this was not had. All birds were judged in artificial light, and the judges took every care to see that all the birds got a proper chance and birds that did not sing must have been in a very backward condition. I am pleased to state that the Leeds members did well, and especially I congratulate Mr. Walton. On the Saturday the weather took a much better turn, and there was a good attendance of the public, fanciers coming from Grimsby, Bolton, Hull, Wigau, Wakefield, Manchester, and other towns in the West Riding.

CLASS 1, CHAMPION YOUNG BIRDS: 1, sp, H. Best, H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 4, S. 2, G. 2, F. 3, W.G. 2, B.R. 1, B.T. 1, G.E. 4 28 pts.; 2, sp, K. Pericles, H.R. 5, H.B. 3, Bass 2, S. 4 G. 2, F. 3, B.R. 1, G.E. 4, W.G. 3, total 27; 3, sp., T. W. Walton, H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 2, S. 2, G. 2, F. 3, W.G. 2, B.R. 1, G.E. 5, total 26; 4, sp., J. H. Wardleworth, H.R. 4, H.B. 3, Bass 2, S. 3, F. 2, W.R. 2, W.G. 2, B.T. 2, B.R. 1, G.E. 4, total 25; 5, sp., F. Barnett, H.R. 5, H.B. 2, Bass 3, S. 2, F. 3, W.R. 2, W.G. 2, B.T. 2, G.E. 4, total 25; 6 sp., T. Twigg, H.R. 5, H.B. 2, Bass 2, S. 3, F. 2, W.G. 3, B.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 25; 7, sp. R. Kramer, H.R. 4, H.B. 2, Bass 3, S. 4, F. 2, W.G. 2, D.B.W.T. 1 B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 4, total 24; 8, sp., W. G. Bird, H.R. 4, H.B. 2, Bass 2, S. 3, F. 3 W.G. 4 B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 3, total 24; 9, sp., F. Barnett, H.R. 4, B. 4, S. 3, F. 2, W.G. 3, B.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 24; vhc, K. Pericles, 24, S.F. 1 off, 23, 23, 1 off S.B., 23; W. Massey, 23; W. F. Buffin, 23; hc, T. W. Walton, 24, 1 off S.F., 23; J. H. Hayward, 23; c, H. Best, 23; J. Netherwood, 23. CLASS 2, NOVICE YOUNG BIRDS, BRED 1915: 1, sp., W. Rhodes, H.R. 5, H.B. 4, Bass 5, B.G. 3, F. 3, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 4, total 29 pts.; 2, sp, F. Brookes, H.R. 5, H.B. 4, Bass 6, G. 2, F. 3, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 3, total 28; 3, sp. C. Bradley, H.R. 5, H.B. 3, Bass 5, S. 2, F. 3, W.G. 2, D.B.W.T. 2, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 3, total 28; 4, sp., A. Gooding H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 5, S. 2, F. 3, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 3, total 28; 5, sp., 6, sp., H. Mead, H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 5, S. 2, F. 3, W.G. 2, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 28; (6th) H.R. 5, H.B. 3, Bass 5, S. 2, F. 3, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 28; 7, sp., T. Downing, H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 5, S. 2, F. 3, W.R. 1, W.G. 2, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 3, total 27; 8, sp., W. Heeley, H.R. 6, H.B. 4, Bass 4, F. 3, W.G. 4, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 3, total 27; 9, sp., H. Bryan, H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 4, S. 3, F. 3, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 2, total 27; 10, sp. C. W. Wilson, H.R. 5, H.B. 3, Bass 5, F. 3, W.R. 1, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 27; vhc, J. T. Heron, H.R. 5, H.B. 3, Bass 5, S. 2, F. 3, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 3, total 27; C. H. Derbyshire, 27; hc, G. Wantling, 26; A. Gooding, 27, auf. 1 off, 26; G. Mills, 26; T. Thwaites, 27, auf. 1 off, 26; W. Evans, 26; T. Downing, 26; c, 25; c. 25; W. Taylor, 25; C. W. Wilson, 25; R. O. Whiteley, 25; W. T. Unsworth, 25. CLASS 3, NOVICE ANY AGE (novice, one who has never won two first prizes): 1, sp, A. Gooding, H.R. 5, H.B. 2, S. 3, G. 4, F. 3, W.R. 2, B.T. 2, B.R. 1, G.E. 5, total 29; 2, sp., W. Watson, H.R. 5, H.B. 2, Bass 2, S. 3, W.R. 2, W.G. 4, B.G. 3, G.E. 4, total 28; 3, sp, R. Mather, H.R. 5, H.B. 3, S 3, F. 3, W.R. 2, W.G. 3, B.G. 2, B.T. 2, B.R. 1, G.E. 4, total 28; 4, sp., G. Boyd; H.R. 6, Bass 3, S. 3, F. 3, W.R. 3, W.G. 4, G.E. 5, total 27; 5, sp., H. P. Ryder, H.R. 5, H.. 2, Bass 4, S. 2, F. 3, W.R. 2, W.G. 2, B.G. 2, B.R. 1, G.E. 4, total 27; 6, sp., E. Hibbert, H.R. 4, H.B. 3, Bass 3, S. 3, F. 3, W.R. 3, W.G. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 27; 7 sp., F. Lowning, H.R. 5, H.B. 3, Bass 2, S. 4, F. 3, W.R. 3, W.G. 2, B.T. 2, G.E. 3, total 27; 8, sp., A. Collins, H.R. 4, H.B. 2, Bass 2, S. 3, F. 3, B.G. 2, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 4, total 25; vhc, P. Taylor, H.R. 4, H.B. 0, Bass 2, S. 2, F. 3, W.R. 2, W.G. 4, B.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 25; hc, C. A. Arnold, 24; c, R. Barnett, 23; T. Brookes, 24, 1 off, 23; F. A. Heaton, 23; W. Evans, 24, 1 off, 23; R. Whitham, 23. CLASS 4 (Fanciers who have not won above 3 firsts in the last three years). 1, sp., H. Best, H.R. 5, H.B. 3, Bass 4, S. 2, F. 2, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 26; also 4, sp., H.R. 6 H.B. 3, Bass 2, S. 4, F. 3, B.T. 2, G.E. 4, total 24; 2, sp., H. Roebuck, H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 2, S. 2, F. 2, W.G. 2, B.T. 2, B.R. 1, G.E. 5, total 25; 3, sp., F. Barnett, H.R. 5, H.B. 4, Bass 2, S. 3, F. 3, W.R. 2, B.T. 2, G.E. 4, total 25, 1 off, 24; 5 sp., W. F. Buffin, H.R. 5, Bass 2, S. 3, G. 2, F. 3, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 3, total 23; 6, sp., A. Harper, H.R. 4, Bass 3, S. 4, F. 3, W.G. 2, B.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 3, total 23, 1 off, 22; 7, sp., R. Kramer H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 2, S. 2, F. 2, W.G. 3, B.R. 1, G.E. 3, total 22; vhc, R. French, H.R. 4, H.B. 3, S. 4, F. 2, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 3, total 22; c, W. Tomkins, 21; H. Mead, 21; W. T. Plant, 21. Leeds Challenge Cup: Winner of cup and gold medal, F. Barnett.

FALKIRK.

Falkirk, Grangemouth, and Bannockburn C.B.S. annual show, Market Hall, Falkirk, Nov. 27. This was the only hall of any consequence that had not been commandeered by the military. It is large and spacious, a bit chilly in the morning, but as the show went on, and with the help of two large fires, by midday it was quite comfortable. Falkirk fanciers have long been known as an enthusiastic lot, and this year's committee is no less so than its predecessors. Why do not the fanciers hereabouts again combine, and let us see one of the best-arranged one-day shows that was ever held in Scotland? We remember the palmy days of Hughie Morland's management, when 38 Crested cocks and 40 Buff Plainhead cocks faced the judges, and three sets of winners could be got without trouble, and the Bairns could hold their own amongst the elite of the Norwich Fancy. Why not take a leaf out of the Aberdeen fanciers' book, sink all petty differences, and have one large combined society as before? The President, Mr. Smart, and the secretary, Mr. Rennie, backed by the following committee, J. Moreland, Vice-President; W. Robertson, Treasurer; Messrs. Herd, Jaffrey, Auld, Marshall, Condie, Sharp, Stevenson, McGregor, Robertson, and Godfrey Bros., had all in apple-pie order for the judges, who were Messrs. C. Campbell, J. McKay, Muirhead, and Jeans. These speedily got through their labours, and appeared to give every satisfaction. In Norwich, Mr. James Marshall's buff variegated unflig. hen, the S.P.C. gold medal winner at Cowdenbeath, again asserted her superiority by annexing the Young Norwich Cup for her owner, a very popular win. In Crests, Mr. Sharp's grand young variegated hen won the Crest Cup, and also the cup for the best young bird in hall, over Mr. Marshall's Norwich, Mr. Ritchie's Border, Mr. McGilvray's Mule, and Mr. Strathern's Scots Fancy—all winners of cups in their sections for 1915 birds. However, for best bird in hall, old or young, Mr. George Simpson's clear buff Scots Fancy hen got the verdict.

NOR., CL. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Prentice; 2, Marshall; 3, Dick; 4, Sneddon; 5, Smart; 6, Mitchell. BUFF (9): 1, spl. 2, Bishop; 3, spl, Smart; 4, Corbett; 5, Godfrey Bros.; 6, Dick. A.O.V. (5): 1, Marshall; 2, Bishop; 3, spl, Dougal; 4, Sneddon. CL. TKD. YELL., HEN (7): 1, Prentice; 2, 5, Smart; 3, Dougal; 4, Gorrie; 6, Godfrey Bros.; 7, Marshall. BUFF (4): 1, Marshall; 2, Bishop; 3, 4, Smart. A.O.V., HEN (6): 1, spl, cup, Marshall; 2, Corbett; 3, Pearson; 4, Gorrie; 5, Sneddon. NON-FED, YELL. CK. (9): 1, spl, Kemp; 2, Baird; 3, Dick; 4, Smart; 5, 6, Clubb; 7, Brown. HEN (8): 1, 6, Heard; 2, 7, Clubb; 3, Kemp; 4, Condie; 5, Bishop; 8, Sneddon. NON-FED, BUFF, CK. (12): 1, Condie; 2, Prentice; 3, Moreland; 4, 7, Smart; 5, Dick; 6, Clubb; 8, Heard. HEN (9): 1, 2 spls, 2, 3, Heard; 4, Bishop; 5, Smart; 6, Brown; 7, Corbett; 8, McGregor. OLD BIRDS.—NOR. CK., COL. FED (18): 1, spl. Smart; 2, Moffat; 3, 5, 6, Godfrey Bros.; 4, Gorrie; 7, Marshall; 8, Jaffrey. HEN (13): 1, Marshall; 2, Jaffrey; 3, spl, 5, Godfrey Bros.; 4, Richardson; 6, 7, Moffat; 8, Gorrie. NOR., CK., NON-FED (13): 1, Godfrey Bros.; 2, Marshall; 3, spl, Miller; 4, Dick; 5, Brown; 6, Gentleman; 7, Dougall; 8, Clubb. HEN, NON-FED (11): 1, 2, Godfrey Bros.; 3, MacGregor; 4, 6, Miller; 5, Marshall; 7, Hardie; 8, Marshall. CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS, YOUNG BIRDS, CR., CK. (4): 1, Sharp; 2, McIntosh; 3, spl., 4, Prentice. HEN (5): 1, 3, Sharp; 2, 4, Prentice; 5, McIntosh. CR. BRED, CK. (4): 1, 3, Sharp; 2, McIntosh; 4, Prentice. HEN (3): 1, 2, Sharp; 3, Prentice. OLD BIRDS, CR. CK. (2): 1, Prentice; 2, Moreland. HEN (2): 1, Moreland; 2, Sharp. CR. BRED CK. (3): 1, 3, Sharp; 2, McIntosh. HEN (6): 1, 6, Sharp; 2, 3, McIntosh; 4, Moreland; 5, Miller. BORDER FANCIES, YOUNG BIRDS, CL. OR TKD., YELL. CK. (9): 1, spl., 3, Wilson; 2, Ritchie; 4, Stevenson; 5, 6, Auld; 7, Gentleman; 8, McWatt. BUFF (10): 1, spl. cup, Ritchie; 2, 4, Wilson; 3, 8, Stevenson; 5, Drysdale; 6 Marshall; 7, McWatt. A.O.V. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Ritchie; 2, 4, McWatt; 3, Wilson. BUFF (9): 1, 3, 8, Wilson; 2, Ritchie; 4, 6, McWatt; 7, Gentleman. CL. TKD. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Gentleman; 2, 6, Stevenson; 3, 5, Wilson; 4, Heard; 7, Brown; 8, McWatt. BUFF (12): 1, 4, Wilson; 2, Ritchie; 3, 5, Stevenson; 6, Marshall; 7, Gentleman; 8, Heard. A.O.V. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 4, McWatt; 2, Wilson; 3, Drysdale. BUFF (6): 1, 3, 5, Wilson; 2, Ritchie; 4, Drysdale; 6, McWatt. OLD BIRDS, BORD. CK., A.V. (12): 1 2, Wilson; 3, Marshall; 4, 6, 8, Auld; 5, Stevenson; 7, Baird. HEN: 1, 5, 7, Auld; 2, 6, Gentleman; 3, 4, Wilson; 8, Stevenson. SELL., CL., A.V. CAN.: 1, spl., Pearson; 2, Moreland; 3, Godfrey Bros.; 4, 7, Jaffrey; 5, Gorrie; 6, Moffat; 8, McGregor. MULES OR HYB., VARIEG. OR DK. CAN. HYB., YOUNG: 1, 2, McGillivray; 3, Pearson; 4, Dick; 5, Hardie; 6, Robertson; 7, Miller. OLD (9): 1, Corbett; 2, Smart; 3, McGillivray; 4, 6, Heard; 5, Miller; 7, Paterson. CL., TKD., OR EVEN MKD. CAN. HYB., OLD (1): 1, spl., McGillivray. BRIT. AND FOR. BIRDS, GOLDF. OR BULLF., BRIT. (13): 1, 6, Mitchell; 2, Gentleman; 3, Pearson; 4, Richardson; 5, 8, Robertson; 7, McGillivray. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLEF. (11): 1, Richardson; 2, Moffat; 3, 6, Robertson; 4, Dick; 5, Gentleman; 7, Hardie; 8, Rennie. LINNET (16): 1, McAulay; 2, Robertson; 3, Berrie; 4, Richardson; 5, Ritchie; 6, Moreland; 7, McGillivray; 8, Marshall. GREENF. (10): 1, 2, spl., Gentleman; 3, Jaffrey; 4, Rennie; 5, 6, Moreland; 7, Heard; 8, McGillivray. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, McAulay; 2, Berrie; 3, McGillivray; 4, Corbett; 5, Dick; 6, Ritchie; 7, Jaffrey; 8, Bishop. LESSER REDPOLL (7): 1, spl., Robertson; 2, 4, Ritchie; 3, spl., Rennie; 5, Moreland; 6, McGillivray; 7, Hardie. A.V. HARDBILL (3): 1, Robertson; 2, Berrie. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Robertson. A.V. HEN, BRIT. HARDBILL (11): 1, 2, Dick; 3, 7, Gentleman; 4, Robertson; 5, Miller; 6, Berrie. SELL. CLASS, BRIT. (10): 1, Jaffrey; 2, Mitchell; 3, Richardson; 4, Rennie; 5, Miller; 6, Heard; 7, Brown. A.V. FOR., SINGLE OR PAIRS (1): 1, spl., Kirkwood. SCOTS FANCIES—SCOTS FANCY CK., YOUNG (7): 1, 7, Turnbull; 2, 4, Simpson; 3, Hamilton; 5, Strathearn; 6, Maxwell. HEN (8): 1, Strathearn; 2, Hamilton; 3, 7, 8, Maxwell; 4, 6, Miller; 5, Simpson. CK., OLD (5): 1, Strathearn; 2, Hamilton; 3, spl., 4, Simpson; 5, Paterson. HEN (5): 1, spl. cup for best bird in hall, 4, Simpson; 2, Strathearn; 3, Hamilton; 5, Paterson.

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SHETTLESTON.

8th annual show, Dec. 11, in Hill Street Hall. An ideal place, having plenty of light from both sides, and abundance of room. The staging was well arranged round the sides and up the centre, a feature being that the cages were a nice height to look at without over-reaching one's self. The entries taken over all were about same as previous years. Crests were fair, Norwich fairly well filled, and contained some very nice birds, but a great fault I observed was very bad heads in this section. Borders were fairly well filled, and contained some very nice birds. Scotch Fancy had two classes with one bird in each. Yorkshires both confined and open contained good entries, also some grand exhibits. British, Mules, etc., were fairly well filled, and contained some well-known exhibits. Gift class was the feature of the show, and contained 14 birds of fair merit. Cup for best young bird was won by Mr. A. Wallace; for best old bird by Mr. Hood; for best Border by Mr. Lunn; for best British by Mr. Taylor, with his well-known Great Grey Shrike. The judges were: Crests and Norwich, Mr. Chalmers; Borders and Yorkshire, Mr. Heggie; and British, etc., Mr. Watson. All gave general satisfaction. The office-bearers were: Hon. Pres., Dr. Dunlop; Pres., Mr. E. Taylor; Vice., F. Forrest and W. Lunn. These and the Committee worked with a will. The Sec., Mr. Wood, had everything in A1 order. Classes cancelled, two Scotch Fancy, Young Birds.

A.V., CREST (6): 1, cup, etc., 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Hood; 1, green Crest, shapely body, nice formed crest; 2, buff variegd., nice sized body, good crest, rather horny ono side; 3, buff varieg., Crestbred, good skull and nicely lashed. YOUNG (2): 1, 2, Hood; 1, buff, good body, with nice formed dark crest, good formation and wealth of feather; 2, foul green, nice shapely body, good crest, and nicely centred. NOR., OLD BIRDS., TKD. YELL. (6): 1, sp., Taylor, nice size, and thick set body, in grand order; 2, 3, 4, 5, Hawkie; 2, on the small side, nice col., could be closer in feather; 3, well tapered body, rather long in tail; 6, Williams. BUFF (9): 1, Davidson, nice thick set body, good head, but rather browy, and long in tail; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Hawkie, nice size, grand wings and tail, fails a little in head; 3, Divens, well up in body, rather faulty wing carriage. HEN (10): 1, Divens, grand type and quality, good head and wings, rich in col.; 2, Williams, not so thick set, but grand cond. and col.; 3, 5, Hawkie, nice size, full of substance and qual., fails in head; 4, D. Taylor. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Davidson; 1, grand sized buff, with foul tail, rich and silky in feather; 3, nice short set body, but slightly loose in feather; 2, 4, 5; 2, bost headed bird in class, but not so cobby as winner; 6 Williams. A.V. (7): 1, sp., 2 and sp., Davidson, yell. varieg., nice deep chest and neck, rather frilled chest; 2, varieg. yell., very shapely, closer in feather; 3, 4, c, Hawkie; 3, buff varieg., nice size, good wings and tail. HEN (4): 1, Currick, varieg., nice head and neck, well rounded back, very rich and silky in feather; 2, 3, Houston, yell. foul vent and grizzled head, rare type and qual. throughout; 3, buff varieg., grand size and substance, slightly loose in feather; 4, Hawkie. YOUNG, CL. OR TKD. (12): 1, 4, Hawkie; 1, grand size, well rounded back, good head, fails in tail; 2, Hood, nice size, not so bold in head, shorter in tail; 3, Carrick, nice size, well filled in front, slightly grizzled on neck; 5, D. Taylor; 6, Divens. BUFF (4): 1, sp, 3, 4, Hawkie, grand sized buff, slightly damaged tail and faulty wing carriage; 3, not so thick, but better wing carriage; 2, Divens, well up in size and col., crosses wings at times. HEN (10): 1, Divens, nice size, well filled in neck and back, in nice order; 2, 3, Carrick; 2, well up in size and col., not so silky in feather; 3, much of the same stamp, slightly soiled tail; 4, Hawkie; 5, D. Taylor; 6, Williams. BUFF (10): 1, Houston, nice size and deep in chest, rather open in tail; 2, 3, 4, 5, Hawkie; 2, some preferred, nice type and quality throughout; 3, much of the same stamp and condition; 6, Scott. A.O.V. (8): 1, Wallace, very taking buff varieg., nice size and substance, also wins in novice class; 2, sp., 4, D. Taylor, buff varieg., nice size, rich in col., good wins, also 2nd in novice class; 3, Carrick, foul green, rich in col., fails slightly in substance; 5, Picken; 6, Houston. HEN (8): 1, sp., Houston, grand buff varieg., very typical, in rare order, but a bad shower; 2, Davidson, nice size, good wings and tail, in grand order; 3, 5, Carrick, well up in size, col., and substance; 4, 6, Hawkie. BORD., OLD BIRDS, YELL., A.V. (6): 1, 2, Lunn; 1, very sweet and typical cl., well piped tail; 2, green, foul tail and wing, nice size, very jaunty carriage; 3, Howieson, very taking cl., good wings, slightly open in tail; 4, McLaren; 5, Jarvie; 6, Johnstone. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Lunn, very typical buff, with grizzled head, rich and close in feather; 2, Green, nice type and qual., grand wing and tail carr.; 3, Yule, nice size, well filled-in back, nicely piped tail, a little loose at sides; 4, Johnstone; 5, Yule. HEN (6): 1, Johnstone, rich cinn., nice size and grandly mkd.; 2, spl, 6, Lunn, yell. cl., nice size, well modelled body, in nice cond.; 3, McLaren, green, nice size and richly mkd.; 5, Howieson. BUFF (7): 1, 3, spl, Lunn, cl., grand type, stylish carr., good wings and tail, 3rd clear, nice size, rare qual.; 2, 6, Johnstone, 2nd green, rather pale in col. and mkgs., good head; 4, Yule; 5, Jarvie. YOUNG CL. OR TKD. YELL. (6): 1, spl, Lunn, grand size, type and qual., very jaunty carr.; 2, spl, Lunn, yell., nice size and col., not so silky in feather; 3, 4, Jarvie, nice size, closer in feather; 5, Hood. BUFF (6): 1, 5, Lunn, 1st clear, fine size, grand head and neck; 2, Jarvie, nice size, rich and close in feather, crosses wings at times; 3, 4, 6, Howieson, 3rd nice size, close in feather, fails slightly in head. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Lunn, very typical yell., rich in col. and close in feather; 2, Jarvie, nice length, much thinner in body and a little loose at shoulders; 3, Howieson, nice size, good head and back, a little thin in neck; 4, Hood; 5, Scott; 6, Lunn. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Lunn, nice size, rare set-up body, well-piped tail; 2, Jarvie, nice size, rare shaped neck and back, slightly soiled plumage; 3, Scott, not so typical, slightly foul on wing; 4, Lunn. A.V. (7): 1, 2, 4, Lunn, 1st yell. var., rare type and qual. of feather; 2nd very sweet green, nicely marked, good wing carr.; 3, McLaren, green, much of the same stamp and mkgs.; 5, 6, Jarvie. SCOTCH FANCY, A.V., COCK, OLD: 1, Scott, foul green, on the small side, good shower. HEN: 1, Scott, buff, on small side, but good worker. Young Cock and Hen cancelled. YORKS CL. OR TKD. YELL, OLD (4): 1, Wood, grand length, close in feather, straight in body; 2, 3, Wood, 2nd grand size, very erect carriage, good head, 3rd much of the same stamp, but loses, being flat in tail; 4, Jarvie. BUFF (5): 1, spl, 2, Baird, 1st grand size, rare head and front, very erect in carr., 2nd much of the same stamp and style, good cond. throughout; 3, 4, 5, Wood, 3rd grand length of side, fails only in richness in feather. HEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Wood, 1st very taking yell., slightly flat in tail; 2, 3, we could not find when taking notes. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, 5, Wood, 1st buff cl., a little pale in col., but grand type, 2nd rich in col. and feather, slightly soiled in tail, 3rd not so long in side and rather lingy in tail; 4, Howieson. A.V. (1): 1, Kirkwood, var., nice size and lengthy of side, a little coarse and open in feather. YOUNG, CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, spl, 2, 5, Wood, 1st grand length, very erect carriage, could be richer in feather, 2nd nice length of side, rather on the slim side, fails a little in head; 3, 4, Baird, 3rd fair size and cond., rather loose in tail carriage. BUFF (4): 1, spl, 3, 4, Wood, 1st grand size, rich in feather, grand wings and tail, 3rd grand length of side, stylish carriage; 2, Howieson, nice size, well shaped body, stylish carr. HEN (5): 1, Wood, nice length of side, close in feather, a little short in tail; 2, 5, Wood, 2nd nice size, better length of tail, not so silky in feather; 3, Howieson, fair size, colour and cond.; 4, Jarvie. BUFF (6): 1, Baird, we could not follow, being rather short in body and tail; 2, 4, 5, Wood, 2nd we preferred as being of better length, carr., and quality; 3, Jarvie, fair size and length of side. A.V.: 1, Jarvie, very sweet and typical yell. var. NOVICE (10): 1, Wallace; 2, 3, 4, 5, Wallace; 6, Picken. BRIT. (3): 1, spl, 2, Forrest, grand size, rare square blaze, rich in tannings, grand size, not so deep in blaze, rather unsteady; 3, Taylor, very sweet hen, good tannings and buttons. BULLFINCH (4): 1, 2, Taylor, cock, grand size, rare deuse cap, good wing bars, 2nd hen, grand size, rich back and cap, grand bars; 3, Johnstone, nice size, rather pale in col. and steady; 4, Divens. GREENF. (6): 1, 4, Forrest, 1st grand size, rich grassy-green, plenty of yell. in wings and tail; 2, 5, Hood, 2nd nice sized head, not so thick-set body, rich col., minus a toc nail; 3, Swaller, nice col., rather short in flights; 5, Divens; 6, Taylor. CHAFFINCH (4): 1, Divens, nice size, rich col., steady and well put down; 2, spl, Forrest, not so thick but rich in col. and steady; 3, Taylor, grand size and col., very unsteady. BRAMBLEFINCH (4): 1, spl, cup runner-up, Divens, grand size, rich in spangling, looks an old stager; 2, Divens, fair size and spangling, but rather wild; 3, Taylor, fails slightly in size and richness of tone, wants steadying; 4, Forrest. LINNET (7): 1, Taylor, grand size, well marked back and chest, well put down; 2, Forrest, nice size and rich col., a little open on chest; 3, Divens, nice size, rather unsteady and bad shower; 4, Carrick. SISKIN, &c. (4): 1, Taylor, Twite, often described, looking well; 2, Jarvie, fair-sized Mealy, good col. and grand bib; 3, Howieson, Mealy, nice size, a little pale in col., fair, good bib. LESSER REDPOLL (5): 1, Forrest, nice size, rich breast, well-cut bib, nicely shown; 2, Taylor, well up in size, nicely marked flanks, not so large in bib; 3, Divens, nice size and col., rather unsteady; 4, Johnstone; 5, Forrest. A.V. BUNTING (2): 1, 2, Taylor, 1st very nice Corn, well marked, rather unsteady, 2nd Yellow Bunting, wet when taking notes, appears of good size, etc. A.V. HEN (3): 1, 2, Taylor, 1st Bramble, nice size, well marked, in grand order, 2nd Greenfinch, grand size, a little pale in col.; 3, Divens, Greenfinch, on the small side, fair, good col., spoilt through having white feathers in flights. SMALL SOFTBILL (4): 1, spl, 2, Taylor, 1st very sweet Grey Wagtail, steady and in grand order, well put down, 2nd Pied Wagtail, grand size, very steady and in perfect feather; 3, Forrest, a very nice and steady Robin, but badly shown. LARGE (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Taylor, 1st well-known Great Grey Shrike, often described looking a picture, 2nd nice Waxwing, nice size and order, well staged, 3rd Blackbird, nice size and colour, fairly steady. MULE (6): 1, 3, Forrest, 1st yel. var. Goldie Mule, grand size, rich in col. and well put down, 3rd buff var., nice size, a little pale in col.; 2, Forrest, dark yellow Goldie Mule, nice size and col., will greatly improve; 4, Divens; 5, Baird. FOREIGN (3): 1, spl, Yule, nice Grey Parrot, in grand order and nice speaker; 2, Taylor, Goldie, grand size, fair good blaze and nicely tanned; 3, Yule, Pink Cockatoo, in nice order. GIFT (14): 1, spl, Taylor; 2, Lunn; 3, Jarvie; 4, Hawkie; 5, Carrick; 6, Howieson. YORKS, OPEN, CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Martin, grand size, rare length of side, slightly grizzled on neck; 2, Pinnock, nice size, very shapely body, grand stylish carr.; 3, Ross, grand size, rare wing and tail carr.; 4, Wood; 5, Buchanan; 6, Jarvie; 7, Ross. BUFF (8): 1, Martin, grand size, rare reach, close and rich in feather; 2, Park, nice size and col., slightly frilled on chest when taking notes; 3, spl, McLennan, grand size, closer in breast feather and more stylish, could have gone up; 4, Pinnock; 5, Buchanan; 6, Baird. HEN (7): 1, 5, Park, nice size, rather pale in col. and open on chest; 2, Buchanan, not so large, but much richer in col. and tightness of feather; 3, no name, and we could not find; 4, McLennan; 5, Pinnock; 7, Steel. HEN (4): 1, Gibb, grand size, very typical and stylish carr.; 2, Buchanan, grand size, rare length of side, rich in col. and close in feather; 3, Wood, nice size, good length of side, a little pale in col.; 4, Steel; 5, Martin. VAR. (7): 1, Buchanan, yell. var., nice size and style, grand substance; 2, 4, 5, Park, 2nd var., not so stylish, but rare length of side, in nice order; 3, Gibb, some preferred, grand type and qual., rare action, and in the pink; 6, Buchanan. BUFF (5): 1, Buchanan, yell. var., nice size, rather coarse in feather, but grand style; 2, Gibb, nice length, richer and silkier in feather and grand reach; 3, McLennan, nice length, not so thick, slightly grizzled on neck; 4, Steel; 5, Pinnock. COCK, 1915 (9): 1, 3, Buchanan, very sweet cl. yell., grand type and qual., 3rd nice size, a little pale in col., soft when takiug notes; 2, Park, var., nice size, straight carr., put down in grand order; 4, McLennan; 5, 6, Pinnock; 7, Baird. BUFF (6): 1, 5, McLennan, grand size, rare head and neck, fine substance; 2, Buchanan, var., nice size, good head and neck, grand wing carr.; 3, Steel, nice size, qual. and subs.; 4, Howieson; 6, Wood. A.V. HEN (11): 1, Park, buff, nice size, style, and qual.; 2, Gibb, very rich yell., close in feather, grand carr. and order; 3, Buchanan, grand sized buff, rich in feather, a little loose in front; 4, Pinnock; 5, Findlay; 6, McLennan; 7, Findlay.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Members' show, Nov. 27. Mr. M. Broadley judged the 97 birds shown. Results:—Open Yorks., Cl. Ck. (10): 1, c, Symes; 2, 4, hc, Helliwell; 3, vhc, Horsfield. A.O.V. Ck. (4): 1, 2, 4, Symes; 3, Hunter. Unflighted Ck. (8): 1, Ludbrook; 2, 4, Symes; 3, hc, Horsfield; vhc, c, Helliwell. Yell. Hen (8): 1, 2, 4, Helliwell; 3, vhc, c, Symes; hc, Horsfield. Buff Hen (8): 1, 4, vhc, Helliwell; 2, Ludbrook; 3, c, Horsfield; hc, Hunter. Nov. Classes, Cl. Ck. (3): 1, 2, Rhodes; 3, Bowen. A.O.V. (4): 1, Bolton and Lunn; 2, 3, 4, Copland. Unflig. (9): 1, 2, 3, c, Wood; 4, vhc, Bolton and Lunn; hc, Rhodes. Yell. Hen (10): 1, 2, Bower; 3, 4, Bolton and Lunn; vhc, Rhodes; hc, Copland; c, Wood. Buff (9): 1, 2, vhc, Bolton and Lunn; 3, Bower; 4, Rhodes; hc, c, Copland. Nor. Yell. Ck. (7): 1, 3, 4, hc, Plowright; 2, vhc, Kaberry; c, Airton. Buff (6): 1, hc, Kaberry; 2, vhc, Airton; 3, 4, Plowright. Yell. Hen (7): 1, 3, Airton; 2, hc, Kaberry; 4, vhc, c, Plowright. Buff (4): 1, 4, Kaberry; 2, Plowright; 3, Airton.—W. Helliwell, Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Third Old Bird Show, Park Chapel School-rooms, Nov. 17. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill; 116 birds staged. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. York.: 1, 2, Midgley; 3, Taylor; 4, Farrar; vhc, Walker. Buff: 1, 3, Walker; 2, Farrar; 4, Taylor. Unflig. Yell.: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Midgley. Buff: 1, Laycock; 2 Walker; 3, Farrar; 4, Northrop. Mkd.: 1, 2, 4, Taylor; 3, Stables; vhc, Farrar; hc, Northrop; c, Midgley. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Northrop; 2, Midgley; 3, vhc, Stables; 4, Taylor; hc, Walker; c, Laycock. Buff: 1, 3, hc, Stables; 2, vhc, Walker; 4, Stables; c, Laycock. Mkd. Hen: 1, c, Laycock; 2, Northrop; 3, Farrar; 4, vhc, Midgley; hc, Stables. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Wheelwright; 2, H. S. Naylor, jun.; 3, Hargreaves; 4, Wroe; vhc, Spencer. Buff: 1, 2, H. S. Naylor, junr.; 3, 4, G. S. Taylor; vhc, Hargreaves; hc, Wheelwright; c, Spencer. Unflig. Yell.: 1, Spencer; 2, G. S. Taylor; 3, Wheelwright; 4, Wroe. Buff: 1, Wheelwright; 2, 3, Hargreaves. Mkd.: 1, vhc, Wroe; 2 Spencer; 3, 4, Hargreaves; hc, c, Wheelwright. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Wheelwright; 3, c, Spencer; 4, hc, Hargreaves; vhc, Wroe. Buff: 1, 4, Wroe; 2, Wheelwright; 3, vhc, hc, Spencer; c, Taylor. Mkd.: 1, Spencer; 2, vhc, Wroe; 3, 4, Hargreaves; hc, c, Wheelwright. Sell., Cl.: 1, hc, Laycock; 2, 3, Walker; 4, Farrar; vhc, Wheelwright. Hen: 1, vhc, Farrar; 2, 4, Walker; 3, Laycock.

DENTON C.B.S.

Annual show Silver Springs, Nov. 20, which, we are pleased to say, was a success. Ten members staged 97 birds. Mr. J. Beswick judged. The classes were as follows:—Champ. Classes—Yell. Ck.: 1, T. Rowbotham; 2, T. Rowbotham; 3, T. Bleasc and Son; 4, T. Blease and Son. Buff Ck.: 1, H. Ainsworth; 2, T. Blease and Son. Yell. Hen: 1, T. Blease and Son; 2, T. Blease and Son. Buff Hen: 1, 4, T. Rowbotham; 2, 3, T. Blease and Son. Unflig. Yell. Ck.: 1, 3, T. Blease and Son; 2, T. Rowbotham. Unflig Buff Ck.: 1, 2, T. Blease and Son; 3, T. Rowbotham; 4, H. Ainsworth. Unflig. Yell. or Buff Hen: 1, sp., T. Rowbotham; 2, T. Rowbotham; 3, H. Ainsworth; 4, T. Blease and Son. Amateur Classes—Yell. Ck.: 1, 3, spl., J. Taylor; 2, 4, J. Crabtree. Buff Ck.: 1, J. Taylor; 2, J. Crabtree; 3, A. Wright; 4, W. Hadfield. Yell. Hen: 1, spl., R. Barber; 2, W. Hadfield; 3, J. Crabtree. Buff Hen: 1, 3, J. Crabtree; 2, 4, J. Taylor. Unflig. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, W. Hadfield; 3, J. Taylor. Unflig. Buff Ck.: 1, J. Bridge; 2, 3, A. Wright; 4, W. Hadfield. Unflig. Yell. or Buff Hen: 1, J. Bridge; 2, J. Taylor; 3, A. Wright; 4, W. Hadfield. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, 4, J. Bridge; 2, 3, Bridge. Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite: 1, 3, 4, R. Barber; 2, J. Crahtree. Any Var. Hardbill: 1, 2, 4, R. Barber; 3, J. Crabtree. Any Var. Mules: 1, 3, W. Hadfield; 2, 4, J. Bridge. F.M. Linnet: 1, 2, 3, J. Crabtree. Yorks. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, G. Edge. Yorks., Buff Ck.: 1, 2, G. Edge.

STOCKPORT AND HAZEL GROVE.

Second Annual Show, Nov. 20, Hazel Grove Co-operative Hall. The room is an ideal one for a show, being lofty and well lighted. Entries only numbered 82, but some very good birds were on view. Several that have taken very high honours in open competition were staged, and one or two had to take a back seat. Specials were won by Messrs. Bennett, Hird, and Millett. F. W. Nelson judged and gave general satisfaction. Champion Section: Yell. Yorks. Ck.: 1, 3, Hird; 2, 4, Potts; vhc, Taylor; hc, Beswick. Buff Yorks. Ck.: 1, 2, Potts; 3, Hird. Yell. Yorks. Hen: 1, 4, Hird; 2, 3, Potts; vhc, Beswick. Buff Yorks. Hen: 1, 3, Hird; 2, vhc, Potts; 4, Taylor. Unflig. Yell. Yorks.: 1, Potts; 2, Hird. Unflig. Buff Yorks.: 1, Hird; 2, 3, Potts. Unflig. Yorks. Hen: 1, Hird; 2, 3, Potts. Yell. Nor. Ck.: 1, Bennett; 2, Sykes; 3, Beswick; 4, Stafford. Buff Nor. Ck.: 1, Stafford; 2, Sykes; 3, Beswick; 4, Phythian; vhc, Garbutt. Yell. Nor. Hen: 1, W. Sykes;; 2, H. Sykes; 3, Garbutt. Buff Nor. Hen: 1, 4, Stafford; 2, Marsland; 3, Bennett; vbc, Phythian; hc, Taylor. Unflig., Yell. Nor.: 1, W. Sykes; 2, Phytbian; 3, Beswick; 4, Stafford; vhc, H. Sykes. Unflig. Buff Nor.: 1, H. Sykes; 2, Phythian; 3, W. Sykes; 4, c, Marsland; vhc, Bennett; hc, Beswick. Unflig. Nor. Hen: 1, 2, Bennett; 3, Stafford; 4, Phythian; vbc, Marsland; hc, Beswick; c, Garbutt. Greens, Nor.: 1, W. Sykes; 2, Bennett; 3, Garbutt; 4, Stafford; vhc, Beswick. Yell. Bord.: 1, 2, Garbutt. Buff Bord.: 1, 2, Garbutt. Nov. Section: Yell. Yorks.: 1, Millett. Buff Yorks.: 1, Millett. Yorks. Hen: 1, 2, Millett. Unflig. Yorks.: 1, 2, Millett.—W. Stafford, Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

The Provincial Roller Canary Club held their annual singing contest at the Old Boars Head Hotel, Manchester, on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3rd and 4th. Messrs. Wareing, Massey, Kilshaw and Lyons were the appointed judges, but owing to the writer not being well, Mr. Kilshaw acted as Secretary, and every praise must be given to him for the manner in which he took his part. The entries totalled up to 230, which is a record for the season, exactly one-half of the entries being made by non-members of the Club. The foggy weather accounted for the birds arriving late, over 100 birds coming on Friday morning, and this will account for the paucity of points given, in many cases the birds being cold, and some of them hoarse, while several others could not be induced to open. Mr. Lyons took Class 1, Mr. Massey Class 2, Mr. Wareing Classes 3, 4 and 5. We think 83 birds in Novice Class will establish a record number of birds for one class, and the judges must have been more than pleased when they got through them. The first prize winner in Class 1 turned out to be the cup winner owned by Mr. Massey. Mr. Frew, a Scotch fancier, won the first prize in novice class. Considering the bad weather on Saturday, the attendance was very good, well-known fanciers from Lancashire, Yorkshire and Cheshire being present. most of the birds were taken away by the owners.

CLASS 1, CHAMPION YOUNG BIRDS: 1, sp, Massey, 6 H.R., 5 Bass, 3 H.B., 2 Sch., 3 W.G., 3 F.N., 2 W.R., 2 B.R., 1 B.T., 3 G. E., total 30: 2, sp, Walton, 6 H.R., 5 Bass, 3 H.B., 2 Sch., 3 W.G., 3 F.N., 2 B.R., 1 B.T., 2 G.E., total 28; extra 2, sp, Kilshaw, 5 H.R., 5 Bass, 3 H.B., 3 Sch., 3 W.G., 3 F.N., 2 B.R., 1 B.T., 3 G.E., total 28; 3, sp, Twigg, 5 H.R., 5 Bass, 4 H.B., 2 B.G., 2 W.G., 3 F.N., 2 D.B.W., 1 B.R., 1 B.T., 2 G.E., total 27; extra 3, sp, Massey, 5 H.R., 4 Bass, 3 H.B., 2 Sch., 3 W.G., 2 F.N. 2 W.R., 2 B.T., 1 B.R., 3 G.E., total 27; 4, sp, Warcing; 6 H.R., 5 Bass, 3 H.B., 2, Sch., 3 W.G., 2 F.N., 2 B.R., 1 B.T., 3 G.E., total 27; extra 4, sp, Austin, 5 H.R., 5 Bass, 4 H.B., 2 B.G., 3 W.G., 3 F.N., 2 B.R., 1 B.T., 2 G.E., total 27; vhc, sp, Wantling, 5 H.R., 5 Bass, 4 H.B., 3 W.G., 3 F.N., 2 D.B.W., 2 B.R., 1 B.T., 2 G.E., total 27; vhc, sp, Pericles, 5 H.R., 5 Bass, 3 H.B., 2 Sch., 3 W.G., 3 F.N.;, 2 B.R., 1 B.T., 3 G.E., total 27. CLASS 2: 1, sp, Frew, 3 H.R., 4 Bass, 3 H.B., 3 Sch., 3 W.G., 1 F.N., 1 W.R., 2 B.R., 3 G.E., total 23; extra 1, sp, Atherton, 4 H.R., 3 Bass, 3 H.B., 3 W.G., 2 F.N., 2 W.R., 2 B.R., 1 B.T., 3 G.E., total 23; 2, sp, Edgerley, 4 H.R., 3 Bass, 3 H.B., 3 Sch., 3 W.G., 1 F.N., 2 W.R., 2 B.R., 1 B.T., 3 G.E., total 25, faults S.F. 2, total 23; extra 2, sp, Unsworth, 3 H.R., 4 Bass, 2 H.B., 2 Sch., 3 W.G., 2 F.N., 2 B.R., 1 B.T., 3 G.E., total 22; 3, sp, Watkins 4 H.R., 3 Bass, 2 H.B., 2 Sch., 3 W.G., 2 W.R., 2 B.T., 3 G.E., total 21; extra 3, sp, Greenall, 4 H.R., 4 Bass, 2 H.B., 3 Sch., 3 W.G., 2 F.N., 1 B.R., 3 G.E., total 22, faults S.F. 1, total 21; 4, sp, Hibbert, 4 H.R., 3 Bass, 2 H.B., 2 Sch., 2 W.G., 1 F.N., 2 B.R., 1 B.T., 3 G.E., total 20; extra 4, sp, Smith, 5 H.R., 2 Bass, 3 H.B., 3 Sch., 2 W.G., 1 F.N. 1 B.R., 1 B.T., 3 G.E., total 21, faults 1 S.B., total 20; vhc, sp, Frew, 4 H.R., 3 Bass, 3 H.B., 3 Sch., 2 W.G., 1 W.R., 3 G.F., total 19. CLASS 3: 1 sp, Pericles, 5 H.R., 4 Bass, 3 H.B., 2 Sch., 2 W.G., 2 F.N., 2 B.R., 2 B.T., 5 G.E., total 27; 2, sp, Wardleworth 6 H.R. 3 Bass, 2 H.B., 3 Sch., 2 W.G., 2 F.N., 2 B.R., 2 B.T., 3 G.E., total 25; 3, sp, Lyons, 5 H.R., 3 Bass, 2 H.B., 3 Sch., 2 W.G., 2 F.N., 2 B.R., 1 B.T., 4 G.E. total 24; 4, sp, Adams, 5 H.R., 4 Bass, 4 Sch., 3 W.G., 3 F.N., 1 B.R., 1 B.T., 3 G.E., total 24. CLASS 4: 1, sp, Lomax, 4 H.R., 5 Bass, 3 H.B., 2 Sch., 3 W.G., 2 F.N., 1 B.R., 2 B.T., 4 G.E., total 25; 2, sp, Blomley, 6 H.R., 4 Bass, 2 H.B., 3 Sch., 3 W.G., 2 F.N., 1 B.R., 1 B.T., 4 G.E., total 25; 3, sp, Heatherley, 6 H.R., 4 Bass, 3 H.B., 3, W.G., 3 F.N., 2 B.R., 4 G.E., total 25; 4, sp, Nuttall, 5 H.R., H.R., 2 Bass, 2 H.B., 2 Sch., 3 W.G., 2 F.N., 2 B.R., 1 B.T., 5 G.E., total 24; vhc, sp, Bew, 5 H.R., 3 Bass, 2 H.B., 2 G. 3 W.G., 2 F.N., 1 B.T., 1 B.R., 5 G.E., total 24. CLASS 5: sp., Best, 5 H.R., 2 Bass, 3 H.B., 4 Sch., 2 W.G., 3 F.N., 1 B.R., 2 B.T., 4 G.E., total 26; 2, sp, Jobson, 6 HR., 2 Bass, 3 H.B., 2 Sch., 2 W.G., 2 F.N., 1 B.R., 2 B.T., 5 G.E., total 25; 3, sp, Hunter, 5 H.R., 3 Bass, 2 H.B., 3 Sch., 3 W.G., 2 F.N., 1 B.R., 1 B.T., 4 G.E., total 24; 4, sp, Plant, 4 H.R., 3 Bass, 2 H.B., 2 Sch., 3 W.G., 3 F.N., 1 B.R., 2 B.T., 3 G.E., total 23. A. Percival, Sec.

SCOTTISH ROLLER C.C.

Members' Show, Masonic Hall, Saltcoats, Nov. 13. Mr. J. Tomlinson judged and gave entire satisfaction. YOUNG BIRDS: 1, cup, A. Frew, H.R. 4, H.B. 5, Sch. 3, Bass 2, W.R. 3, B.R. 2, B.G. 3, F. 3, G.E. 4, total 29 points; 2, R. Stewart, H.R, 4, H.B. 4, Sch. 3, Bass 2, W.R. 3, B.R. 2, F. 4, G.E. 4, total 26 points; 3, T. M. Arnott, H.R. 4, H.B. 3, Sch. 4, Bass 5, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 4, total 25 points; vhc, Frew, 24; hc, Frew, 24, West, 22, Frew, 22, Macdonald, 22; c, Jackson, 21, Frew, 20. ANY AGE: 1, Jas. Jackson, H.R. 5, H.B. 4, Sch. 3, Bass 5, W.R. 2, W.G. 2, B.G. 3, F. 1, G.E. 5, total 30 points; 2, T. M. Arnott, H.R. 3, H.B. 3, Sch. 3, W.R. 3, W.G. 4, B.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.B. 3, G.E. 4, total 27 points; 3, Jas Jackson, HR. 5, H.B. 2, W.R. 3, W.G. 4, B.T. 1, B.G. 3, F. 2, G.E. 5, total 25 points; vhc, Arnott, 25; hc, Jackson; c, Jackson, 21; c, Stewart, 20, 18, 18. NOV.: 1, D. M. Lean, H.R. 3, H.B. 2, Bass 2, W.R. 3, W.G. 4, G.R. 2, B.R. 2, B.G. 4, F. 2, G.E. 5, total 29 points; 2, H. Cochrane, H.R. 4, H.B. 3, Sch. 3, Bass 3, W.R. 2, B. T. 2, B.G. 3, F. 3, G.E. 4, total 27 points; 3, Joe Clark, H.R. 5, H.B. 2, Sch. 2, Bass 4, W.R. 3, W.G. 3, G.E. 5, total 24 points; vhc, Frew, 24; hc, Anderson, 22; c, McGownc, 20, Nettleship, 19.—J. Macdonald Hon. Sec. S.R.C.C.

GUISELEY, YEADON AND DIS. O.S.

Second Old Feather Show, headquarters, the Regent Hotel. Entries exceeded last show; 144 birds faced the judge, Mr. H. Suttcliffe, Windhill, and he gave general satisfaction. Mr. A. Brown won spl. for the best bird in the show, and W. Bunting and Son won consolation prize. Results were as follows:—Class 1 (13): 1, Brown; 2, Ives; 3, vhc, hc, Wheatley and Son; c, Bunting and Son. Class 2 (13): 1, Andrews; 2, Wilman; 3, Crowther; vbc, Dibb; hc, Brown; c, Hardaker. Class 3 (9): 1, Ives; 2, Waterworth; 3, Brown; vhc, c, Dibb; hc, Andrews. Class 4 (15): 1, vhc, Andrews; 2, Dibb; 3, Fawcett; hc, Hardaker; c, Brown. Class 5 (19): 1, 3, vhc, Wheatley and Son; 2, Webster; hc, Long; c, Andrews. Class 6 (16): 1, 3, Andrews; 2, Scott; vhc, Hardaker; hc, c, Brown. Class 7 (15): 1, Brown; 2, Andrews; 3, Fawcett; vhc, Wheatley; hc, Long; c, Webster. Class 8 (14): 1, Wheatley; 2, Brown; 3, Andrews; vhc, Long; hc, Scott; c, Fawcett. Class 9 (6): 1, 3, hc, c, Andrews; 2, Long; vhc, Waterworth. Class 10 (11): 1, Wheatley; 2, vhc, Fawcett; 3, Andrews; bc, Webster; c, Long. Class 11 (6): 1, 2, Long; 3, hc, c, Andrews; vbc, Scott. Class 12 (9): 1, Hardaker; 2, Crowther; 3, Long; vhc, Dibb; hc, Bunting and Son; c, Wheatley and Son. Points to date for Belgium cup: Champions: Andrews 66, Dibb 52, Brown 45, Fawcett 39, Hardaker 29. Novices: Long 51, Wheatley and Son 43, Scott 28, Bunting and Son 17, Webster 12, Mountain and Crowtber 9, Waterworth 8.—W. Rose, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER C.B.S.

Annual Members' Show, Nov. 13, Druids' Arms, Bentley; 142 birds were staged. Yorkshires were down in numbers, but quality is improving. Norwich were fine, some of the winners having held their own in open competition; British were as usual for this district, both in quality and number. Mr. Blanchon had a field day, winning three cups and gold medal. Gray cup, Blanchon, 17 pts.; runners up: Hunt and Evans, 10 each; Seel's cup, Blanchon, 47 pts. (winning same outright); runners up: Evans and Hartshorn, 43 each; Novice cup: G. Evans, 69 pts.; Harry Barker cup, Blanchon; F. Barker cup, Cowling; gold medal, Blanchon, 18 pts.; most points in show, Evans. Mr. Brotherton, Rotherham, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

Yell. Yorks (10): 1, Blanchon; 2, Norman; 3, Spittlehouse; vhc, Lumby. Buff (4): 1, Norman; 2, Spittlehouse; 3, Wade; vhc, Truman. Variegd.: 1, Blanchon; 2, Wade. Yell. Hens: 1, 3, vhc, Truman; 2, Tomkinson. Buff: 1, Blanchon; 2, Brown. Unflig. Yell.: 1, Brown; 2, Truman; 3, C. Hunt; vhc, hc, Norman. Buff: 1, 2, vhc, Blanchon; 3, Whittington; hc, Tomkinson. Hens: 1, hc, Blanchon; 2, Hunt; 3, Truman; vhc, Whittington; c, Norman. Yell. Nor.: 1, A. Smith; 2, Evans; 3, Truman; vhc, J. Simpson. Buff: 1, A. Smith; 2, H. Smith; 3, Truman; vhc, Wade; bc, Twine. Variegd.: 1, H. Smith; 2, vhc, Simpson; 3, Evans; hc, c, Jarvis. Yell. Hen: 1, Evans; 2, H. Smith; 3. Truman; vhc, Twine. Buff: 1, 3, Evans; 2, c, A. Smith; vhc, H. Smith; hc, Simpson. Yell. 1915: 1, Twine. Buff: 1, 2, Evans; 3, Twine; vhc, Wade; hc, Simpson. Hen. 1915: 1, 2, Truman; 3, vhc, Evans. A.O.V.: 1, Brown. A.O.V., 1915: 1, Brown. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, Lumby; 2, hc, Evans; 3, Spittlehouse; vhc, Wade; c, Cowling. Greenf.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Blanchon; bc, Evans. Linnet: 1, Cooke; 2, 3, Evans; vhc, Blanchon. Siskin, Etc.: 1, Cowling; 2, Blanchon; 3, c, Bescoby; vbc, Pogmore; hc, Cooke. A.O. Hardbill: 1, Cowling; 2, Tomkinson. F.M.: 1, hc, Evans; 2, c, Truman; 3, Bescoby; vhc, Cowling. Hen, Brit.: 1, Wade; 2, hc, c, Pogmore; 3, Lumby; vhc, A. Smith. Mule: 1,

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in Boy Scouts' Hall, Thread Street, on January 1st, 1916. Classes: 15 Scotch Fancy, 18 Norwich, 3 Yorkshire, 8 Border, 13 Mule and British and Foreign. Judges: Scotch Fancy, A. Baird, J. Hannah, A. Ferguson, J. McLauchlan; Norwich, A. Watson; Borders, J. Craig; Mule, British and Foreign, A. Livingston. Entries taken in to latest. Schedules from—John Sinclair, 4, Clavering Street, Paisley.

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THE GREAT ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL SHOW OF WALES.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1916.

82 Classes, Cups, and Numerous Specials. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Judges: J. Robson, Canaries; Chas. Houlton, British, Foreign, and Mules. Patronages: B.B. and M.C. and S.B.F.C.C. Entries close Thursday, Jan. 6th. Schedules—D. H. Davies, Sec., 24, College Hill, Llanelly.

Twitterings.

Schedules for Larkhall Red Cross Show have been sent to all exhibitors at the principal shows this season. Anyone overlooked can obtain one from Mr. A. Thomson, the sec., 1, Croft Place, Larkhall, Lanarkshire.

If any member of the Amalgamated Cage Bird Societies in Liverpool, who has not yet received a schedule for the show, will apply to me, the application shall have prompt attention, writes Mr. T. R. Jones, 25, Emerald Street, Liverpool.

We find that in a small portion of our issue last week the calendar was accidentally omitted. If any reader who did not obtain copy of calendar last week will communicate with our publisher, we shall be pleased to send a calendar free of charge.

Our open show was a success, writes Mr. N. G. F. Zimmermann, hon. sec. York C.B.S.; all accounts were settled and prize-money paid next day, and most of the exhibitors wrote very nice letters thanking the committee for the manner in which their entries were attended to. We also wish to thank you and your reporter for the splendid report you gave in CAGE BIRDS of our show.

Prize lists for the Border show in Edinburgh have been sent to all known exhibitors, writes Mr. J. Lumsden, 13, George Square, Edinburgh. and I shall be obliged if anyone who has been missed will let me have a p.c., when prize list will be sent by return. I have been able to make arrangements to receive entries up till Dec. 28, instead of 25th, as previously intimated. Intending exhibitors should, however, enter early, and let the work be advanced as far as possible.

Please allow me to express my thanks to the many friends from Manchester who gave us a helping hand in connection with our late show, writes Mr. Wm. Middleton. To Mr. Tom Harrison especially our thanks are due; he worked and planned the comfort of the exhibits both on Thursday and Saturday also; to Mr. Oldham for the trouble he took in bringing, with his own horse and lorry, the staging kindly lent us by the Manchester and Northern Counties. Our own members worked like niggers. Lastly to yourselves for your report of the show.

At the forthcoming Llanelly show, writes Mr. D. H. Davies, sec., I wish to assure all intending exhibitors that their exhibits will be well looked after by a capable and bird-loving lot of members, fanciers to the backbone. I may add that we have a hall second to none in the United Kingdom, and are able to stage all exhibits on the single-tier system, which is a happy position to be in, and enables all those interested in our hobby to see at a glance all exhibits without handling cages. See this week's CAGE BIRDS for schedules.

An Address Wanted.

I received a letter dated Dec. 13 from a Mr. J. Prentice, requiring a marked yellow Norwich, and a marked buff hen, writes Mr. G. Cubley, Long Sutton, but he has omitted to send his address. The post-mark is Alloa. When he sends his address I will send him the two hens on approval.

A reader, giving the address of F. S. Woodrow, 66, Pearce Street, Euston Square, sent us the money for "Profitable Pet Rabbits." The book has been posted and has been returned "not known." Another reader has sent on 2½d. for a book on the Woodpecker, but has not enclosed his name and address. Will these correspondents place themselves in communication with the Publisher? There is no book dealing especially with the keeping of Woodpeckers, but "Nutshell No. 26—The Larger Insectivorous Birds." gives all details necessary.

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By a printer's error the address of Mr. J. W. Steele, the writer of the letter "A Warning to Cage-makers and Bird Dealers," in our last issue was given as 80, Ordnance Lane, Salford. This should be Ordsall Lane.

The ticked buff cock, one of the birds depicted on our front page this week, has won for its owner, Mr. A. J. Clarke, of East Dulwich, 1st and spl., Clapham; 1st and spl., S.E. London; 3rd London and P.O.S.; 3rd, Reading; 1st and silver rose bowl, Dulwich and Peckham. This latter trophy has not been won by any other Yorkshire Canary since 1908.

Prize-money Paid.

We are informed that prize-money has been paid in respect of the following shows; if any winners have been overlooked, they should apply to the respective secretaries: Sale, City of Birmingham, Whitehaven, Gateshead.

Four Firsts, 4 Shows, 4 Years.

The 1st prize won by Mr. J. Nicholson, of Haltwhistle, in the Border Fancy variegated class at Gateshead show, terminated a unique little record. His uneven yellow cocks have now won firsts for four years in succession at each of the four leading shows in the north—Newcastle, Carlisle, Haltwhistle, and Gateshead.

Corrections in Show Reports.

In the report of Porth and Rhondda Valley show, spl. for best Goldfinch should read Cozens, not Escott and James, and 1, "no name," in Yorks yell., buff, and unflighted should be Everett in each case; at Watford, 3rd in the Bramblefinch class should be Chick (not Chandler, as given in catalogue); 1st in varieg. Bord. at Gateshead should be Nicholson, not Johnson; at Newark W. Lidgett won cup for best bird, not F. Lidgett, and the awards in the Mule class should read 1 Lees, the rest to Spray; at Liverpool, 1, sp., and diploma best Mule should read Phillips, not Ball.

The New Postal Regulations.

The attention of correspondents is directed to the fact that under the new postal regulations only one ounce can be sent for one penny. From one to two ounces the postage is two pence, and one halfpenny extra is charged for each additional two ounces. Reporters and correspondents who have to send long communications should please use very thin paper and be careful to prepay the postage in full, or we have to pay double the deficiency on delivery.

OUR PAINTING COMPETITION.

Some readers have already sent in their efforts in the competition for the best painting of the front page of our last week's issue, but quite the majority of these consist of the lower portion only of the page, that is, the bird picture itself. We thought we had made it quite clear that the whole of the page, heading and all, should be coloured, but it appears necessary to point out that if only the bird picture itself is sent in such efforts will have no chance whatever of winning. The latest day for receiving the pictures is Friday, Jan. 7, so that those who have made the mistake of only painting a portion of the page will have time to rectify their mistake and send in a fresh attempt.

A Lingering Ring-Ousel.

This species, which is supposed to take its flight to a warmer clime before the season's decay has set in, was seen on Nov. 16 at Piltanton Burn, Dindinnie, three miles from Stranraer, writes "A. S. J." in the "Glasgow Citizen." These birds are not numerous in this district, but it is surprising, in view of the wintry weather which has prevailed during the past few days, that a bird of this species should be seen so late in the season. One can only put it down to a straggler which apparently decided to remain a little longer in the district in which it was born and brought up. About a year ago a Ring Ouzel was seen near this spot, but then the weather was not so cold.

Rough on the Robin.

The contributor of the column, "Local Gossip" in the "Newcastle Chronicle," gives the following extract from a letter he has received about the Robin:—"More problematical still is how the Robin came to gain a reputation for being a benevolent and genial little fellow, always to be associated on Christmas cards with snow-clad churches and holly bushes. He is the most pugnacious of his kind, steals like a Jackdaw, and drives his young away at the approach of winter. He mistrusts his own kind, and that is why you seldom see two Robins together, while his friendliness with man in winter is based upon pure materialism, for he knows that where the biped is there is also something to eat. His one redeeming feature is that his cheery song brightens up the winter days. He is not so vocal as the Thrush, but he outstays him."

To Club Secretaries and Others.

With the view of bringing up-to-date our directory of Cage Bird Societies, which is so useful a feature of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, and in order to eliminate those societies which have ceased to exist, we should be obliged if the secretary of each active society throughout the country would send us on a postcard short particulars embodying—the name of the society, date of foundation, place, date and time of meetings, annual subscription, entry fee, if any, name and address of secretary. We append a specimen entry, and no other particulars are necessary:

Edinburgh C.B.S., founded 1911, meetings Cairn's Memorial Hall, Georgie Road, third Tues. in month, at 8; sub. 4s. 6d., ent. fee 6d.; sec., J. C. Charlton, 33, Watson Crescent, Edinburgh.

The ANNUAL for 1916 is now in course of active preparation, and we should be obliged if secretaries will furnish at their earliest convenience the particulars desired.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. E. Thomas, sec., Cardiff C.B.S., that I have to inform you that Mr. Jim Pearce's mother has passed away. On behalf of the members of the Cardiff Society we extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. Pearce and family in their sad loss.

Sorry to inform you, writes Mr. John Rukin, hon. sec. Lancs. and Lizard F.A., that Mr. Moorbey, of Broadbottom, Cheshire, has suffered the loss of his mother. I am sure the members of the L. and L.F.A. will join me in sympathising with him in his sad bereavement.

MR. A. PUGH (Willesden).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. T. R. Jones, Assist.-Sec. Green C.A., that I announce the death of Mr. A. Pugh, of Willesden, near Chester, at the early age of 28. He was a very promising fancier, and will be greatly missed by those who know him in the Fancy. He leaves a widow and child, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

PONTEFRACT.

Special Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, for a copper kettle added to an entrance of 6d. a bird, Dec. 18; 33 competed. 1, Morley; 2, Nelson; 3, Scottson; 4, Pugh. Open sing, Dec. 19; 21 competed, three minutes' time singing. 1, Scottson; 2, Piper; 3, Beard.—S. Pugh, Hon. Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing, headquarters, White Swan Hotel, Dec. 18; 23 birds entered for three-minutes' sing. 1, 2, Collinson; 3, Plows.. Timekeepers, J. Wallis and Potter; tappers, A. Cooper, W. Perkin. We had a good company present, including several Lark fanciers, who used to sing at Lark contests, and they enjoyed the singing of the Linnets.—R. Plows.

CASTLEFORD.

Members' sing, George and Dragon Hotel, Dec. 18; 33 entered. 1, Watkiss; 2, Milner; 3, Brindley. Open sing, Dec. 19; 50 birds entered, and some of the best singing was heard so far this season. 1, Nelson; 2, Plows; 3, Wainwright. Open sing on Dec. 27; first pair of birds in the window at 12.30 prompt; no birds will be entered after 1.30.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Members' club sing, Dec. 19; 20 birds entered for five prizes. Shepherd, timer; Waireing, chalker. Some very close singing was done, the best this back-end. For four minutes' time singing: 1, Jones, 3.5; 2, Brushy, 3.3; 3, Coles, 1.11; 4, Trooper, 1.10; Fysher, 54 sec. Four more members made this week-end. Hurry up for specials this holiday, for members only.—J. Hardman, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Savile Green, York Road, open contest for quality Linnet singing, Dec. 18; 14 birds sang. 1, Sissons; 2, T. Ward; 3, Sissons; consolation prize, Wharam. Judges, Appleyard, Hayes, Naylor. Dec. 19; 18 birds sang. 1, Ineson; 2, Sissons; 3 and 4, shared, Sissons and Ward. Judges, Topping, Hardcastle, Hayes. Dec. 19, Roller contest; 18 birds sang. 1, T. Johnson; 2, T. Johnson; 3, Wharam; 4, consolation prize, Lacy. Judges, Sissons, Hardcastle.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing held Clarence Hotel, Skinner-lane; 20 birds sang, and some of the grandest singing was heard for a long time. 1, Wharam; 2, 3, shared Binns and Wharam; 4, Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers and S. Butterfield.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Halifax & Dis. C.B.S. (Yorks).—Liberal Hall, Haugh Shaw Road, King Cross, Jan. 8. Judge, Mr. Philip Mason. 35 classes: Yorks 29 (2 sell., 12 nov.), Nor. 2, Open Nov. Yorks 4. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/- if 15 entries, otherwise sliding scale. Entries close Jan. 4 to A. Sutcliffe, 46, Hammond Street, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

Glasgow Scottish Red Cross.—Central Halls, 25, Bath Street, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Judges: J. Winter, W. Turner, J. Hamilton, J. Young, G. Hislop, L. Dykes, A. W. Watson, R. Bald, H. Jamieson. 97 classes: Nor. 20, Crest 11, Bord. 16, Yorks. 12, A.O.V. 1, Mule 10, Brit. 20, For. 7. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close last post Dec. 25 to R. Heggie, Stepps, nr. Glasgow.

HOW BRITISH BIRDS CHANGE THEIR PLUMAGE.

(*Continued from page* 324).

By the kind permission of Mr. H. F. Witherby, Editor of the monthly magazine "British Birds," we are able to extract from an exhaustive article by Mr. Witherby, entitled: "THE MOULTS OF THE BRITISH PASSERES, WITH NOTES ON THE SEQUENCE OF THEIR PLUMAGES," the portions which refer to such British birds as are generally kept in cages or aviaries.

British Bullfinch (*Pyrrhula p. pileata*).

Adults.—Complete moult from August to October. No moult in spring and very little change by abrasion, except that the mantle becomes a purer grey in the male and greyer and less brown in the female. The marked difference in the sexes is well known.

Juvenile.—Like the adult female but the crown brown instead of black, upper-parts browner, and under-parts more yellowish-brown than in the adult female. The rump and under tail-coverts are buffish, the innermost secondary is marked with brown instead of pinkish and the wing-coverts are browner. Sexes alike.

First Winter.—The juvenile plumage is moulted as in the Greenfinch and the birds then become like the adults.

Common Crossbill (*Loxia c. curvirostra*).

Adults.—Complete moult July to November. No moult in spring. Abrasion makes the male more brilliant but has little effect on the female. The adult male in a wild state* is always, so far as my investigations go, red, though it frequently has some golden or greenish-yellow feathers here and there on the upper- and under-parts. Dr. C. B. Ticehurst, however, states in a recent article, "On the Plumage of the Male Crossbill" (*Ibis*, 1915, pp. 662-9), that he has examined yellow and green-yellow adult males, but he states that this plumage in adults is of very rare occurrence. Presumably the yellow or green-yellow adult males examined were certainly wild birds, but Dr. Ticehurst does not state this. It is two years ago since I worked out the plumages of the Crossbill, and I have no recollection or note of having seen an adult male wild bird in yellow or greenish-yellow plumage, and I examined several hundred specimens, so that such birds must I think be so rare as to be quite abnormal. Very rarely Linnets and Redpolls in a wild state are to be found with the crimson replaced by yellow or yellowish-buff. There is great individual variation in the brilliancy of the adult male both in summer and winter. The female is yellowish-green, sometimes of a more golden hue and occasionally with a considerable number of feathers tipped with dull pink.

Juvenile.—The upper-parts are dark brown, the whitish or buffish edgings to the feathers giving it a heavily streaked appearance; the under-parts are still more prominently streaked, as the whitish edgings to the feathers are broader. The male has a tinge of green on the upper-parts, especially on the mantle, and a few greenish-yellow feathers on the throat and breast, while the female has none of the latter and is browner on the upper-parts.

*As in Redpolls and Linnets, the red is replaced by yellow at the first moult in captivity.

First Winter and Summer. Male.—The juvenile body-feathers and lesser wing-coverts are moulted from May to October, but not the tail- and wing-feathers, nor the primary-coverts, while most of the greater and median coverts are not moulted, and frequently a varying number of the juvenile body-feathers (especially on the breast and belly) are retained. After the moult there is much individual variation from a bird indistinguishable by the coloration of the body-feathers from a bright crimson adult male to greenish-gold, yellow, orange, and a mixture of all these colours. First winter birds may, however, always be distinguished by the greenish instead of pinkish outer edges of the wing- and tail-feathers and more clearly by the buffish-tips of the unmoulted juvenile wing-coverts. These distinctions usually disappear in summer when the feathers are much worn. Female.—Like the adult female except for the buff tips of the unmoulted juvenile wing-coverts.

After the second autumn moult, males and females become, so far as I can see, like adults.

Chaffinch (*Fringilla c. cælebs*).

Adults.—Complete moult commencing in July and sometimes in June. No regular moult in spring, but at that season feathers here and there on the body are often renewed. Abrasion has a considerable effect, especially in the male, the colours becoming purer and brighter owing to the wearing off of their buffish tips. The sexual difference is too well known to require mention. The under-parts of the male vary from a pearly-pink to a brownish-pink, but this is merely individual and not connected with age so far as I can discover.

Juvenile.—Much like the adult female but browner on the upper-parts. The male has the mantle more chestnut-brown and the ear-coverts more buffish than the female and, as in the adults, the white on the wings of the male is purer.

First Winter.—The juvenile plumage is moulted from July to September except the wing-feathers, primary-coverts and tail-feathers. The birds then become like the adults.

House-Sparrow (*Passer d. domesticus*).

Adults.—Complete moult from August to October. No moult in spring. The effect of abrasion and the difference in the sexes is too well known to require comment.

Juvenile.—Very much like the adult female. In the male the throat is more decidedly tinged with ashy-black than in the female.

First Winter and Summer.—The juvenile plumage is *completely* moulted in the first autumn. The birds then become like the adults, except that the male appears to have more white on the tips of the feathers of the chin than the adult male.

(*To be continued*).

MY PEKIN ROBINS.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

(*Continued from page* 321).

SINCE then all has gone well, and though the parents were in the thick of the moult, they assiduously attended to their young; so much so that I feared I should lose the hen, as she gave to those precious children of hers the live food she needed to nourish herself. But all went well, and to-day (December 9) they form a happy family party in the aviary, and still associate together.

It only remains to say that the Pekins had access to seed, fruit, milk-sop and soft food, also live insects. So far as I was able to ascertain, the young were fed entirely on live food while in the nest, the old birds first killing the insect and then carrying it in their bills to their babies. Insects were very scarce while the young were being reared, and it was only by going to the aviary every two hours and serving out mealworms, gentles, and wasps' grubs, one at a time, that I managed to keep them going.

The young birds when they left the nest were grey, just tinged with olive on the top of the head, and had whitey patches round the eyes, on the throat and vent. The yellow outer margins of the primaries were also quite distinct while they were in the nest, the inner webs of the primaries were white. The bill was dark horn, edged with yellowish, and the legs pale brownish flesh-colour. Soon the bills became ochraceous, but still remained dark at the base; the mossy-green on the head and mantle became apparent in about a month, and this also applies to the rich colouration of the throat and chest; in fact very similar to their parents, but of a generally greyer hue, with the bright areas less intense and of smaller extent; but they are quite handsome birds, little rippers in fact.

In a state of nature the Pekin frequents thick covert, and is a skulker, and therefore not often in evidence. In captivity his demeanour is different, as he soon becomes tame, fearless, and confiding; but during the nesting period, while they will come almost to the hand for insects, they are very secretive, and never go straight to the nest with food, but skulk thereto by the most roundabout way possible. It was the same when building the nest; they adopted the same means to reach the site, and I always had to watch the nest itself unless I observed them from some spot where I was not visible to them.

Now my yarn is finished, and has quite a happy ending; certainly, no event of recent years has given me greater pleasure than this success with the Pekins, and, I repeat that I think my readers will agree that they deserve a laurel wreath as a reward for their perseverance. Possibly they have their reward in full measure in the two happy children which still frolic around them.

In conclusion, it is my pleasant duty to thank Mr. G. E. Low for the kind permission to use the two photos which figured these charming birds in such natural attitudes.

Correspondence.

Walton and Everton C.B.S. and Its Shows.

Sir,—I have been a reader of Cage Birds for some years, and always look forward each week to Friday night. Everything in it is interesting, but local items always some first, I have looked week after week for six months for reports of Walton and Everton shows. There have been three during that time, and not one reported. I think if the shows were reported members would take more interest in the Society and attend the meetings.

Brecker.

No show reports of the Society are in hand unpublished.—Editor, Cage Birds.

A Few Hints on Bird-catching.

Sir,—Perhaps I can help "Cockram" and "Lover of Birds" with a few hints on bird catching. The early morning is the best time to get a few birds. Find a place to lay the nets, where you notice birds feeding, or passing over to feed or drink at a place a little way off about fifty feet away from hedge or trees. Get the nets laid and working quickly when pulled over, always try your nets before you start the catching proper, to see how they work. Put braced birds on sticks, with lines running under pull-line of nets back to place you are standing to pull from. Work braced birds with the left hand and nets with the right hand. Put out the call birds facing the open field, not looking into the nets, and you are ready to start. The braced birds should be about a yard up the nets, from the end you pull from, and about a foot or just over from where the nets are pegged down. When the call birds begin to sing, or call, raise the braced bird up. When birds are over nets, let it down, and you will find birds will follow it down. Give a long pull on pull-line and you have a capture. If there are several birds flying round nets, and only one drops in, don't pull, but give the others a chance to follow it in. When a single bird is flying over and drops toward the nets don't wait for it to settle in the nets, but pull when it is in reach of the nets, that is, where the nets will cover it. Nothing is wanted in the nets as a bait for Linnets, but for Bullies you can put privet berries close in to nets, where pegged down, and for Goldies a bit of thistle in the same place. To train a bird to the sticks is a game of patience. Take a bird, cock or hen, one used to hard seed (caught a few weeks). Put on a nice easy-fitting brace, and take it out in the garden. Put it on the stick and pull the latter up. The bird will not hurt itself if you keep it up clear of the ground should it dash about. Let it down when quiet. Pull up again nearly as far as it will go, then give a jerk to the stick. The bird will flutter and most likely get on the stick. If it does, your trouble is over. Now let the stick down and raise it again. Do this a few times, letting the line run gently through the fingers. You want the bird to follow the stick down in a natural way. About a week of training and a bird should be fit to take out. Set the nets along a hedge, about five feet away, for Bullies, with a call bird in a long low cage, as you want it to pipe and show that bit of white on its back. A Bullie is too slow on a stick. For Chaffinches I should use a hen call-bird in a cage, or a dummy bird in the nets, with a singing bird hidden away close to the nets. If I can help with a bit more advice I shall be pleased to do so; the Editor has my address, but just now I am

Another Ruffian.

A Soldier of Rochdale on the Lancashire Canary.

Sir,—I was surprised to notice Mr. Fuller's remarks on the Lancs. at the late Manchester show. I am certain there are many good Lanes. left to make a respectable show, as during a recent visit home I was informed that we had some good ones out at the R.G.I. show. Further, I found time to visit one of the breeder's rooms, and was surprised to see such good birds, and they had been out to shows. I am sure that Mr. Jameson's is a good one, and am pleased to see the young bird has turned out well, as I saw it earlier and had a good opinion of it. Other breeders I know have the right material. It is not fair to say that they are now "almost Crests." For my part I should like to see show committees keep fanciers from acting as stewards in their particular section; they could do their duty just as well as stewards over other varieties.

Advertisers and correspondents generally should please post at once any items intended for our next issue. Compliance with this request will earn the grateful thanks of ourselves and our printers.

I was pleased to hear that the judge's remarks did not apply to the whole section, but am sorry he advises two classes only—four would have been rather better. I hold with Mr. Clegg when he asks us to be more combined, but from my experience the Club seems to be dragging along. I would like some of the breeders to take the matter up and try to get it up again. I am as willing as ever to do my part, but being in the Army I will have to wait. On my return to civil life I shall keep Lancs.; two or three are being kept for me by a brother fancier, to whom I owe my thanks. I hope some good will come after this discussion.

(Pte.) Wm. Adams.

Correspondence continued on next page.

Are British and Foreign Birds Declining in Favour?

By "SUB ROSA."

(*Continued from page* 322.)

NOW I have said that in consequence of the decline in the number of entries, societies have suffered pecuniarily. With our narrow conceptions it may appear obvious at the first glance, and no doubt it is so to a certain extent; but if we examine the factor more closely, we shall see that societies have also suffered from the cutting down of British from the schedule. It is difficult to get some people to see how a society can lose on classes that are not there; but I hope to show that societies do lose a certain amount in gate-money.

Every exhibitor has an interest in that show at which he is showing, and every fancier has some friend who perhaps isn't a fancier—whose germ of interest is not yet fully developed, but which only requires the least spark for it to burst into full flame; and I am going to show you where societies, in their shortsightedness in not catering for the more interesting sections of bird shows, are wielding a boomerang which will manifest effects in the future little to our liking.

An exhibitor likes to visit the show he is showing at. Moreover, he doesn't like to go alone. He will bring his friend or his wife or his sister, or even somebody else's sister. So long as he brings someone, it doesn't very much matter who, they are the people we want to get hold of. They all help to swell the gate, and, more important still, the man who visits a bird show impersonally to-day, because his friend is showing, is the fancier of to-morrow. We must not overlook that. We want his contribution at the gate to make to-day's show pay; but we want his contribution in entries at to-morrow's shows, so that these in their turn will be attractive to *his* friends. Think of it!

Just one more word. It is essential to the success of a bird show that all the British and Foreign birds and also the Hybrids be named in the catalogue. There is nothing more vexing to a non-fancier visitor than to buy a catalogue which conveys nothing to him. He sees curious-looking British and Foreign birds, buys a catalogue to see what they are called, and when he finds no names to them, he is disappointed. Not only is he disappointed, but he is vexed. He feels he has been had; and he leaves the show with the hump, and vows he will never visit another.

That visitor might have taken up the hobby if he had been stroked the right way, but he left the show with his hair up like a snarling dog's. So I appeal to British and Foreign fanciers to name their exhibits on their entry form. It is only a detail, but sometimes the smallest matters have the most far-reaching effects.

I also appeal to societies, when they are considering their schedules, not to look at the immediate so much as the future exchequer. A few shillings lost this year may mean double gain next. Study the British and Foreign exhibitor. Remember the railway charges on their birds are double those of Norwich and Yorkshire fanciers, and that their prize-money should be made attractive accordingly.

In conclusion, I suggest that the foregoing are the factors which are contributing to the decline of the British and Foreign section; and it behoves us, if we are to increase our numbers and keep up the interest, to make sacrifices, or what appear at first glance to be sacrifices. The Fancy at the present time is in the shadow; but we shall all the more welcome the light ahead.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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The Scottish National C.B.S. and Its New Year Show.

SIR,—Would you kindly state that the above society abandoned the great New Year exhibition for this year owing to the war making railway facilities not too good for prompt delivery of exhibits, also the difficulty experienced in securing a suitable hall. We look forward to next year with the hope that this great event will again take place. No doubt it will be missed next week by many of our Scotch and English friends, who delighted to be present.

J. R. MEIKLE, Sec.

What About the Welsh National Show?

SIR,—Many fanciers in Wales are asking the question "Is there to be a Welsh National show this season?" When at Cardiff show, Mr. E. J. Banks told the writer, amongst others, that provided one hundred Welsh fanciers subscribed 5s. each the Committee was prepared to run a show. The season is drawing to a close, yet no word has been heard as to the intentions of the Committee. It is a great pity if this show is allowed to fall through, and I feel certain that were an appeal made there are a hundred fanciers in Wales who would subscribe the necessary amount. Will you make an appeal, Mr. Banks? There is yet time, and judging by the entries at our large show, no dearth of exhibitors yet.

S. J. NICHOLAS.

What is the Matter with City of Glasgow Show?

SIR,—Like "V. A. D.," I was also surprised at the reply by Mr. J. McLay. There seemed to me something more than a question of the hall. When "V. A. D." says it is rumoured the Scotch Fancy men are the members who are the cause of no shows being held, I could believe it, for I have always called them in my mind the £ s. d. men, or the something-for-nothing crowd. They should be cut out of all open shows. Regarding the "Red Cross show," I am working hard for it, and will send some entries also, so you will see I am not preferring the "City" to the "Red Cross." However, City of Glasgow, if the "Scotch Fancy" section have such a pull over you, sleep on.

BRIAR BUSH.

Identity of the Song Thrush-Blackbird Hybrids Challenged.

SIR,—I read with interest in a recent CAGE BIRDS the article on the Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid, and its visit to London. I don't see it possible for a man to try to defraud the Fancy by saying that he had bred a bird, claim a day on which it was bred, and show it as a hybrid. If it is possible for a Hybrid to be bred between Finches it is possible for a Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid to be bred. As we take it you have seen it, we in the Fancy should not doubt it. My congratulations to Mr. T. H. Anderson on his success, and thanks to you for the splendid article so easy to be understood by the youngest novice.

BIRD FANCIER.

SIR,—I do not withdraw one word of my previous letters. I did not suggest this bird should be shown at a small club show in the town where it was reared, but that it should be sent to several of our large open shows this season and next in different parts of the country. To my mind showing at a small club show on Mr. Anderson's own doorstep, as it were, has greatly weakened his case, for I believe this is the only society's show where it has been recognised as a Hybrid. With reference to Mr. McQuiston, this gentleman has a perfect right to his opinion, and I claim the same privilege.

One of your correspondents hints at my being an "all-round fancier." Quite true, and why am I an all-round fancier? Simply because I love all kinds of birds and always have done all my life. Let me tell your correspondent that I have studied British Birds in both their wild state and captivity, as closely as any man, also Hybrid breeding and keeping. It is owing to this fact that I was able to detect no trace of Blackbird in the bird under discussion. I have not disputed the possibility of breeding a Song Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid. What I said, and still say, is the bird shown at Carlisle show is not a Hybrid, but simply an ordinary Song Thrush.

Much has been made of the evidence of the two witnesses to the rearing of this bird. What is the value of this evidence? They know that a bird was reared in Mr. Anderson's aviary; but from what egg *that* bird was hatched they know no more than a man a thousand miles away (beyond what they were told) as they were not in permanent control of that aviary before the hatching and during the rearing of the said bird. They simply paid periodical visits. In calling attention to this fact, I make no insinuations, but simply show the evidence is of little value. It is because I decline to accept this evidence, which in my opinion is not borne out by the bird itself, that we have the "flourish of trumpets" in your last issue. Let me tell Mr. Anderson, and all whom it may concern, that the identity of this bird will never be satisfactorily settled in Darvel, or at Darvel show. I have asked nothing unreasonable, and have proved that I am as anxious as the owner that the matter should have an honourable settlement by suggesting that the bird should be sent to several of our largest shows under different judges, and that fanciers of experience might see it. Then and then only will it be proved who is right and who is wrong.

JOHN ROBSON.

[This bird was put in the prize tickets (7th) at the large show held in Glasgow on Nov. 12 and 13, the judge being either Mr. A. W. Watson (Edinburgh) or Mr. M. Craig (Glasgow).—EDITOR.]

SIR,—The controversy is very interesting. The evidence seems pre-eminently in favour of the bird being a Hybrid. I should like to see it, if it ever came near Leeds. I remember some years ago seeing a queer feathered creature in a croft close to Stanningley G.N. Railway Station, between Leeds and Bradford. I said, well! that is a cross between a duck and a cockerel!! Fowl's head and feet, very short legs, body and tail a duck's; the waddle, when walking, perfect. I followed it to the precincts of the owner's house, and had some talk with the coachman. The owner was a medical man. The man said it was a genuine Hybrid, and the doctor, his master, vouched for it. Being a life-long bird-lover, I was, and am, as certain of its genuineness as I am of my own existence. I wrote to a Fancy paper on the matter, and the editress put in a short paragraph to the effect that such claims had been made before, but never authenticated. That is the way these things are "settled," or, rather, "snuffed out." I hope this controversy may not descend to personalities, and that the bird may come out of the tug-of-war as a genuine Hybrid and have a long life. By the correspondence I gathered it was not the only one reared. What of the others?

W. G. SMITHSON.

Breeding Bearded Reedlings in Captivity.

SIR,—In my communication on this topic in your last issue, I am made to say, in sixth line from bottom "species of Hybrid." I wrote "species or hybrid," which is, of course, very different. I may add that I have since heard from Mr. Richardson Carr that the aviary, though large (46 yds. by 15 yds.) contains so many other birds, all very keen on insect life, that they are very dependent upon regular attendance and food supplies, and that when the Reedlings are feeding young it is essential that they receive supplies of live food several times daily. The above clears up all points of doubt, and Mr. Carr's success must be accepted as a bona fide case of breeding Bearded Reedlings in captivity.

WESLEY T. PAGE.

SIR,—Is there any recorded instance of any birds having reared their young to maturity in any aviary that has ever been built, without any artificial food or insects being supplied by the aviarist? I do not know of any such instance, and should regard such an event as almost an impossibility. If, however, anyone were clever enough to design, plant and establish such an aviary, he should have a gold medal, quite apart from any copper medals he might receive for breeding results. Some suggestions that have been made seem to miss the point that we want to encourage the rearing of the young by natural means, not by stuffing food down their throats with a stick.

Dr. Lovell Keays seems to have had a remarkably good aviary, because nothing was supplied for feeding the young for the first seven days, but some small mealworms. In my own aviaries I have always had to supply large quantities of live-bait from the date of hatching. I was very glad to hear of his success, and heartily congratulate him, but I expect that he will be quite satisfied with having done something worth doing, and would not accept a medal, which would be a mere farce. As showing my own point of view, I may mention that I recently received from the Avicultural Society a medal for breeding the Whinchat (in 1912!) I returned it by the next post; a medal which is three years overdue is quite as much a farce as a medal for a record which has already been achieved in a larger aviary.

Other suggestions that have been made overlook the fact that better breeding results have almost uniformly been obtained in small than in large aviaries. How little is accomplished in the large aviaries at the Zoo; and yet they could not possibly be under better management than that of Mr. Seth-Smith, the curator, and Mr. Bailey, the head-keeper.

W. E. TESCHEMAKER.

An Outdoor Breeding Room for Canaries.

SIR,—As I have been successful in breeding and rearing a splendid lot of birds and attribute my success entirely to following the advice published from time to time in your paper, CAGE BIRDS, I have thought that some particulars of my own procedure might be interesting to fellow-readers.

My aviary is 13ft. long, 9ft. wide and 8ft. high. It is built of 1in. deal boards and it is lined on the inside by 3-ply wood. I have a large skylight in the top, a window in one side and one at the end facing S.E., so the birds get the morning sun and plenty of light all day. The whole of the floor space is firstly covered with bricks, and 4in. above these I have a boarded floor so that the air can get under between the two floors through ventilators, and the birds have fresh air all the time without any draughts.

Along the back and at one end my cages are arranged, and these are not in the form of separate cages, but made in the form of permanent racks, the shelves of the racks being 18in. wide and 12in. apart. I have these fixed with loose wire fronts 24in. by 12in., and with slides so that I can make them either into separate cages or into flights. I find this method altogether better and cheaper than the separate cages; it keeps the birds in good condition all the year round, and saves a lot of trouble in feeding and cleaning, besides which there is not so much harbour for red mite as in ordinary box cages.

They are painted inside with sky-blue sanitary paint, and the fronts are enamelled black, so that the birds show up nicely. Along the top of these breeding quarters I have two rows of singing cages, each cage 14 by 14 by 8, and I find these very handy for troublesome cocks or separate singing birds.

I have also a large flight 6ft. by 3ft. and 6ft. high with an aperture communicating with an outside flight 8ft. long and 8ft. wide, this flight being planted with small trees. There is no heating whatever in my birdroom, and the birds do well all the year round. I will send some accounts later as to my methods of breeding.

F. OWEN.

Club Reports.

DARVEL C.B.C.

Meeting Dec. 15, Town Hall, before a poor turnout, Mr. N. Hopkins presiding. Mr. H. Craig and Mr. W. Taylor, jun., were admitted as members. Sec. read balance-sheet of exhibition Dec. 4, in aid of local Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, which, with all in, came to £2 6s.; and it was agreed to make it £3. Decided to have no table shows this winter. Arranged to hold meeting next month, sec. to fix date, to hear balance-sheet read, and election of office-bearers. Mr. N. Hopkins and Mr. A. Beaton were appointed auditors.—J. Taylor, Sec., Tinby, East Donington-street, Darvel, Ayrshire.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held on Dec. 18, Mr. Farrer presiding over good attendance. Arrangements had been made (Mr. Swan reported) with the Sunderland Tipplers' Association, to hold their show in conjunction with us on Monday, Dec. 27, in the Miners' Hall. It was decided to draw for specials on morning of the show. Birds to be at the hall at 9.15 a.m., and judging to commence at 10 prompt. Judges, Mr. J. Johnston (Wallsend) and J. Clark (Sunderland). The show manager (Mr. Farrer) was asked to appoint the stewards. Those members who can, are asked to be at the hall at 9 prompt to finish off the staging. The thanks of the meeting were accorded to Mr. Brown (who typed the schedule and painted the bills for show), and Mr. Swan, —John Peacock, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA C.B.A.

At a meeting of the above, held at the Mansel Hotel, on Saturday, Dec. 18, Mr. J. E. Jeffries presided, the chief business of the evening being a favourable report of the year's working by the Secretary, who was unable to get the auditors to audit books owing to some tickets still owing. Will members who have them please send in as quickly as possible. On the proposition of the members present, it was decided to again make the Mansel Hotel our headquarters for the coming year. Our next meeting will be held on Jan. 8, at 7.15 p.m., when the election of officers will take place; also to decide the working arrangement of our society, whether we shall hold our table shows, lectures, washing exhibitions, etc., as the young fanciers here are asking for same. So please make a special effort to attend.—Alf. Hitchings, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting, Dec. 7, Mr. W. G. Fellows chair. Accounts of annual show presented by Hon. Sec., showing a balance on the wrong side of 5s. 8d., which, all things considered, was very satisfactory. A letter was read from a member complaining of the smallness of prize money. It was pointed out that a sliding scale with an entry fee of 6d., with 2d. to be deducted, could not possibly produce large amounts, but the kindness of some few members had added a special prize to nearly every class. The Hon. Sec. was strongly in favour of raising the entry fee in future, and was supported by many members, but the matter was left open until next year. A vote of thanks was passed to workers at the show, especially mentioning Mr. Winter (who had written ornamental class cards and some large posters), and Mr. Melhuish. The Hon. Sec. also expressed his obligation to Mr. L. Bousfield attending to the despatch of birds at station, at some inconvenience to himself. Some alteration was made in the arrangements for voting for next year's officials, and the settling of few other matters brought the last meeting of 1915 to a close.—G. J. Slade, Assist. Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

General meeting and distribution of prizes, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Dec. 7, Mr. Frank Cole chair, and a fair number present. Correspondence dealt with, one resignation being received, and accepted with deep regret, but it is hoped that the member will rejoin again later (as he suggests) when business again rights itself. New member elected, Mr. H. S. Atkins. There were two other applications for membership for election at next meeting. The Chairman, in presenting the "News of the World" Challenge Shield for best in show to Mr. W. D. Hall, complimented him upon his success, and pointed out that seven years had passed since that trophy had been carried off by a Yorkshire. He also congratulated Mr. A. J. Clarke, winner of Young Bird Bowl, that also being won by a Yorkshire. These two trophies had generally gone to the one bird, but on this occasion the old bird had captured the shield. Mr. A. G. Cant gave the report of the annual show, and the Chairman complimented him upon the able manner in which he managed and successfully brought the show to a success. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Cant, who, like other show managers, must have had a hard and tiring task under present conditions. Vote of thanks to Chair closed the meeting.—D. Recks, Hon. Sec.

PLYMOUTH W.C.O.S.

Meeting, Dec. 15, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street, Mr. W. French chair, before a good attendance. A vote of sympathy having been passed on the illness of our Sec., with the wish of a speedy recovery, it was with deep regret that we accepted Mr. T. Pope's resignation from the position of Hon. Sec. and Treas., he having held the same for over ten years. Mr. Dyer was elected to fill the vacancy, having worked with Mr. Pope as Assist. Sec. for a great number of years. It was decided to have a show next year, but the nomination of judges to stand over until a later date. Two new members elected. Result of Pair Show: Yorks., Yell., Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Olver; 2, 3, Luscombe. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen; 1, Olver; 2, Hambley; 3, Smale. Nor., Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Brown; 2, Ough; 3, 4, Moffitt; vhc, Mitch; hc, c, Deakin. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Brown; 2, French; 3, Rowe; 4, Ough; vhc, Moffit; hc, c, Deakin. Crest Cock, C.B. Hen: 1, Hutchings; 2, W. S. Ryder. C.B. Ck., Crest Hen: 1, Hutchings; 2, W. S. Ryder. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Brown; 3, Smale. Brit. Ck., Canary Hen: 1, hc, Large; 2, Hambley; 3, Condy; 4, Ough; vhc, Wills; c, Lugg. Brit. Ck. and Hen: 1 Hambley; 2, 3, Large; 4, Lugg; vhc, Wills; hc, Ough.—W. Luscombe, Assist. Sec.

[Kindly forward Mr. Dyer's address.—ED.]

RICHMOND C.B.S.

Meeting, St. John's Hall, Richmond, Dec. 13, Mr. W. Phipps, chair, and about 20 members present. The Chairman read a letter from the Sec. (Mr. Birch) in which he wished to resign, as he could not give the proper time to the work. Mr. W. Keary moved a hearty vote of thanks to the late sec., saying very many complimentary things about him. Mr. Birch briefly replied, saying how very sorry he was to resign. He hoped they would give their full support to his successor, especially at a time like the present. He thanked them all for their kind remarks, and if in the future he could be of any assistance to the Club he would be satisfied. Messrs. E. Randall and Mr. D. Patterson were then elected auditors, and Mr. Colin Brown, Inglenook, Kings Rd., Richmond, unanimously elected sec. Prize money for annual show was paid to winners present. Winners of challenge cups: Challenge cup (presented by Mr. R. Clouting), most points throughout the year, W. Keary, 81 points. Challenge cup for most points, 3 nominated birds, W. Keary, 41. Challenge cup for 2nd points 3 nominated birds, G. Birch, 38. Challenge cup for 3rd, joint holders, C. Huxley and T. Harris, 34 each. Resolved that anyone joining the Soc. before June 30 shall pay entrance fee and subs., and after that date entrance fee only, unless desirous of showing in the current year. Also that subs. become due on Jan. 1 of each year.—G. Birch, Hon. Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held Dec. 15; in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman Mr. H. C. Smith was elected to the chair. The Secretary stated he had paid out all prize money, also all other accounts, and was prepared to have the balance-sheet of the open show audited. We shall be able to hand over £10 to the fund for the prisoners of war in Germany. Mr. H. C. Smith and Mr. A. Bull were elected to audit the accounts. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. W. Harrington for the grand lot of specials he handed over to the society. Also the society was grateful to Mr. D. Raymond for taking over the erecting of the staging, etc. A letter was read from Mr. E. J. Banks re the holding of an open show in February. After a long discussion it was resolved that we could not entertain the proposal of holding another open show in February. A number of letters were read from fanciers all over England congratulating the society on the prompt payment of prize money, also thanking us for the way all birds reached home in good time, some of the fanciers promising a larger entry next year. Resolved to hold annual match pair show on the first Wednesday in February at Neish Royal Stores, the judges, also classification, to be decided at the next meeting. The Chairman asked the Secretary to accept the gift of a salad bowl complete on behalf of Mrs. Thomas; the donor of the gift was Mr. T. Brailis. The Secretary, in replying, said he much appreciated the kindness, and assured Mr. Brailis that Mrs. Thomas would appreciate the gift. Resolved, to have a table show of Yorkshires at our next meeting, two clases, cock and hen; Mr. E. J. Davies to judge Mr H. C. Smith promised 2s., to be won by the member placing the first three birds nearest to the judge's awards. Mr. Braill promised to give a watch for the best Yorkshire at the meeting, to be won by the bird securing the highest number of votes; each member will judge the birds, and record his vote as to which is the best bird. I trust that members will each bring up a couple of birds, Yorkshires, and thus help to make our meetings of great help to the novice members. A vote of condolence was passed to Mr. J. Pearce, who had recently lost his dear mother, who had been an invalid for a number of years. Will members all try and attend the next meeting?—W. Thomas.

BRADFORD EAST.

enth annual show Dec. 18, Park Chapel ols. The room is ideal, and the staging was that the exhibits were to be seen to the best ntage. Entries numbered 307 from 78 exhibi- which is considered to be very good this n. Quality was quite up to the standard of n shows. The strongest classes were the two ghed classes, for the rose bowl; 16 yellows and ills competing for this trophy. The winner was n by Mr. L. Dykes, a real beauty, not of the st, but for type and quality unbeatable, and d to the moment. The society have in Mr. E. ards, the president, a thorough fancier, who, ugh not an exhibitor, has been a breeder of s. for a great number of years. The sec., Mr. pencer, had full charge of the show, and did hare of the work in a very businesslike manner; as ably assisted by Mr. G. R. Rushworth. The stewards were Messrs. Wm. Cruise, O. Priest- P. Priestley, Taylor, Stubles, C. Walker, W. ker, and J. Roe, and the way in which they all through their duties is deserving of the highest se. The judge, Mr. W. H. Shackleton, of nton, gave general satisfaction. Prize-money aid out in the room to all winners present. packing and sending away of the exhibits were through in good time. The gate was probably cord one, and the show will very likely have t the most successful held under the Yorks. n Rules.

IAMP., CL. OR INVIS. TKD. YELL. YORKS. 1, Snead, standard length, lovely qual. of her, rich tone of col., grand head and neck, wing carr., correct pos., fine cond.; 2, Dykes, col., wonderful length, nice head, fine silky her, wings and tail well placed, finely drawn, ds well up; 3, Dyson, grand type, lovely qual., e on stouter lines; 4, Ogden Bros., very stylish; Self; hc, Mason; c, Sutcliffe and Son. BUFF. : 1, Dykes, plenty of length, excels in qual., pos., grand head, well filled neck, wings and well braced, rich level col., wius; 2, Sharpe, id type, feathered like glass, nice head, rare y carr., on good legs and feet, shown well; 3, Craig, very long, nicely moulded, sound col., ds well up; 4, Laycock, wonderful length, slim stylish, could be staged better; vhc, Mitchell; Bennett; c, Ogden Bros. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Craig, tkd. head, lovely qual., shows breed, well on leg, full of nerve, wings and tail niccly carr., col., well benched; 2, Snead, wing tkd., hered like silk, grand head on best of shoulders, and typical, rare wing carr., only beaten in th; 3, hc, Dyson, tkd. head, grand type and oe, A1 pos., hardly as silky in feather; 4, Brown, er, very slim, nice back and wings; vhc, Beau- t; c, Benuett. BUFF (7): 1, Radley, wing tkd., d length, fine silky feather, nice head, well d neck, wings and tail perfectly carr., sound col., pos.; 2, Dr. Craig, sweet wing tkd., rich col., y feather; 3, Snead, wing tkd., beautiful qual., ect shape, hardly as long; 4, Manu, eye tkd., type; vhc, Bennett; hc, Briggs; c, Dykes. FLIG. YELL. (16): 1, Dykes, wins rose bowl, correct type and length, feathered like silk, nd head, full neck, good shoulders, wiugs and perfectly carr., lovely col., A1 pos., staged in cond.; 2, Self, tkd. head and wing, nice length, tight feather, exquisite col., stands well up, t on slim lines; 3, Mitchell, cheek tkd., very col., lovely qual., wings and tail well placed; Bennett, cl., hardly as long, very stylish; vhc, on; hc, Dewhirst; c, Walker. BUFF (17): 1, st, beautiful wing, tkd., plenty of length, feather it as wax, grand head, neck, well braced wings, e tail, A1 cond.; 2, Dykes, cl., lovely type, ndard length, fine silky feather, nice shaped d, wings well carr., shown well; 3, Cruise, sweet g tkd., best of qual., rare typo and shape, level ; 4, Ogden Bros., cl., rich sound col., A1 pos., y stylish, fine cond.; vhc, Dyson; hc, Holden; Briggs. UNFLIG. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Ogden s., cl., grand length, nicely moulded, good head, l filled neck, smooth as glass in front, rich col., nds correct; 2, Self, cl., very slim and typical, ther like silk, sound level col., nice head, on d shoulders, well fitting wings and tail, well wn; 3, vhc, Snead, cl., lovely qual., correct ., only beaten length; 4, Radley, cl., very breedy, e type; hc Thornton and Robertshaw; c, Lunn. FF (11): 1, Radley, tkd., grand type, fine boxy ther, lovely shaped head, full neck, rich level , wings and tail nicely placed, A1 pos., gem; Fisher and Dyson, tkd. head and wing, beautiful l., best of legs, rich col., well fitting wings, dly as long; 3, Thornton and Robertshaw, wing l., lovely shape and qual., neat wings and tail; Dibb, cl.; vhc, Holden; hc, Dykes; c, Helliwell. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (7): 1, c, Hirst, mkd. k and wing, correct type, fine silky feather, nd head, well filled neck, wings and tail, well ced, A1 pos., rich col.; 2, hc, W. Helliwell, cl., nd length, sound col., nice head and neck, lovely l. of feather, only beaten in pos.; 3, J. Helli- ll, tkd., lovely qual., very stylish; 4, Dykes, cl., nd length, full of nerve; vhc, Self. BUFF (8): Dykes, cl., rare length and qual., nice round ad, full neck, wings well carr., sound col., stands rect on best of legs, wins; 2, Whitwham, cl., thered like glass, lovely type, neat wing carr., e tail, well up on leg, has not the length as der; 3, Lunn, cl., nice shape and style, very long hts, rather pale; 4, W. Helliwell, cl., nice qual., od pos.; vhc, Briggs; hc, Dyson; c, Fisher and son. GREEN MKD. YELL. (9): 1, Dykes, even d., wonderful length, rich tone of col., feather ht as wax, grand head, neck, wings, and tail cor- tly carr., A1 pos., a real gem; 2, Dibb, var., autiful shape and style, rather on slim side, ither like silk, rich level col.; 3, 4, Morrison, en mks., 3rd very hot col., lovely qual., neat wings d tail; 4th, slim and typical, plenty of length, h col.; vhc, J. Helliwell; hc, Towers; c, Snead. FF (10): 1, Sharpe, var., beautiful qual., stands ll up on good legs, nice length, rich col., good ad, well-fitting wings and tail, A1 pos.; 2, Morri- n., var., correct shape, plenty of length, rich level ; 3, Dykes, var., wonderful length, lovely qual.; Towers, var., very long, nice style, excels in col.; e, Thornton and Robertshaw; hc, Dr. Craig; c, ncer. GREEN MKD. YELL. HEN (8): 1, wers, even mkd., teeming with qual., rich col., ely moulded, grand head, neck and wings, A1 s., staged well; 2, Dibb, even mkd., slim and ylish, shows breed, full of nerve; 3, Morrison, en mkd., rather less, lovely feather; 4, Sharpe, ., grand size, nice qual.; vhc, Mason; hc, Chit- nden; c, Parrar. BUFF (7): 1, Towers, var., and length, feathered to perfection, stands cor- t, lovely head and neck, wings and tail well ced, sound col., A1 cond.; 2, Cruise, var., hardly long, but for type and qual. unbeatable; 3, Sut- ie and Son, even mk., beautiful shape and style; Dykes, even mkd., plenty of length, very stylish; , Radley; hc, Dibh; c, Mason. CINN. MKD. LL. (7): 1, 4, Dr. Craig, var., wonderful length, h col., full of nerve, grand head, neck, well aced wings and tail; 4th, nice shape and style, rich level col., rare wing carr., falls in head shape; 2, Chittenden, var., hot col., nice length, good head, silky feather, long wings, rather flat on back; 3, Towers, even mkd., lovely col. and qual., neat wings and tail, stands well; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Morrison. BUFF (7): 1, Dr. Craig, uneven mkd., correct type, plenty of length, fine boxy feather, nice round head, full neck, fine cond.; 2, Morrison, var., stylish, fine silky feather, rich col., on good legs, hardly as round in front; 3, Towers, uneven mkd., lovely type, fine silky feather, neat wings and tail; 4, Bennett, uneven mkd., long and stylish; vhc, hc, Atkinson and Firth. CINN. MKD. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Chittenden, var., grand type, plenty of length, A1 pos., rich col., good head, rare wing carr.; 2, Dr. Craig, even mkd., rather less, but lovely shape and qual., level col.; 3, Towers, uneven mkd., lovely type, fine silky feather, neat wings and tail; 4, Bennett, uneven mkd., long and stylish; vhc, hc, Atkinson and Firth. CINN. MKD. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Chittenden, var., grand type, plenty of length, A1 pos., rich col., good head, rare wing carr.; 2, Dr. Craig, even mkd., rather less, but lovely shape and qual., level col.; 3, Towers, uneven mkd., nicely moulded, best of qual.; 4, Midgley, uneven mkd., slim and typical, nice col., fine silky feather; vhc, Mann; hc, Sharpe; c, Morrison. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Dr. Craig, uneven mkd., wonderful length, feathered like glass, grand head, well filled neck, wings and tail, well braced, A1 pos., gem; 4th, grand type, very stylish, not quite as full in neck; 2, Whitwham, even mkd., beautiful shape, fine boxy feather, sound level col.; 3, Morrison, var., excels in qual., nice head, wings and tail, shows well; vhc, Chittenden; hc, Atkinson and Firth. SELL., YELL. CK. (11): 1, Farrar; 2, Craven; 3, hc, Lunn; 4, Mason; vhc, Foster; c, Walker. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Cruise; 2, Walker; 4, Farrar; vhc, Naylor, jun.; hc, Rushworth; c, Lunn. HEN, 12s. 6d. (8): 1, Farrar; 2, Lunn; 3, Spencer; 4, Rushworth; vhc, Foster; hc, Pearson; c, Wroe. NOV., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (9): 1, Rayner, cl., grand length, rich col., full of nerve, good head, long well fitting wings, on good legs, fine cond.; 2, Crowther, cl., rather longer, fine silky feather, sound level col., neat wings and tail, hardly as good in pos.; 3, Ratcliffe, cl., nice length, well carr. wings and tail; 4, Bailey, cl., grand length, very slim and typical; vhc, Lodge; hc, F. Hanson; c, A. Taylor. BUFF (8): 1, F. Hanson, cl., true type, plenty of length, nicely drawn, good head, well filled neck, wings and tail, well carr., level col., A1 pos., gem; 2, Craven, cl., excels in qual. of feather, nicely moulded but on strong lines, shows well; 3, Fisher, cl., very slim and stylish, neat wings and tail, shade less; 4, Naylor, jun., lovely shape, feather like silk, hot col.; vhc, Bower; hc, Sykes; c, Swaine. GREEN MKD. (10): 1, Clarke, var. buff, lovely shape, nice length, stands like a Guardsman, nice qual., good head, neck, wings and tail; 2, 4, J. Taylor, var. yells., lovely qual, neat wings and tail, rich col., only beaten in length; 4th, very slim and stylish; 3, vhc, Symes, uneven mkd. huff. beautiful shape and qual., stands well up; hc, Sugden; c, P. Taylor. HEN (13): 1, J. Taylor, var. huff, beautiful type, feathered liko glass, rich tone of col., good head, full neck, wiugs and tail, perfect, stands well up, A1 cond.; 2, Rayner, even mkd. buff, nice length, lovely head and neck, fine silky feather, inclined to cross wings at times; 3, Crowther, yell., var., lovely shape and style, stands well up, neat wings and tail; 4, Ratcliffe, very stylish, fine silky feather, wings well braced; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Hamlyn. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Symes, cl., wonderful length, teeming with qual., nicely drawn, grand bead and neck, rare wing carr., rich tone of col., A1 pos.; 2, Crowther, cl., hardly as long, nicely moulded, fine silky feather, sound level col., wings and tail well carr.; 3, Reed and Son, cl., nice length, very slim, lovely qual., could be staged better; 4, J. Taylor, uneven mkd., lovely shape and style, nice level col., better; vhc, P. Taylor; hc, Gledhill; c, Lodge. BUFF (7): 1, Terry, cl., plenty of length, fine boxy feather, nice level col., A1 pos., good head, full neck, very nervy, wings and tail well placed; 2, Sykes, mkd. head, rare type and qual., rather short of bloom, well fitting wings, pipe tail; 3, Firth, cl., very rich col., excels in qual., neat wings and tail; 4, Bower, cl.; vhc, Dutton; hc, Sutcliffe; c, Lodge. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Symes, cl., wonderful type, plenty of length, feather like silk, level col., good head, niccly carr. on good shoulders, wings and tail perfect.; 2, Rayner, cl., grandly moulded, tight as wax, rare wing carr.; 3, Sykes, cl., very slim and typical; 4, Lodge; vhc, P. Taylor; hc, Rushworth. BUFF (7): 1, Gledhill, mkd. head, correct shape, nice length, fine boxy feather, best of beads, full neck, raro wing carr., rich col., fine cond.; 2, Sugden, even mkd., beautiful shape and style, excels in qual., well benched; 3, H. Fisher, tkd., very slim, nice qual., could be shown better; 4, T. Fisher, beautiful feather, nice head, wings and tail, staged well; vhc, Crowther; hc, Firth; c, Dutton. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (9): 1, J. Taylor, cl., grand length, fine silky feather, rich level col., good head, wings and tail well carr.; 2, vhc, Ratcliffe, cl., shade larger and stronger built, lovely qual., short of bloom, good head, neat wings, make good stock bird; 3, Bower, cl., very stylish, full of nerve, nice qual.; 4, Sugden, wing tkd., nice length, good body shape; hc, Sutcliffe; c, Hamlyn. BUFF (7): 1, Terry, cl., correct type, plenty of swagger, fine silky feather, good head, well filled neck, level col.; 2, A. Taylor, cl., stands well up, nice length, lovely shaped head, wings and tail perfect, beaten in length; 3, Swaine, cl., nice type, very slim, neat wings and tail; 4, vhc, Wroe, cl., nice qual., good stock bird; hc, Rayner; c, Reed and Son. CINN, MKD. CK. (8): 1, 3, Symes, var. buff, lovely qual., plenty of length, rich col., nice head, well fitting wings and tail; 3rd, var. buff, grand length, fine boxy feather, nice shape and style; 2, hc, Hodgson, jun., yell., long and stylish, beautiful feather, rich tono of col., rare wing carr.; 4, Gledhill, yell., very hot col., stylish, on strong lines; vhc, Ratcliffe; c, Clarke. HEN (5): 1, 2, 4, Hodgson, jun., fine team, 1st even mkd. buff, beautifully moulded, nice length, feathered liko glass, rich level col., good head, wings and tail, perfectly carr., A1 pos.; 2nd, uneven mkd. buff, correct shapo and style, fine silky feather, hardly as good in col.; 4th, yell., lovely qual., hut rather stout; 3, Sugden; vhc, Gledhill. NOR. HEN (6): 1, 3, Simonett, var. buff, grand type, beautiful head, very bold breast, sound level col., A1 qual., well balanced on perch; 3rd, cl. yell., good shape, rich col.. stands well across, rather less; 2, Rolfe, cl., huff, lovely head and subs., best of qual.; 4, vhc, hc, Spencer and Malden.

GUISBOROUGH PRIORY C.B.S.

Table Show, Wear's Café. Mr. T. Hill judged and appeared to give every satisfaction. Yorks., Yell. Ck.: 1, vhc, c, Barker; 2, Cook; 3, Graham; hc, Wilson. Buff: 1, Wilson; 2, 3, hc, Barker; vhc, Cook. Unflgh.: 1, Wilson; 2, 3, vhc, Barker; hc, c, Cook. Hen: 1, 2, vhc, Barker; 3, Cook; hc, Graham; c Starling. Nor., Yell. Ck.: 1, Mays; 2, Cook. Buff: 1, Mays; 2, Cook. Unflgh.: 1, 2, Cook; 3, vhc, Mays. Hens: 1, Mays. Nov., Nor. Unflg.: 1, Atkinson; 2, Knaggs. Heu: 1, Knaggs; 2, Atkinson. A.O.V.: 1, 3, c, Starling; 2, hc, Campbell. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, 2, Jobling. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Mays. A.O.V. Brit.: 1, 3, hc, Jobling; 2, Atkinson; vhc, Mays; c, Cook. Altogether about 70 birds faced the judge, and some very nice birds were on view.—A. W. Knaggs. Hon. Sec.

WADEBRIDGE.

Wadebridge Fanciers' Association patriotic show, Town Hall, Wadebridge, Nov. 13. It was really a members' show, although it was open to the county. The entries were not large, numbering about 60, but some excellent specimens were staged which would not have disgraced a much larger or open show. In the Norwich classes there were several of high class quality and type, while the Yorkshires contained many birds that had won in some large open shows, and were a level lot. The British Goldfinch class was small, but quality good, and competition keen. The A.V. cage bird local class was of exceptional merit, and some of the birds would have taken premier honours had they been shown in the open. The birds were well staged, and reflected great credit on the Wadebridge Fanciers, who are most enthusiastic in all their efforts. The Committee, several of whom are well-known exhibitors, consisted of Miss Douglas, Messrs. F. Irons, F. West, F. Pollard, H. Wills, S. Wills, F. Johns, T. Pinch, D. Harris, T. R. Philp, H. Pascoe, L. H. Lang, H. Ennor, A. Beare, and A. Rickeard. Mr. Tom Rickeard was chairman, and the hon. secretaries were Messrs. E. Hill and Ed. Mitchell, who did their work in a very praiseworthy manner. Mr. F. Liddiccat, of St. Columb, judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. YELL. TKD., Etc. (4): 1, and vhc, J. P. Andrew, the former rich in col., fine qual. and size, good Nor. type, the latter good size and qual., nice type; 2 and res, H. G. Howard, the former good head, neck and chest, a real good one, latter close up, good col. and qual. NOR. BUFF, TKD., Etc. (4): 1 and 2, Howard, former cl. buff, rare type and qual., nice size and lovely col., latter var., good subs. and type, rich col. and qual.; res and vhc, Andrew, good exhibits, nice size and type. HEN (3): 1 and 2, Howard, former wonderful size and type, grand qual., good head, neck and chest, a bonny hen, latter neck and wing mkd. buff, good size and qual., close up; res, Andrew. NOR. BRED, TKD., Etc., 1915 (3): 1 and res, Howard, former cl. yell., excellent qual., neat shape, nice level col., latter var., very short and cobby, good type and qual.; vhc, Andrew. YORKS. YELL., TKD., Etc. (4): 1 and vhc, T. H. Boundy, former very lengtby, grand type, well drawn, very stylish exhibit, latter another good one; 2, G. W. Nichols, rare pos., magnificent qual. and col.; res, Andrew. YORK BUFF, TKD., Etc. (4): 1 and vhc, Boundy, former the best of type and qual., good length and pos., latter good type and pos., qual. and col.; 2, Nicholls, rare qual. and type, nice length aud pos.; res, Andrew. YORK HEN, TKD., Etc. (7): 1 and 3, T. H. Boundy, former cl. huff, good length, straight as a pencil, well up on leg, nice col., latter cl. yell., good length, very typ., lovely wings and tail, nice qual. feather; 2, Nicholls, head and wing mkd., rich col. and qual., fine type and pos.; res, H. Wills and Son; vhc, Docking; hc, A. E. Cave; c, Andrew. YORK. BRED, TKD., Etc., 1915 (3): 1, Nicholls, cl. yell., fine length, rich col., grand qual. and shape; res and vhc, Boundy. A.V. CANARY NAT. COL. (4): 1, J. H. Hicks, wing mark, D.C., well shaped crest, nice veiny and leafy feather; 2, H. Wills and Sons, York., neck mkd., good pos., nice feather and qual.; res and vhc, S. G. Wills. A.V. MULE (4): 1, Boundy, Dark Can. Male, nice col. and type; 2 and res, both Dark Can. Mules, close up. GOLDF. BRIT. (5): 1, J. P. Andrews, fine deep well-cut blaze, neat shape, good moons and bars, fine cond.; 2, F. E. Docking, close up, another good one; 3, Boundy, well polished Finch, nice blaze and good cond.; res. S. G. Wills. A.O.V. BRIT: 1, J. H. Hicks, yell. Bunting, rich cl. col., good head mkngs., nice size and shape; 2, J. P. Andrew, Greenf., good size, lovely col., qual. and cond.; res and vhc, S. G. Wills. SELL. Bird and Cage 10s. (3): 1, Boundy; 2, S. G. Wills; 3, Andrew. A.V. CAGE BIRD not larger than a Lark, local (9): 1, L. Cleave, neck mark, yell. York., good length and type, fine pos., col. and qual.; 2, A. E. Cave, buff York., good stylish exhibit, nice col. and qual.; 3, H. Wills and Sons, buff York., rich col. and qual., fine type and pos., close up; res and hc, S. G. Wills; hc, F. E. Docking; L. Cleave; c, H. Wills and Sons.

LONG EATON.

Annual show, Dec. 4, in the large club room adjoining the Blue Bell Hotel. Entries hardly came up to expectations, but the quality, especially of the Yorkshires and Crests, was very good. The birds were all nicely staged, and all could be seen at a glance. The arrangements were splendidly carried out, Mr. J. Turner making an ideal secretary; he carried out his duties in A1 style, and was well backed up by a hard-working committee. Messrs. Smith and Turner won the members' cups. Mr. W. Vardy judged all Canaries, Mr. W. Hayter taking British Birds. Their awards gave general satisfaction.

NOR., YELL. (5): 1, 3, Fox, cls., splendid size and shape, lovely col. and qual., capital heads and necks, very fit; 3, also cl., splendid col., rare shape, lovely body and cond.; 2, Wilcox, head marked, grand col., nice bead and neck, splendid qual. and feather, very close up; 4, Dean, good col. and qual., much smaller; vhc, Stainlands. BUFF (3): 1, Fox, varieg. buff, grand col. and shape, nice bead and neck, grand wings and tail, well shown, fit; 2, Dean, head mkd., nice shape and col., rare body, qual., and feather, well shown; 3, Hexter, cl., grand shape nice body and qual., pale col. and much smaller. HEN (3): 1, Fox, cl., splendid shape and col., tip-top cond. and qual., smart carr. and style, wins; 2, Wilcox, smart, stylish, shapely, cl., grand body and col. nice head and neck, very fit; 3, Dean, rather pale col. huff, nice shape, cond. and feather, very well staged. UNFLIG. (1): 1, Stainlands, var. buff, nice shape and col., fit; YKS., YELL. (2): 1, 2, Brown, head mkd. and varieg., splendid length and col., grand body and shape. BUFF (3): 1, Freebury, cl., grand length and pos., neat heads, well filled in neck, rare feather; 2, Strainland, grand col. and shape, nice feather and cond.; 3, Brown, cl., grand shape and style, neat head, well staged. HEN: 1, Brown, cl. buff, nice shape and style. UNFLIG.: Cancelled. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, Barker, lovely variog., D.C. leading, followed closely by Green, C.B.; 3, Wilcox, usual white Canary, in lovely cond.; 4, vhc, Edwards, varieg. C.B., grand feather, nice shapo and bloom; vhc, Fox. MULE (4): 1, Edwards, varieg. Goldic-Can., grand feather and qual., on small side; 2, Hexter, good feather, nice cond.; 3, 4, Else, Greenic-Can., grand bloom and type. GOLDF., ETC. (6): 1, 3, Edwards, 2 lovely Bullies, grand shape, col. and feather, very little between them; 2, 4, Davies, Goldies, good shape, nice feather and cond.; vhc, Shelton; hc, Keighley. GREENF. (4): 1, Fairhurst, good col. and shape, nice body and feather; 2, Keighley, nice shape and size, fair col. and qual., very fit; 3, Hexter, nice size, good col., splendid feather and cond. LINNET (5): 1, 2, Davis, two rare specimens, both splendidly pencilled, and in lovely feather; 3, Shelton, nice size, good breast, nice head, rare feather; 4, Fairburst. SISKIN (1): 1, Fairhurst, nice col. and size, very fit. A.O.V. (2): 1, Hexter; 2, Sawer. SELL, 10s.: 1, Will Goose. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR., YELL. (2) 1, Wilcox; 2, 3, Horwood; 4, Smith. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Horwood; 2, 3, Wilcox; vhc, Houseley. VARIEG.: 1 Wilcox. UNFLIG., YELL. (6): 1, cup, Smith; 2, 4, Wilcox; 3 Lowe; vhc, Horwood. BUFF: 1, 2, Horwood; 3, Hexter. VARIEG. (2): 1, Smith; 2, Horwood. YORKS., YELL. (5): 1, Beven; 2, Wall; 3, Lowe; 4, Barber; vhc, Hexter. BUFF (4): 1, Barber; 2, Wall; 3, Freebury; 4, Houseley. Hen (5): 1, 3, hc, Barber; 2, Wall; 4, Freebury. UNFLIGH., YELL. (4): 1, Lowe; 2, Wall; 3, 4, Barber. BUFF (5): 1, 3, 4, Barber; 2, vhc, Wall. VARIEG. (5): 1, Wall; 2, 3, Barber; 4, Lowe. CREST, A.V. (2): 1, Harber; 2, Barker. C.B. (2): 1, 2, Barker. UNFLIGH. (2): 1, Barker; 2, Barber. C.B., UNFLIGH. (2): 1, Harker; 2, Barber. BORDER, YELL. (2): 1, 2, Turner. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Turner. UNFLIGH., YELL. (5): 1, 4, hc, Turner; 2, 3, vhc, Bancroft. BUFF (5): 1, 4, hc, cup, Turner; 2, 3, vhc, Bancroft. MULE, A.V. (2): 1, Hexter; 2 Barber. HYBRID: Cancelled. GOLDF. ETC. (4): 1, Howsley; 2, Horwood; 3, Turner. GREENF., Cancelled (6). LINNET (1): 1, Turner. GIFT (4): 1, Barber; 2, Smith; 3, Hexter.

PELTON FELL C.B.S.

Thirteenth annual show, Colliery Inn, Nov. 20. Nearly 300 birds were staged, and among them were many birds that have done some winning in open classes. Crests are going very strong at Pelton, and promise to make a name for themselves. Considering that quite a fifth of the members are serving their country the entry was a grand one. The gift class for soldiers' and sailors' fund realised £9 4s. 6d. Mr. T. Dixon judged.

Nor. Yell.: 1, sp, Young; 2, Harrison; 3, Foster. Buff: 1, Harrison; 2, Stanger; 3, Bailes. Hen: 1, Briggs; 2, 3, Basey. Yell. 1915: 1, Coates; 2, Page; 3, Bailes. Buff: 1, Briggs; 2, Stanger; 3, Lindsay. Hen, 1915: 1, Lindsay; 2, Elliot. Nov.: 1, Young; 2, Robson; 3, Towers. Nat. Col.; 1, Stanger; 2, York; 3, Robson. Cinn.: 1, Coates; 2, 3, Stanger. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Towers; 2, Stanger. Buff: 1, Stanger; 2, Storey. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Ward. Yell., 1915: 1, Ward; 2, Cresswell; 3, Stanger. Buff: 1, Stanger; 2, 3, Cresswell. Hen: 1, Cresswell. Nov.: 1, Towers; 2, 3, Storey. Nat. Col.: 1, Storey; 2, Cresswell. Crest: 1, Bewick; 2, Coates; 3, Stanger. C.B.: 1, Bewick; 2, 3, Stanger. Crest or C.B. Hen: 1, 2, Bewick; 3, Foster. Crest, 1915: 1, Bewick; 2, Stanger; 3, Foster. C.B.: 1, 3, Foster; 2, Stanger. Crest or C.B. Hen: 1, 3, Bewick; 2, Stanger. Bord. Yell.: 1, Elliot; 2, Young; 3, Lowerson. Buff: 1, Lowerson; 2, 3, Towers. Yell. Hen: 1, Bates; 2, Lowersou; 3, Robson. Buff: 1, Young; 2, Bates; 3, Lowerson. Gr. or Foul: 1, 3, Elliot; 2, York. Cinn.: 1, 2, Elliot. Nov.: 1, Young; 2, 3, Lowerson. Nov. Pairs: 1, Basey; 2, Robson; 3, Young. A.O.V. Can.: 1, Stanger; 2, Bewick; 3, Towers. Mule, Light or Varieg.: 1, 2, Boyd; 3, Foster. Dark: 1, Stanger; 2, 3, Boyd. Linnet, H.M.: 1, Boyd; 2, Peart; 3, Lindsay. F.M.: 1, Young; 2, Holmes; 3, Boyd. Goldf.: 1, York; 2, Boyd; 3, Ward. Bullf.: 1, Lindsay. Greenf.: 1, Boyd; 2, Foster; 3, Lindsay. Redpoll, etc.: 1, 3, Wilde; 2, Elliot. Bunting: 1, Boyd; 2, Lindsay. A.O. Seed-eater: 1, Boyd; 2, Lindsay; 3, Bailes. Hen Brit.: 1, Boyd; 2, Lindsay. Softbill: 1, 2, Lindsay. For.: 1, Briggs; 2, M'Donald. Gift: 1, Foster; 2, Stanger; 3, Elliot.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS.

Although the war curtailed some of its usual features, the seventeenth annual show had no fewer than 112 entries. By the courtesy of the president (Mr. Frank Slack) and Mrs. Slack, the show was held at their residence, 25, Wellington Square. Mr. and Mrs. Slack were indefatigable in their hospitality. Tea was provided. Judges, Messrs. W. Ellis (Bexhill) and J. Stevens (Hastings). Mr. F. Wraight presided at the opening. Others present included Lady Webster, the Countess O'Lilery, Mr. and Mrs. Slack, Mrs. Kirk-Bullock, Miss Irene Kirk-Bullock (hon. sec. and treas.), Mrs. Wraigbt, Mrs. and Miss Melville, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis T. Weston, Mrs. Crofts, Mr. Howick (Midhurst), and others. Mrs. Slack, who gracefully opened the show, was presented by Miss Kirk-Bullock with a beautiful basket of flowers from the committee. A vote of thanks was carried to Mrs. Slack, and to Mr. and Mrs. Slack for their kindness in giving the use of their house. The president moved a vote of thanks to the judges, and included Miss Kirk-Bullock. The chairman was also thanked.

Memb. Yorks. Champ—Cl. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, Wraight; 3, c, Walker; vhc, bc, Veness. Buff: 1, Veness; 2, 3, Wraight. Tkd., etc. Yell. Ck.: 1, Veness (runner-up Yorks. Cup); 2, Wraight; 3, Walker. Buff: 1, Wraight; 2, Sherwood. Hens, Yell.: 1, Veness; 2, Wraight; 3, Walker; vhc, Sherwood. Buff: 1, cup, 3, Veness; 2, Walker; vhc, Wraigbt. Unflig. Yell.: 1, Walker; 2, Wraight; 3, Veness. Buff: 1, 2, Veness (runner-up for Kirk-Bullock trophy best unflig.); 3, Wraight. Nor. Champ., Cl. Buff Ck.: 1, Miss McDonald (runner-up for Nor. Cup); 2, Pennells. Tkd., etc., Yell. Ck.: 1, Pennells. Buff: 1, Miss McDonald; 2, Wraight. Hen, Yell.: 1, Miss McDonald; 2, Pennells; 3, Olle. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Pennells. Unflig Yell.: 1, 2, Pennells (winner of the Kirk-Bullock trophy and Nor. Cup); 3, hc, Olle; vhc, Miss McDonald. Buff: 1, 2, vhc, Pennells; 3, hc, c, Olle. Nov. Memb., Yorks., Tkd., etc., Buff Ck.: 1, 2, Mrs. Slack. Hen, Yell.: 1, Mrs. Slack (runner-up for Kirk-Bullock Nov. Yorks. Cup). Buff: 1, Mrs. Slack (cup winner). Unflig yell.: 1, Mrs. Slack. Buff: 1, 2, 3, French; vhc, Mrs. Slack. Nor., Cl. Yell. Ck.: 1, Mrs. Crofts (runner-up for Irene Kirk-Bullock Novice Nor. Cup): 2, Mrs. Bertram. Buff: 1, Mrs. Crofts; 2, French. Tkd., etc., Yell. Ck.: 1, Mrs. Crofts; 2, Mrs. Bertram. Buff: 1, French (Nor. Nov. Cup winner); 2, Mrs. Crofts. Hen, Yell.: 1, Mrs. Crofts; 2, French. Buff: 1, 2, Mrs. Crofts; 3, Mrs. Bertram. Unflig. Yell.: 1, Mrs. Crofts. Buff: 1, Mrs. Crofts; 2, Mrs. Norman. Unfed: 1, Miss Melville. A.O.V. Can.: 1, 2, Olle. Goldf.: 1, spl., Relfe; 2, Mrs. Crofts; 3, Howick; vhc, Mrs. Norman. Bullf.: 1, Mrs. Bertram. Linnet, etc.: 1, 3, Mrs. Crofts; 2, Howick. A.O. Small Hardbill: 1, 2, Relfe. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 2, 3, Howick (winner of British Cup and trophy best Hybrid): vhc, hc, c, Mrs. Crofts. For., Small: 1, Mrs. Bertram. Team of Four Nor.: 1, E. Olle; 2, H. Pennells; 3, Miss McDonald. Pair Nor.: 1, 3, vhc, Mrs. Crofts; 2, H. Pennells; hc, Mrs. Norman. Yorks. Pairs: 1, Miss B. McDonald. A.O. Pairs: 1, 2, Lady Webster (winner of Foreign Bird Cup presented by Rev. J. M. Paterson). Sell., Yorks. Hen: 1, Miss McDonald. Other special winners were Relfe and Pennells. Douors of special prizes included Mrs. Crofts. Mrs. Bertram, Mrs. and Miss Kirk-Bullock, Mr. Howick, Mr. Wraight, and Mrs. M. M. Greengrass.—Irene Kirk-Bullock, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow).

7th annual show, Dec. 4, Victoria Hall, Crosshill, a very comfortable one for the purpose, roomy and free from draughts. Birds were well staged all round the four sides, with a tier up the centre, as this enterprising body of fanciers know how to do it; and right well were they pleased with this, their record show, 500 birds facing the judges, and quality was a leading feature. Norwich were the superior lot. We were pleased to see marked improvement in British in quality, as well as quantity. Borders also showed an improvement and were wonderfully well staged. Yorks. were a capital lot, many of them could win anywhere, Pres. Heggie scoring well —1st and 2nd in every class, also securing principal honours with his Hybrids. The officials were a lot of hard workers, looking well after the exhibits, and none did more than the Sec., Mr. A. K. Hunter, and all honour and praise rest with him. This is his first year of holding this position, and everything was first-rate. He was ably supported by such capable and well-known fanciers as Pres. R. Heggie, Vice-Pres. R. B. Cairns and A. Forrman; Committee, Messrs. R. Jeffrey, R. Hamilton, A. Steel, J. Fulton, W. McClymont, W. Connelly, J. R. Steel, W. Steel, and R. Galbraith, A. W. Naismith and M. Stewart, who all worked with great harmony. The show was well patronised and sales were good. The principal special winners were: Rose bowl, best Nor., S.P.C. medal, also gold medal best young bird, R. B. Cairns; Pres., R. Heggie secured rose bowl best Yorks, special best bird in hall, also gold medal 2nd best young bird, rose bowl best Mule. R. Heggie special best British went to A. Steel. Judges: Nor., Mr. John Holmes Edinburgh), and Mr. E. Barron (Glasgow); Yorks., Mr. J. F. Park (Glasgow). Mr. A. H. McLean the remainder.

NOR. OLD BIRDS, CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Stewart, grand head, neck and front, capital qual. and col., rare size, neat flights; 2, Jeffrey, rare size and subs., fine head, neck and flights; 3, Colley, close up, excellent qual. and col., fine cobby body, good head; 4, Kerr; 5, Cairns; 6, Hamilton. BUFF: 1, Hamilton, rare size, fine head, neck and front, nicely mealed, shade rough; 2, 6, 7, Colley, 2nd grand head, neck, and subs. of body, capital qual. and col., well frosted, fine short wings, many preferred 3, Kerr, grand stamp, fine head, neck and front; 4, Naismith; 5, Fulton. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Young, rare size and subs., good head, qual. and col.; 2, Miller, 1kd. head, fine size, head and neck, shade rough; 3, Jeffrey, good size, fine head, qual. and col.; 4, Fulton; 5, Naismith; 6, Stewart; 7, Colley. BUFF: 1, S.P.C. medal, Cairns, grand size and subs., rare round head, thick neck, capital qual. col. and cond.; 2, Colley, all there for type, close up, lovely qual, and col., shade narrow in entrance; 3, Jeffrey, better head, nice cobby shape, good qual., col., cond., not much between these three; 4, 5, Halliday; 6, Millar; 7, McLuskie. VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, 5, Hamilton, right eye and wing mkd., great size, very fine qual. and col.; 2, Naismith, head mkd., fine cobby body, nice qual., neat flights; 3, Hunter, good size, fine qual. and col.; 4, Fulton. BUFF: 1, Kerr, splendid size and qual., fine head and neck, capital qual., known face; 2, Colley, fine stamp, extra qual. and col.; 3, Stewart, good size and subs., fine qual.; 4, spl, Cairns; 5, Hamilton; 6, 7, Miller. VARIEG. YELL. HEN: 1, Jeffrey not the biggest, but nice shape, splendid qual. and col.; 2, Stewart, fine head, neck and front, nice qual. and col.; 3, Knox, head and wing mkd., fine qual. and col., fails in head; 4, 6, Hamilton; 5, Naismith; 7, Hunter. BUFF: 1, Cairns, neck and wing mkd., rare size, fine head, neck and subs., good wings, nicely mealed; 2, Stewart, good size and subs., fine head and qual.; 3, Connelly, fine short cobby body, good head, qual. and flights; 4, Gilmour; 5, Holliday; 6, 7, Young. NON-FED CK.: 1, Naismith, cl. yell., rare size, shape and qual., neat wings; 2, A. Steel, var. buff, little narrow in entrance, fine size, shape and qual.; 3, Stewart, cl. yell., fine head, qual. and size; 4, Hamilton; 5, Gilmour; 6, Holliday. HEN: 1, Kerr, rare size and shape, extra good qual., fine short body and flights, grand stamp; 2, 6, Colley, 2nd rattling good, short and cobby cl. buff, capital qual.; 3, Stewart, cl. buff, grand size and qual., presses; 4, Young; 5, A. Steel; 7, Bryson. YOUNG BIRDS, NON-FED CK.: 1, 2, Foreman, both fine size, shape and qual. HEN: 1, Foreman, cl. buff, good size, nice head, could do with more subs.; 2, Percy, shade smaller, fine qual., short flights. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Cairns, grand one, tkd. head, rare size, fine head, neck and deep front, splendid qual. and col., nice short flights and tail; 2, Black, close up, shade smaller and paler in col., rare round head, extra good qual., fine short body, flights and tail, well known, in grand company; 3, 4, Colley, 3rd fine stamp, good head, neck, size and qual.; 5, Knox; 6, Jeffrey; 7, Fulton, grand class. BUFF: 1, 3, Cairns, 1 and 2 spl, topper, rare size, bold head and front, full neck, capital qual. and col., fine short body, flights and tail, could win in open classes, 3rd scarcely so bold head, fine qual.; 2, Knox, rare qual., fine short cobby body, good head, behind size only; 4, Colley; 5, Fulton; 6, Jeffrey; 7, Hamilton. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, claimed at catalogue price, £5 5s., Stewart, grand head, neck and deep front, A1 qual. and col.; 2, Percy, good size and subs., fine qual., neat flights; 3, Kerr, close up, capital qual., fine short body and flights; 4, Knox; 5, 6, Cairns; 7, Holliday. BUFF: 1, Cairns, tkd. head, fine short cobby body and flights, capital qual. and col.; 2, Black, right type, A1 qual., col., and sheen; 3, Stewart, grizzle head, fine qual., shade long in body; 4, Fulton; 5, 6, Miller; 7, Knox. VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Cairns, 1st rare size, rich col. and qual., fine head and front, 3rd saddle mkd., good bold front, shade long behind; 4, Bryson; 5, Gilmour. BUFF: 1, Stewart, almost green, rare size, fine head and neck, short body and flights; 2, Hamilton, fine size and subs.; 3, 5, Cairns, 3rd good head and subs.; 4, Connelly; 6, Ross; 7, Black. HEN: 1, Jeffrey, head and right wing mkd., good size, capital qual. and col.; 2, Hardie, right wing mkd., fine size and qual.; 3, Black, nice size and qual.; 4, Fulton; 5, Cairns; 6, Bryson. BUFF: 1, Colley, almost green, fine size, shape and qual., claimed; 2, 4, Fulton, 2nd fine qual., fails head; 3, Connelly, better size, subs. and head, fine qual.; 5, Hunter; 6, Jeffrey; 7, McLuskie. OLD BORD. CL. YELL.: 1, 4, Thomson, 1st capital qual., col. and cond., finely rounded head and body; 2, 3, Briggs, rare qual. and col., inclines to drop wing, 3rd fine qual., col., cond. and flights; 5, Jeffrey. BUFF: 1, Thomson, sweet shape and qual., splendid wing carr., correct weight; 2, 3, Briggs, 2nd bolder in body, capital qual., tight in feather, well-braced wings, 3rd fine one for shape and qual.; 4, Jeffrey. A.O.V.: 1, 4, 5, Jeffrey, 1st Cinn, fine shape and wing carr., pale in col.; 2, 6, A. Steel, 2nd green, rare sound rich col., well laced back, correct weight and wing carr., we liked; 3, Thomson, buff var., fine shape, qual., wing carr.; 7, Briggs. YOUNG BORD, CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Thomson, fine shape, col., flights and tail. BUFF: 1, Thomson, marvellous qual., neat shape and flights. 1, Jeffrey, cinn., sweetly made, fine col., cond. and wing carr.; 2, Thomson, yell. var., correct weight and shape, lovely col. and qual.; 3, Knox, yell .var., line make, rough in feather. OLD YORKS. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 3, 5, Heggie, 1st hot col., rare qual., wonderful length, line pos., 2nd equal length and qual., paler col., 3rd fine length and qual., crosses at times; 4, Peters; 6, 7, Ross. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Heggie, 1st great length, capital qual., tight in feather, stands well up on good legs, 2nd shade faulty in flights, otherwise good; 3, 5, Ross, 3rd same fault, nice qual. and length. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 4, 5, Heggie, 1st and 2nd hard to separate, both grand length, qual. and wings, line pos.; 3, W. Steel, line length and pos., nice qual.; 6, McLellan. CL. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Heggie, all fine slim type, good length and qual.; 4, Ross. VARIEG. (6): All honours Heggie, grand team. YOUNG YORKS, CK.: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, Heggie, line length, qual., col. and well put down; 4, W. Steel; 7, Peters. HEN: 1, spl 2 3 Heggie yell., rare length, qual. and pos., fine smooth front, 2nd capital qual. and pos., grandly laid wings, 3rd cap-mkd. buff, close up; 4, W. Steel; 5, Wilson; 6, Peters. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 5, W. Steel, 1st and 2nd cinn. Nor., fine size, shape and col., good cond.; 3, E. Steel, buff green Nor., line head, neck and body, well-laced back; 4, Foreman. NOV. CAN.: 1, 3, Robertson, 1st yell. var. Nor., hot col., line size and subs., good head, 3rd cl. buff, good size and shape, neat flights; 2, 6, Smith, 2nd cl. buff, close up, fine size and type, good head; 4, McLellan; 5, Hardie; 7, Lees. NOV. 1915: 1, 2, Urquhart, 1st cl. buff Nor., rare qual., col. and cond., fine head, 2nd cl. yell., grand stamp, fine col. and cond., both a credit; 3, 7, Hardie, 3rd nice size, col. and cond.; 4, Smith; 5, McLellan; 6, Ross. LIGHT MULES: 1, 2, 3, 4, Heggie, 1st cl. Greenf., well known, still going strong, takes spl. best bird, 2nd same cross, mkd. on neck, 3rd almost even mkd. Goldf., 4th var. Goldf., line quartette. DARK: 1, 2, 3, Heggie, 1st Greenf., grand size, shape, col., and qual., 2nd Siskin, big one, line col., 3rd Goldf., rare size and col., rich face; 4, Colley, Goldf., close up, hot col.; 5, A. Steel; 6, Miller. HYB.: 1, Heggie, well-known Greenf.-Chaff, grand size, shape and cond., shows cross well; 2, E. Steel, Greenf.-Bullf., fine size, shape and col., rare cond., well staged; 3, McGavin, Linnet-Greenf., sober col., good size and shape. MULE OR HYB., 1915: 1, McGavin, jonque Goldf.-Can.; 2, 3 J. R. Steel, same cross, fine order. LINNET: 1, spl. best Brit., A. Steel, grand size, shape, and cond., fine col., well laced front, good flights, wins; 2, Heggie, behind size only, rare col., better laced front, rich back, good whites; 3, Hamilton, nice F.-M., good size, shape and col., finely laced front, will improve; 4, 7, McGavin; 5, E. Steel; 6, G. Smith. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, J. R. Steel, Goldf., rare size and shape, fine big square-cut face, good tans and flights; 2, McGavin, Bullf., grand size and shape, good cap and bars, pale col.; 3, Bryson, Goldf., rare rich face of good width, fine size, shape, good tanning; 4, 7, McClymont; 5, McLellan; 6, R. Hamilton. SISKIN, &c.: 1, 3, A. Steel, 1st sweet little Siskin, fine shape, good cap, well-laced flanks, 3rd fine hot col. Twite, well-laced breast, good size, shape and flights; 2, E. Steel, Lesser 'Poll, grand size and cobby shape, neat bib, nicely laced; 4, 5, McGavin,; 6, Smith; 7, E. Steel. GREENF.: 1, 3, McGavin, both grand size and shape, bold heads, rare rich flights and tails; 2, 7, McClymont, fine yell. bold head and front, capital qual. and col., good flights, close up; 4, 5, A. Steel; 6, Smith. BRAMBLE OR CHAFF: 1, E. Steel, Chaff., rare col., fine size and shape, good head and whites; 2, Knox, Bramble, hot col., fine size, shape and cond., grand hood, close up; 3, 4, McGavin; 5, Connelly; 6, McClymont. LARGE BRIT.: 1, Connelly, Hawfinch, fine size and shape, good col. and bib, steady; 2, McGavin, Hawfinch, better size, scarcely so good col., fine bib and cond., bit restless. HEN: 1, 2, McGavin, 1st Chaff., 2nd Bullf.; 3, Knox, Yellow Bunting; 4, 7, Steel; 5, Smith; 6, McClymont. SMALL: 1, Connelly, fine col. Yellow Bunting, good size, shape and markings; 2, E. Steel. FOR.: 1, Ross, Goldf., good size, shape, pure in whites, rare rich square-cut face. A.O.V. FOR.: 1, McLellan, fine pair of Budgerigars; 2, Ross. OPEN CLASSES. NOR. YELL. CK. A.V.: 1, Stewart, cl., fine size, qual. and col., rare head, neck and front, well-laid flights; 2, Maxwell, cl., close up, fine head, neck, and front, rare qual. and col.; 3, Barron, neck mkd., good qual, col., fine head, front, typical; 4, Naismith; 6, Hawkie; 5, Johnstone. HEN: 1, Hutchinson, rare size and type, fine head, neck and deep front, good qual., fine short flights; 2, Kerr, cl., grand stamp, grand head; neck and front, fine qual.; 3, Stewart, yell. var., non-fed, fine size and shape, good head and front, capital qual.; 4, Jeffrey; 5, Barron; 6, Hawkie; 7, Johnstone. BUFF CK.: 1, 5, Barron, 1st almost green, rare size and subs., good head and neck, fine qual.; 2, Kerr, var., fine size and qual., good head; 3, Johnstone, rare qual. and col.; 4, Findlay; 6, Maxwell; 7, Hawkie. HEN: 1, Cairns, neck and wing mkd., rare size, shape and qual., short flights; 2, Maxwell, grizzle head, known winner, rare size and front, capital qual.; 3, Barron, cl., fine size and shape, good head; 4, Crawford; 5, Johnstone. UNFLIG. YELL. CK.: 1, 4, Cairns, grand stamp, rare size, fine head, neck and front, A1 qual., col. and cond., wins; 2, Black, shade smaller, fine head, neck and front, capital qual., fine short feather, neat flights, close up; 3, 5, Barron, 3rd fine head and subs.; 6, McLean; 7, Maxwell. HEN: 1, Lawson and Sons, fine head and front, good size, qual. and col.; 2, Cairns, fine type, qual. and col.; 3, Hutchison, cl. sweet shape, qual. and col.; 4, Johnstone. BUFF CK.: 1, Cairns, wins spl. best Nor., rare size, bold head and front, fine qual. and col.; 2, McLean, nice stamp, good head, neck and front; 3, 7, Barron, 3rd cl., fine qual. and col.; 4, Houston; 5, 6, Lawson and Sons. HEN: 1, Crawford, grand head, neck and front, good size, qual., col. and cond.; 2, Lawson and Sons, fine type, well mealed, good flights; 3, Houston, fine size, shape and qual., close up; 4, Maxwell; 5, Cairns; 6, Hawkie. YORKS. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Heggie, rare team for length, qual., col., pos., and well-braced wings, hard to beat; 4, Priest; 5, Martin. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Heggie, 1st sp. great length, fine and straight, extra qual., well frosted, 2nd rare length and pos., shade rough; 3, Pinnock, grand length and qual., smooth front, fine pos. and style, might have gone up a peg; 4, Martin. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Heggie, grand lot, fine length and qual; 3, Steel, grand length and qual., rare wings, behind col. only; 5, McLellan. BUFF: 1, 2, 5, Heggie, 1st fine length and qual., shade rough, 2nd we preferred, capital qual., tight in feather, rare length; 3, Gibb, we liked for 2nd, fine slim type, grand qual., well-laid wings; 4, Gray; 6, Priest. VARIEG. CK.: 1, 2, Heggie; 3, Priest; 4, Gibb. HEN: 1, 2, Heggie; 3, Pinnock; 4, Gray. UNFLIG. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Heggie, 1st buff var., 2nd buff var., 3rd yell. var. three grand youngsters; 4, 6, Pinnock; 5, Gray; 7, Priest. BUFF: 1, 2, Heggie, 1st clear, 2nd mkd. wing; 3, spl, W. Steel; 4, Gibb. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Heggie, grand team, hard to beat; 4 5, Findlay; 6, Pinnock; 7, Priest, hot class.

OLD SHILDON C.B.S.

Annual Show, Dec. 4, Workmen's Institute. The room is one of the finest we have seen, being lofty, free from draught, and well lighted. We were sorry to see so few exhibits, as every comfort for the birds was well looked to. We think if the show had been better advertised it would have been a greater success. Many of the classes were cancelled owing to short entries. Dr. Wilson put down a fine team of Mules and Britishers, and had a good day. Mr. Ainsworth was an ideal sec., and was well backed up by a hard working committee. Mr. W. Mundell, Bradford, judged.

NOR. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Briggs, buff, variegd., good head and chest, full of qual., short and cobby; 2, Stanger, cl. yell., lovely feather, rich col., short wings, nicely placed; 3, Mason and Sanderson, buff head and chest, boxy feather; vhc, Bailes and Robson; hc, c, Jeffries. NOV. HEN: 1, Jeffries, buff, good head and neck, clean chest, lovely feather, nice short wings and tail; 2, Briggs, yell., short and cobby, good head, nice qual., rich col.; 3, hc, Hornsby; 3, buff, rich col., good head, nice compact wings; vhc, Bailes and Robson; c, Crowther. YORKS. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 2, Wearmouth & Hodgson, 1, buff, check mkd., a gem, lovely qual., pos. A1, good head; 2, yellow, not so large, rich level col., very typical, neat, round head; 3, Creswell, buff, looking thick when we saw it; vhc, Potter; hc, Crowther. SELL. 15s. (8): 1, Richardson; 2, McNaughton; 3, Crowther; vhc, Orton; hc, Cook and Hood; c, Jeffries. 10s. (10): 1, Orton; 2, Stanger; 2, Hughill; vhc, Richardson; hc, Bradley; c, Wilcock. SELL, Mule or Brit. (8): 1, Hobson and Robinson; 2, Rowlandson; 3, Wright; vhc, Todd; hc, c, Foster. LINNET (9): 1, 2, Wright, 1, rich col., nicely penc., rare size very steady; 2, lovely col. and pencilling, not so large; 3, Pegg, steady, nicely mkd., not so rich in col.; vhc, Dr. Wilson; hc, Gray; c, Stanger. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (8): 1, c, Dr. Wilson, Bullie, good head, rich col., nice bars, in the pink; 2, Wright, Goldie, nice square blaze, good bars and button, rich col.; 3, Rutherford, Bullie, good head and bars, not so rich in col.; vhc, Hunter; hc, Wilson. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Foster, Redpoll, in the pink of cond.; 2, Cresswell, Twite, nicely pencilled, rich col., a bit thick when we saw it; 3, c, Nicholson; 5, Redpoll, very smart; vhc, Dr. Wilson; hc, Wright. A.O. Seadeater (6): 1, Dr. Wilson, Meadow Bunting, in the pink of cond.; 2, 4, vhc, Wright, Hawfinch, good head and bib, rich col.; 3, Nicholson, Challinch, rich col., nice whites, cond. A1; hc, Wilcock; c, H. A. Wilson. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 2, Dr. Wilson, 1, Redpoll-Bullf., in the pink of cond.; 2, Greenie-Chaff., cond. A1, on the small side; 3, Stanger, yell. Greenf.-Can.; vhc, c, Rev. Appleton; hc, Rowlandson. YORKS. (8): 1, vhc, Warrington; 2, c, Stothard; 3, Gray; hc, Allen.

WALLSEND (Mid-Tyne) C.B.A.

Eleventh annual members' show, Co-operative Hall, Nov. 6; an ideal hall for a show, good size, and free from draughts. Entries were nearly 500, and staging was all one could desire, every bird could be seen at a glance. Norwich were of good quality, also Yorks. and Borders, and in British classes some well-known winners were staged. Mr. G. Greenwell, the worthy sec., is the right man in the right place; he controls matters capitally, and works like a Trojan. Stewards who officiated in a most practical and praiseworthy manner were Messrs. L. Simpson, T. Messenger, G. Coachman, J. Watson, R. McDougall, B. Wilson, H. Fleck, T. Parker, J. Roy, J. White. All kept top-side of their work. Our worthy President, Col. E. N. Pinkney, is in France, and could not visit our show this year. Competition was very keen. Judging was over in good time, prize cards displayed promptly, and everything went well before a record attendance. Mr. A. Affeck won President's cup for best young bird with a yellow green Border, also special best green Border, and will be heard of later. He is only a novice, meeting all the champions. Mr. G. Couchman won R. I. Dce's cup with three nominated birds with two 1sts and 2nd, Goldfinch, Bramblefinch, and Chaffinch, well known winners. Mr. J. Johnson, the well known green Border fancier, won Percy Hood's cup for most points with a total of 145 points. This is the third year in succession. He also won the Border Fancy medal with a green Border hen. Messrs. G. Dobinson, Seaton Delaval; W. Thomson, Newton Grange; and C. Waters judged, and their awards were well received. The show was a great success. Twelve birds were sold for the benefit of Red Cross Fund, and brought £2 17s.

NOR., CL. YELL. (13): 1, vhc, Morrison; 2, Hunter; 3, Fleck; 4, c, McKay; hc, Fleck. BUFF (12): 1, Hunter; 2, McKie; 3, Watson; 4, Fleck; vhc, Scott; hc, c, McKay. YELL., TKD. OR MKD. (4): 1, Morrison; 2, Watson; 3, 4, Mathewson. BUFF (14): 1, 2, McKay; 3, McGinn; 4, Morrison; vhc, Malia; hc, Maddison; c, Kindness. HEN., YELL., CLR. TKD. OR VARIEG. (15): 1, hc, Morrison; 2, Hunter; 3, 4, McGinn; vhc, Couchman; c, Mathewson. BUFF (15): 1, McGinn; 2, Mathewson; 3, Fleck; 4, Morrison; vhc, McKay; hc, Couchman; c, Scott. MKD. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Watson; 2, Mathewson; 3, McKay; 4, Fleck; vhc, hc, Morrison; c, Scott. BUFF, TKD. OR VARIEG., UNFLIG. (17): 1, Fleck; 2, vhc, McKay; 3, Curry; 4, McKie; hc, Morrison; c, Hutchinson. HEN, YELL. (14): 1, 2, Mathewson; 3, Hutchinson; 4, vhc, McKay; hc, Morrison; c, Curry. BUFF (10): 1, Scott; 2, Hutchinson; 3, Morrison; 4, Watson; vhc, McKay; hc, Mathewson; c, Fleck. NAT. COL. (8): 1, Anderson; 2, Greenwell; 3, Wilson; 4, Kindness; vhc, McGinn; hc, Anderson; c, Scott. CREST (5): 1, 4, Morrison; 2, Hutchinson; 3, Lawson; vhc, Rushton. C.B. (5): 1, vhc, Hutchinson; 2, Morrison; 3, Rushton; 4, Lawson. CREST, UNFLIG. (3): 1, 2, Rushton; 3, Lawson. C.B. (6): 1, Lawson; 2, Hutchinson; 3, Rushton; 4, vhc, hc, Wilson. CINN. NOR. (4): 1, 2, Coutts; 3, Roy; 4, Heslop. YELL., UNFLIG. (3): 1, Heslop; 2, 3, Roy. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Heslop; 2, Roy. FOUL (2): 1, Kindness; 2, Roy. YORKS., YELL., CL. OR MKD. (5): 1, 3, 4, Deighton; 2, R. Studholme; vhc, W. Studholme. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Deighton; 3, W. Studholme; 4, Jackson; vhc, Seal; hc, R. Studholme. HEN (5): 1, 2, vhc, Deighton; 3, R. Studholme; 4, W. Studholme. YELL., UNFLIG. (3): 1, Deighton; 2, R. Studholme; 3, McNeil. BUFF (6): 1, Seal; 2, 3, hc, Deighton; vhc, R. Studholme; h, W. holme; hc, McNeil. HEN, UNFLIG. (8): 1, 4, Seal; 2, 3, hc, Deighton; vhc, R. Studholme; hc, W. Studholme.—NAT. COL. (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Seal; c, Maddison. BORD., YELL. CL. OR MKD. (6): 1, Anderson; 2, A. Affleck; 3, W. Smith; 4, Bevor; vhc, McDougall; hc, Couchman. BUFF (16): 1, Espie; 2, Render; 3, McDougall; 4, hc, Johnson; vhc, Wilson; c, Bevor. HEN, YELL., CL., ETC. (5): 1, A, Affleck; 2, Johnson; 3, T. Smith; 4, Greenwell; vhc, W. Smith. BUFF (9): 1, Espie; 2, T. Smith; 3, Render; 4, hc, Bevor; vhc, Stephenson; c, Couchman. CL., ETC., YELL., UNFLIG. (8): 1, Johnson; 2, W. Smith; 3, 4, Bevor; vhc, T. Smith; hc, c, Anderson. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Johnson; 2, 4, Bevor; 3, Parker; hc, Anderson; c, T. Smith. HEN, YELL., ETC., UNFLIG. (6): Johnson; 2, 4, Bevor; 3, Greenwell; vhc, Parker; hc, Blakey. BUFF (15): 1, Bevor; 2, Greenwell; 3, Johnson; 4, Wilson; vhc, A. Affleck; hc, Blakey; c, Parker. GREEN YELL. (6): 1, W. Affleck; 2, vhc, Johnson; 3, Parker; 4, hc, Greenwell. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Johnson; 2, 4, W. Affleck; 3, Greenwell; hc, Couchman; c, Parker. GREEN, HEN (8): 1, vhc, Johnson; 2, 3, Greenwell; 4, W. Affleck; hc, Render; c, Blakey. GR. YELL., UNFLIG. (10): 1, best bird in show, A. Affleck; 2, Johnson; 3, Blakey; 4, Render; vhc, Blakey; hc, Parker; c, Greenwell. BUFF (6): 1, Greenwell; 2, 3, Johnson; 4, Render; vhc, Blakey; hc, Doughty. GR., HEN (12): 1, 2, Johnson, Border Fancy medal winner; 2, Espie; 4, Parker; vhc, A. Affleck; hc, Render; c, Blakey. CINN. YELL. (7): 1, Stephenson; 2, McDougall; 3, W. Smith; 4, Parker; vhc, Doughty; hc, Johnson; c, Espie. BUFF (5): 1, Stephenson; 2, McDougall; 3, Johnson; 4, Parker; vhc, W. Smith. LIZ., GOLD (3): 1, 2, 3, Heslop. SILVER (3): 1, 2, 3, Heslop. A.O.V. (2): 1, Kindness; 2, Roy. MULE (4): 1, McKie; 3, Mathewson; 4, Jackson. MULE (4): 1, Johnson; 2, Scott; 3, 4, Couchman. MULE, UNFLIG. (6): 1, Fleck; 2, 3, Scott; 4, Simpson and Messenger; vhc, Couchman; hc, Greenwell. GOLDF. (9): 1, Couchman; 2, Scott; 3, Johnson; 4, McGinn; vhc, Greenwell; hc, Masterman; c, Masterman. BULLF. (2): 1, Scott; 2, Dixon. GREENF. (12): 1, 4, Johnson; 2, Simpson and Messenger; 3, c, Scott; vhc, Anderson; hc, Greenwell. BRAMBLEF. OR CHAFFINCH (6): 1, 2, Couchman; 3, Scott; 4, Bevor; vhc, Simpson and Messenger; hc, Heslop. LINNET, H.M. (9): 1, Muse, Newcastle winner; 2, Couchman; 3, Hutchinson; 4, Fleck; vhc, Johnson; hc, Simpson and Messenger; c, Masterman. F.M. (8): 1, c, Masterman; 2, hc, Simpson and Messenger; 3, Parker; 4, Stephenson; vhc, Fleck; c, Masterman. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, Greenwell, Siskin; 2, 3, Johnson, Mealy Redpoll and Lesser Redpoll; 4, Simpson and Messenger, Twite; vhc, Fleck, Siskin; hc, Simpson and Messenger, Redpoll; c, Stephenson, Siskin. A.O.V. FINCH OR BUNTING (2): 1, Simpson and Messenger, Yellowhammer; 2, Wilson, Corn Bunting. SOFTBILL: 1, Wilson. FOR.: 1, McQuillan, Parrot.

DUMBARTON C.B.C.

2nd annual show Nov. 6, in Lesser Room of Burgh Hall, with a fair turn-out of Canaries and British birds. Judges, Mr. Peter Pettegrew and Mr. John Adams, who gave every satisfaction.

YOUNG BIRDS.—Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, Davidson; 2, Campbell; 3, McMartin. Buff: 1, Meikle; 2, Ritchie. Var. Ck.: 1, Meikle; 2, McMartin; 3, Davidson. Yell. Hen: 1, Davidson; 2, McNeil; 3, Ritchie. Var. Hen: 1, Ritchie. Crest: 1, Abraham; 2, Ritchie. C.B.: 1, Abraham; 2, Ritchie. Bord. Yell. Ck.: 1, Campbell; 2, McGown. Buff: 1, Campbell; 2, McMartin. Var. Ck.: 1, Campbell; 2, McMartin. Yell. Hen: 1, Campbell. Var.: 1, Campbell. Buff: 1, McGown; 2, McMartin; 3, Campbell. Yorks.: 1, 3, McNeil; 2, McColl; 4, McIntosh. Hen: 1, McColl. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 2, Mellon. OLD BIRDS.—Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, Meikle; 2, John Ritchie; 3, Jas. Ritchie. Buff: 1, McNeil; 2, Meikle; 3, Jas. Ritchie. Var. Ck.: 1, Meikle; 2, Jas. Ritchie; 3, Campbell. Yell. Hen: 1, Jas. Ritchie; 2, W. Davidson; 3, John Ritchie. Buff: 1, 2, Jas. Ritchie; 3, McNeil. Var.: 1, Meikle; 2, Davidson; 3, Rafferty. Crest: 1, 2, John Ritchie; 3, Abraham. C.B.: 1, 2, Ritchie; 3, Abraham. Bord., Yell. Ck.: 1, Campbell. Buff Ck.: 1, McMartin. Var.: 1, McGown. Buff Hen: McGown. Var.: McGown. Yorks.: 1, McColl; 2, John Ritchie; 3, McNeil. Hen: 1, 2, McColl; 3, John Ritchie. Mule: 1, Trotter; 2, 3, McGown. Sell.: 1, Campbell. Goldf.: 1, Jas. Ritchie; 2, Mellon; 3, Trotter. Bullf.: 1, Rafferty; 2, Campbell. Linnet: 1, Gibson; 2, 3, Trotter. Greenf.: 1, Mellon; 2, Trotter. Siskin: 1, Trotter. Mealy Redpoll or Twite: 1, Trotter; 2, Mellon. Lesser: 1, Mellon; 2, Trotter; 3, Hannah. Chaffinch or Bramblef.: 1, 2, Trotter. Softbill: McKirdy. Hen: 1, 3, Mellon; 2, McKirdy. A.V.: 1, Trotter. For.: 1, McKirdy; 2, Currie. Winners of specials: Abraham (2), Campbell (3), Jas. Ritchie (2), Meikle (1), McNeil (1), Trotter (2), Hannah (1), Mellon (1).—J. Currie, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Annual members' show, Nov. 27, Foresters' Hall. The entry was good, and the birds in all sections would require some beating. Several birds found new homes. Mr. P. Mason judged. Various specials were given in addition to the cups. Messrs. Bingham, Howarth, and J. Woolhouse made excellent stewards, and Mr. A. Hobson carried out the secretarial duties with his usual ability. Cup-winners: Champ. Yorks., Bingham and Furness; Nov., Yorks., A. Fretwell, and spl. for most points in Yorkshire sections; Champ. Nor., A. H. Waters, which now becomes his property, also spl. for most points in Norwich sections, and best Canary in show; Nov. Nor., T. T. Gears, and spl. best Novice Nor.; British, L. Fallding, which now becomes his property, having been won three times, and spl. best vhc; F. Gregory, spl. best champ. Yorks.; P. Walsh, with his well-known Greenf., secured spl. best Hardbill; and F. Bearder, spl. best Softbill, with a lovely Waxwing in fine condition.

Champ. Yorks., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2, 4, Bingham and Furness; 3, Gregory; vhc, c, Jones. Buff: 1, vhc, hc, Pickering; 2, 4, Bingham and Furness; 4, c, Champion; vhc, hc, Pickering. Mkd.: 1, 3, Jones; 2, Bingham and Furness; 4, c, Champion; vhc, hc, Pickering. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, 4, Bingham and Furness; 3, vhc, Pickering; hc, Drabble; c, Gregory. Buff: 1, sp., Gregory; 2, 4, hc, Bingham and Furness; vhc, Champion; c Jones. Nov., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, sp., Fretwell; 2, 3, hc, Bagshaw; 4, vhc, Howarth. Buff: 1, 3, hc, Bagshaw; 2, Fretwell; 4, Scott; vhc, c, Williams. Mkd.: 1, 3, vhc, Fretwell; 2, hc, Howarth; 4, Williams. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Howarth; 2, Williams; 4, Fretwell; vhc, Bagshaw. Buff: 1, 2, Fretwell; 3, Sisson; 4, hc, Howarth; vhc, Bagshaw. Champ. Nor., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 3, Waters; 2, J. and L. Woolhouse; 4, vhc, Hemming; hc, Cowley. Buff: 1, J. and L. Woolhouse; 2, vhc, Hemming; 3, 4, Waters. Mkd.: 1, 2, 4, J. and L. Woolhouse; 3, Hemming; vhc, Waters; hc, Cowley. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Waters; 3, hc, Hemming; 4, Cowley; vhc, J. and L. Woolhouse. Buff: 1, hc, J. and L. Woolhouse; 2, 3, Waters; 4, Cowley; vhc, Hobson; c, Hemming. Nov., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, vhc, Curley; 2, 3, 4, hc, Gears; c, Sisson. Buff: 1, 2, vhc, Gears; 3, c, Curley; 4, hc, Maynard. Mkd.: 1, Gears; 2, Goodison; 3, 4, White; vhc, Wragg; hc, Maynard. Yell. Hen: 1, spl., 3, 4, hc, Gears; 2, Gill; vhc, Curley. Buff: 1, c, Gears; 2, Curley; 3 vhc Maynard; 4, Anslin; hc, Wragg. Goldf., etc.: 1, spl., 2, 3, Walsh; 4, vhc, Fallding. Linnet, etc.: 1, Fallding; 2, Bearder; 3, Walsh Redpoll, etc.: 1, 3, Fallding; 2, 4, Walsh; hc, e, Bearder. Softbill: 1, spl., Bearder; 2, 3, Walsh Nov., Brit. Redpoll, etc.: 1, 3, 4, vhc, c, Farnell; 2, Anslin. Old Birds, Yorks.: 1, 2, c, Champion; 3, 4, vhc, Gregory; hc, Bagshaw. Nor. Yell.: 1, spl., 2, Waters; 3, Hemming; 4, Maynard; vhc, Sisson; c, Cowley. Buff: 1, Hemming; 2, vhc, Cowley; 3, Goodison; 4, Curley; hc, Waters. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Waters; 2, Sisson; 4, Hobson; vhc, Curley. Buff: 1, Waters; 2, Hobson; 3, Varley; 4, Cowley.

PATHHEAD.

Second annual show, Nov. 27, confined to Fife. The Co-operative Hall, in which the show was held, is a hall of nice size and well lighted. Entries were down on last year, the Crest and Crestbred classes being all cancelled, while the Border section was very poorly supported; but the exhibits were of a very fair order. The officials were all of the best and got through their duties in a very satisfactory manner. President is Mr. W. Archibald; Vice-Pres., Mr. W. R. Gibson; Sec., Mr. J. Thomson; Committee, Messrs. Gibson, Sanders, Thomson, McLaren, Ross, Brown, Christie, Poulter, Gibson, Joudes, A. Leslie, G. Brown, J. Winter, G. Arnott.

SCOTCH FANCY CL. YELL. CK. (1): 1, Gray, good size and pos., nice shoulders. HEN (5): 1, 2, Archibald, takes spl. best in section and Hyde's teapot, grand hen, nice shoulders and depth of front, fine pos., 2nd fails in depth though not so smart in action; 3, Nairn, good pos. and size, not so well filled in; 4, Gray; 5, Gibson. CL. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Archibald, good size, nice shoulders and pos.; 2, Nairn, good shoulders and pos., fails size; 3, Thomson, not so well filled in. YELL. PIEBALD (2): 1, Nairn, best pos., gets head well down, good depth through; 2, Thomson, nice stamp and pos. HEN (1): 1, Cook, real good hen of good size and stamp. BUFF PIEBALD CK. (8): 1, 5, Allan, leader best size and pos., nice head, neck and shoulders, good depth through; 2, Archibald, slow to get in pos., very close up, a good one; 3, 4, Gray, leader nice stamp, good shoulder, not the size; 6, Cook. HEN (5): 1, 2, Howie, two good hens, leader more depth of heart, very nervy; 3, Nairn, good size, not so good in top end; 4, Gray; 5, Allan. SELL. (6): 1, Gray; 2, Nairn; 3, Howie; 4, 5, Gibson; 6, Duncan. COM. CAN. (7): 1, Nairn; 2, Russell; 3, Blyth; 4, Duncan; 5, Dewar; 6, Stocks. YORKS CK. (3): 1, 2, Thomson, nice length and pos., lovely qual., good type, nice wings and tail carr., 2nd fails in wing carr., otherwise good; 3, Weir and Hutton. HEN (1): 1, Thomson, a good hen, nice type and pos., lovely qual. UNFLIG. CK. (3): 1, 2, Cummings, two good ones, nice length and qual., good stamp and pos.; 3, Weir and Hutton. NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Murray, well-known winner, easy win, takes spl. best fed, spl. best in section; 2, 4, Gibson, loses in top end, good body, wings and tail, nice qual. and cond.; 3, Thomson; 5, Scott; 6, Colman. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Scott, short and cobby, nice qual and wing and tail carr., fails head a bit; 2, 3, Thomson. CL. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Thomson, cl., plenty of size, good head and neck, hot col., fails shape a bit; 2, Gibson, loses in size and front, good head and neck; 3, Colman. HEN (3), a poor lot: 1, Strachan, fails head, stout body, good qual., in poor order; 2, Gibson; 3, Thomson. VARIEG. (6): 1, Murray, buff, good head and neck, good body, lovely qual. and col., just a bit unsteady; 2, Ross, good head and neck, longer in barrel, fails wings a bit, fine qual.; 3, 4, 6, Gibson, close on 2nd, good stamp, fails finish; 5, Thomson. HEN (5): 1, 5, Gibson, nice stamp, good head and neck, short body, good wings and tail, nice qual., pale col.; 2, Murray, well known, crossing her wings a bit to-day; 3, Weir and Hutton. UNFLIG. CK. (7): 1, Murray, var. buff, good body and subs., good wings and tail carr., lovely qual.; 2, Mitchell, yell., great size, just a shade long in barrel, good wing and tail carr.; 3, Brown, good stamp, fails qual. a bit; 4, Gibson; 5, Lister; 6, Wildridge. HEN (8): 1, Strachan, buff var., fails head a bit, but good body, short and stout, fine qual.; 2, Murray, yell., nice head and neck, good spread front, lovely qual., just showing too much leg; 3, Gibson, good type, fails qual.; 4, Wildridge; 5, Mitchell; 6, Lister. NON-FED CK. (5): 1, Murray, yell., good head and neck, nice body, crosses wings; 2, Wildridge, good stamp, nice qual., wants size, good wing carr.; 3, Strachan, Cowdenbeath winning Green in new hands, we think, good head and neck, lacks stoutness of body, nice col., good wings and tail carr.; 4, Clacker; 5, Gibson. HEN (3): 1, Gibson, buff var., good stamp, nice head and neck, stout body; 2, Scott, fails head and qual.; 3, Wildridge, fails in stamp to leaders. SELL. (3): 1, Scott; 2, Thomson; 3, Clacker. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Rintoul cl., grand types, nicely rounded, nice wings, topping qual., easy win; 2, Duncan, fails in type to leader and cond., fine carr., good qual.; 3, Mitchell. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Rintoul, McQueen spl., sweet wee hen, grandly rounded, lovely taper, neat wings and tail, lovely qual.; 2, Duncan, very nice, teeming with qual.; 3, Russel. CL. TKD. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Cummings, nice type and qual., in grand order, nicely rounded; 2, Mitchell, not so sweetly moulded, nice qual., close up; 3, Russell. HEN (1): 1, Rintoul, sweet one, nice type, grand qual., crosses wings occasionally. A.O.C. CK. (2): 1, Thomson, Green, good stamp, nice tone of col., good qual.; 2, Murray. HEN (1): 1, Murray, Green, good type, nice col. EVEN MKD. CK.: 1, Rintoul, good one, well known. HEN (3): 1, Cummings, grand type, lovely qual.; 2, Thomson, good type and qual., not so well rounded; 3, Mitchell. SELL. (1): 1, Cummings BULLF.. (6): 1, Thomson, great for type, hot col., a little rough on one side when we saw it; 2, good cap and bars, fails col., might have given way to 3rd, Anderson, grand cap, lovely col., longer in barrel, in grand order; 4, Stuart; 5, Mowbray; 6, Leitch. GOLDF. (6): 1, Stocks, grand square blaze, good tans and bars, in lovely order; 2, Poulter, close up, not so rich in flush, equally as good other points; 3, Colville, shows a bit too much black in blaze, grand tans and bars; 4, Nairn; 5, Chalmers; 6, Gibson. GREENF. (5): 1, 4, Adamson, well-known winner leading, in grand fettle; 2, Whithrook and Allan, close up, good body and qual., in fine bloom; 3, Muir; 5, Anderson. LINNET (12): 1, Marnock, hot col., plenty of work on breast, not a big one, might be better in cond.; 2, Nicoll, larger, bit too open in front, nice tone of col.; 3, Anderson, our choice for 2nd, fine size, nice col., solid front, fails flanks; 4, Lister; 5, Philip and Son. SISKIN (2): 1, Nairn, best col., good size; 2, Smart. REDPOLL OR TWITE (10): 1, Nicoll, Lesser, grand size, hot col., nice markings, rare cobby type, in lovely order, wins in a canter; 2, Whitbrook and Allan, Twite, good col., nice markings, in good bloom; 3, Mitchell, Mealie, not our choice; 4, Adamson, our choice for 3rd, bang up to size, rare col., good markings, in the pink; 5, Muir; 6, Mowbray. A.O.V. SMALL (3): 1, 3, Muir, Yellowhammer, leader best V and ear markings, warm col.; 3rd nice one, needs time; 2, Williams, Chaffinch, nice size, good col. and markings LARGE (3): 1, R. and A. Storrar, Ring Ouzel, good size, nice col., neat crescent, in good order; 2, Whitbrook and Allan, Hawfinch, good col., neat bib, in good bloom; 3, Anderson, Missel Thrush, wild, very promising youngster. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, Malcolm, almost even mark buff Goldie hen, in fine order; 2, 5, Williams, Goldie-Bullie leading, on the small side, nice flush and markings, grand cond., would look better in a more suitable cage; 3, Gourlay, Goldie-Greenie, nice size and markings; 4, Poulter; 6, Williams, jun. DARK (5): 1, Kennoway, Linnet, good size, hot col., in rare order, wins; 2, R. and A. Storrar, Goldie, good size, nice face and col., good cond., very promising; 3, Lister; 4, Gourlay; 5, Gibson. BRIT. HEN (7): 1, Adamson, Corn Bunting, nice size, pale col., good markings, in good order; 2, Ritchie, Bullie, lovely cap and wing bars, grand col., nice shape; 3, Dewar, Hawfinch, in good form; 4, Colville; 5, Marnock; 6, Philip and Son. FOR. (5): 1, 2, Lawrie, 1st well-known Whydah, 2nd Budgerigars, best markings and cond.; 3, 5, Poulter; 4, Marnock.

SOUTH SHIELDS.

Thirteenth annual show, Dec. 4, in a large room attached to the Cyprus Hotel, and very fortunate they were in securing such a well-adapted room for their show, there being any amount of space and a good light. The birds were nicely staged around the sides and down the centre of the room, and made a very fine display. The entries totalled over 300, which is very good under present conditions. Some grand birds were staged in each of the sections. Unfortunately the weather was wretched, which no doubt prevented many from visiting the show. There are a few old standards at the head of affairs in this old-established society; including such well-known names as W. L. Smith, Sec., a position he has held for a great number of years, Thompson, Duke, Richardson, Armstrong, Woodhouse, Deighton, etc., etc. and Mr. Patterson, of the Cyprus, to whom the Society is much indebted for the use of the room, so the whole of the show was carried through in a businesslike manner. Judging was finished and prize cards up in good time. Mr. H. W. Battye judged.

OPEN CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Addison, fine size, level col., cobby shape, grand qual. of feather; 2, Fleck, hot col., full head and neck, rare cond.; 3, 4, Morrison, grand size and subs., not the col. nor feather; vhc, Stephenson; hc, Tucker; c, Richardson. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Priestly, nice size and type, rich col., full head and neck; 2, Morrison, good head, neck and front, fine qual.; 3, c, Thompson and Patterson, rare good type, col. and qual.; 4, Mitchell; vhc, Moore; hc, Hirons. HEN (7): 1, Moore, very fine for type, col., qual. of feather, and cond.; 2, Priestly, good size and col.; 3, Potts, good head and neck, rich col.; 4, Hirons; vhc, Thompson and Patterson; hc, Stephenson; c, Mitchell. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, Emmett, good length, well tapered, close, compact feather; 2, Carlisle, well up on leg, grand wing and tail carr.; 3, 4, Deighton, fine length and pos., capital feather and cond. BUFF: 1, Smith, long and slim, good col. and feather; 2, 3, Deighton, grand length, compact wings and tail; 4, Addison. HEN, UNFLIG.: 1, vhc, Carlisle, fine length, well drawn, tight feather; 2, Deighton, good legs, well carried wings and tail, perfect feather; 3, Emmett, rare pos., neat head, wings and tail; 4, hc, Harrison. ANY AGE: 1, Carlisle, long and upstanding, well drawn, capital feather; 2, vhc, hc, Deighton, well up on leg, grand wing and tail carr.; 3, Smith, fine length, well tapered, compact feather; 4, Harrison. BORDER, BUFF: 1, Watson, cl., good type, rare qual. of feather; 2, Johnston, green, less weight, good model, sound col. and pencilling; 3, Hay, var., rare good type and qual. of feather; 4, Scott; vhc, Hirons; hc, Proudlock; c, Parker. YELL.: 1, Johnston, nice size, very smart shape, sound level col.; 2, Hay, smart and typical, excellent feather; 3, Parker, neat size and shape, perfect wings and tail, rare qual. feather; 4, Hirons; vhc, Proudlock; hc, Watson. LINNET, H.M. (10): 1, Waller, good size and shape, rich col., well marked front, capital cond; 2, 3, hc, Woodhouse; 2nd has more size than winner, but is beaten in col. and cond.; 4, Pape; vhc, Thompson and Patterson; c, McVay. LINNET, F.M. (12): 1, 3, vhc, Woodhouse; 1st is a rare good size and shape, level and rich in col., well marked on front, but is getting too tame; 3rd has good col. and markings, but loses in size; 2, Fleck, fine upstanding bird, and shows himself well, heavily marked at flanks; 4, Parker; hc, Pape; c, Smith. SKYLARK: 1, McVay, large thickset bird, with an abundance of markings on breast, flanks and back; 2, 3, W. L. Smith; 2nd shows himself well, being well up on leg, and very stylish, but has not the col. nor markings of winner. MEMBERS' CLASSES—NOR. YELL.: 1, Addison; 2, 4, Tucker; 3, Potts; vhc, Richardson; hc, Priestley; c, Barnes. BUFF: 1, 4, Richardson; 2, vhc, Barnes; 3, Thompson and Patterson; hc, Potts; c, Priestly. HEN: 1, Thompson and Patterson; 2, hc, Coppock; 3, Barnes; 4, vhc, Richardson; c, Dicke. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Deighton; 3, Addison. YORKS. BUFF.: 1, Smith; 2, Addison; 3, Deighton. HEN: 1, 4, Addison; 2, 3, hc Deighton; vhc, Smith. BORDER. YELL.: 1, Hirons; 2, Parker; 3, Duke; 4, Dixon. BUFF: 1, Hirons; 2, Barnes; 3, Scott; 4, Parker; vhc, Duke; hc, Dixon. HEN: 1, Scott; 2, Hirons; 3, Parker; 4, vhc Barnes; hc, Dixon; c, Duke. CINN. YELL.: 1, Richardson. BUFF: 1, 2, Richardson; 3, Duke. HEN: 1, Barnes; 2, Richardson. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Duke; 4 Hands. CRESTBRED: 1, 2, Duke; 3, 4, Hands. PAIRS, A.V.: 1, Coppock; 2, 3, Duke. NOVICE A.V.: 1, W. Todd; 2, 3, 4, G. Todd. NON-FED: 1, 2, Coppock; 3, 4, Duke; vhc, Hands. SELL. 15s.: 1 Thompson and Patterson; 2, Addison; 3, 4, hc, Duke; vhc, Curry and Ridley. SELL. 10s.: 1, 2, 3, Duke. UNFLIG. CLASSES.—NOR YELL.: 1 hc, Barnes; 2, 4, Coppock; 3, Thompson and Patterson; vhc, Coppock; c, Richardson. BUFF: 1, Priestley; 2, 3, Coppock; 4, Thompson and Patterson; vhc, Hirons; hc, Curry and Ridley. YORKS. YELL: 1, 3, Deighton; 2, Smith; 4, Wemyss. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Deighton; 2, Smith; vhc, hc, Wemyss. HEN: 1, 2, Deighton. BORDER, YELL.: 1, Scott; 2, Hirons; 3, Duke; 4, Curry and Ridley; vhc, Dixon. BUFF: 1, Parker; 2, Hirons; 3, Scott; 4, Duke; vhc, hc, c, Barnes. HEN: 1, 2, Scott; 3, Parker; 4, Hirons; vhc, hc, Dixon; c, Curry and Ridley. CINNAMON CK.: 1, 2, 3, Richardson. HEN: 1, Barnes; 2, 3, Richardson. CREST: 1, 2, Hands. MULE or HYBRID: 1, Smith; 2, Scott; 3, 4, Tucker; vhc, hc, Duke; c Wemyss. GOLDF.: 1, 3, Tucker; 2, Curry and Ridley; 4, Woodhouse; vhc, McVay; hc, Parker. BULLF.: 1, Dixon; 2, McVay; 3, c, Duke; 4, Woodhouse; vhc, Smith; hc, Curry and Ridley. GREENF.: 1, Parker; 2, 4, McVay; 3, Curry and Ridley; hc, c, Dixon. LINNET: 1, 2, 4, Woodhouse; 3, Parker; vhc, Smith; hc, c, McVay. REDPOLL, etc.: 1 2, hc, Curry and Ridley; 3, 4, McVay. F. or B., A.O.V.: 1, 3, 4, vhc, McVay; 2, Woodhouse; hc, c, Curry and Ridley. SKYLARK: 1, McVay; 2, 3, W. L. Smith.

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ABERAMAN.

First Open Show, Dec. 2, Swan Hotel, in a large, fairly light and exceedingly comfortable room, and absolutely free from draughts and chill. The entry was hardly up to expectation, particularly in the Yorkshires, possibly due to Bristol and Birmingham and another small local show falling on the same date, but we have for some time noticed a depression in the champion classes of this section at South Wales fixtures, and we would suggest a few extra classes for Novices as a stimulant for creating future champions to fill the gaps made in the ranks by the falling out of so many of our old veterans. The officers, committee and stewards, Messrs. T. Evans (Chairman), F. Jones (Vice), W. Thomas (Treas.), J. Hoare, W. Jones, R. Davies, F. Ricketts, W. Walker, D. Jones and J. E. Goodliffe, together with W. R. Powell (Sec.) and W. Davies (show manager), who we were sorry to see very unwell, worked well for the good of the show, and we hope their efforts will be rewarded at the balancing up. Cup for best bird in show was won by Mr. W. Davies (Aberaman) with a really grand buff Nor. hen, closely pressed by his unflig. yell. cock, two birds to be truly proud of. The cup for most points by members went to Mr. W. R. Powell, as also did the special for best Novice Canary with a very typical clear buff Nor. cock of rare col. and qual. Mr. E. J. Davies (Cardiff) judged.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Greaves, grand col. and qual., nicely coned, not very large; 2, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, cl., larger bird, well shown, not the col. and qual. of winner; 3, Jones, variegd., grand subs. and cond., but fails to winners in neatness; 4, Davies; vhc, c, Jones; hc, Tedstone. BUFF, CL., ETC., CK. (11): 1, 2, Davies, head and wing mkd. leading, a really good all-round Nor., in the pink; 2, lightly mkd. head and wing, lovely col. and qual.; 3, Tedstone, nice bird, but loses to winners in col. and qual.; 4, A. E. Brown; vhc, G. T. Jones; hc, D. W. Jones; c, Greaves. YELL. NOR. HEN (13): 1, 2, 3, W. Davies, cl., grand bird all over; 2, another cl., fine chest and wings, fails trifle to winner in head; 3, still another good cl., close up, fails trifle in flights; 4, G. T. Jones, tkd. wing; vhc, Greaves; hc, G. T. Jones; c, D. W. Jones. BUFF HEN (10): 1, 2, 3, W. Davies, leader wins cup for best in show, wonderfully cobby, grand head and neck, fine qual.; 2, another grand unflig. splendidly coued and fails only to winner in head and neck; 3, also a splendid hen, cl., fails trifle in subs.; 4, Mr. and Mrs. Wecks, variegd., might be better staged; vhc, hc, Tedstone; c, G. T. Jones. NOR., UNFLIG. CK. OR HEN (8): 1, 2, W. Davies, leader cl. yell., a gem all over, lovely col. and qual., hard to find a fault in; 2, also cl., close up, shade paler and smaller in head; 3, Tedstone, splendid type and size, fails bit in feather and staging; 4, hc, G. T. Jones, variegd. buff; vhc, Greaves; c, F. Ricketts. NOVICE, NOR. (17), CK. OR HEN: 1, spl. best Nov. Can., vhc, W. R. Powell, cl. buff, capital type, good col., shape and qual.; 2, A. E. Brown, cl. yell., good chest and type, well put down; 3, E. Powell, var. yell., good Nor. type, fails to winners chiefly in cond.; 4, A. E. Brown; hc, F. Jones; c, Davies and Reynolds. This class might well have been divided, one for cock and one for hen. NOR., NAT. COL. (3), CK.: 1, Davies and Reynolds, cl., good type, qual. and col., nice size; 2, no name, neat, but too small; 3, Waters, smaller still. HEN: No entry. These classes seem hardly worth catering for. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, L. Hughes, eye and wing mkd., fine pos., grand type, col. and qual., not over large; 2, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, cl., close up, grand wings and tail, just trifle frilled to-day; 3, 4, W. R. Powell, good lengthy cl., nice pos., trifle flat in head, and shade open in chest; vhc, D. W. Jones. CL., ETC., BUFF (4): 1, Mr. and Mrs. Wecks, variegd., well known winner, lovely qual. and cond., wearing well; 2, 4, W. R. Powell, cl., fine length and pos., fails to winner in feather and wings; 3, R. F. Griffiths, cl., trifle short, nice qual. YORK., YELL. HEN (4): 1, 3, W. R. Powell, cl., capital pos. and feather, good wings and tail; 3, fine lengthy hen, good col., but badly staged; 2, 4, J. Hubbard, cinn.-mkd., correct type, lovely qual., bit wide in tail; 4, nice hen, but damaged flights. YORK., BUFF HEN (9): 1, vhc, W. E. Powell, mk. head, a very good all-round unflig. bird, in fine cond.; 2, Llewellyn, cl., grand pos., fine col. and qual.; 3, Hubbard, variegd., splendid type and qual., on the small side; 4, E. J. Bevan; hc, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks; c, J. Padfield. YORK., UNFLIG., CK. OR HEN: 1, c, Hubbard, cl. yell., trifle pale, but lovely pos., feather, tail and wings; 2, 3, W. R. Powell, cl., buff, grand length and feather, fails winner in pos.; 3, slashing yell., bit patchy and untidy; 4, Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, variegd. yell., unsteady, or might have been higher; vhc, E. J. Bevan; hc, R. F. Griffiths. NAT. COL. CK. (4): 1, L. Hughes, lovely yell. green, not over large, but nice col., pos. and qual.; 2, E. W. Moule, cl. yell., smaller, but grand pos. and feather; Nos. 3 and 4 absent. NAT. COL. HEN (3): 1, L. Hughes, tkd. yell., neat, but small; Nos. 2 and 3 absent. NOV., YORK., CK. OR HEN (13): 1, vhc, G. O. Thomas, cl. yell., long, slim, fine pos., sweet head, a good 'un; 2 c, W. R. Powell, another good cl. yell., close up, not quite equal in head, and trifle soft; 3, W. Baker, cl. buff, fine length, A1 qual., real good, only for crossing of wings; 4, J. H. Bevan, good, but small; hc, F. Goodenough, another good class. BORD., A.V. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Tedstone, cl., correct type, moves well, nice feather and cond.; 2, 4, L. Hughes, self cinn., grand type, good col. and qual., some preferred; 3, vhc, hc, Evans and Parry, A1 col. and type, not the qual. of winners. A.V. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Tedstone, cl., splendid col. and type, nice qual. and style; 2, Evans and Parry, cl. again, a good Bord. all over, bnt gone in neck feather; 3, L. Hughes, fine col, cl., lovely qual., bit small and weak in neck. BORD., A.V. HEN (4): 1, 2, Tedstone, buff mkd. both eyes, nicely filled, jaunty, good qual. and cond.; 3, L. Hughes, buff, mkd. both eyes, A1 type, good all-round, but would stand too erect; 4, Evans and Parry, larger buff, fails qual. CREST OR C.B. CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, W. Walker, all fed, 1st. wing mkd. dark Crest, nicely formed, neat centre; 2, variegd. C.B., good feather and lash, nice qual.; 3, heavily variegd C.B., nice body, fails head feather; No. 1 absent. CREST OR C.B. HEN (4): 1, G. Davies, self-green Crest, good type and feather, carrying a nice full frontal; 2, 3, 4, W. Walker, light body, dark crest and tail, not so shapely in crest; 3, variegd., good body subs., crest broken at back; 4, less feather, narrower in head. A.O.V. CAN. NOT MENTIONED, CK.: 1, W. R. Powell, variegd. Scotch of fair subs. and style, could get head down better. HEN (2): 1, 2, W. R. Powell, heavy variegd. Scotch, good pos., fine feather and qual.; 2, foul green, smaller, but better worker. MULES, A.V. LIGHT (6): 1, 3, A. Bell, buff variegd. Greeny, well known, if little lighter would take stopping, A1 col. and qual.; 3, nearly cl. Goldie-Can. yell., capital col. and feather, looks like good hen; 2, vhc, hc, D. W. Jones, head and wing mkd. yell. Goldie, grand col. all over; 4, T. Davies, buff Goldie. A.B. DARK MULES OR HYB. (7): 1, hc, D. W. Jones, Linnet-Bullie, capital cnl. breast, nice size and qual.; 2, D. Edwards, Goldie-Bullie, nice flush, qual. and cond.; 3, vc, W. R. Powell, sweet buff Siskin-Canary, A1 col. and qual.; 4, A. Ball, Gold Bullie, youngster, will improve; hc, Thos. Davies, yell. Siskin, grand col. and qual., small. LINNET, SISKIN, REDPOLL OR TWITE (4): 1, D. W. Jones, topping F.M. Linnet, A1 col., full of good work all through breast and flanks, fine size; 2, 4, R. W. Powell, Redpoll (Lesser), neat all round; 3, no name, nicely feathered Linnet, fair col. and size. GOLDF. (8): 1, D. Edwards, a really good Finch, fine expansive scarlet blaze, of good shape and polish, with a better tanned chest would be a topper; 2, T. Davies, a smaller bird, but very neat, better in tans, but well beaten in size and blaze; 3, A. Ball, a very nice F.M. bird, lovely col. and qual., good face (2nd Cardiff B.L. class); 4, c, D. W. Jones, good blaze for shape and size, but pale, and flights damaged; vhc, J. Davies; hc, D. J. Peterson. A.O.V. HARDBILL (3): 1, 2, T. Emanuel, good type, col. and qual. H.M. Bullie, fine cond; 2, F.M. ditto, nice col. and cap, wants steadying; 3, S. Davies, another H.M. Bullie, fails to winners in col. and qual. A.V. SOFTBILL (2): 1, D. W. Jones, lovely Chough, a marvel for beak and leg col., grand size and polish; 2, D. Peterson, a really good Thrush, Cardiff 2nd, fine type, col., and even in marking, hard lines to meet the winner in such a class. H. VAR. FOR.: 1, Roger Thomas, an extra good Blue-fronted Amazon, lovely col., size and cond.; 2, W. Thomas, another Amazon, much smaller, nice cond., probably a hen. SELL., 40/- (6): 1, G. T. Jones, pair nice Nor.; 2, D. H. Tedstone, pair nice Nor.; 3, E. J. Bevan, pair smart Yorks.; 4, J. Williams, Nor.; vhc, G. T. Thomas Nor.; hc, W. Walker. SELL., 10/-: 1, W. R. Powell, clinking yell. York. cock, soon claimed, we heard had won in open.

REDHILL.

Fifth annual show, Nov. 24. Although actually a members' show, a few classes had been provided for Borders, under the patronage of the S.B.F.C. Unfortunately, these classes did not fill as expected, although a fair number of birds were sent in, some of them from quite long distances. The show was otherwise a complete success, and was visited during the day by many influential people of the district, who appeared to thoroughly enjoy the display. Yorks. were particularly good, some well-known winners competing. Special for best bird was secured by Mr. Last, of Purley, with his cl. yellow unflig., the Croydon and Reading winner. In his class he was very closely pressed by a grand bird put down by Mr. Bacon, Redhill, colour alone turning the scale. The latter exhibitor annexed the S.B.F.C. diploma, and the members' challenge cup, with a lovely yellow green. A challenge cup and rose bowl, given by Miss Hatch and Miss Cameron, for non-fed birds, went to Mr. F. Roser for best Yorks., and Miss Edwards for best Nor., the latter winning the trophy outright. The show contained a few very good British, spl. for best going to Mr. F. A. Marriott's Siskin, quite a nice specimen. The society is particularly fortunate in having the services of Mr. A. W. Bacon as sec.; he was well to the front during the show; everything in excellent order, and the birds well looked after. The room was well lighted, and nicely warmed. Mr. H. Norman judged.

BORD., YELL., CK. (6): 1, 4, Last, good size, nicely proportioned, neat head and wings, good col. and cond.; 2, Madagan, capital head, well filled all round, good wings and tail; 3, vhc, Marriott, nicely balanced and moulded, good pos. and style; hc, Montague. BUFF (5): 1, Montague, Reading winner, looking fit, nicely furnished all round; 2, Marriott, smart bird, nicely balanced, good head, back, and wings, grand col and qual.; 3, vhc, Last, nicely moulded and filled in, lovely qual. feather; 4, Madagan. YELL., HEN (4): 1, 3, Last, two charming ladies, lovely type and qual., leader beautifully moulded; 2, Madagan, scarcely so nicely moulded as winner, grand qual.; 4, Marriott. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Last, leader beauty for type and style, tight as wax; 2, Madagan, nicely moulded, neat head and wings, A1 qual. UNEVEN (3): 1, 3, Last, beauty for type and style, good pos., capital col. and cond.; 2, Marriott, nice type, neat head and wings, well filled front. GREENS (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Bacon, grand team, fit for any competition, leader very fine col., and good type. NOV., YELL., CK. (5): 1, Baldock, capital self green, typical and smart, nicely pencilled, good col.; 2, 4, Hewitt, nice cl., good type, capital wings, nice, but weak at throat, neat head; 3, Hurst; vhc, Hutchinson. BUFF (6): 1, Hewitt, good head, back, and wings, lovely qual., put down in the pink; 2, Mitchell, close up, nicely proportioned, fine qual.; 3, Mrs. Pocock, neatly put together, capital wings and tail, fine cond.; 4, Baldock; vhc, Hutchinson; hc, Hurst. HENS: 1, Mitchell, lovely cl., fine type and style, well braced wings, A1 cond.; 2, Hutchinson, quite as good on points, but spoilt a bit in the washing; 3, vhc, hc, Mrs. Pocock, good team, leader very typical, neat head and wings; 4, Hewitt; c, Hurst. MEMBS., NOR., CK.: 1, Wade; 2, Potter; 3, Roser. HEN: 1, 2, Wade; 3, Potter. NON-FED: 1, 3, hc, Miss Edwards; 2, vhc, Montague; c, Wade. YORKS., CK.: 1, Ramsey; 2, c, Montague; 3, vhc, Roser; hc, Bacon. HENS: 1, Bacon; 2, Roser; 3, Montague. UNFLIG.: 1, Last; 2, 3, Bacon; vhc, Montague; hc, c, Roser. BUFF: 1, 3, Bacon; 2, c, Roser; vhc, Miss Hatch; hc, Last. NON-FED: 1, 3, Roser, 2, vhc, Miss Hatch; hc c, Bacon. A.O.V.: 1, Miss Hatch; 2, 3, Bacon. HYB.: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Miss Hatch. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Potter; 2, 3, hc, c, Bignall; vhc, Mitchell. GREENF.: 1, Potter; 2, vhc, Bignall; 3, Smith; hc, Montague. CHAFF.: 1, hc, Smith; 2, vhc, Marriott; 3, Bacon; c, Montague. A.O.V.: 1, hc, Marriott; 2, Montague; 3, vhc, Potter; c, Mitchell. HEN: 1, Smith; 2, Bacon; 3, Mitchell. LOCAL: 1, c, Finch; 2, Pilbeam; 3, hc, Miss Young; vhc, Neale. BRIT.: 1, Miss Code; 2, vhc, Finch; 3, Pilbeam. FOR.: 1, Mrs. Whitmore; 2, Richardson; 3, vhc, Watson.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

W. A. F. Stuart.—Replied to by post.

REPAIRS TO BIRD ORGAN (Nomo).—Sorry, but I cannot tell you of any place where you could get your organ overhauled and repaired. The instruments were practically solely exploited by the Germans, and it used to be necessary to send one that needed any little repair to that country for attention, which, of course, is wholly out of the question now. It is a very ticklish job to attempt, and amateur interference is only to be encouraged when one feels disposed to risk having the machine utterly ruined. Still, some years ago during a correspondence in our columns, an English fancier claimed to have the necessary skill, and to have made a success of repairing these organs, but apart from amateur work of this kind there is not, so far as I am aware, any place in England where you could get the work done in a professional manner. Possibly, some fancier, with the necessary skill for this class of work, and the bent, will see here an opening for trying to capture another German monopoly.

HUDDLED UP (H. J. H.).—You ought to have given some particulars as to how you are keeping the bird. The sudden cessation of song and huddled up condition, coupled with the rather violent fluctuations of weather, are very suggestive of a chill affecting the bird badly. Keep it quite on the warm side, though you need not go too far in this respect, and see that it is quite free from cold direct draughts, and also that the temperature is fairly equable day and night. Then in addition to the usual seed dietary give every second day for a fortnight half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and then sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine and sweet spirit of nitre. If bird is not quite well at the end of a fortnight please write again, and give fuller particulars about it. Glad to hear that the previous treatment was so successful.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

WHAT SEED? (S. M.).—The sample of seed enclosed consists almost entirely of winter rape, also called variously wild mustard—a very appropriate name on account of its hot mustardy flavour,—and kedlock. There are a few stray seeds of sorrel amongst it, and possibly some other minute weed seeds. I should imagine the bulk is not very clean, but if freed from the dusty rubbish it should form an acceptable item in a seed mixture for occasional use. It is not, however, suitable to take the place of summer rape, as an appreciable portion of the staple diet.

CAUSE AND EFFECT (G. R. B. H. M.).—Judging from your description I fear you have realised too late that hanging in the window was not a good place for the health of the bird. It is quite likely that its health is permanently ruined. Anyway, you may try what the following treatment for a few weeks will do for it. First of all see that it is now kept in a fairly comfortable place, not necessarily overheated, but where the temperature is fairly equable, and strictly avoid direct cold draughts and sudden and extreme fluctuations of temperature, a dusty atmosphere, or fumes of burning lights in the evenings. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape, just a pinch of a good seed mixture once or twice a week, and a morsel of banana, sweet apple, or green salad, about every third day. Green salad, of course, must only be given provided it can be had quite free from frost and snow water. In addition to this give every second day for a fortnight half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water four drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia and sweet spirit of nitre. At the end of a fortnight discontinue these extras for a week, and then resume, and give them for another fortnight. This should do practically all that is possible to relieve or cure the bronchial condition, and if the moulting has not stopped naturally by that time, please write again and report progress, and repeat full particulars, and I will advise you further for that trouble.

DIET FOR ROLLER (D. M. A.).—For ordinary trained songsters a staple diet of two parts canary to one part summer rape, instead of the usual three-to-one proportions, is all the distinction that really need be made in the dietary of the Roller from that of the ordinary Canary—such as Norwich or Yorkshire. For highly-trained birds for singing contests a staple diet of summer rape only is generally considered best, though, personally, I never limited a bird to such a staple. Any of the usual extras given as titbits to the other varieties may also be given in moderation to the Roller. For full information as to dietary you should get a copy of House's "Canary Manual," post free 1s. 2d., or the Nutshell booklet No. 10 on "The Rollers," 2½d., post free, both from our manager.

NORWICH AND ROLLER (F. W. Ware).—(1) The moult has probably taken a good deal out of the bird, and exaggerated symptoms of bronchial trouble which were dormant more or less as long as the bird kept in fairly vigorous condition. Keep it in a fairly warm and equable place, and see that it is not exposed to any direct cold draught, nor to the fumes of burning lights in the evenings. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts kemp, niger, white millet, teazle and linseed, every third day, and on the intervening days give first a morsel of banana or sweet apple, and next half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. In the drinking water add every second day for a week six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. After this give instead four drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a fortnight. If not then more active stop all the above extras, and give in the water every second day for another fortnight four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid. (2) I take it you refer to improving the quality of the Roller's song, and not to getting it out of a songless condition. If this is correct, I am afraid you can do nothing to improve matters now. If the bird had formed a type of song of its own, which was fixed when you purchased him, it is quite useless to expect to make any real improvement in the style of his song now. He is far more likely to corrupt the song of a better-class singer than the latter is to convert him from the error of his ways. Training should commence before the bird has evolved any particular type of song on its own account.

TURNED WRONG WAY (E. L.).—I take it you mean the toes, as the claw is only the hard, horny tip at the end of the toe—so-called "toe-nail." You omit to say which toe is affected, or how, and to remedy these defects it is almost essential that treatment should begin as soon as possible after the trouble sets in. In the vast majority of cases where the trouble commenced soon after the young birds left the nest, as is very frequently the case, it is absolutely useless worrying the bird with treatment. Therefore, if the toe is at all rigid —"stiffened"—I would advise you to leave it severely alone, as any attempts at cure are only likely to inflict needless pain on the bird. If, however, the toe seems fairly supple, put in the cages thin and nearly-round perches, about the size of an ordinary lead pencil, and note whether the birds occasionally get the toes into a natural position. Keep these perches in for a month, then report result, and give full particulars as to which toes are affected, and how, and how long the trouble has been in existence.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

HYBRID QUESTIONS (British).—I am not quite sure if I understand your first question. It appears to me that you want to know how to breed Hybrids with Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and Greenfinches. Now, with these three pairs you could only make up two pairs for Hybrid breeding, as your cock Bullfinch is unreliable. Pair them as follows: cock Greenfinch and hen Bullfinch, cock Goldfinch and hen Greenfinch; that leaves you with a hen Goldfinch unmated. This you could run with one of the Linnets you mention in your second question. Your safest plan with regard to the mating of your Redpoll and cock Linnets is to pair them with hen Canaries. You see, if you mate up all your birds for the production of British bird Hybrids, you may have a bad season and get nothing at all, which is particularly disappointing; whereas, if part of your stock is put up for Mule breeding you are almost certain to produce a few, and possibly be saved from the annoyance of having missed a year's breeding. (3) Yes, Shieldy is a local name for the Chaffinch.

GOLDFINCH WITH SWELLING (Henry Shell).—I would advise you to take your bird to a medical man or a chemist, and ask him to remove the growth on your Finch for you. Unless you have had a good deal of experience with birds it would scarcely be safe to do it yourself. It is a simple operation and yet requires nerve and confidence to do it properly.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Moulton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

ABOUT A REDPOLL AND GREENFINCH (F. W. Ware).—I am sorry you omitted to mention where you keep your Redpoll, as this, in my opinion, is of vital importance. No doubt you are feeding him rather heavily, and some of these birds are quite gluttons when they can obtain plenty. I presume you are feeding him as directed in our Nutshell booklet, and I would advise you to give him a spoonful of soaked seeds about three times a week, and mix teazle in with his stock mixture. As green food is not particularly plentiful just now, supply him liberally with any fruit he will take. He should be kept in a large cage or aviary, an outside one if possible, and allowed to bathe on all suitable occasions. As regards your Greenfinch, the fault may be in the quality of the feather. In some specimens it is impossible to get them quite fit—even in a wild state they are coarse. The best remedy I can suggest is a free use of the bath (rain water), and a liberal allowance of sunflower seeds.

BREEDING WITH BULLFINCHES (Mrs. C. M. Thorpe).—I am afraid if you try to breed with Bullfinches you will only meet with disappointment. To my knowledge these birds have bred in captivity, but their doing so was quite an exception. The Bullfinch hen is known to be a fairly free breeder, but the cock bird is very disappointing. You are much more likely to be successful with a pair of Goldfinches or Greenfinches, or even with a Goldfinch cock and a Bullfinch hen.

BLACKBIRD MOULTING BADLY. — (Geo. Wheeler).—I gather from your letter that there are two reasons why your bird is doing badly; one is the food, and the other the position. You must make an entire change in his diet. Procure a good insectile food, as given to warblers, and feed him on this for a time, mixing it with scraped raw carrot and sometimes boiled potato; also supply him rather liberally with fruit. Before making this change give him an aperient of Glauber salts. Dissolve as much as will cover a shilling in the drinking water, and give it him to drink for one day only, repeating two days later. Catch the bird, and examine him carefully for insects, and if you find any dust him freely with insect powder. Lightly smear the bare place with vaseline. Your kitchen is not a suitable place to keep him in, but if you are obliged to keep him there, his cage should be moved to a position below the gas during the evening.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

GREEN AMAZON PARROT ILL (Poor Don).—The digestive organs of the aged are more sluggish in action than those of the young, and need fairly frequent stimulation. Put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia into the daily supply of drinking water till the bowels become loose. When this occurs, giving the laxative every fourth day should suffice to keep them properly regulated. On the intervening days half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphites in the drinking water will be beneficial. Give a little honey and borax (procure ready mixed from a chemist) once or twice daily, either spread on a crust, piece of biscuit, or cake, or put in into the mouth direct by the aid of a small piece of stick or other means. If the bird will allow you to handle it, foment the foot with hot water, as hot as you can bear your hand in without discomfort; dry with a soft cloth and then paint with neat whisky. Keep the bird out of draughts and in a fairly warm room, which is not subject to sudden changes of temperature. A little cod liver oil emulsion spread thinly on a crust, piece of biscuit, or cake, or anything similar the bird will eat, will assist in keeping up its strength. Report progress in fourteen days, and then state not only its condition but also how the bird has been and is then fed.

BREEDING BUDGERIGARS (L. S. D.).—(1) I have only heard of one or two instances of one cock fertilising two hens; it more usually ends in a continual state of bickering between the two hens, with the consequent result of an almost barren season. Under similar conditions I should certainly either remove the hen or procure another male; in your case the latter for preference. (2) No, there are not large and small varieties of Budgerigars, only the respective colour varieties of the Green species (*Melopsittacus undulatus*). There certainly are large and small specimens; but these occur with every species. Breed only from large and finely-plumaged birds, and your young birds will be satisfactory. True, a few small specimens will turn up, however fine and large your stock birds may be, but never use such for breeding purposes.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

AMAZON PARROT WITH COLD (?) (Omega).—Spray or bathe the nostrils daily with a tepid dilute solution of glyco-thymoline till the running ceases. Continue the use of the squills mixture for another fortnight, with the exception of every fourth day, when instead give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water. The regular menu should consist of seed mixture, ripe fruit, and nuts; cuttlebone and Parrot grit being continually kept in the cage. Extras to vary the dietary, a little may be supplied at intervals, such as dry boiled potato, raw carrot, stale crusts, pieces of biscuit, and plain cake. Keep a chunk of wood in the cage for it to exercise its mandibles upon. The most robust of birds must be kept out of draughts, and if this precaution be taken, Amazon Parrots are a hardy group. It would be well to continue the laxative for at least a month, and when you cease giving the squills mixture, to lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food when not giving the laxative.

FLINT GRIT FOR SEEDEATERS (Mrs. Thomas).—This is excellent for Bengalese and all seed eaters, as also is pulverized oyster shell. Shell is objected to by some as causing crop perforation, but I have never had a case all the years I have kept birds, and I certainly believe properly pulverized shell to be quite harmless. If you care to send me a stamped addressed envelope per the Editor, I will send you a small sample of what I use in conjunction with flint grit. One does not need to overdo these things. A pinch of each daily on the top of the bird sand is ample and fully meets the case. Not to use it at all is to deprive the bird of its teeth.

BUDGERIGARS AND FINCHES (L. Scott).—My advice is to separate the Budgies from the Finches permanently, as in spite of apparent instances of immunity, there is another side to the story, viz., a sad toll of maimed and injured birds, and the young Budgies, once they are independent, are worse offenders than the adult birds. Undoubtedly the best way to produce good healthy stock is to separate the sexes between November and February inclusive, and to only put picked (large size, well feathered, perfect in every way) birds up for breeding—by such means inbreeding and all the evils that follow in its train will be avoided. See also reply to "A. F. J.," in this issue.

AILING GREY PARROT (Mrs. Filby).—Very probably you may see this reply too late to be of any avail. Keep the bird in really warm quarters and where the temperature will be pretty even day and night. I do not think the trouble is a cold. Continue to give warm milk prepared as follows:—Teaspoonful condensed milk, eight drops cod liver oil emulsion, two drops laudanum, and half a teaspoonful of cornflour, beat together with a little water, then add about one ounce of boiling water and well stir together; allow the bird to sip at this at intervals during the day, and continue its use till the bird's condition becomes normal, when it should be gradually discontinued. Keep seed in the cage, but till it is heartily eating of same again, break up an arrowroot biscuit, put half a teaspoonful of chemical food over it, and then add as much boiling water as the biscuit will absorb. The cage tray should be kept very clean, and the voiding removed at once and burned. As soon as the trouble yields to the treatment you had better write again, fully describing its condition and symptoms.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free.—It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—Dec. 29, Station Cafe, 8. Sec.'s report.—C. Bailey.

Abersychan C.B.S.—Jan. 1, Queen's Hotel, 6.30. Balance-sheet, and other business.—W. T. Conch.

Bradford East O.S.—Dec. 27, Park Chapel School-rooms. Members' show; judge, Mr. F. Self. Birds staged 2.30. Entries taken before the show.—J. Spencer.

Bingley O.S.—Dec. 27, Assembly Rooms. Members' show; birds staged at 10. Judge, Mr. J. Hartley (Micklethwaite). Meeting 2 prompt.—F. Craven.

Charlotteville F. and U.S.K.S.—Dec. 27, St. John's Institute, Addison Road. Members' show; birds staged by 5. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. Fanciers welcome; admission free.—C. H. Pope.

City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 27, Flying Dutchman, 11. Members' show; judge, Mr. T. Bennett.—W. Helliwell.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Dec. 25, Dun Cow Hotel, 6.30. Prize-money annual show, drawing of specials, and other business.—R. Ward.

Cleveland and South Durham Federation C.B.S.—Will members of the Federation let us have a good entry on New Year's Day at Guisboro' and if they have not got schedules, inquire of their respective secretaries.—A. Knaggs, Sec. for Guisbro' show.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Jan. 1, Fountain Inn, 2.30. Last members' show of season; judge, Mr. J. Chambers, of Leeds.—Sam Wilcock.

East Ham and D.F.S.—Will members having tickets for annual show please settle for same, and oblige?—W. A. Harwood.

Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.—Dec. 25, 80, Grahams Road, 7.30. General meeting. Paying over prize-money, cup and medals to winners; successful local members kindly attend. Officials for the ensuing year appointed.—W. Clarkson.

Guiseley, Yeadon.—Dec. 25, Regent Hotel, 7.30. Entries for Boxing Day show; judge, P. Mason, Shipley.—W. Rose.

Gt. Horton O.S.—Dec. 27, Station Hotel, 11. Members' show; judge, Mr. J. Greaves.—A. W. Hartley.

Grimsby O.S.—Dec. 30, headquarters, 160, Freeman Street, 8. Final arrangements for half-day show and general business. Half-day show Jan. 1; fanciers welcome.—J. T. Cotterill.

Glasgow and W. Counties Club.—Dec. 25, 122, Ingram Street, 7. Final arrangements for annual club show Jan. 22.—J. H. Adam.

Halifax C.B.S.—Dec. 30, Trafalgar Inn, 8. Open show business; very important. All members please attend.—A. Sutcliffe.

Halifax O.S.—Dec. 27, Plummet Line Hotel, 3. Annual members' show; birds staged 3; remain until 8. Judge, Mr. A. Jowett, of Queensbury.—H. Clegg.

Leeds C.B.S.—Dec. 27, St. George's Schools. Members' show; birds to be staged 9.30. Show open 1 to 6. Judges, Messrs. E. Clegg and B. H. Wilson.—E. Norton.

Leigh C.B.S.—Dec. 29, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Special discussion on the work to be done at the annual meeting; notice of any alteration of rules to be given in to-night.—R. Charleson.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Jan. 1, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Subs. due; schedules distributed, election of stewards, etc. Please come in time to enable us to get business over in good time.—D. H. Davies.

National British Bird and M.C.—Dec. 30, Feathers Hotel, Westminster, S.W., 8. Show business; important.—E. Stephens.

Newcastle East End C.B.S.—Owing to circumstances prevailing in the district, the December meeting will be cancelled.—J. W. Coutts.

Oldham C.B.S.—Dec. 28, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Will all members kindly turn up? Business for social.—G. Mills.

Pontypool C.B.S.—Jan. 1, headquarters, 6. Spread. Distribution of prizes and specials. General business. Afterwards a free and easy concert; ticket-money collected. Members and intending members specially invited.—H. H. Vaughan.

Stockport and Hazel Grove B.F.A.—Dec. 28, Trinity House, Shaw Heath, 8. General business.—W. Stafford.

Springburn, Possil Park, and D.C.B.C.—Dec. 29, 8. Giving out specials, etc., won at annual show.—J. Waugh.

South Shields.—Friday (no date given.—Ed.), Cyprus, 7. Note meeting on Friday.—W. L. Smith.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Dec. 24, Liberal Club, 8. Taking entries for members' show Boxing Day; judge, H. Mallinson, Huddersfield.—W. Everett.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Dec. 27, Brotherhood Rooms, Cleckheaton. Last show of season; judge, Mr. C. Pickup, Great Horton. Birds staged 10.30. Two selling classes added. Entries close Dec. 24.—S. B. Grayshon.

Sheffield O.S.—Dec. 28, headquarters, 8. Important business. Syllabus, etc., for 1916.—E. C. Job.

Tong C.B.S.—Dec. 27, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill. Members' show; birds staged at 1. Judge, Mr. D. Sutcliffe.—W. Walker.

Wakefield O.S.—Dec. 27, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 1.30. Members' show. Ordinary business and members' show; members will oblige by having the exhibits to hand at 1.—J. Isherwood.

West Stanley Empire F.F. and C.B.S.—Dec. 26, Club Room, 6.30. Annual meeting; election of officers and presentation to chairman and treasurer.—R. Hutchinson.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Dec. 25, Commercial Hotel, 6.30. Election of stewards and other show business. Last meeting before show, to be held Jan. 1, Victoria Club Hall.—W. Cresswell.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Dec. 27, Horse and Groom, 1.30. Last show of season; please give us a good entry. Judge, Mr. R. Garnett, Windhill.—W. Chapman.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

S. J. D. (Vancouver).—Thanks for "pome" and good wishes, but we seem to remember having seen the verses before.

POST MORTEMS.

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Dr. D. Wilson.—Pneumonia was cause of death of Goldfinch. In was in really very good condition, and there was no indication that the seed was at fault.

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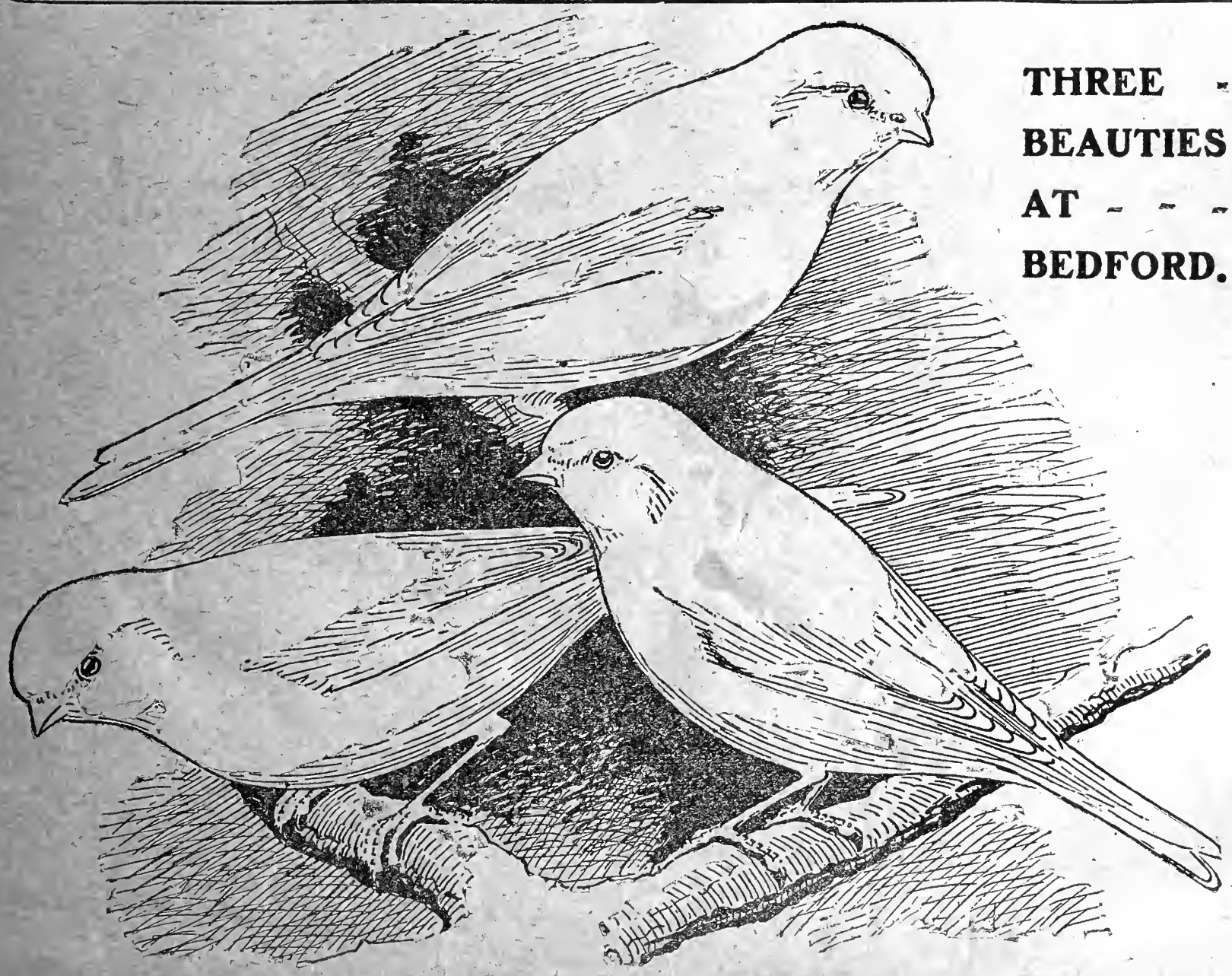

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FEW pairs of Crests, huffs, reasonable; odd cocks; no odd hens; approval, stamp: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham. (160)

LARGE, clear, 1914, Crestbred cock, grand head feather, £2, or exchange for Crested hen: C. F. Dart, Gloster-rd., Barnstaple. (155)

DAVID SCOTT, 128, Atkinson-rd., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has a few Crests and Crestbreds for disposal; approval; stamp reply. (84)

VARIEGATED dark Crest cock, 12/6; var. Crestbred hen, 8/6; cash or deposit with Editor: Hind, 2, Queen's-rd., Linthorpe, Middlesbro'. (155)

CREST and Crestbreds, pairs or singles, good stock birds, 1914; reasonable; approval, deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham. (122)

CRESTS and crestbred cocks from 12/6, pairs from 25/-, bred from prize stock; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (58)

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NOTICE. Grand lot Norwich, cocks 3/6, cock and hen 5/6; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (160)

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LARGE typical yellow and buff Norwich hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each; approval: G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (157)

WINNERS for sale, yellow and buffs, cocks and hens, must sell, stamp for reply: Thomas Hutton, Ivylea, Larhert. (144)

TYPICAL, unflighted Norwich cocks, from 10/6; pairs from 15/-: Offord, 24, Little Welbeck-st., Cavendish-sq., London, W. (136)

MASSIVE buff variegated Norwich cock, 10/-; good buff stock cock, 8/6; good heads; approval: Eddy, Bellevue-ter., Penzance. (151)

NORWICH green hens, 6/-, 3/6 each; fine for dark Muling; yellow or buff: Hetherington, Alderton, Chippenham, Wilts. (154)

NORWICH cocks, good singers, from 5/-; hens, 3/6; 1915 birds; clear and variegated: Miss Pratt, 5, The Quadrant, Exeter. (154)

R. HANFORD, Derby, has splendid collection Norwich for sale, cocks, hens, or breeding pairs; state requirements; all prices.

SIX typical unflighted cocks, full song, 6/-, 10/-; pairs from 12/6; approval, stamp: W. Crook, Godfrey-st., Netherfield, Notts. (154)

SEVERAL well-bred large type Norwich hen Canaries, 3/6 each, to clear; decided bargains: Miss Jones, Harlech House, Aberystwyth. (159)

BUFF Norwich hen, 3rd Bedford (Notley's strain), 20/-; yellow cock, 2nd pair class (Corrie's strain), 12/6: Simons, Coventry-rd., Bedford. (158)

McKAY, 73, Grace-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, single pairs, state requirements; stamp; approval. (140)

LARGE yellow cock, good head, 30/-; large buff, £2; unflighted yellow, 20/-; all good birds; approval: Lingard, 66, Berry-st., Burnley. (163)

WANTED, colour-fed Norwich, single or pairs, for re-sale for cash, or exchange cages: Osborne, Cage Manufacturer, Dudley-rd., Wolverhampton. (156)

WILLIAM PHIPPS, for splendid, typical, massive Norwich, winner over 100 prizes, also cups; approval; cold: 16, Millplatt-ave., Isleworth. (111)

RICH colour-fed buff Norwich cock, large specimen, 1st 20/- selling class 17, accept 10/-; given away: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (162)

NORWICH, clear, variegated, ticked, buffs, yellows, green; cocks, 6/- to 9/-; hens, 2/- to 3/6: Dixon, 33, Rusliden-rd., Manor Estate, Levenshulme. (158)

WANTED, Norwich Canaries, for cash; same address 20 years; fanciers please communicate: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton.

FEW smart typical birds, cocks from 10/6, pairs from 15/-; all clean moulted and healthy; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (11

HENRY, 133, Alma-rd., Ponders End: Six Norwich hens, one green and one cinnamon Border, good strain, green hen a topper, 3/- each, or 16/6 lot. (155)

FOR sale, two pairs of Norwich, yellow cocks, buff hens, unflighted; local winners, 12/6 pair; also few hens: Jacques, 22, Ernest Terrace, Rochdale, Lancs.

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GOOD yellow Norwich cock, 35/-; variegated buff hen, 30/-; another, 25/-; 2 clear buffs, £1 each; good heads and size: Bell, 35, Clementina-ter., Carlisle. (160)

W. KEARY, winner numerous prizes and two challenge cups has few pairs of Norwich and Yorkshire for sale at 15/- pair: Church Institute, Twickenham. (158)

NORWICH; clear yellow cock, unflighted buff hen, 25/-; var. buff cock, unflighted yellow hen, 15/-; buff hens, 5/-; approval; Eornsby, 86, Long-row, Page Bank. (162)

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YOUNG Norwich hens, strong, healthy, sound condition, 2/6 each, 4 for 9/6; fine cocks, from 7/6; satisfaction guaranteed: H. Smith, 10, Waterloo-st., Hove. (155)

NORWICH: Pair of good Norwich, present, winning blood, 30/-; also buff cocks, from 15/-; yellows from 7/6; no rubbish: J. Lane, 15, Aberdeen-ter., Bradford. (157)

TWO clear buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-; one extra large ticked buff cock, 20/-; one variegated buff cock, 30/-; approval: Smith, 42, Carlton-st., Ayres-rd., Manchester. (161)

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WANTED, big unflighted yellow and buff hen, with good heads and neck; exchange yellow and buff cock; no rubbish wanted or offered: Jenkins, 71, Argyle-st., Swansea. (161)

GIVEN away, Last few clear yellow Norwich; cock, winner 1st spl., 15/-; two big buff hens, 5/- each; worth double; stamp: Townend, Montrose, Upper Bognor, Bognor. (151)

GRAND Norwich var. buff cock, 1914, bred 1st prize members' show, 30/-; also clear buff cock, 1915, 2nd, 20/-; cash or deposit; approval: W. Breeze, 42, George-st., King's Lynn. (158)

EXCEPTIONAL offer; must sacrifice; rich colour-fed buff Norwich hen, won 3rd, feathered to perfection, faultless condition, accept 8/6: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (162)

G. BENNELL has some nice birds of good quality, bred from winners; yellow and buffs, from 10/- to 30/-; mostly unflighted, and can win at small shows; approval: North-st., Lynn. (155)

A. L. HAWKES offers typical, thick-set, large framed, short neck, stout headed, variegated green winning buff Norwich hen; accept 10/-, worth treble: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (182)

WANTED Yellow cock and Buff hen (clear or slightly variegated), Dutch frills; must be good typical birds: Full particulars to Stuart, 14, Shepherd's Bush-green, London. Deposit system. (155)

THOMAS HERBERT, 35, South-st., Redditch, offers 2 large buff cocks, winners 2nd and 3rd, 20/- each; 2 yellow hens, 5/-, 7/6; Goldie-Greenie Hybrid cock, winner reserve, 12/6; approval. (168)

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, Ayrshire, having decided to dispose of all his high-class Norwich, offers exceptional bargains; many winners; all large; inspection invited; letters only. (59)

CHAMPION bred Norwich; grand clear buff cock, winner, 30/-; also marked cock, 20/-; and one marked hen, 20/-; all good birds to clear; approval, cash, stamp: Edwards, Tailor, Leominster. (162)

GRAND unflighted even-marked, cinnamon wings, head, buff Norwich hen, 7/6; exchange large buff stock cock, give 5/- extra good bird; approval: Wileman, Vale View, Measham, Atherstone. (159)

SEVEN pure Norwich cocks, pure Bellamys, 7/6 each, 42/- lot; giving away price; two muling pairs; good cock Goldfinches, Norwich hens; 6/6 pair: Pilbeam, 13, Garden-rd., Tunbridge Wells. (156)

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MASSIVE unflighted yellow cock, 15/-; yellow cock, 12/6; buff cock, 15/-; yellow and buff hens from 5/-; all unflighted, healthy, colour-fed, cold-room; approval: E. Blaney, 19, Oliver-st., Mexbro. (156)

FOR sale, 3 buff cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; yellow hens, 6/-; buffs, 5/-; pairs from 15/-; all unflighted, and winning strain; also show cock Greenfinch Mule, 8/6: John Fyfe, 118, St. John-st., Glasgow N. (154)

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BLUCK'S Norwich, won 1st and 4 specials, 2nd and special in champion class, including special for best Canary in show; matched pairs or singles; reasonable state wants: 3, Westbourne-terr., Hove. (132)

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NORWICH: Three buff cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-; five buff hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; unflighted, and bred from winners; wanted a good clear yellow Norwich hen, unflighted, for stock: D. Watts, 37, Alkincoats-rd., Colne. (160)

NORWICH, winner medal most points, 1915 buff cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-; yellow cock, 17/6; yellow hens, 7/6; buff hens 8/6, 10/-; good heads, wing carriage, and feather; approval: Roberts, 43, Young-st., Derby. (151)

MASSIVE Norwich cock, 12/6; brother won first and special Wyke Show; cock Goldie Mule, Finch notes, swit, swit, siswitty, ker, jay, 10/6; two hen Mules, 2/6; approval, if deposit: Brown, 22, Alma-rd., Weymouth. (154)

FOUR typical yellows, natural colour, two cocks, two hens, two 1914, two unflighted, Silk's strain, cocks 6/6 each, hens 4/6 each, or 18/6 the four; hargain, approval, cash or deposit: Hale, 37, Station-rd., Croston, Preston. (158)

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WANTED, Yorkshire Canaries, any quantity; state price: Porrill, 8, Doncaster-rd., Barnsley. (154)

YORKSHIRES, buff cocks, from 7/- to 10/6 each; one yellow, 8/-; cheap: J. Lane, 15, Aberdeen-ter., Bradford. (157)

TYPICAL 1915 hens, from outdoor aviary, yellow or buff, 3/6 each, colour fed: Tomkinson, 70, Childers-st., Doncaster. (154)

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TYPICAL young Yorkshires for sale, cocks from 5/-, hens 4/-; bred from my winners: James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall. (154)

HALFORD, 134, Prince of Wales-rd., Kentish Town: 1914 cock yellow, 1915 cock buff, slightly green marked, 12/6 each. (155)

YORKSHIRE Canaries, high-class breeding stock, cocks, in full song, 8/-: Draper, 47, Palmerston-st., Battersea Park-rd. (151)

SEVEN-inch cocks, in song, from 7/6; hens, 5/-; bred from winners, cold room: 10, Horsford-rd., Brixton Hill, S.W. (103)

R. HANFORD, Derby, has splendid collection Yorkshires, cocks, hens, or breeding pairs; all prices; state requirements.

YORKSHIRES, good birds, colour-fed, cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-: Apply, Percy Lane, 1, Arboretum-rd., Worcester. (490)

YORKSHIRES. Two cocks, full song, 7/6 each; 2 hens, 3/6 each; well-known strain: Fryer, 24, Mill Bank, Talke, Staffs. (151)

LENGTHY York cocks, buff and yellow, 9/-; hens, 6/- each (1915): M. Cobley, 69, High-la., Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (160)

TWO splendid Yorkshires, cocks, clear yellow, 7/6 each, 14/- the two; these are good: White, 118, Brandon-rd., Brixton-hill. (160)

FOUR Yorks. hens, good length, from winners, 7/6 each; two cock Mules, 6/- each, full song: Ball, Hinkshay, Dawley, Salop. (160)

CLEARANCE sale; exhibition Yorkshires and cages, British, Norwich and Yorkshire show cages, 1/-: Devine, Holborn, Sligo. (151)

YOUNG colour-fed exhibition Yorkshires; cocks, 10/-; good breeding hens, 5/-; view any day: Breeder, 222, Ribblesdale-rd., Streatham. (127)

GRAND Yorkshire cocks, outdoor bred (C.F.), unflighted, 8/6 to 10/6; satisfaction guaranteed: Barnard, 77, Hereson-rd., Ramsgate. (?3)

USEFUL typical specimens, colour fed, moderate prices, 30 to choose from: bargains; call: James, 44, Aylmer-rd., Shepherd's Bush. (157)

TWO cocks, 8 hens, cold room bred, £1 10/- postal order gets lot; a bargain, worth 50/-; exchange: Fewster, Middlestown, Wakefield. (156)

YORKSHIRES, mostly Crisp's strain, all bred from my winners; cocks 8/6, hens 5/6; approval: Lloyd, 84, Chichele-rd., Cricklewood, N.W. (142)

WANTED Yorkshire Canaries for cash, same address 20 years; fanciers please communicate: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton.

TWENTY Yorkshires, 8/6 pair upwards; cages, egg mill, "Our Canaries," as new; approval, deposit: Tattersall, East-st., Faringtou, Leyland. (151)

ONLY a few grand buff cocks and hens left, Spillman's strain, cages and utensils, working man's prices: Tomsett, S.N.P.C., 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley.

I HAVE a few good Yorkshires for sale, cocks and hens, rare quality birds; for particulars: E. Fisher, Hare and Lounds, Liley-la., Hopton, Mirfield, Yorkshire. (150)

TYPICAL smart buff Yorkshire cock, taken honour young stock shows, perfect feather, faultless condition, 12/6; great sacrifice: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (162)

YORKSHIRES, pairs or singles, fine feather and good type, giving up; for Norwich see advertisement; reasonable; state wants: Bluck, 3, Westbourne-terr., Hove. (132)

EXHIBITON Yorkshires, colour fed, long typical young birds, cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/-; approval; cash or deposit editor: W. Johnson, Breeder, 55, George-st., Leeds. (161)

YORKSHIRES: 17 cards out of 25 entries; runner-up best 1915 bred bird; young birds for sale, same strain; cocks from 12/6, hens from 3/6: Firth, 25, Old Steine, Brighton. (156)

R. TINDALE offers several exhibition and stock Yorkshires from his well-known strain, at very reasonable prices; approval, deposit: 6, Gill-st., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (160)

CHAMPION clear buff cock, with grand hen, 12/6; clear yellow cock and two hens, 12/6; large typical marked buff cock, 10/6; 7 days' approval, deposit: Gater, Troedyrhiw, Glam. (151)

FIVE pair Yorkshire, 1915, 5 double breeders, complete, Crystal Palace aviary, and large aviary, sale cheap, or exchange anything useful: yours first: King, Sutcliffe School, Bath. (154)

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PRIESTLEY'S high-class Yorkshires, show or stock birds, cocks from 5/6, hens from 3/6, cash or deposit; satisfaction guaranteed; travelling cages, 3d. extra: 121, Guythorne-rd., Bradford. (157)

PURE pedigree Yorkshires, strictly our strain, one of the best in Fancy, own breeding only, guaranteed; thirty only, 12/6 up.; cash or deposit: Nattrass, Raby-avenue, Bishop Auckland. (28)

PAIR of Yorkshire Canaries, with double breeding cage, all complete, nests, baths, 8/6; also singing cock Canaries, with cages, 6/- each; approval: Charles Catton, Meltham, Huddersfield. (160)

E. RADLEY, Paradise-square, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield, can spare grand unflighted clear buff Yorkshire cock, grand quality and shape, can win good company, 20/-, worth double; approval. (154)

I HAVE still a few pairs of high-class Yorkshires, including winners at Leyton and East Ham, also several odd cocks and hens, for sale; inspection invited: Collinge, 29, Balmoral-rd., Leyton. (158)

YORKSHIRES, ETC.

Exhibition, stock birds, or specially selected songsters for cash or easy payments. Fine, typical, yellow or buff Yorkshire cocks, on full song, and seven inches long, at 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Grand properly matched pairs to breed winners, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair, in clears, ticked, and green marked. Extra smart lengthy hens at 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6. All cold-room bred and kept, and all clean and in tight feather. Colour-fed or natural colour. Exhibition cocks and hens at 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each, in Yorkshires and Norwich. These are worth double and can soon win their cost. **EASY PAYMENTS.**—Birds sent off at once on receiving first payment. Illustrated price list and full particulars post free (Yorkshires, Norwich, Crests, Borders, etc., in stock.) Specially selected Yorkshire and Norwich songsters at 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each, that will sing by day or gaslight. Send for my illustrated price list, post free. All birds on seven days' approval to any part at my risk. Travelling cage 3d. extra. Only and old address:—**J. TAYLOR, 36, Aireville Road, Frizinghall, BRADFORD.**

CHAMPION Yorkshires, for exhibition and stock, birds, none better; cocks in full song, 6/6; sure winners, 10/6; hens, 5/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury, Yorkshire. (46)

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, upwards; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 10/6, upwards; approval; carriage paid: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorks. (160)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and Norwich, from my noted strain, cocks at 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards, hens at 3/-, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; on approval: E. Cheshire, 84, Crawford-st., Bradford. (160)

R. SPIBY, Queen-st., Farnworth, Bolton, has six grand Yorkshires for sale, yellows and buffs; for type and quality can't be beaten; bred from cup and medal winners, have won at open shows; on approval. (162)

W. D. HALL has some good Yorkshires for sale, single or pairs; winner of the "News of the World" Challenge Shield; pairs from 15/- upwards; seen any night, or state wants: 124, Suncroft-st., Kennington Cross, London. (119)

CLEARANCE bargains. Two grand matched pairs, young birds, 12/6 and 15/- pair, size, quality, and position, are prize-bred and matched by an expert; approval with pleasure, deposit: G. W. Maisey, Aldermaston, Berks. (154)

DO you require really good birds? Have few winners and stock birds for sale; no rubbish offered; pair, 15/-, £1; cocks 7/6, 10/-, 15/-; hens from 5/-, approval, deposit: J. Sheard, 2, Sackville-st., Ravensthorpe, Yorkshire. (159)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/-; some good stock birds, seen any evening, Saturday afternoons, Sunday mornings, or write stating wants: Bowring, 67, Everington-st., Fulham, S.W. Near Fulham Cross. (142)

A. L. HAWKES offers an exceptional smart long-legged, deep-fed yellow Yorkshire cock, rare length, very nervy, like wax, feathered to perfection, taken honours, accept 15/-, worth treble for stock: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (162)

THIRTY high-class Yorkshires, every bird own breeding, from my winners, see show reports, cold room; inspection invited; approval deposit; cocks from 7/6, hens 5/-: Radford, 128, Sandy-lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (72)

YORKSHIRES, winning strain, Huddersfield, Sheffield, etc., yellow and buff, cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, upwards; large stock cocks, 15/- to 30/-; approval, deposit: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (155)

J. C. BARNES, Yorkshire specialist; well-known strain; every bird guaranteed my own breeding; straight and lengthy, tight in feather, stylish; cocks from 15/-, hens from 10/-; inspection invited; approval: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

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YORKSHIRES. To those wishing for first class stock birds, no fancier could wish for better; I have just a few pairs, with plenty size, type and quality of the very best, 40/- pair; honestly worth double; approval, deposit: E. Saxon, 27, Oxford-rd., Smethwick. (151)

FIVE Yorks., show birds, for disposal, clear buff cock, 1st and 4th; clear yellow cock, cup last year; clear buff hen, 1915, variegated buff hen, clear yellow buff hen, 1 show Goldfinch, 4 Budgerigars, all typical birds; must be sold; offers to Stuart, 14, Shepherd's Bush Green, London. (155)

YORKSHIRE Canaries, 1/1½, by H. W. Battye (Past President of the Yorkshire Union); absolutely the best handbook dealing with the Yorkshire and its sub-varieties. Contains complete instruction upon pairing, breeding, moulting, and successful exhibiting; also how to treat in both health and disease: CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

WHO says winners. Clinking fine 1913 clear buff Yorkshire hen, 5 firsts and others, 15/6; cost double; 1914 clear buff hen, three 3rds, 4th, 12/6; unflighted clear buff cock, 12/6; lengthy variegated unflighted buff cock, 17/6; parents big winners; every bird in grand condition, and bargains; approval anywhere: Drew, 15, Dudley-st., Brooks Bar, Manchester. (157)

H. J. CHITTENDEN invites you, if in Bradford, to call and inspect his stock of Yorkshires any time by appointment; having to reduce his stock of well-known winning Yorkshires that have produced so many winners consistently for years; if not able to call will send on approval; yellow or buff cocks, clear or marked, green or cinnamon, fit to win, at 15/-, 20/- to 60/- each; hens 10/-, 15/-, 20/- to 50/-; these are really good birds and must be sold; note the address: 53, Carlisle-st., Manningham. (160)

BINGHAM & FURNISS

have some clinking Yorkshires for disposal, excelling in length, type, and quality; cocks from 12/6, hens from 7/6; inspection invited: 43a, Hawthorn-rd., Hillsbro', Sheffield.

REV. C. B. JOLLIFFE

At the special request of a working man I have purchased of Mr. H. C. Smith, the well-known exhibitor, and the judge of Yorkshires at the Welsh National, a pair of excellent unflighted birds of the value of 35/-. Owing to financial difficulties this novice, unfortunately, has gone back on his word, and I, not being a breeder of Yorkshires, have these birds on my hands. They are bred from the choicest winners, and are a genuine bargain. The first postal order for 25/- gets the pair: "Carisbrooke," 19, Pontcanna-st., Cardiff. (159)

CLEARING OUT

I have 60 Yorkshires, with some of the best blood in the country in their veins, but owing to present conditions I shall have to dispose of my entire stock; all appointments to be made by post: J. Harrop, 17, Waller-rd., Walkley, Sheffield. (158)

25/- WORTH FOR 12/6

In order to reduce my large stock of Yorkshires to make room for breeding, I offer three grand long slim yellow cocks, over 7in. long, with lovely buff hens to match, also three very big buff stock cocks, with charming yellow hens to match, at 12/6 a pair. These are honest value at 25/- a pair, and I will send to any address in United Kingdom on six days approval on receipt of cash; cash returned in full if not satisfied; travelling boxes 3d.: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (161)

Various Canaries.

NINE unflighted yellow cocks and buff hens, good stock birds, 8/- to 30/-: Bissett, 34a, Rose-st., Motherwell. (160)

EXCHANGE two pair Border Fancies for large typical yellow Norwich cock, 1915; yours first: A. R. Young, 1, Stone-row, Twizell, Beamish, S.O., Co. Durham. (159)

YELLOW Crested cock and buff Crested hen, winners; also Norwich cock, grand substance and colour; stamp for reply: F. Stothard, 81, Beaconsfield-st., Darlington. (160)

BARGAINS. Grand lot Canaries, Norwich, Yorkshire, Borders, and Rollers; cocks 5/-, cock and hen 5/-; package 3d.; approval: McKeand, 15, Queen-st., Castle Douglas. (160)

FOUR unflighted buff cocks, one flighted buff cock, grand feather and good length; also five buff hens, all grand stock birds and bred from my winners: Hibbert, Saltney, Chester. (157)

UNFLIGHTED buff cocks, see reports at N/C, Blaydon, Haltwhistle, Darlington, first and second, from £1 to £2; and few pairs, 30/-; unflighted Crest and Crestbred, 15/-; approval: W. Smailes, Radcliffe, Acklington. (160)

CLEAR yellow cock, won honours, £1; clear buff, vhc. in Novices' Cup class, 15/-; several others from 7/6; hens from 5/-; good quality birds, winning strain; enquiries solicited; approval, deposit: J. Cliff, 78, Brook-st., Selby. (153)

BARGAINS IN SONGSTERS

Splendid selection of lovely singing Canaries, Rollers, Norwich, Yorkshires, cocks, full song, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6; Bullfinches, cocks 3/-, hens 2/-; cock Goldfinches, 3/-; selected giant cock Brown Linnets, 1/- each, three 2/6: Cooper, Naturalist, Princess-st., Manchester. (161)

SONGSTERS! SONGSTERS!

IF you want a classical songster send for my list: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

MULES—HYBRIDS.

LIGHT unflighted muling hens, 3/- each: Weeks, South Green, East Dereham. (158)

GRAND winning Goldfinch-Bullfinch, beauty, to clear 90/-: Edwards, Tailor, Leominster. (162)

FEW genuine light muling hens, good size, healthy, 6/-, 7/6 each; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (134)

COCK Siskin Mules, 1915 bred, in song, 9/6; hens 2/6; also few muling hens, 3/6, 4/6: Willmer, 20, Elm-rd., Beckenham. (150)

BEAUTIFUL prize cock Goldfinch Mule, 12/6, 1914; cash or deposit with Editor: Hind, 2, Queen's-rd., Linthorpe, Middlesbro. (155)

THREE cock Goldfinch Mules, grand songsters, fine feather, 7/6 each; approval, deposit: Lashmar, 21, Bank-st., Ashford, Kent. (153)

DARK yellow Goldfinch Canary cock, show specimen, 10/-; worth treble; approval: Smith, 42, Carlton-st., Ayres-rd., Manchester. (161)

LARGE yellow or buff Norwich hens, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each, or will exchange for cock Mules; approval: G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (157)

LARGE Linnet Mule, cock, 1/6, or exchange for Roller hens or Foreigners; no rubbish wanted: Mahony, 3a, Fountain Buildings, Bath. (151)

GREENFINCH Mule, winner 2nd, 3rd only time shown, 12/6, or exchange yellow Yorkshire cock; approval: Dobson, Shakespear-st., Lincoln. (151)

LARGE pink-eyed Sib.-bred hens, sure light Mule breeders, 5/6 each; cocks in full song, 7/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (33)

NORWICH Canaries, 1915, cold room; cocks, full song, 5/-; pair, 7/6; Canary-reared cock Bullfinch and Goldfinch, 6/-; Hardiman, Railway-terr., Brockenhurst. (155)

COCK Goldfinch Mules, full Finch song, 7/6 each, hens 1/6, Norwich and Yorkshire cross, good feeding strain hens, 2/6 each: Fred Laycock, Sutton Mill, Keighley. (153)

BEAUTIFUL cock Goldfinch mules, light or dark, lovely mellow song, perfect plumage, health warranted, 8/6, 10/6: Crisp, 35, Southmid-rd., Bishop's Stortford. (144)

EXHIBITION Linnet Mule, best trained Mule living, bred Linnet song, free from blemish, 1914, sell 25/-; approval anywhere: G. Wells, Yard 126, Kirkland, Kendal. (159)

GENUINE Sibs, no rubbish: double yellow Sib hen, bred two seasons, bred good variegated Mules each year, 15/-; buff Sib cock to match her, 10/-: Rowley Elston, Crediton. (158)

SPLENDID muling strain, cold room bred, few 1915 to spare, one large yellow hen, rather faulty wings mother threw four light mules; approval, "Cage Birds": E. Ridley, 6, Osborne-st., Didsbury, Manchester. (157)

BEAUTIFUL cock Goldfinch Mules, dark and variegated, lovely songsters, perfect health and plumage, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, and 15/-; hens, 1/6 each; also Linnet Mules, at same price: Keynes, Kingston St. Michael, Chippenham, Wilts. (154)

FOR sale, two grand cock Greenfinch Mules, 22/-; or exchange unlighted buff Yorkshire cock or yellow Norwich cock, must be good: R. Whiting, 3, Stafford-st., Boston. (157)

TWO large 1914 muling hens, 3/6 each; 6 cock Goldfinch Mules, on song, 6/6, 7/6 each; two hens 1/3 each; also good Norwich for sale: Peck, Ashman's Hall Gardens, Beccles. (158)

EXHIBITION cocks, house moulted: Chaffinch, 7/6; Greenfinch, 5/-; Linnet, 5/-; Lesser Redpoll, F.M., 2/-; will exchange for muling Siskin, Goldfinch, muling hens, or Roller hens, for breeding: G. Lees, Thompson-st., Langley Mill, Derbyshire. (154)

I have for sale my two winning Linnet Mules, cocks, one light, one dark, colour fed, show condition, at 20/- each; also field moulted cock Bullfinch, two vhc's, only times shown, 6/-; all worth double; stamp particulars, approval: Pygott, 28, Mayer-st., Hanley, Staffordshire. (158)

MULING pairs, Jonque Greenfinch cock, proved mules, another Canary-reared, thrice H.M. Chaffinch, with 1915 bred hens, 7/6 pair; two Greenfinch mules 6/- each; Linnet, H.M., 2/6; two Canaries, ideal feeders, 3/- each; cash, approval: John Paris, 11, Rokeby-terr., Heaton, Newcastle. (136)

EXHIBITORS note: The following can win anywhere: Colour-fed cock Greenfinch-Redpoll Hybrid, 20/-; cock Siskin-Greenfinch Hybrid, 20/-; Goldfinch-Bullfinch, £3; two large yellow Goldfinch cock Mules, 15/- each; one grand yellow cock Siskin Mule, sure winner, 10/6; cock Goldfinch, a gem, 12/6; Indian Mynah, 20/-; cock Bullfinch, 10/6; cock Redpoll, extra good one, 4/6; F.M. cock Linnet, 5/6; or what offers in song birds: Day, The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (157)

WANTED, ANY QUANTITY

Goldfinch or Linnet Mules, will give 4/6 to 7/6 for good birds; hens 1/-, spot cash or deposit with "Cage Birds": Powers and Russell, 10, Granby-place and 67, Selater-st., London, E. (161)

FOREIGN BIRDS.

WANTED, young hen Madagascar, lavender head, Love Bird: Neilson, 5, Bank-pl., Kilmarnock. (156)

AMERICAN Black-headed Siskin, cock, £2 15/-; hen, matched same, 10/- extra: Cooper, Lindley-st., Norwich. (155)

AMAZON, Blue-fronted, grand talker, whistle and mimic, £3, or will exchange birds: Day's Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (157)

YELLOW Budgerigars, 5/6 pair; three pairs, 15/-; four cocks, 9/-; outdoor aviary bred: Miss Wigram, Frensham, Farnham. (155)

TWO cock Cutthroats, pair Red-billed Weavers, outdoor aviary, 8/-; exchange pair Yellow Budgerigars: Field, 5, Castle-st., Hereford. (151)

WANTED, every variety of Parrots, Parrakeets, and Cockatoos, best price given: J. Howard and Sons. See other Wanted advertisement.

YOUNG Amazon, says few words, mimics and whistles, smart bird, 35/-, with cage; full bloom: W. Russell, Holme-st., Liversedge, Yorks. (154)

AMAZON Parrot, lovely talker, good whistler, mimic, accept 50/-, with handsome cage; exchanges considered: Seedsman, 163, Princess-st., Manchester.

PERFECT cock Melba, 20/-; true pair Indian White-eyes (Zosterops), perfect, £2 15/-, or exchange other specimens foreign: Sted, Tobacconist, Sudbury, Suffolk. (158)

BEAUTIFUL, finger-tame Amazon Parrot, talks, dances, whistles; lady's pet; bargain; 50/- to nice home; approval; deposit: Mrs. Jones, 7, George-st., Aberystwyth, Wales. (163)

A REAL good talking Rock Parrot, can say over 20 words, with large new cage, price 40/-; six days approval; cash or deposit Editor: Edwin North, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (161)

BUDGERIGARS, outdoors, finest possible, 5/- pair; selected breeding pairs, 6/-; yellows, 8/-; cokernut husks nests, 6d., 5/- dozen: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne. (141)

FOR sale, Budgerigars, 25 for 40/-, to clear; singing Canaries cheap; also Rhode Island Red cockerels, nine months old, best strain, 7/6 each to clear: W. J. Armstrong, East Grinstead. (162)

BEAUTIFUL upstanding Indian Parrot, young, pink ring round neck, long tail, house moulted, commencing to talk, a real lady's pet, sell 35/-; good cage included; exchange good Canaries or cob harness: 98, Manners-st., Nottingham. (158)

WANTED, Ringnecks, Quakers, or any other hardy Parrakeet, also Cockatiels. Will give 6/- each for any number; also 14/- each for Rosy Cockatoos: G. B. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham. Telegrams, "Parrakeet." 'Phone, "Central 689."

THOSE who have bought or those who are about to buy a Grey Parrot, should get "Nutshell No. 17," it only costs 2½d. post free, but the tips it gives are priceless; from: CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C. (2d. from agents, a list of whom is published frequently.)

GOOD hen Redfaced Gouldian Finch, acclimatised; exchange for exhibition Hawfinch or sell 15/-; cock Diamond Sparrow, exchange for exhibition Bearded Tit or sell 18/-; Dark Goldie Mule, 10/-, or exchange for pair large house-moulted Bullie hens; must be good birds; yours first: Samuel Duncan, Corsehill, Kilwinning, Ayrshire. (162)

THERE is no more lovely seed-eater than the popular Gouldian Finch, which, however, is very difficult to establish. This trouble can be overcome, and the variety kept successfully. But you must follow the hints given in "Nutshell No. 14." from CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C., post free for 2½d. From agents (see list frequently published).

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FOR sale, 3 marked Grass Finches, bred this year, in outdoor aviary, £1 each; 3, Hybrid Long-tailed Grass and Parson Finches, bred this year in outdoor aviary, £1 each; 2 cock Indigo Finches, £1 each; 6 pairs Diamond Doves, £1 pair; 3 pairs Lavender-headed Lovebirds, 15/- pair, bred this year; 1 pair Black-headed Nuns, 15/-; 1 Quail, larger than Californian, with crest, 15/-; 3 Hybrid Bauers and Pennant Parrakeets, £4 each; 6 Mandarins (males), 15/- each; 1 Shoveller (female), 5/-; 1 Pintail (female), 5/-; all birds acclimatised and in good health and plumage; been in outdoor aviary over 3 years; the Lavender-headed Lovebirds are moulting a little now; the ducks are kept on pond.—Mrs. Turner-Turner, Abbey Spring, Beaulieu, Hants.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

BARNSLEY.

Lark and Linnet C., Dove Inn, Doncaster Road, Jan. 2; 29 entered for 4 min. time singing. 1, Moore, 3min. 20sec.; Hardman, 2min. 53sec.; Jones, 2min. 30sec.; Coles, 2min. 25sec.; Fishwick, 1min. 59sec.; Shepherd, timer; Wairing, chalker. We keep increasing in membership; 43 now, limited to 50, so new entries hurry.—J. Hardman, Sec.

LEIGH.

The Globe Inn Linnet Club held their opening contest on Jan. 1 for time and quality, when 23 members staged birds. Quality: 1, Whittle; 2, Page; 3, Hayes. Time: 1, Donnelly, 105; 2, Statham, 83; 3, Tatham, 27. Judges: J. McAlaster, J. W. Jones. Timers: J. Statham, W. Meadows. Minutes, G. Amison.—R. Disley, sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Weekly singing contest, club sing, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, Jan. 1. 30 birds competed for 3 good prizes: 3 minutes' time singing. 1, Foster; 2, 3, Beard. Open sing, Jan. 2, when we had a good entrance of 39 birds for 4 good prizes, 3 minutes' time singing: 1, Pugh; 2, Morley; 3, Beard; 4, —

CASTLEFORD.

Members sing at the George and Dragon, Bridge Street, Dec. 26. 38 birds were entered for 3 prizes and some very good singing was heard. Winners: 1, Nelson; 2, Morley; 3, Pugh. Also, Dec. 27, open sing. 69 of the best time singing Linnets in Yorkshire sang to crowded house for 3 valuable prizes, the winning bird doing some very good time, but 6 of the best birds missed singing altogether. 1 and sp, Scottson; 2, Williams; 3, Pugh. Jan. 1. 44 birds sang, and all did very well. 1, Watkiss; 2, Milner; 3, Brindley. Jan. 2. 18 entered; 1, Milner; 2, Plowe; 3, Watkiss. Since our club started in March, 1910, 1,200 birds have been entered, and prizes to the value of £220 have been distributed; this we think is almost a record.—Walter Dobson.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing held at the Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, when 23 birds sang for four prizes, and some grand singing was heard. 1, Wharan; 2 and 3, Binns; 4, shared Ineon and Wharam. Judges: Messrs. T. Summers and S. Johnson.—W. Tipman, hon. sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road, Leeds. Champion Roller contest, Saturday next, Dec. 8, at 8. Open to all. Extra special prizes, including leg of mutton for 1st. Entrance fee as usual.—W. Naylor, Sec. (Advt.)

Leeds Quality Linnet Singing Club. Grand singing match, Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane; 16 birds faced the judges, A. Lorrieman and C. Lorrieman. 1, Diabere; 2, Chipendale; 3, Turner.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet sing, Jan. 1; 14 birds sang for three prizes. 1, W. Sissons; 2, G. Hirst; 3, T. Ward; consolation prize, Wharam. Judges, Hayes and Naylor. Also Jan. 2, 16 birds sang. 1, 2, shared by W. Sissons and G. Hirst; 3, T. Ward; consolation prize, Watson. Judges, Jennings, Hayes, and Eardcastle. Also Jan. 2, a Roller Contest, 16 birds sang. 1, 2, T. Johnson; 3, S. Johnson; consolation prize, T. Johnson. Judges, Sissons, Naylor, Hardcastle.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

The Shows.

WEST STANLEY (Workmen's Club)

4th annual members' show, Dec. 4 and 5, when we had a record entry of 337 exhibits. Mr. J. Stanger judged cage birds, and gave complete satisfaction. We are fortunate in having a good hall; all stock was well staged, and the show stewards, with our worthy Chairman, Mr. J. Armitage, at the head, worked very hard, and had everything in good order. We had a gift class for local soldiers, and it realised £1 2s., which was handed over to the local fund. The show stewards were G. Lane, R. Peart, M. Hall, J. Nicholson, W. Kilty, J. Metcalf, T. Taylor. The Management Board and officials helped both with donations and specials. Awards were as follows: Yorks., Yell. or Buff, Ck. (8): 1, 3, Gowland; 2, 4, Hutchinson. Hen (7): 1, sp, 4, Gowland; 2, Kilty; 3, Hutchinson. Bord., Ck. (8): 1, sp, 2, 3, Bates; 4, Metcalf. Hen (8): 1, sp, 2, 3, Bates; 4, Roxbrough. Nor., Ck. (14): 1, sp, 2, Bates; 3 4, Gowland. Hen (11): 1, sp, Bates; 2, Gowland; 3, Harwood; 4, Peart. A.V. Natural Col., Ck. (8): 1, Barrison; 2, Robson; 3, Hutchinson; 4, Armin and Chaytor. Hen (5): 1, Harrison; 2, Hunter; 3, M. Hall; 4, Rucroft. A.O.V., Ck. (4): 1, sp, Hutchinson; 2, 4, Rendle; 3, Hutchinson. Linnet, H. or F.M. (11): 1, Peart; 2, Hall; 3, Nicholson; 4, Purvis. Redpoll (8): 1, 2, Hall; 3, Pattison; 4, Dawson. Mule or Hybrid: 1, sp, Peart; 2, Hall; 3, Maddison; 4, Kilty. Goldf. (7): 1, Harrison; 2, Purvis; 3, Armin and Chaytor; 4, Hall. Bullf. (6): 1, Pattison; 2, Armin and Chaytor; 3, Watson; 4, Harwood. Greenf. (8): 1, Hutchinson; 2, Bates; 3, Peart; 4, Armin and Chaytor. A.O.V. Hardbill (3): 1, 2, Kilty; 3, Rendle. For., Single Pair (5): 1, sp, Peart; 2, Hutchinson; 3, Herron; 4, Little. Selling, 7s. 6d.: 1, Peart; 2, Hall; 3, Nicholson; 4, Kilty.—R. Hutchinson, Sec.

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DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Members' show held Dec. 27. Entries numbered well over 100. Classes were well filled, especially the Canary section, and the quality was A1. Mr. Campling, of York, judged, and the duties of secretary were ably carried out by Mr. Fred Stothard. Messrs. Bond and Co. gave a special prize of a watch for the best bird bred and exhibited by a member, which was won by Mr. Hobson Robinson with a Gold Bull Hybrid in fine condition. Yorks Yell. Ck.: 1, Warrington; 2, Stothard; 3, 4, Stephenson; vhc, Blackburn; hc, Reynolds; c, Carter. Buff: 1, 4, Stainsby; 2, Carter; 3, Blackburn; vhc, Gray; hc, Stothard; c, Stephenson. Hen: 1, vhc, Stothard; 2, Stainsby; 3, Warrington; 4, Blackburn; hc, Gray; c, Carter. Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, Gray; 2, Carter; 3, 4, Jeffries; vhc, Stephenson; hc, Warrington. Buff: 1, 2, 4, Jeffries; 3, Warrington; vhc, Stainsby; hc, Gale. Hen: 1, Gray; 2, Harrow; 3, c, Stephenson; 4, Stainsby; vhc, hc, Carter. Cr. or C. B. Ck.: 1, Jeffries; 2, Stothard. Hen: 1, Stothard; 2, 4, Jeffries; 3, Carter. Bord.: 1, 2, Gray; 3, 4, vhc, Harrow. A.O.V. Can.: 1, Gale. Brit. Gold: 1, Wilcox; 2, Robinson; 3, Hearfield; 4, Harrow; vhc, Gray. Bull: 1, Sergt. Forster; 2, Carter. Linnet: 1, Wilcox; 3, Hearfield. Green Chaff. or Bramble: 1, 3, Sergt. Forster (Bramble and Chaff.); 2, Robinson (Greenie); 4, Gray (Brambie). Redpoll, Siskin or Twite: 1, Sergt. Forster (Twite); 2, Gray (Redpoll); 3, Robinson (Siskin). A.O.V. Brit. Hardbill: 1, Wilcox (Hawfinch); 2, 3, Sergt. Forster (Yell. Bunting and Hawfinch); 4, Hearfield (Yellow B.). A.O.V. Hardbill Hen: 1, Robinson (Bullie); 2, Gray (Linnet); 3, 4, Hearfield (Greenie and Bullie). A.V. Softbill: 1, Hearfield (Thrush); 2, Gray (Field-fare). Mule or Hybrid: 1, Robinson (Goldie Bullie); 2, Stephenson (Goldie Canary); 3, Cooper (Goldie Canary).—R. A. Harrows.

CHESTER-LE-STREET C.B.S.

Fifth annual show, Dec. 18, at the Dun Cow Hotel, when nearly 200 birds were staged; exceedingly good considering that eight of our members are serving their country, and other members were exhibiting at other shows held locally on the same date. Quality was of the best, our judge, Mr. W. L. Smith, remarking that it was the best collection of birds he had seen this year. Nor., Ck.: 1, 2, Bailes; 3, Stanger. Hen, 1, Briggs; 2, Bailes; 3, Stanger. Yell., 1915, 1, sp, Coates; 2, Page; 3, Young. Buff, 1915: 1, Young; 2, Stanger; 3, Briggs. Hen, 1915: 1, 2, Lindsay; 3, Page. Nov.: 1, 2, Page; 3, Arnold. Yorks., Ck.: 1, Stanger; 2, Towers; 3, Arnold. Hen: 1, Stanger; 2, Arnold; 3, Ward. Yell., 1915: 1, Stanger; 2, 3, Ward. Buff, Sk., 1915: 1, 2, Ward; 3, M. Dagg. Hen, 1915: 1, sp, best Yorks, Stanger; 2, Ward; 3, Arnold. Ck., Nov.: 1, Towers; 2, Stones; 3, Dagg. Hen: 1, 3, Arnold; 2, G. Towers. Bord. Yell., Cd.: 1, Towers; 2, J. Briggs; 3, Young. Buff: 1, 2, Towers; 3, Young. Hen: 1, sp, Young; 2, 3, Towers. Buff: 1, Young; 2, 3, Marron. Green: 1, Towers; 2, Stanger. Cinn.: 1, Ward. Nov.: 1, 2, Towers; 3, Marron. Crest, Yell.: 1, Stanger; 2, Bewicke. Buff: 1, sp, Bewicke; 2, Forster; 3, Coates. C. Bred, Yell.: 1, 2, Bewicke. Buff: 1, Bewicke; 2, 3, Stanger. Crest or C.B., 1915: 1, Stanger; 2, Forster; 3 Bewicke. Crest or C.B., Nov.: 1, 2, 3, Stones. Can. Any Var.: 1, Stanger; 2, Coates; 3, Dagg. Mule or Hybrid: 1, 3, Rev. C. R. Appleton; 2, Boyd. Goldie or Bullie: 1, Rev. Appleton; 2, Boyd; 3, Young. Greenf.: 1, Lindsay; 2, Boyd; 3, Ward and Towers. Linnet or Twite, H.M.: 1, Boyd; 2, 3, Hodgson. Linnet or Twite, F.M.: 1, Young; 2, 3, Stones. Redpoll or Sis.: 1, 2, Wild; 3, Rev. Appleton. A.V. Bunting: 1, Ward and Towers; 2, Lindsay; 3, Boyd. A.V. Hardbill: 1, Boyd; 2, 3, Lindsay. Softbill: 1, 2, 3, Lindsay, White Skylark leading, which takes sp. for best Brit., a great attraction. A.V. Brit., Hen: 1, 2, Ward and Towers; 3, Lindsay. Sell. 15/-: 1, Briggs; 2, Page; 3, Stanger. Sell. 10/-: 1, Stanger; 2, Bailes; 3, Stones. Sell. 7/6: 1, 3, Forster; 2, Stanger.—R. Ward, Sec.

N. MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Annual show held Nov. 27, at Balmoral Hotel, where 142 birds were exhibited, and judged by Mr. J. Beswick, of Stockport. The judges awards were well received, and although the day was bad the show was well patronised by the public.

AMAT. YORKS. CL. or TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Clarke; 2, 3, Cooper; 4, Woods; vhc, Taylor. BUFF (4): 1, Cooper; 2, Clarke; 3, Taylor; 4, Deakin. YELL. or BUFF HEN (8): 1, 2, 4, Cooper; 3, vhc, Taylor; hc, Deakin. UNFLIG. CK., A.V. (6): 1, Deakin; 2, Clarke; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Cooper. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Cooper; vhc, Deakin. NOV. YORKS., CL. or TKD. YELL. (5): 1, vhc, Edwards; 2, Allen; 3, 4, Goddard. CL. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Edwards; 3, Whittaker. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 2, vhc, Edwards; 3, Allen; 4, Whittaker; hc, c, Howarth. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, Allen; 4, Edwards; vhc, c, Whittaker; hc, Goddard. UNFLIG. CK. (5): 1, 2, Edwards; 3, 4, Whittaker; vhc, Allen. HEN (3): 1, 3, Edwards; 2, Howarth. AMAT. NOR. YELL. and BUFF CK., A.V. (5): 1 2, Bardsley; 3, vhc, Hadfield; 4, Woods. HEN, A.V. (5): 1, 4, Hadfield; 2, 3, vhc, Woods. BUFF, A.V. 1915 (7): 1, 4, c, Hadfield; 2, hc, Deakin; 3, vhc, Woods. YELL. and BUFF HEN, 1915 (3): 1, 2, Hadfield; 3, Woods. NOV. NOR. YELL. and BUFF CK. (3): 1, 3, Goddard; 2, Robinson. HEN (6): 1, hc, Goddard; 2, 4, vhc, Colley; 3, Robinson. BUFF A.V., 1915 (3): 1, Goddard; 2, 3, Robinson. YELL. HEN, 1915 (2): 1, Colley; 2, Goddard. GREEN or CINN., SELF or FOUL (4): 1, 2, 4, Robinson; 3, Colley. BORD. CK. (5): 1, 3, 4, Colley; 2, vhc, Dutton. HEN (7): 1, 4, vhc, c, Colley; 2, 3, hc, Dutton. BRIT. GOLDF. (5): 1, 2, Daley; 3, vhc, Robinson; 4, Dutton. LINNET (5): 1, 4, Daley; 2, Taylor; 3, Robinson; vhc, Nightingale. GREENF. and BULLF. (5): 1, Daley; 2, 3, Robinson; 4, Nightingale. BRAMBLE and CHAFF. (3): 1, 2, Daley; 3, Taylor. SISKIN, REDPOLL and TWITE (6): 1, 3, Daley; 2, 4, Robinson; vhc, Nightingale. A.V. MULE or HYB. (6): 1, 3, Daley; 2, hc, Hadfield; 4, vhc, Robinson. A.V. FOR.: 1, Daley. SELLING CLASS: 1, D., Bardsley. Specials: Greig Cup won by Cooper for the third time and becomes his own property., gold medal accompanies cup; McMullen's special was won by Mr. W. Clarke. Sandiford's medal was won by Mr. Hadfield. Hartley medal for best Bord. was won by A. E. Colley. Other specials were won by A. Cooper, W. Hadfield, A. Robinson, A. E. Colley and W. Daley.

ALTRINCHAM (Open) C.B.S.

The Altrincham Open C.B.S. is commencing the New Year with a balance of £5 8s. 6d., besides other assets. This must be considered very favourable, as during the greater portion of its two seasons' working it has had to reckon with the war troubles. All credit is due to the members who have contributed to this success. Next meeting, Jan. 12, Station Cafe, for election of officers, 8 p.m. —C. Bailey, Hon. Sec.

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THANKS FOR GOOD WISHES.

It has been a source of great pleasure to note that nearly every communication, business or otherwise, received from our readers during the past week has contained expressions of good will towards CAGE BIRDS and its staff, and hopes for continued prosperity. We heartily thank our readers for their kindly thoughts, and reciprocate their good wishes. There are signs of a welcome break in the clouds that have been so long hovering over all, and that the brighter future which will surely come may come speedily is the wish of our Editor and staff to all readers of CAGE BIRDS.

Twitterings.

Will show secretaries, etc., please note that I have removed to 11, Union Street, Beeston, Notts., writes Mr. T. H. V. Hayter.

Please inform local fanciers, writes Mr. F. C. Gardner, Liverpool, that I already supply a local exhibitor, and cannot supply others in the city.

Mr. J. Hodder, the well-known Norwich specialist and judge, writes to say he has removed from Banner Street, St. Luke's, to Waltham, Ashurst Road, North Finchley, N.

In the schedule for Llanelly show, writes Mr. D. H. Davies, hon. sec., Special No. 1 should read for Yorks. Canary open section, and Special No. 25 should read best fourth in Class 43.

Please announce, writes Mr. Geo. Sawer, 3, Wilson Street, Alfreton, that Geo. Beardall, late sec. of Alfreton C.B.S., has resigned; that all communications should be addressed to me.

An Address Wanted.

To one of my advertisements, writes Mr. H. Levy, 614, Fulham Road, S.W., I received a reply from Mr. Chris Hatton, Brighton, who omitted to give his address. I shall be obliged if he will send his full address.

Prize Money Paid.

We are informed that prize-money has been paid in respect of the following shows; if any winners have been overlooked, they should apply to the respective secretaries:—Wigan Roller C.C., Ayr, Mardy P.P. and C.B.S.

The British Roller C.C. are going to hold their annual show as usual, on Feb. 4 and 5, writes Mr. J. W. Norris, sec. The judges engaged are Messrs. Fisher, Lester, and Willows, and the committee are endeavouring to put forward the usual good list of specials. Members wishing to give specials kindly write me at once, so that same can be included in the schedule.

My clear buff cock on front page of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. G. Notley, was 1st at Bedford and 1st at Watford, the only times shown this season; he is an old warrior, and has won the red ticket on several occasions. I have been a breeder of exhibition Norwich about twenty years, but this is the first time I have had the honour of having one of my birds portrayed in CAGE BIRDS, which has been the height of my ambition.

Owing to the sudden illness of my mistress, writes Mr. V. Wynn, it has been impossible to invite the auditors to supervise the year's accounts, and consequently I am reluctantly compelled to ask the members of the City and Suburban A.C.B. to postpone the annual general meeting till Monday, Jan. 17, a week later. This will in no way interfere with the holding of the pair show on Jan. 29.

We have received the annual report of the Southampton C.B.S. The Society, which has only been two years established, has made excellent progress. Each of the four shows held during the year showed a small balance on the right side, and the balance sheet shows that the cash at bank or in hand amounts to £8 9s. 10½d., an increase of £1 1s. over the amount brought forward from 1914.

Don't Forget Llanelly.

Entries very short, writes Mr. Davies, hon. sec. Entries extended until Sunday morning.

A Fine Performance.

We hear that the buff Yorkshire cock which won 1st and the Cumberland and Westmorland Y.C.C. cup at Whitehaven won also the Yorks cup at Newcastle and the Westmorland Y.C.C. cup. Its win at Whitehaven was its fifth successive first.

A Treat for Scotch Fancy Exhibitors.

A fine opportunity is offered to lovers of the Scotch Fancy Canary by the show to be held in the Grand National Halls, Gorbals, Glasgow, on Jan. 22. A grand list of 56 specials will be in competition, and the judging will be in the hands of no less than six well-known specialists. Further particulars are given in the review of schedule in another column.

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To Club Secretaries and Others.

With the view of bringing up-to-date our directory of Cage Bird Societies, which is so useful a feature of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, and in order to eliminate those societies which have ceased to exist, we should be obliged if the secretary of each active society throughout the country would sent us on a post-card short particulars embodying—the name of the society, date of foundation, place, date and time of meetings, annual subscription, entry fee, if any, and his own name and address. We append a specimen entry, and no other particulars are necessary.

Edinburgh C.B.S., founded 1911, meetings Cairn's Memorial Hall, Georgie Road, third Tues in month, at 8; sub. 4s. 6d., ent. fee 6d.; sec., J. C. Charlton, 33, Watson Crescent, Edinburgh.

The ANNUAL for 1916 is now in course of active preparation, and we should be glad if secretaries will furnish at their earliest convenience the particulars desired.

Judges who wish their names inserted in our yearly feature "Cage Birds Judges" should also send in their names and addresses, with initials, giving the varieties in which they specialise.

There is said to be this season a record visitation of Fieldfares and Redwings, presumably driven south by the severity of the early winter.

We have a letter signed "Novice," but without either the name or address of the sender, asking for advice as to hand-washing birds. If "Novice" will send his name and address we shall have pleasure in inserting his letter.

Corrections in Show Reports.

At South Shields, 1st in Yorks Yell., and 3rd in Unflig. hens should be Everett, not Emmett. In Shettleston report, 3rd in old Bord. buff hens should be Howieson, and in young Yorks yell. hen (confined) Mr. Howieson won 2nd as well as 3rd.

Our Birthday Number

NEXT week we are publishing our fourteenth Birthday Number, and advertisers should not fail to read the announcement published on page 363. Essays for our prize competition, as announced on page 355 in our last week's issue, should be posted to reach us not later than Monday next, Jan. 10. Envelopes should be endorsed "Competition" in the top left hand corner, and should be addressed "The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C." A superb coloured plate by our artist, Mr. Norman, will be given away, and readers should avoid disappointment by giving their orders early to their newsagent.

OBITUARY.

MR. S. HADWIN (Liverpool).

It is with sincere regret, writes Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, Liverpool, that I have to inform you of the death of Mr. Sam. Hadwin. He was one of our best fanciers, and was once the life and soul of the Green Canary Association. The club was never so prosperous as when Sammy held the reins; he studied the members more than he did himself. Still another link has gone from the strong chain that held the Green Fancy together.

MR. GEO. SCOTT (Haddington).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. J. Fairgrieve, sec., East Lothian C.B.S., that I have to announce the sad loss our Society has sustained in the death of our President, Mr. George Scott, who passed away on Dec. 26. Mr. Scott had been in failing health for some time, but his death came as a surprise to his many friends. He had been a fancier for over 30 years, Scotch fancies being his favourites. He was 65 years of age, and was very highly respected by all who knew him. He is survived by a widow, three sons, and a daughter; two of his sons are serving with the Colours. I am sure that all who knew him will extend their heartfelt sympathy towards the widow and family.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Glasgow.—Grand National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals, Jan. 22. Judges, Messrs. A. Livingston, D. Caldwell, A. Clark, J. Watson, J. Main, and J. Carlaw. 19 classes, all Scotch Fancies. Prizes, 12/-, 9/-, 6/-, 3/-. Entry 2/-. Close Jan. 15—to A. McLauchlan, 2, Alexandria Terrace, Summerton Road, Govan.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Atterciffe C.B.S.—Horse and Jockey Hotel, Jan. 13, 7.30. Agenda: Table show for matched pairs.—E. Johnson.

Alfreton C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Red Lion Hotel, 6.30. Business: members' show, subscription 3s., auditor's report, etc.—George Sawer.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—Jan. 12, Station Cafe, 8. Election of officers, etc.; important.—C. Bailey.

Burnley O.S.—Star Inn, Jan. 11, 7.30. Nomination of officers for 1916. Will all members kindly turn up.—R. Hines.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Jan. 8, Shoulder of Mutton, 7. Election of officers; Union rules and judges; subs. due.—F. P. Terry.

Barrow-in-Furness C.B.A.—Jan. 12, 7.30. Show of Norwich pairs and balance-sheet for year; also election of officers and final settlement of back-end show.—D. McFarlane.

City of Bradford O.S.—Jan. 8, Flying Dutchman, 7.30. Election of officers for 1916.—W. Helliwell.

Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.—Jan. 12, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, 7.30. Balance-sheet, alteration of rules, election of officers, etc., and pair show business.—W. D. Fryett.

City and County of Perth C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, 8. Election of office-bearers and other business.—John L. Smith.

Elgin C.B.A.—Jan. 10, Gordon's Temperance Hotel, 8. Members' table show. Nor. Yell. Ck., ditto Buff, Hybrid.—A. W. Douglas.

East Stanley Workmen's F.F.C.B.S.—Club Room, Jan. 9, 7.—John Armitage.

Farnworth C.B.S.—Jan. 12, Church House, Church Road, 8. General meeting; election of officers; new members, etc.—W. Dawson.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Jan. 8, Grange Congregational School. Last members' show of the season. Birds staged at 2.30. Judge, Mr. C. E. Walker.—A. Firth.

Gt. Horton O.S.—Jan. 8, Station Hotel, 7. Business important; all please attend.—A. W. Hartley.

Halifax O.S.—Jan. 8, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Annual general meeting and election of officers.—H. Clegg.

Hanley C.B.S.—Jan. 12, 28, Mayor Street, Hanley, 8. Members' show and judge for same, and new members.—C. Beckett.

Huddersfield O.S.—Jan. 10, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Annual meeting; election of officers and adoption of balance-sheet; smoker and presentation of prizes, Jan. 15; table show, Jan. 17.—A. Lawford.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Colliery Hotel, 6.30. Election of officers.—G. Vipond.

Keighley C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Report and balance-sheet; election of officers and general business.—C. W. Town.

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London and Counties A.C.B.—Jan. 15, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 7.30. Annual general meeting; election of officers and balance-sheet.—W. Gilbert.

Laisterdyke, Bowling and Tong Combination.—Jan. 10, Barley Mow, 7.30. General meeting; election of officers; yearly competition; balance-sheet, etc.—J. E. Hudson.

Leith O.S.—Jan. 8, 7. Summons meeting.—J. A. Muir.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Jan. 13, Oldham Hall, 8. Annual meeting and election of officers.—T. R. Jones.

Middlesbro' and Teeside C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Crown Hotel, 6. Balance-sheet, appointing judge, table show, Feb. 5; all arrangements Fed. show, Jan. 29, and other important business.—T. C. Deans.

Nottingham & Notts O.S.—Jan. 11, Mechanics' Institute, 8.30. Election of officers and other important business. Subscriptions are now due.—J. G. Royce.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Jan. 12, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30 p.m. prompt. Annual general meeting; election of officers and other business.—A. W. Newton.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Jan. 8, the Joiner's Arms Hotel, Bolton, 6.—A. Percival.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 8. Minutes; arrangements for pair show and judge, and other important business.—Geo. H. Maclellan.

Rochdale O.C.—Jan. 12, 8. Yearly meeting.—J. Butterworth.

South-West London C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Plough Hotel, St. John's Hill, 7.30. Table show for pairs; Norwich, Yorks, and Muling; open to members; new members please communicate with W. Lilley, 17, Ilminster Gardens, Lavender Hill, S.W.

Springburn, Possil Park, C.B.C.—Jan. 12, Reid Hall, 8. Annual general meeting.—J. Waugh.

S.L. Col. F.A.—Jan. 13, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham. Annual general meeting and election of officers for 1916.—J. Luckham.

Southend C.B.S.—Jan. 12, 5, Priory Avenue, Prittlewell. Annual meeting.—F. Cundy.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Wharf Hotel, 8.—G. Mitchell.

Swansea C.B.A.—Jan. 8, headquarters, 7.30. Selection of officers for ensuing year.—D. P. Rees.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Brotherhood Rooms, Cleckheaton, 7.30. Annual meeting, election of officers, consideration of Union rules, prizes, etc.—S. B. Grayshon.

Tong C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Hand and Shuttle, 7.30. Annual meeting. Election of officers, balance-sheet, etc.—W. Walker.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Jan. 8, 19, Oldbury Road, Smethwick, 8. Election of officers; bring ticket money; subs. due.—W. G. Andrews.

Wigan C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Legs of Man Hotel, 7. Election of auditors.—E. Ball.

Windhill C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Blue Bell Hotel, 6.45. Smoking concert and presentation to a member. Admission free. All fanciers invited. Jan. 22, 6.45. Balance-sheet for members' show; Union judges; and rules and officials. Please attend.—J. Taylor

Walton, Everton C.B.A.—Jan. 12, Mission Hall, Kilshaw Street, 8.30. Important business, including final arrangements club show, Jan. 19. Novices welcome.—A. G. Hunt.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Commercial Hotel, 6.30. Paying of prize money and other important business.—W. Cresswell.

York C.B.S.—Jan. 10, All Saints' School Room, 8. Annual meeting, presentation of prizes, election of officers, etc. All fanciers invited.—V. G. Zimmermann.

Breeding and Preparing Yorkshires for the Show Bench.

By BIRD-LOVER.

This article, by an experienced exhibitor, tells the novice how he himself may achieve success in Breeding, Colour-feeding, and Exhibiting the Yorkshire Canary.

IN preparing Yorkshires for the breeding season, usually beginning in April, I must take you back to January, for from that time forward your birds will need extra care and judicious feeding. We will presume you have parted with all surplus stock, and in your mind's eye have mated up the remaining birds, your hens are in the flights, and the cocks caged off separately.

At the end of January start giving your cocks egg food, not too generously, say twice a week, a tit-bit on alternate days in the way of mixed seeds, and the bath on fine, warm days.

The hens, which are getting more exercise, and come into condition much sooner than the males, should not have egg food until the beginning of March, and then in the same quantity as to cocks. A little Inga at this time will give them down, but do not overdo it; once a week is quite enough, and see that it is omitted in their mixed tit-bit.

Green food in any of its best forms, such as lettuce, chickweed, etc., and a small piece of apple can be given to advantage, but care must be taken that none of these is left to decay within reach of the birds.

If you follow this advice your birds should be in rare fettle when the time comes to mate up, but remember the months between now and then mean the difference between a good and bad season.

Let us suppose they are fit, and the time has come for pairing up, the cocks singing incessantly, and the hens flying from perch to perch calling to them, making your room a regular Bedlam.

Put the hens in their respective cages, and if using double breeders, place the cock in the next compartment, slipping in the wire slide so that they may become acquainted. If using singles, hang the cock in front, preferably in a show cage. When sufficiently introduced, and they are seen to be on friendly terms, put the cock in with her, not being anxious if they at once set to and have a "battle royal," this is only their little way of deciding who is to carry the latch-key, and when that difference is settled, peace invariably reigns.

I have taken for granted you are running one cock to one hen. Some fanciers prefer two hens to one cock, but to my mind you get more stamina in the progeny, and better results the former way.

Give just a little nesting material at this time to save her lord and master from losing a few feathers, but until she seriously starts to put her house in order, do not be too generous.

As a general rule you may look for the first egg in from ten days to a fortnight after mating up, but rest assured her ladyship will give you full warning of its approach. You will find her listless, breathing perhaps with difficulty, or hunting round the bottom of the cage as though in search of some refresher; these are sure signs, and on peeping into the nest a day or two later you will most likely find her first egg. This must be removed at once, and a dummy substituted, not until the evening of the day she lays her third egg must it be returned.

Now comes the unavoidable question what to do with father. Is he to be separated from his wife, or remain. Some cocks seem to cheer the hen up during incubation, whilst others give her no peace; so, unless by past experience you have learnt his temperament, and found him quiet, it will be much better to remove him. Now we seriously consider the advent of the youngsters, and often alas, count our chicks, etc., but in our case they must be assumed to be fertile, or how can I presently go on to colour feeding?

Feed your hen at this time on plain Canary seed only. On the twelfth day, if it happens to be nice and warm, put in the bath; it will help the chick to break through, the damp feathers of the hen moistening the shell, and in the evening give her a liberal supply of yolk of egg finely grated, and then, well possess your soul in patience for one more night.

Visit your room in the morning "with the lark," but if you find her still on the nest, don't on any account disturb her. Look on the bottom of the cage, and if you see pieces of broken shell, you can proclaim from the housetops you have some chicks.

(To be continued.)

HOW BRITISH BIRDS CHANGE THEIR PLUMAGE.

(Continued from page 341).

By the kind permission of Mr. H. F. Witherby, Editor of the monthly magazine "British Birds," we are able to extract from an exhaustive article by Mr. Witherby, entitled: "THE MOULTS OF THE BRITISH PASSERES, WITH NOTES ON THE SEQUENCE OF THEIR PLUMAGES," the portions which refer to such British birds as are generally kept in cages or aviaries.

STARLING (*Sturnus v. vulgaris*).

ADULTS.—The sexual difference in the adult Starling, although not very marked, is very interesting, the shape of the body-feathers in the two sexes being different. In the females the feathers are rather shorter and broader and not so sharply pointed; thus the buff and grey tips of the feathers are larger in the female, and give the bird a more spotted appearance in all stages of plumage than the male. In summer the adult male often has scarcely a trace of spots, because the tips of its pointed feathers have worn off, while the female loses less of the spots owing to the more rounded tips of the feathers. The metallic colours of the female are also less brilliant, and, on the secondaries and greater wing-coverts, less extensive.

JUVENILE.—As is well known, the juvenile is brown without any metallic colouring. Sexes alike.

FIRST WINTER AND SUMMER.—The juvenile plumage is completely moulted in the first autumn, and the birds become like the adults, except that the tips of the feathers are less pointed even than in the adult female, and consequently the first winter birds of both sexes are considerably more spotted than the adult female. After the second autumn moult they become indistinguishable from the adult.

FAMILY ORIOLIDÆ.

The adult of the Golden Oriole (*Oriolus o. oriolus*), which is the only member of this family on the British list, has one complete annual moult in autumn and winter (usually apparently from November to January, but sometimes as early as August). The effect of abrasion is scarcely noticeable. The sexual difference is marked, the body-plumage of the female, instead of bright golden-yellow as in the male, being golden-green on the upper-parts, ashy-grey faintly streaked with brown on the throat and breast, and yellowish-white boldly streaked on the belly. Occasionally, however, females have the crown and rump bright greenish-yellow and the under parts yellow, with only faint streaks, but I have not been able to prove whether this plumage is due to age or individual variation.

JUVENILE.—Much like the adult female, but the feathers of the upper-parts and the wing-coverts have pale yellow tips, and the under parts have less distinct streaks. Sexes alike.

FIRST WINTER AND SUMMER.—The juvenile body-plumage is moulted in the first autumn (usually earlier than in the adult), but not the tail, wings, or wing-coverts. After this moult the males become much like the adult female, but rather more yellow on the upper-parts and decidedly more yellow on the under-parts, which are also less strongly streaked. The females are more olive on the upper-parts and less yellow and more strongly streaked on the under parts than the adult female. Both sexes in this plumage have the wing coverts distinctly tipped with yellow. Some males, which are much like the very bright adult females noted above, may be second winter birds, but I have not been able to obtain actual proof of this.

(To be continued.)

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Correspondence.

Proposed East Anglian Association of Norwich Canary Clubs.

SIR,—The breeders and exhibitors of the Norwich Plainhead who have given the matter a little thought must have concluded that the Fancy might be raised to a higher level, that in fact, as far as status goes, there are possibilities similar to those attained by the Royal and National Societies in other branches of nature and industry. This ideal can only be achieved by the organising of the Fancy in such a way as to establish a great National society which shall be the outcome of Plainhead clubs being formed to cover certain areas of the country. Some such clubs are, I believe, in existence; but East Anglia, teeming with fanciers of the Norwich Plainhead, is not in the least centrally organised. There are local societies innumerable which do very good work, and are very necessary to the success of a divisional and National scheme, but the thing required is that the leading fanciers of Norwich, Cambridge, Ipswich, Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Lynn, etc., should form a Plainhead club and hold one or two shows each season, not in the same town two years in succession. It is plain to see that if such an organisation of an active kind could be arranged, many benefits would accrue. Prizes of greater value would be possible, interest in exhibiting stimulated, and the distinction of winning much coveted. Moreover the value of the Norwich Canary would be greatly enhanced.

With your kind permission and assistance, Sir, through the columns of our invaluable CAGE BIRDS the formation of the club indicated would be very possible, and it would be of great interest to the writer and his friends, who have long discussed this matter to have the views of fanciers concerned. If encouragement is forthcoming a definite scheme would soon be formulated.

J. J. SMITH.
Chairman, Norwich Alliance and All England C.B.S.

Mems for . . Canary Owners.

Don't hang your bird in a draught.

Nor above the level of burning lamps or gas lights.

Let the staple food be three parts best canary-seed and one part summer rape.

See that the rape is really summer rape, not charlock or the strong black rape. Summer rape is very small, and of varying shades of brown in colour.

Give hemp-seed and other tit-bits separately from the stock food.

Never forget a little fresh green food daily.

If green food is not available stick a piece of sweet apple between the bars of the cage.

See that the drinking water is renewed daily, and keep the drinking vessel scrupulously clean.

Give plenty of sharp gritty sand in the bottom of the cage, and a piece of cuttlefish bone between the wires.

Great Grey Shrike Caught in Ayrshire.

SIR,—A Great Grey Shrike was caught in Beith, Ayrshire, on Dec. 4, in one of the old limestone quarries. I was out trapping Redpolls when the Shrike came over with the intention of capturing the decoy bird, but was caught itself on the limed twigs. I saw it was a stranger to the district, so took it home, and looking up Howard Saunders' Manual of British Birds, I found it was the above-mentioned bird, a female. There was another flying about at the same time. When I put my hand into the cage it would lie on its back and fight with its beak and claws; it drew blood from my fingers three times. It would not take a morsel of food when I was looking at it. I put a dead bird into the cage the following day and kept it under observation for a time through the window. After a while it took the bird upon the perch and commenced to pull the head to pieces. It ate the whole bird, except some feathers. It is well named the butcher bird. I am sorry to say the Shrike died on the Monday, and is now in the hands of Mr. Kirk, taxidermist, Glasgow. It is a somewhat rare visitor to Scotland.

ROBT. KENNEDY.

Colour in the Norwich Plainhead.

Its Importance and Its Origin.

SIR,—I must confess myself disappointed in the last article written by Mr. Allsopp under the above heading, for I failed to see any of that fiery tone that is so characteristic of its writer, and I could not help asking myself whether it was possible that it could have been written by the same person as he who dragged the red-herring of Crestbred blood across your pages but a season ago. Was it that his bait did not catch, and so friend Allsopp tries another variety, the Lizard? If this latter fails to attract there is yet another variety, and I would suggest the Border Fancy to improve the eye and wing markings. We have certainly lost in this respect, and while we are about it why not make a blood mixture in the hope that something good may turn up, or even on the old principle of "kill or cure"?

I had thought too that at least one out of the "two or three prominent breeders up north" might have been induced to have told us wherein lies the "responsibility for that wonderful depth of colour." Oh! you naughty boys, why don't you tell us? Please do play fair. But let us take our friend seriously. He wants some green blood, yet advises the person who has it to stick to it. Surely therefore, he, and when I say he I mean we, must make it himself. How can it be done?

First of all, what is the cause of the paleness in colour which we so often see? I think there is little doubt the answer to this is primarily double-buffing, and secondly, breeding with clear birds. Now we find that this paleness of feather generally (not always) goes hand in hand with silkyness or quality of feather, while the hot-coloured bird is harsh in comparison. You may safely say this harshness does not come from the Lizard. I should like to know what my friend W. P. B., of Grantham, thought when he read that "harshness of feather was a characteristic of the Lizard variety." No, no, you are on the right track, but don't run by yourself. Why is it that the Lizard is so full of colour? Green to Green, Green to Green all the way. Does the light begin to dawn? If so, try a pair of Norwich this way, and you may take it from me if you use reasonable care in your selection of "more light than 'dark' birds" there is something in it. The plumage won't be coarse and hairy, oh dear no! but of that lovely quality which causes each feather to blend with the other, making the bird appear as polished marble.

Can I hear someone say "too many circus horses?" Well, try it and see; and for your encouragement I may tell you I have several times bred absolute clears from this mating. Is it not reasonable that breeding clear to clear must in the end breed harshness? Do we not find that some good coloured clears are hard, and if they be mated to other hard clears, quality is sacrificed to colour? Just as there are Bronze Greens and Liverpool Greens, so there are hard Greens and soft or quality Greens, and it is the last one that will win, provided it has the right depth of colour. If that depth be wanting you must breed for it, but there is no need to go to the Lizard or any other variety. Stick to the Plainhead.

Double buffing is not wrong, clear to clear is not wrong, but don't do it too often, or it will do your birds as much harm as roast goose and plum pudding would do you if you had it every day for a month.

FRANK COLE.

SIR,—I am glad to note that Mr. Bastock and myself are in harmony so far as the cinnamon cross for colour is concerned. His 1870 experience, when he saw "cat's-eyes" following the introduction of the lizard, I fear, is not convincing, and really leaves us wondering whether with another "bend of the elbow" he eventually saw the whole cat.

So far as the personal and irrelevant portion of his letter is concerned, I may say that, bearing in mind that my critic has told us of his "lately having returned to this country," and "having purchased some good stock," his frequent reference to the merits of his "Mosely Mixture" specially recommended for novices, his bombastic challenges, his own shortcomings at Cheltenham show, and lastly the spectacle he now presents of abjectly grovelling in the dust to the merits of another bird and its breeder, who long since earned the wholesome regard of us all, I admit offer a rare opportunity to draw a hair from the tail of the dog who seemingly would bite me. Perhaps, seeing my friend has the faculty of barking with one end, whilst he wags the other, he will tell us which end of him we are to believe, or, better still, give us a little of his 46 years' experiences, of which I understand he is proud, and for which our tails are wagging—at least the one of

E. W. ALLSOPP.

Thirteen Tons of Larks in One Day!

SIR,—Writing in the "Farmer and Stockbreeder" in reply to a querist, "W. J. M." says:

"Though pestered by Larks and Starlings many years ago, and often since, I have never known how to stop their ravages. One may partially do it by constant scaring and firing, but the birds soon get careless of disturbance. Poisoned grain would soon clear them off, but you would get into trouble if you used it, though I have long thought that it should be allowed with notice to the police. The harm done is so serious that minor reasons against it should be set aside. When food is so badly needed it is criminal to place hindrance in the way of corn production. I do not think the larkers get so far as Northamptonshire, but south of Bedford to Royston they catch Larks in almost any number by snaring, especially in snowy weather. As giving some idea, in the big frost twenty-one years ago, a man in my employ caught 17,000 in less than three weeks, his biggest catch in one day being 1,600, though this is by no means a record. At the same time five tons of Larks passed through Hitchin station one Monday, followed by thirteen tons on the following day. These were all caught on single-hair horsehair snares, a larker usually working eight to ten lines, each about 200 yards long, a snare being tied on at each three inches. When there is no snow the catching is very slow, as the birds do not pack so closely and it is more difficult to snare them, as they do not trip into the snares and get caught above the spur so readily as when the feet sink through the snow. You might possibly get a snarer from the Royston district to work. That is the metropolis of the lark-snaring industry."

If the statements contained in this are accurate, the keeping of a few Skylarks in captivity would not seem to matter much, so far as the Lark population of our countryside is concerned. In any case, bird-catching is as important to the farmer as rat or mole-catching, and should be encouraged.

H. G.

Should Present-day Exhibition Lancashires be Abolished?

SIR,—Mr. Fuller has extended his remarks on "The Present-day Lancashire" to Crests this week. "The Crest buyers are off. The Crest fancy is going down; the moneyed men are spending their time and money motoring, etc., etc." So, presumably, the writer of those statements is about to graciously decree the scrapping of another variety after the Lancashires have been tucked away to rest.

Is not Mr. F. entirely in error respecting the Crest fancy? Crests are still in good demand, in spite of war and hard times. Two were sold for £25 each, I believe, at the recent Cheltenham show, and the same figure was offered for another which the exhibitor would not part with. Has not a celebrated breeder sold his stock lately for £700 to a "moneyed man"? Was not £15 paid for a Crest at a North of England show the week before the Cheltenham show? Are there not more and more Crest breeders and exhibitors appearing on the scenes, and are there not some grand exhibits this winter?

At any rate, I do know this, that, as a quite obscure breeder, I am having and refusing offers quite unsolicited, and not advertised for, in spite of "buyers being off" and "spending their time motoring instead." Yes, Mr. Fuller, they are "off"—to the Front, many of them, and their motoring just now is in military cars or lorries, but they are coming back.

"DIE HARD."

A Great Joint Show for London.

Now Arranged After Many Difficulties.

SIR,—It may interest your readers to know that the Joint Members' Club Show of the London C.B.A., National British Bird and M.C., and Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League will be held at Holborn Hall on Feb. 2 and 3. This show is also open to anyone joining one or all of the three societies before Jan. 22. New members may compete for ordinary prizes in any section of the show, and for special prizes of the society they join, and the subscription holds good for the ensuing season. An exhaustive classification has been provided in all sections. Messrs. Crisp, Curtis and Robson will judge Canaries, Messrs. Dewhurst and Prior British Birds. Mr. Robson, Canary and British Hybrids, and Messrs. Cooper, Townsend, and Watts, Foreign birds. The Canary section will be managed by the L.C.B.A., the British by the N.B.B. and M.C., and the foreign sections will be controlled by the F.B.E.L. The general management has been left to me, and I shall be pleased to answer any communication relating to the show or from anyone wishing to join either of the societies.

ALLEN SILVER.

7, Bampton Road, Forest Hill,
London, S.E.

Booming the Yellowhammer.

Sir,—With reference to my offer of a 5s. special to any winner of an open Yellowhammer class in Great Britain this year, I beg to state that the first prize has been dispatched to Mr. W. Lloyd James, of Pembridge, Herefordshire, the winner in the Yellowhammer class at Watford show, Dec. 8.

A. S. REEVE.

Attempt to Suborn and Blackmail a Judge at Ayr.

SIR,—I failed to get in touch with your reporter at Ayr show, but trust you will give the committee credit in allotting all surplus to the Red Cross Fund. The cards were a unique souvenir, the design thereon being a red cross. The show was well patronised by visitors and exhibitors. Goldfinches and Linnets totalled almost 60 entries, and other classes were strong in numbers and quality. A regrettable affair and somewhat of a sensation was the disqualifying of the 3rd prize Goldfinch for staining; the test being applied, left only one room for doubt, and this was not put forward by the owners, Messrs. Conkie and Loudon.

I had the disagreeable task of denouncing a prominent exhibitor for attempting to bribe me to advance his birds, but a committee being formed to adjudicate I was instructed to proceed with the judging and to allot a reserve prize in each class, with the proviso that if the delinquent did not make a full confession of his guilt and an ample apology in presence of all the members, his disqualification be made the alternative, and published. I enclose the proofs, as it was somewhat of an attempt at blackmail. Confession and apology were made. My reason for notifying you of this is because I know that corrupt practices are getting much too common in Scotland, a similar case happening at Edinburgh recently, the evidence being conclusive. I think more drastic punishment of offenders would perhaps help to stamp it out. It is difficult to bring the guilt home, however, as though I have repeatedly been approached, it has until this occasion always been verbally, or in the nature of an insinuation.

I have also been asked by many fanciers why I have ceased writing, so I should be glad if you would kindly explain that my spare time is almost entirely devoted to Red Cross work in the capacity of instructor to Voluntary Aid Detachments, of which I am Quartermaster. I must confess I am more proud of my proficiency Red Cross and my two gold medals than any honours I could attain in the avicultural arena.

J. STEEL.

[The letters sent by the exhibitor in question to Mr. Steel are in our possession, and are as follow. It would appear from a letter sent to Mr. Steel by Mr. H. M. Ferguson, the hon. sec. of Ayr C.B.C., that Mr. Lyall, whose name appears in the signature to letter No. 1, is serving his country in the trenches, and cannot therefore be responsible for the letters.—ED. "CAGE BIRDS."]

(*Letter No.* 1.)

Ayr, 15th Dec., 1915.

Sir,—I hope you will excuse me for writing to you, but you will know by this time it is your Bathgate acquaintance, W. Lyall and Co., that is (sic) bringing you here, as you know what M—— did, as I know all that happened between Mc—— and you on Saturday even to the buying of the Bullfinch hen from ——, Newtongrange. If the members come to know this, what will they think? I won Lochgelly and Glasgow and District with Linnet, second with the 'Poll you called a little don when third at Bathgate F.M. class. We have a good team, but to make things sure we want to see if you will oblige by helping us, as we are favourites down here. If not, please say nothing to Mc—— or any other body, and it will cause no trouble. Please write and let us know by the end of the week and oblige.

(Signed) GRIBBEN AND LYALL.

(*Letter No.* 2.)

Ayr, Dec. 20th, 1915.

Dear Sir,—In answer to your letter, I am quite willing to come to terms with you either in cash or wild birds, as I supply McQuiston and most of the fanciers, such as Dr. Wilson and Parlett, and Gentleman, also Calder of Whitburn, so I could give you F.M. Bullfinch, F.M. Linnet, F.M. Greenfinch, F.M. Chaffinch, and F.M. Goldfinch, so you can write and let me know if you will have the birds or the money. You need not be afraid of Mc——, as I have given the numbers to the judges for him myself, so I am sending on my numbers: Siskin Mule, City of Glasgow and Bathgate winner, Class 38, No. 1; Linnet, Glasgow winner, Class 41, No. 3; F.M. Linnet, Class 42, No. 3; Goldfinch, Class 39, No. 3; Bullfinch, Class 40, No. 4; Twite, Class 44, No. 1; Lesser Redpoll, Class 45, No. 2; Bullfinch Hen, Class 49, No. 2. When you see these birds I think you will have no hesitation in putting them first. Mc—— does not show in Goldfinch class. Mc—— and me are stewards in the Norwich section; you will easily know me, as I want the foot; hoping to hear from you soon.

Yours,
(Signed) F. GRIBBEN.

(Many Interesting Letters crowded out.)

The Danger of Paraffin Lamps.

Sixty Canaries Destroyed by an Explosion.

SIR,—It is with great regret I have to inform you that Messrs. A. J. and A. S. Wilkins, two respected members of the Leyton C.B.A., have lost the whole of their Yorkshires by the explosion of a paraffin lamp in their bird-room. I visited them immediately after the accident, and I can assure you, sir, the sight of a whole stock lying dead, some sixty birds in all, was a heartbreaking one. This is not the first time misfortune has overtaken these two fanciers, yet they are not giving up in despair, but are anxious to make a fresh start. Such pluck and determination are surely worthy of every encouragement, and we are therefore raising a fund with the object of helping them. We should be glad if any kind-hearted reader who would like to assist will please communicate with our hon. sec., Mr. T. Collinge, 29, Balmoral Road, Leyton, N.E.

A. W. FARMER,
Hon. Asst. Sec., Leyton C.B.A.

The Nightingale as a Pet Bird.

SIR,—Perhaps it would interest your readers to know that a Nightingale which I got in June has commenced to sing. I keep him in the kitchen since the extreme cold set in, and about Dec. 23 he began a low, deep warble. His voice has gradually become louder, and the song longer, and just now he sings for about two minutes at a time.

He sings frequently during the day, but at night he generally begins his concert about 7 o'clock, usually the time I arrive home, and probably with the object of coaxing from me some dainty morsel of food, which, needless to say, he gets.

Outsings the Canary.

He is exceedingly steady and fearless, and seems to sing the louder the more noise the children make; no movement made by any of the inmates of the house seems to disconcert him in the least. The turning on of the water tap, the playing of the violin, or the rustling of paper seems to set him off. He also insists on drowning the feeble voice of the Canary, which sometimes is audacious enough to chime in.

Is it a Sprosser?

His voice is very deep and strong, and he is the largest 'Gale I have ever seen. I was wondering if he might be what is known as a "Sprosser." As he is the first 'Gale I have got to sing with me, I am naturally delighted, and I should be very pleased to hear from other 'Gale keepers, through CAGE BIRDS, details of when their birds started singing, and particulars of the increase of volume of their song.

J. HOXTON.

Bird Friends.

Have Birds Likes and Dislikes?

SIR,—I have read F. T. U.'s article on his bird friends with the greatest interest, and should be glad if he would kindly tell how he trained his Larks to stop springing. I have never been able to do it with wild-caught birds, and the tip would be worth having, though I think the real reason is that birds take to certain persons. For instance, my wife seems able to do anything with the wildest of them. I once had a wild-caught Starling that would fly on her head and pull all her hair-pins out and let her hair down. When he had done it he would fly back to his cage and "sing his head off." A Bullfinch took seeds out of her mouth, and a Missel Thrush, the wildest beggar I ever had, would let her stroke it. I never did tame that bird; in fact, all birds seem afraid of me, and I cannot tell why. Wishing you and all a better New Year,

W. G. WOODALL.

Joint Show for East London.

SIR,—As intimated to you earlier in the year, the Poplar, East Ham and Leyton Societies have decided to hold a joint show open to members of the three clubs on Saturday, Jan. 16. The exhibits will be judged by Mr. H. Norman, and the show will be held in the East Ham Liberal Club, opposite the Town Hall. The members of the societies interested, finding that the L.C.B.A. show being cancelled has robbed them of an opportunity of exhibiting their stock, have decided to adopt this method of keeping the Fancy alive in these districts. I should be greatly obliged if you could intimate through your columns that any member of either society who has not received a schedule can have one on application to me.

F. ONSLOW.

34, Dorset Road, Katherine Road,
E. Ham, E.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Club Reports.

HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held at headquarters Jan. 3. Election of officers for ensuing season. Unanimously resolved to exert all efforts to make society a great success, to arouse local interest, and obtain large membership. Attractive programme outlined, including table shows, lectures, etc., on all meeting nights. Officers elected: Vice-president, G. Gardner, Esq.; chairman, Mr. P. Johnston; vice-chairman, Mr. H. T. Dann; committee, Messrs. J. Carrington, E. T. Bush, W. Knight, A. Knight, W. Large, E. Mound, W. Shorter, W. H. Wills, W. Withers, G. Street, E. Way; hon. sec., Mr. J. Hyde. Meeting closed with vote of thanks to chairman. Pair show, Jan. 22. Judge: Mr. John Robson.—F. C. Knight, asst. sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held Jan. 1 at Lockhart's. Mr. T. W. Walton presided over a good attendance. It was decided to hold the annual members' show on Jan. 29, at rooms yet to be decided on. Letters were read from other Roller clubs in respect to the ring question, and all were greatly in favour of some such scheme being brought forward in the Roller fancy as was suggested by the Leeds club. Mr. Scott, of Morecambe, and Mr. Wetherhill, of Garforth, were elected members, and we shall be pleased to hear of any more intended members before the 29th, so that they can be elected on that night.—H. Best, sec.

STANLEY (Empire) F.F. & C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Dec. 26. There was a good turn up of members to show their appreciation of the services of our chairman, Mr. R. Peart, and treasurer, Mr. James Smith, when we presented them with a pipe and pouch each. Mr. James Lamb presented the gifts, and the recipients feelingly responded, thanking the members for their gifts and wishing them success in the coming year. We paid 13/6 a class for a 6d. entry, which compares well with any show in the North. The following were elected for 1916: chairman, Mr. R. Peart; vice-chairman, W. T. Brown; treasurer, Mr. J. Smith; secretary, R. Hutchinson. It was suggested that the clubs in the district should run a show for the local soldiers' fund. Will secretaries please note and let us have a combined meeting to see what we can do. Let us help those who are fighting our country's battles.—Robt. Hutchinson, sec.

NORTHERN NORWICH P.C.

The season for 1915 is now completed, but we might have been better supported by our novice members; only two of the silver spoons out of five awarded have been won, and only four of the champions. A few of our last year's members have not paid their subs for 1915, and have not exhibited at any of our patronage shows; the reason why is best known to themselves, but the few of us that are still members will keep the ball a rolling, and expect better times to come when all gets settled down again. Sp. winners: Champ. points trophy, A. Holden, 57 points; runner-up, C. McKay, 31. Young bird cup, C. McKay. Silver spoon winners: Newcastle, A. Holden; Blaydon, C. McKay; Haltwhistle, J. Pierson; Gateshead, R. Glendinning. Novice points trophy, J. Bell, 54 points; runner-up, H. Bird, 16; silver spoons, Newcastle, J. Bell; Blaydon, H. Bird.—F. W. Laidlow, Sec.

BORDER FANCY C.C.

Annual general meeting, Cathedral Hall, Edinburgh, Jan. 1, Mr. Patterson, vice-president, in the chair. The minutes of Patronage Committee meeting were read and adopted. The proposal by R. T. Campbell that the club grant an intermediate medal between novice and champion did not find a seconder. The Sec. brought up a claim by Wm. Hay for both medals, novice and open, won at Hartlepool, and produced Mr. Hay's entry form, which was not marked novice, which members decided debarred him from competing for novice medal, which was awarded to Mr. Watson. Decided that anyone showing from the same house as a champion must be held as a champion. The balance-sheet was read, and showed an income, including balance from 1914, of £53 13s. 7½d., and an expenditure of £37 11s. 1½d., leaving a balance in favour of the club of £16 2s. 6d., which the members considered very satisfactory, and the balance-sheet was adopted. Sec. read a letter from Wm. McAdam, reporting G. W. Brown for sending his class numbers for Edinburgh and Dis. show, at which Mr. McAdam was judge, and he forwarded the letter and class numbers so that members should deal with same at the meeting. The Sec. read G. W. Brown's resignation, and the Chairman asked for a very hearty vote of thanks for the straightforward way Mr. McAdam had reported such a case, and it was very heartily responded to. It was proposed to suspend G. W. Brown for three years, and there were two amendments, one for one year's suspension and another for all time. A vote taken resulted as follows: 3 years, 19 votes; one year, 4 votes; and for all time, 8 votes. The three years' suspension being carried by a majority, Sec. was instructed to write Mr. Brown and let him know members' decision. Election of office-bearers resulted in Mr. Patterson being proposed and seconded for president, but he thanked the members for the honour they had done him, but there was only one man for the vacancy, in his opinion, and that man was Mr. Jamieson, who was unanimously elected, and he thanked the members for the great honour they had done him and assured them he would always do his best in the interest of the club. Mr. D. Hamilton, of Hamilton, was elected on Patronage Committee in place of G. W. Brown, and it was decided that no society get patronage unless their application be in time for patronage meeting on the last Saturday of August each year. The Sec. drew members' attention to the fact that under present war conditions some societies did not know in August if they could get a hall for show purposes. Mr. Jas. Johnston also spoke on the great difficulty in getting a hall in some districts, and the members agreed to allow this matter to stand over to end of war. The rest of office-bearers were re-elected. Auditors, Mr. S. Buglass and Mr. Jas. Lumsden. The Chairman asked Mr. Lumsden if he could give any idea how the show was likely to turn out. Mr. Lumsden said he was afraid that it would be slightly on the wrong side, and both he and the committee were disappointed with the entries after such a majority in favour of the show, but members present were agreeable to a small levy if necessary, and in the event of the Scottish National show being off in another year, they decided to again hold a show. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Patterson for the very able way he had conducted the business of the meeting.—W. B. Smart, Sec.

AYR RED CROSS SHOW.

7th open show of the Ayr C.B.C., in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, High St., Dec. 25. There have been greater numbers at this fixture, but certainly never greater merit. All the classes were really good, except in Yorkshires, in which only one class was full, but, despite this, the club let every class stand, though at a loss financially. Borders were a feature, 104 exhibits facing the judge, who was very happy in his selection of Mr. Wm. Mossie's grand buff cock as the Border F.C. medal winner. Norwich came up well, and many of the birds that stood cardless could win at most shows. British were the attraction of the show, and Goldfinches had place of honour with 29 entries. Field-moulted Linnets were very strong, as were also the Lesser 'Polls. This fixture has always been noted for its good management, but it could never have been better managed than on this occasion. Everything worked with the precision of clockwork, and Ayr is fortunate in having secured the services of Mr. Hugh Ferguson as secy.; Irvine's loss has been Ayr's gain. The stewards worked hard and did everything possible for the comfort of exhibits and the public, who turned up in large numbers in the afternoon. This new hall is a perfect one for a cage-bird show, being lighted from sides and roof, and entirely free from draughts. The judges were A. Baird, Paisley, and T. Dalton, Scotch Fancy; G. Hyslop, Borders and Yorkshires; A. Chalmers, Norwich, and J. Steel, British. One of the British exhibits was disqualified for being "faked," and some others were not above suspicion.

SCOTCH FANCY CK. YELL. (9): 1, hc, Robertson, great frame, wonderful nerve, always ready; 2, Kennedy, picbald, loses in size, very quick action, rare length of side; 3, Hainey, cl., well braced up, decided drive, well-carried tail; 4, McLean; c, Rodger. HEN (5): 1, 2, Lyon, winner gets three spls., rare build, fine thick breast, just a shade slow at work; 2, self green, fine size, neat head on long well-drooped neck; 3, Kennedy, rare size and cond., good subs. and drive, lies over perch a bit; 4, Pearson; hc, Reid. BUFF CK. (8): 1, sp, Robertson, grand size and qual., thick through, sweet head and neck; 2, Kennedy, more slender in build, fine long side; 3, c, McLean, close up, sweet carr., plenty nerve, carries tail well under; 4, Lyon; hc, Rodger. HEN (7): 1, two spls., Roertson, nearly green, great shoulder, splendidly drooped head and neck, very quick in pce.; 2, 3, Lyon, clear leading, extra fine build, true Scotch properties, very nervy; 3, Green, fails in droop and length of side; 4, Reid; hc, McLean; c, Ferguson. SELL. CK.: 1, Hainey; 2, McLean. HEN: 1, Hainey. NOR. CK. YELL. (7): 1, McLean, grand shape, plenty of subs., good close feather; 2, Devoy, typical, scarcely so bold, but beautiful qual., rich even col.; 3, Bissett, varieg., medium size, model type, well across perch; 4, Stevenson; hc, McFadyean; c, Scott. HEN (8): 1, Jeffrey, very large cl., shade too much brow, bold front, splendid wing carr.; 2, McLean, heavily varieg., lovely type, good stock hen; 3, McKean, beautiful qual., wee bit slimmer built, loses in type only; 4, c, Devoy; hc, Stevenson. BUFF CK. (5): 1, McSorland, heavily varieg., rare shape and qual., grand size; 2, Kerr, just a shade long behind, perfect body and wings, very neat head; 3, Taylor, best type in class, beaten feather; 4, McKean; hc, Devoy. Hen (8): 1, McLean, beautiful cl., shows plenty meal, very broad and thick front, a likely lady; 2, Scott, good wing mkd., nearly even, sweet head, nice short full neck; 3, Alexander, grand size, true type, very short tail and flights, shows too much brow; 4, Devoy; hc, Armour; c, Kerr. NON-FED (11): 1, three spls., Murray, well-known winner, heads a good class here, perfect type in body, only fault just a bit small on head, perhaps made to be seen by tremendous size of body; 2, Alexander, varieg., loses in size to leader, but good type and feather; 3, Young, head tick, good deep chest, nicely cut away at waist, rich col.; 4, Richmond; hc, Kelly; c, Tait. CK. YELL. UNF. (12): 1, McLean, gem all over, grand head and neck, shape and qual., superbly staged; 2, Connelly, neat type, good Nor. properties, rich col.; 3, McAteer, beaten just a little in col., very neat type, a wee bit long behind; 4, Taylor; hc, Richmond; c, Kerr. CK. (5): 1, Taylor, grand heavy type, splendid col., well shown; 2, Devoy, close up, very broad front; 3, Alexander, nearly green, gem for type and qual., good pos.; 4, Robertson; hc, Kelly. HEN YELL. (7): 1, Jeffrey, cap and wing mkd., fine full front, good wings; 2, Alexander, varieg., splendid shape, very rich col., nice qual.; 3, Robertson, bautiful cl. bit slimmer, nice flights; 4, Connelly, hc Irvine, might have gone up, our choice for 3rd; c, McSorland. BUFF (6): 1, Alexander, grand cl., plenty of subs., good col. and qual. of feather; 2, Bissett, bit lucky, good type and col., but rather rough on front; 3, Taylor, beauty for type and col., but soft, or would have been an easy winner; 4, Robertson; hc, Savage; c, Irvine. NOV. (7): 1, 2, 3, McLachlan, leader grand subs., fair type, bit lucky over 2, grand typical body, best of wings and tail; 3, larger body, grand full head and front, scarcely the qual. of leaders; 4, Irvine; hc, Muir; c, Gemmell. SELL (6): 1, 3, McLachlan, cheap birds; 2, McFadyean; 4, Irvine; hc, Devoy; c, Murray. YORKS. CK. YELL. (5): 1, Erskine, a beauty, good length, straight as a soldier, in great bloom, tail slightly spread his only fault; 2, Reid, loses in bloom and size, well up on leg, good carr. and style; 3, Martin, not quite so leggy, but excellent shape, carr. and feather; 4, J. Reid; hc, Macready. BUFF (3): 1, Macready, nice wedge shape, gets well up in pos., grand pipe tail; 2, Erskine, cl., equal in all points except leg; 3, Reid, not far behind in type. HEN YELL. (2): 1, Reid, great length, very good pos., in best of order; 2, Macready, beauty for style and carr., just lacks size of winner. BUFF (3): 1, Macready, cl., rare finish of feather, shows good thighs, correct type; 2, Erskine, tipped on wing, beautiful length and bloom; 3, Lovie, fair, good type, but lacking bloom. NON-FED (7): 1, Lovie, cl., very taking, sweet head and style, well up on leg, best of wings and tail; 2, Telfer, cl. yell., very rich col., model for type, full of nerve; 3, Lovie, buff, heavy built, but grand length, takes un a good position; 4, c, Lelland; hc Cameron. BORD. CK. YELL. (13): 1, Dempster, lovely feather, very pure col., fine front, good wings, nice jaunty carr.; 2, Kilpatrick, nice shape, hardly so bright in col., grand back and wings; 3, Findlay, capital shape, neat and natty, good qual., good head, clean cut; 4, Wilson; hc, Sproatt; c, Smillie. HEN YELL. (11): 1, Kilpatrick, nice size, good feather, head and wings, perfect shape; 2, hc, Smillie, beauties, leader a wee shade finer drawn than winner; 3, Montgomery, nice shape, good feather, bit weak in wings; 4, c, Mossie. BUFF CK. (13): 1, medal, Mossie, gem, correct weight, tight in feather, very pure in col., wins; 2, Kilpatrick, rich col., bit heavier built and just a shade long; 3, Wilson, very silky qual., grand free carr., nice size; 4, Smillie; hc, Dempster; c, Gemmell. HEN (15): 1, Laidlaw, little model, feathered like wax, takes perches well, not a feather out of place; 2, Smillie, perhaps not quite the qual. of feather, but nice type; 3, Montgomery, lovely qual., rare type, grand wings and tail; 4, Dempster; hc, Mossie; c, Kilpatrick. UNEVEN CK. (6): 1, Murray, grand bird, nice level back, best of winge, rattling col. and qual.; 2, Cree, similar except heavier mkd.; 3, Ferguson, very free jaunty carr., nice weight, worth his place; 4, Gemmell; hc, Gibson; c, Howes. HEN (4): 1, Sproatt, grand size and type, very neat wings and tail, sweet head; 2, Ferguson, bit liner built, but grand back and col.; 3, Montgomery, similar to leader, but looks a wee shade weak on wings; 4, Dempster. CK. BUF (5): 1, McInn, very taking, perfect type, A1 cond.; 2, Smillie, again in good order, just a trifle fine on head; 3, Findlay, heavier type, perfect wing and tail carr., very jaunty; 4, Ferguson. HEN (5): 1, McKean, nearly even mkd., model for type and size, grand subs.; 2, Findlay, another beauty, fails in cond. only to winner; 3, Little, smart and stylish, best of shape, in good company to-day; 4, Gibson; hc, Neil. CK. GR. or CINN. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Kilpatrick, both greens, both very pure and bright in col., very nice lacings, real Border type, leader excels in head; 2, Montgomery, Cinn., splendid ground col., pure and bright, nice weight; 4, c, Murray Bros.; hc, Reid. HEN (4): 1, Reid, green, very rich col., grand type and carr., could have won in a hot class; 2, Kilpatrick, fails in type a shade; 3, Duncan, similar to 2; 4, Murray Bros. BUFF CK., GR. or CINN. (6): 1, Rubie, perfect ground and lacings, grand carr., in winning form; 2, Findlay, Cinn., very true type, takes perches well; 3, M'Coll, green, nice weight, but a wee shade long in tail; 4, McKean; hc, c, Murray Bros. HEN (2): 1, Montgomery, thick build, but nice free action; 2, Lindsay, better type, but not so pure and bright as leader. SELL. (3): 1, Cree; 2, Little; 3, Murray. MULE or HYB., LIGHT (6): 1, Dale, gem of a Mealy Redpoll-Bullie, shows parentage well, lovely pink front, full Bullie head, should make a stormer; 2, Gemmell, Goldie, nearly even mkd., very good subs., shade pale on face; 3, Macready, very taking Goldie-Bullie, pure rich face, very distinct wing marks; 4, hc, McQuiston, leader well known Goldie, might have changed places with 2, very bright face, fails subs. only; c, Gemmell. DARK GOLDF. or LINNET (6): 1, Gemmell, Goldie, grand blaze, carried well down; 2, Roxburgh, bit lucky to-day, smaller and not such good col. as the 3, McQuiston, well-known winner in best cond., largest in class and carried biggest face; 4, same owner; hc, Guthrie and Son; c, McCrorie. A.O.V. DARK (7): 1, 2, McQuiston, winner gem of a Greenie, bright rich col., monster for size; 2, very large Twite, well marked front and perfect in col.; 3, Gribben, well-known Siskin, improving with age, rich and bright in col.; 4, Roxburgh; hc, Davidson; c, Gemmell. GOLDF. (29) strongest class in show: 1, Metcalfe, wins by himself, very rich flush of great expanse, very deep under, mantle rich jet black, would be perfect but for slightly pale tannings; 2, Niven, fails in col. of face, and not in such bloom as leader, face a bit brassy compared, but still a good Finch; 3, Conkie and Loudon, disqualified; 4, Thomson; hc, Wallace; c, Bell. Some really good Finches stood cardless, notably Nos. 3, 24 and 27. BULLF. (11): 1, Smart, large, broad fronted bird, but too dark in chest col.; 2, McQuiston, rich carmine front, jet cap, very clear bars, superior in all but size; 3, Davidson, clean col. Finch, fails size of cap to leaders; 4, Gribben, similar to 3; hc, Dale; c, M'Cloy. LINNET, H.M. (10): 1, Parlett, Lochgelly winner in new hands, great size, very full front, filled with the best of work, a really great Linnet; 2, McQuiston, small in comparison, showing light front, very faint work on sides; 3, Smart; 4, Wason, easy second but for twisted claw; hc, Gribbon; c, Conkie and Loudon. F.M. (18): 1, Davidson, real good Linnet, exceedingly tame for F.M.; 2, 3, Wilson, leader very broad deep front, great col.; 3, slimmer, but also very rich chestnut col.; 4, Conkie and Loudon; hc, Thompson; c, Wason. GREENF. (12): 1, Wason, very large, rich col., shows good flights; 2, Livingstone, great size, fine broad skull, nice hich col.; 3, McSorland, bit behind in col., fair size, good full head; 4, Mitchell; hc, McClung; c, Davidson. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, Gribben, Twite, one of the best seen here, great size, full deep front, full of work, rich even col.; 2, Macready, Siskin, grand cap and bib, very rich pure col.; 3, 4, McQuiston, Twite, beaten to-day in markings and size: hc, McKean; c, McAteer. LESSER REDPOLL (16): 1, Dale, on the small side; 2, Conkie and Loudon, wet when judged, when dry was an easy winner; 3, Mitchell, the greatest col. we have ever seen, small and lacks marking; 4, Wason, some thought might have been 2nd; hc, c, McQuiston. BRAMBLE, ETC. (7): 1, 2, Paterson, Bramble, grand size and col., carried well down, rich dark hood; 2, Chaff., gem for col., very pure and distinct whites, steady; 3, M'Lean, Bramble, fails only in depth of chest col.; 4, Weight: hc, Lindsay; c, McCloy. A.O. FINCH OR BUNTING (6): 1, McQuiston, Hawf., a gem, great size and col., rare deep chestnut face; 2, McAteer, Yellowhammer, very clear and distinct V, steady, well placed; 3, M'Cloy, Hawf., bit smaller than winner, minus a claw; 4, hc, Livingstone; c, McCrorie. SOFTBILL (5): 1, Taylor, Shrike, very clear col., nice distinct face and cheek marks; 2, Smith, large Waxwing, in good order; 3, McLean, Redstart, well staged; hc, McCready, Woodpecker; hc, McCloy. HEN SEED-EATER (11): 1, hc, McQuiston, leader Bramble, good marks, but on slim side, could have given way to 2rd, Conkie and Loudon, well-known Corn, beautifully mkd., grand size, steady as a rock; 3, Gribben, Bullie, rare thick-set lady, fine broad cap, deep col.; 4, Webster; c, White. SELL. (7): 1, Mitchell, Bullie; 2, Wilson, Bram.; 3, Conkie and London, Bram.; 4, Smart; hc, c, Kelly. FOR. (2): 1, 2, Macready, leader lovely Green Cardinal, very pure and bright chek markings, lovely crest, showing age; 2, bright coloured Gouldian.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

The last members' show for the season, Dec. 11, at the Victoria Hotel. 55 birds were staged for Mr. H. Long to judge, and his awards were well received. Special for best in show was won by Mr. L. Dykes. Winners of the competitions are as follows:—

Champions: 1, silver cup, L. Dykes, 101; 2, Bloomfield, 74; 3, Goodwin, 41. Novices: 1, Fretwell, 70; 2, Oldrieve, 66; 3, Goult, 47. Champions.—A.V. Yell. Ck. (6): 1, vhc, hc, Dykes; 2, 3, 4, Bloomfield. Buff (6): 1, 4, vhc, Dykes; 2, 3, hc, Bloomfield. Novices.—Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (6): 1, Goult; 2, Oldrieve; 3, vhc, Burgess; 4, hc, Close. Buff (5): 1, 3, Close; 2, vhc, Goult; 4, Pullan. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen (4): 1, Oldrieve; 2, Goult; 3, Close; 4 Pullan. Buff (3): 1, Oldrieve; 2, Close; 3, Goult. Mkd. Yell. or Buff Ck. (2): 1, Close; 2, Pullan. Unflighted. A.V. (2): 1, Oldrieve; 2, Pullan. Mkd. Hen (1): 1, Pullan.

TREDEGAR C.B.S.

Members show of mnlig Yorks., at The Tredegar Arms Hotel, Dec. 11. The entries were rather disappointing, only 50 birds being staged. Mr. W. Newell, Abertillery, placed the awards, which gave every satisfaction. After the judging Mr. Newell gave a short address on birdy matters, which was much appreciated.

CHAMP. MKD. YELL.: 1, Bevan; 2, Watkins. CL. BUFF: 1, 3, Watkins; 2, Bevan. MKD BUFF: 1, Bevan; 2, 3, Watkins. NOVICE CL. YELL.: 1 c, Morgan; 2, 4, Thomas; 3, hc, Bennett; vhc, Harding. MKD. YELL.: 1, Griffiths; 2, Llewellyn; 3, c, Thomas; 4, Morgan; vhc, Harris; hc, Harding. CL. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Griffiths; 2, Harris; vhc, Llewellyn, hc, Bennett; c, Morgan. MKD. BUFF: 1, Llewellyn; 2, hc, Harris; 3, vhc, c, Thomas; 4, Griffiths.—W. B. Watkins, Hon. Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Last table show of the year, Dec. 20, for matched pairs, all Yorks. 17 pairs were staged. Mr. G. Bray, Hohnfirth, judged, and gave general satisfaction.

YELL. CK. and BUFF HEN (5): 1, F. Sykes; 2, Gledhill; 3, Townend; vhc, Buttle and Coupland; hc, Atkinson. BUFF CK. and YELL. HEN (7): 1, Whitehead; 2, F. Sykes; 3, Townend; vhc, Smithies; hc, Holmes and Schofield; c, Atkinson. CINN. MKD. (5): 1, vhc, Wood; 2, Gledhill; 3, Buttle and Coupland; hc, Lawford and Son. Principal points winners: F. Sykes, 158 points; G. Wood, 119; Buttle and Coupland, 98; B. Townend, 69; A. Smithies, 67; H. Atkinson, 57. Presentation and smoker, Jan. 15, at the White Hart Hotel, at 7.30; all welcome.—A. Lawford, Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S

Capital show of cage birds at headquarters, Dec. 8. Mr. W. Dalton judged. Quality, especially in British, was very good. Yorks: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Parker; hc, c, Bayliss. Nor.: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Parker. A.O.V. Can.: 1, 2, Reed; 3, Bayliss. Mule: 1, vhc, Parker; 2, 3, Abbott. Greenf.: 1, hc, Bayliss; 2 Parker; 3, vhc, Rev. Soames; c, Harvey. Redpoll, Siskin or Twite (12): 1, 2, Rev. Soames; 3, vhc, hc, Bayliss. A.O.V. Brit: 1, hc, Parker; 2, 3, vhc, Bayliss; c, Harvey. For.: 1, spl, vhc, Reed; 2, 3, Bayliss; c, Harvey.

EAST ARDSLEY C.B.S.

Second annual members' show, Dec. 27; keen competition took place for the various specials. Mr. H. J. Chittenden, Manningham, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

LINNET: 1, 2, A. Walton; 3, Waind; vhc, A. Bedford; hc, H. Summers; c, Burnell. GREENF.: 1, sp, Walton; 2, Summers; 3, Burnell. GOLDF.-BULLF.: 1, 2, 3, Burnell; vhc, D. Bedford; hc, c, Waind. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, vhc, c, Summers; 2, Burnell; 3, Walton; hc, A. Bedford, A.O.V.: 1, A. Bedford; 2, 3, Burnell; vhc, Walton; hc, Summers. MULE: 1, 3, Kendrew; 2, D. Bedford. Mr. Burnell, 100 points, again wins the society's special for most points throughout the season; 2, Walton, 70; 3, Summers, 57. Mr. Waind gave three specials to members scoring most points throughout the season, A. Walton gaining 1st with 70 pts.; 2, Summers; 3, A. Bedford. Messrs. Burnell, Waind and Pyrah not to compete. Specials given by Mr. Burnell on the same terms were won by: 1, Walton; 2, Summers. Mr. Walton's medal for most points scored by vhc birds, H. Summers. Mr. J. Crossley's special for most points by hc birds, A. Bedford.—A. Walton, Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

Members' show, Dec. 11, when 92 birds faced the judge, Mr. M. Peel, of Skelmanthorpe, who gave every satisfaction. All unflighted birds except British. Mr. D. A. Macpherson and Mr. J. Corney tied for champion spls., with 7 points each. Mr. W. Horsman won 1st spl. in novice classes with 17 points; and Mr. L. Whitham won 2nd with 12 points. Champ. Yorks, Cl. or Tkd., Ck.: 1, Burdekin Bros. Hen: 1, 2, Burdekin Bros. Mkd. Ck.: 1, Burdekin Bros.; 2, Pilling. Hen: 1, 2, T. Pilling; 3, Corney. Green Yorks.: 1, Lloyd. Nov. Cl. or Tkd. Ck. (15): 1, Horsman; 2, Thornton; 3, hc, Whitham; vhc, Ellis; c, Rushworth. Hen (14): 1, 3, Horsman; 2, Senior; vhc, hc, Thornton; c, Sladdin and Baldwin. Mkd. Ck. (7): 1, Whitham; 2, Horsman; 3, Senior; vhc, c, Ambler; hc, Ellis. Hen: 1, 3, Ambler; 2, vhc, Horsman; hc, Sladdin and Baldwin. Green Yorks. Ck. (8): 1, hc, Scruton and Harris; 2, vhc, Sladdin and Baldwin; 3, c, Horsman. Hen (9): 1, vhc, Briggs; 2, J. Ellis; 3, S. H. Rushworth; hc, c, Scruton and Harris. Nor. Ck.: 1, 3, Clegg; 2, Corney. Hen: 1, Corney; 2, Lloyd; 3, vhc, Clegg. Nov. Nor. Ck.: 1, vhc, Rolfe; 2, 3, Smith. Hen: 1, Rolfe; 2, 3, Smith. Brit. Goldf.: 1, Benn. A.O.V. Brit. (10): 1, Mottram; 2, Benn; 3, hc, c, Macpherson; vhc, Helliwell.—Harry Clegg, Sec.

LANCS. AND LIZARD F.A.

Club show, Dec. 4, in connection with the members' show of the Old Original Rochdale O.S., in their club room in Clarke's Place. The room is of good size, and is quite capable of holding three or four hundred exhibits comfortably. The response in Lancs. and Lizards was very disappointing, only 13 Lancs. and 30 Lizards being benched. The quality was tip-top all through. There were six classes for Lancs. and eight for Lizards. Each exhibitor pays a small sum extra with each entry, and these are given to winner as a special in each class. Mr. Bradley, president of our society, kindly gave 5s. for best Lancs. and 5s. best Lizard in show. Mr. Fitton won special for best Lancs. with a grand yellow Coppy, and Mr. Barnes won special best Lizard with a very nice broken-cap gold cock. Other special winners were Messrs. Hamer 2, Barnes 2, Mrs. Burgess 2, and Rukin 2. Mrs. Burgess is a novice member, and has done very well this season. Other novice Lizard exhibitors who have done well are Messrs. Howard, and J. Teasdale. It is encouraging to see new names in our Fancy; wish we could only say the same for the Lancashires. Prize money was paid same day to all members present. Mr. L. Butterworth judged Lancashires, and Mr. A. Schofield Lizards.

LANCS. COPPY, YELL.: 1, G. Fitton; 2, T. H. Collinge. BUFF: 1, 2, Collinge; 3, Fitton. P.H. YELL.: 1, Collinge. BUFF: 1, 2, Collinge; 3, Fitton. A.V. BRED 1915: 1, Fitton; 2, Collinge. HEN: 1, Collinge; 2, Fitton. LIZARD, GOLD, CL. CAP: 1, Hamer; 2, Rukin; 3, 4, Barnes. SILVER: 1, 2, Hamer; 3, Hardy; 4, Rukin; vhc, Barnes; hc, Mrs. Burgess. GOLD BROKEN CAP: 1, Barnes; 2, Rukin; 3, Hamer. SILVER: 1, Mrs. Burgess; 2, 3, Barnes; 4, Hamer. GOLD HEN, A.V.: 1, 4, Mrs. Burgess; 2, Hardy; 3, Howard. SILVER HEN: 1, Barnes; 2, Hardy; 3, Hamer; 4, Howard; vhc, Rukin. GOLD LIZARD, OLD BIRDS: 1, Rukin; 2, Hamer. SILVER: 1, Rukin; 2, Hamer.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX C.B.S.

A members' show of Canaries (hen birds only) was held in the King Cross Band Room, Dec. 9, when Mr. W. Speak judged 57 birds, his awards meeting with general approval.

OPEN YORKS. CL. or TKD. BUFF: 1, 2, Priestley; 3, 4, Sutcliffe. UNFLIG. ETC.: 1, 2, Priestley; 3, 4, Sutcliffe. EVEN, ETC.: 1, 3, Sutcliffe; 2, 4, Priestley. NOVICE CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, Thornton; 2, Stocks; 3, vhc, hc, c, Gelder; 4, Sladdin and Baldwin. BUFF: 1, Stocks; 2, 3, Horsman; 4, vhc, Thornton; hc, c, Gelder. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Mitchell; 3, hc, Sladdin and Baldwin; 4, Gelder; vhc, Horsman; c, Thornton. EVEN, ETC.: 1, 2, Horsman; 3, Stocks; 4, Gelder; vhc, W. Mitchell; hc, c, Sladdin and Baldwin. SELF or FOUL GREEN YORKS: 1, Thornton. NOR., ETC.: 1, 3, hc, Townend; 2, 4, vhc, Corney.

This being the last show of the season, and as only four of the season's shows were to count points, the draw was made, and resulted in the June, July, September and annual members' shows counting for the cup competition. The special, a pair of Yorks, for most entries, given by Mr. Stobart, was drawn in favour of July, September, annual members', and December shows. Results: Open sections, 1, Priestley, 51½; 2, Sutcliffe, 32; 3, Stobart, 29½; 4, Sharp, 29. Novice, 1, W. Horsman, 74; 2, Gelder, 73; 3, Sladdin and Baldwin, 71; 4th, a tie, G. Mitchell and F. Horsman, 40 points each. Entries competition, 1, Gelder, 39; nearest losers, Sladdin and Baldwin, and W. Horsman, 26 each. V.H.C.s competition, 1st, J. Corney. Unflighted competition, for a volume of "Our Canaries," given by Mr. H. Johnson, 1st, E. Priestley, 28½ points; nearest losers, E. Stobart and W. Horsman tied, 25 points each. If any error in above points, members please notify sec. early.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec.

DUBMIRE W.M. CLUB C.B.S.

Annual show, Dec. 11-15, in the Club Hall, a grand place for a show. There were a fair number of birds under present conditions, but half of the classes had to be cancelled owing to a lot of the members being away serving "King and Country." Mr. G. S. Lynn is a courteous and obliging sec., and had everything well in hand. Mr. A. J. Notley, Hetton Downs, judged, and the following are his awards:—Nor. Yell. or Buff Cock: 1, Gilmore; 2, 3, Fenton; vhc, Hann. Hen, A.C.: 1, vhc, Fenton; 2, 3, Atkinson. Crest or C.-B., Cock or Hen: 1, 2, 3, Bissett. Yorks. Yell. Cock: 1, Lynn; 2, Fenton. Buff: 1, Lynn; 2, Fenton; 3, Dixon. Yorks Hen, A.C.: 1, 2, Fenton; 3, Lynn. A.O.V., 1915: 1, spl, best in show, Lynn, buff cinn; 2, vhc, Fenton; 3, Fletcher. Nor. Yell. Cock: 1, Atkinson; 2, Fenton; 3, Dixon. Buff: 1, Dixon; 2, 3, Atkinson; vhc, Fenton; hc, Lynn. Hen, A.C.: 1, Atkinson; 2, Fletcher; 3, Dixon; vhc, Fenton. Natural C.: 1, Dixon; 2, Atkinson; 3, vhc, Gilmore; hc, c, Fletcher. Nor. Pairs for Breeding: 1, 3, Fenton; 2, Fletcher; vhc, Dixon; hc, Lynn; c, Atkinson. Cinn, Green or Nearly Green: 1, Atkinson; 2, Fletcher; 3, vhc, Lynn; hc, Hann. Crest, Yell. or Buff Cock: 1, Bissett; 2, Hann; 3, Lynn. C.-B., Cock or Hen: 1, 2, 3, Bissett; vhc, Hann. Yorks Yell. or Buff Cock: 1, 2, Fenton; 3, Fletcher; vhc, Dixon; hc, Hann. Hen, A.C.: 1, Fenton; 2, 3, Lynn; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Hann; c, Fletcher. Bord, Yell or Buff Cock or Hen: 1, Fletcher; 2, 3, Fenton; vhc, Hann; hc, Atkinson. A.O.V. Pairs Breeding: 1, Bissett (Crests); 2, vhc, Fletcher (Bord.); 3, Dixon (Yorks); hc, Fenton (Yorks). Sell. 7s. 6d.: 1, Dixon, buff Nor., quickly claimed, a very nice bird; 2, Fletcher; 3, vhc, Hann; hc, Fletcher. Brit. Brown Linnet: 1, Fenton; 2, Fletcher; 3, Hann. Brit. A.O.V.: 1, Fletcher; 2, Atkinsou; 3, vhc, Lynn.

CUMNOCK C.B.S.

Sixth annual show, Dec. 11. Mr. Steel, of Dalkeith, judged British and Norwich, and Mr. McCreadie Scots Fancies and Borders. The entries totalled 286, which was a record, and the quality of the exhibits exceeded anything previous. Silver cup and gold medal, British, David Smart; gold medal in Norwich, Hugh Alexander; Border Club medal, Wm. Mossie; gold medal for Bord. Section, Sam Montgomery; gold medal for Scots Fancy, John Hainey; silver medal with gold centre for novice member scoring most points, Robert McSorland in Norwich Section.

SCOTS. FANCIES, CL. or FOUL CK. (2): 1, 2, Hainey. HEN (3): 1, 2, Hainey. PIEBALD or GREEN HEN (2): 1 2, Hainey. YOUNG CK., ANY COL. (4): 1, 2, Haincy; 3, McLean. HEN (3): 1, McLean; 2, 3, Hainey. BORD CL. YELL. CK. (8): 1, vhc, Montgomery; 2, vhc, Millar; 3, Mossie; 4, Findlay. HEN (6): 1, 2, Mossie; 3, 4, Montgomery; vhc, Millar; hc, Findlay. BUFF. CK. (10): 1, 3, vhc, Border medal, Mossie; 2, Findlay; hc, Millar; c, Howse. HEN (7): 1, vhc, Mossie; 2, 4, Montgomery; 3, McKean; hc, Howse. VARIEG. CK. (6): 1, Findlay; 2, Millar; 3, Mossie; 4, vhc, Montgomery; hc, Howse. HEN (6): 1, 4, Findlay; 2, 3, Montgomery; vhc, hc, Millar. EV. MKD. (4): 1, Findlay; 2, 3, Montgomery; 4, Millar. 1 or 2 MARKS (8): 1, Montgomery; 2, Mossie; 3, vhc, hc, c, Millar; 4, Findlay. GR. (10): 1, 4, Montgomery; 2, vhc, hc, H. and R. Murray; 3, Findlay; c, Richmond. CINN. (9): 1, 4, Montgomery; 2, vhc, Millar; 3, hc, c, Murray. SELL. (10): 1, 4, Thos. McLean; 2, 3, Mossie; vhc, hc, Montgomery; c, Findlay. A.O. CAN. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Hainey; vhc, Robertson. BRIT. GREENF. CK. (9): 1, vhc, D. Smart; 2, R. McSorland; 3, McGavin; 4, Wyper; hc, Morgan; c, Adams. GOLDF. CK. (6): 1, Mitchell; 2, Robertson; 3, D. Richmond; 4, Wyper; 5, Smart; vhc, Murray. LINNET (9): 1, 2, Smart; 3, Wright. LESSER RED CK. (10): 1, 4, Smart; 2, A. Wright; 3, Robertson; vhc, McGavin; hc, F. Morgan; c, R. McSorland. MEALY RED, SIS. or TWITE (6): 1, Wright; 2, McGavin; 3, Wyper; 4, Smart; vhc, hc, Morgan. A.O.V. BRIT. (6): 1, McGavin; 2, Smart; 3, Crawford; 4, vhc, Wyper. HEN BRIT. (8): 1, Crawford; 2, McGavin; 3, Smart; 4, vhc, hc, Wyper. A.V. F. MOULTED CK. or HEN (7): 1, Clewes; 2, Nutt; 3, Wyper; 4, F Morgan; vhc, Murray; hc, Mitchell; c, Smart. LIGHT or VAR. MULE (3): 1, Smart; 2, Murray. D. CANARY MULE (10): 1, 2, vhc, Smart; 3, Wright; 4, Murray; 5, Morgan. HYBRID (5): 1, Smart; 2, Wyper; 3, Murray, 4, 5, Mitchell. JUVENILE: 1, Hastings; 2, Mitchell; 3, A. Mitchell. GIFT: 1, Findlay; 2, Wyper; 3, Millar; 4, Montgomery.

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THE NORWICH CANARIES.

Norwich made a very fine display, all the principal breeders throughout Scotland being represented, and several of the English champions on view. Exhibits were neatly staged in the large hall upstairs—a magnificent one for the purpose, grandly lighted from top and sides, and clear from draughts. It was kept at a fine temperature and there was abundance of room for visitors, who we were pleased to see turned out despite the miserable weather. The advertising of the show by posters displayed on all the Glasgow Corporation cars was a grand idea and a fine advert. for the Fancy in general. The classification provided was the best out this season, and the entry in this section totalled 300—an average of 15 per class. Quality was of a high standard, the English exhibits catching the eye and capturing a goodly share of the honours. Unflighted classes were particularly strong and contained some outstanding birds with a bright future before them. The novice cock class was the strongest in section, and most of them were very creditable exhibits. Prize money was at the rate of 22s. per class, with an entry of 1/6 per bird, with a goodly array of fine specials for birds out of prize money—a very effective inducement to exhibitors. Championship diploma for best Norwich went to Mr. R. B. Cairns; and for best novice to Mr. D. Somerville. The judges were Mr. Jas. Winter (Edinburgh), who took even numbers, Mr. W. Turner (Manchester) odd, and both acquitted themselves well.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (14): 1, Crawshaw, catches the eye right away, grand bird, great size and qual., fine round head, full neck, rare deep front, splendid colour, even throughout, best of wing and tail carr., nice style, splendid cond., wins well; 2, Murray, behind in size only, grand head, neck and front, capital qual. and col., neat wing carr., fine style and well put down; 3, Thomas, tkd. neck, great size and col., good head, neck, and fine deep front, nice short flights and tail, grand cond. and splendidly shown, shade coarser in feather; 4, Crawshaw, rattling size, fine head, neck, and chest, hot col.; 5, Simpson; 6, M[illegible]er; 7, Barron. BUFF (14): 1, Colley, clear win, well known, capital size and frosting, rare salmon tint of col., fine short, cobby body, nice head, full neck, wide chest and well put down; 2, French, Clydebank, winner shade smaller, fine head and qual., nice flights and tail, good front and style, nicely mealed and rare cond.; 3, Hamilton, Queen's Park, winner good size, fine head and subs., neat flights and tail, shade coarse in feather; 4, Hirst good size, fine head, col. and qual., nice short body; 5, Wood; 6, Simpson; 7, Somerville. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (19): 1, Crawshaw, mkd. both eyes, neck, and wing, grand qual., hot col., well up in size, fine deep front, lovely sheen and cond., closely pursued by 2, Cook, in fact wo preferred this one; rare short cobby bird, grand width across chest, fine round head, full neck, fine qual. and col., head, eye and wing mkd., grand stamp; 3, Naismith, curiously marked, like a Yellowhammer, grand size, qual. and col., rare head and neck, short flights and tail, wee bit inmpy in front; 4, Grewar, grand size and [illegible] head, neck, qual., and col., might have gone up one; 5, McLean; 6, Hamilton; 7, Williamson. BUFF (16): 1, Kerr, rare head and neck, nice front, capital qual. and col., grand size; 2, 4, Crawshaw, 2nd our choice, rare short-coupled bird, fine width across chest, lovely qual. and col., grand size, good head and neck, nice flights and tail, well cleaned-out behind, 4th grand head, full neck, fine short cobby body, extra qual., col. and cond., eye, neck, wing, and rump mkd.; 3, Murray, head, neck, and wing mkd., great size, grand head, thick neck, fine front and qual., bit restless; 5, spl, Barron; 6, Godfrey Bros.; 7, Gallacher, CL. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Cook, grand size and subs., for a ycll., rare round head, full neck, fine col. and qual., great short cobby body, wee bit faulty in flights; 2, McLean, well-known, fine hen, grand head, neck and front, rare breadth across chest, better qual. and flights than winner, still short in size and subs., but good bird; 3, Martin, pressing hard, splendid qual. and col., grand size, fine head and neck, wee bit short in breadth of front, nice short flights and tail; 4, Braid, nice one for size, qual. and col.; 5, Gibson; 6, Jeffrey; 7, Blacklock. BUFF (13): 1, Thomas, all head, neck, and front, splendid size, capital qual. and col., fine short flights and tail, short and cobby, good cond., well shown; 2, 5, Maxwell, 2nd grizzled head, well-known winner, better qual., nicely mealed, rare head, full neck, fine, short, cobby body, in perfect feather, neat short flights and tail, well cleaned out under, grand size, presses very hard; 3, Crawford, another known exhibit in hot company, rare size, grand head, neck and front, fine qual., col. and cond., nice flights and tail; 4, Grewar, good size and qual., fine head and neck, nice depth of front, shade heavy behind; 5, Barron; 7, Lycett. VARIEG. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Aitken, rare bold front, nice width across, excellent qual. and col., fine flights and tail, clean cut, mkd. both eyes and wing, grand head and neck; 2, Hamilton, known face, eyes, chest, and wing mkd., rare breadth across front, fine head, neck and qual., capital col.; 3, Godfrey Bros., good size, very fine qual., rare head, col. and cond.; 4, Grewar, short and cobby, fine head, neck and flights, our choice for 3rd; 5, McLean; 6, Hutchison; 7, Jardine. BUFF (8): 1, Cook, head, neck and wing mkd., grand head, neck and front, capital qual. and col., neat flights and tail, rare size and cond., wee bit browy; 2, Murray, Glasgow and Dist. winner, clean cut, splendid qual., good head and neck, rare short cobby body, carries flights well, close up; 3, Cairns, neck and wing mkd., capital qual., fine head, neck and front, good size; 4, Taylor, rump mkd., fine head, qual. and col.; 5, Gibson; 6, Grewar; 7, McAllister. NON-FED CK. (7): 1, Grewar, known winner, right wing mkd. yell., rare size and qual., bold front, fine head and thick neck, short flights and tail; 2, Braid, cl. yell., grand size, fine head, qual. and col., nice cond., shade long in body; 3, Crawshaw, varieg. buff, grand size and subs., fine width across front, excellent qual., neat flights and tail, migbt have gone up one, better type; 4, no name, cl. yell., capital qual., fine head and size; 5, Naismith; 6, Godfrey Bros.; 7, Marshall. HEN (11): 1, Grewar, rare short cobby buff varieg., grand head, neck and front, neat flights and tail, clean cut; 2, Kerr, cl., yell., close up, known winner, rare short boxy feather of lovely qual., fine head, neck and depth of front, close-fitting flights and tail; 3, Gallacher, varieg. buff, splendid qual., good size and subs., shade weak in head; 4, Crawshaw, buff, heavily mkd., might have gone up one, better head, good size, qual. and col.; 5, Kean; 6, Godfrey Bros.; 7, Cairstairs. UNFLIG. CL. YELL. CK. (18): grand class: 1, Cairns, Queen's Park winner still going strong, neck mkd., hot col., fine and even, grand size, rare head, neck and front, neat flights and tail, A1 qual. and cond., wns; 2, Taylor, shade smaller, extra qual., col. and cond., fine head, neck and front, nice short cobby body, flights and tail; 3, Miller, good head and neck, rich qual. and col., fine size, neat flights and tail; 4, Matthewson, neck mkd, splendid qual. and col., fine size and subs.; 5, spl, Thomas, tkd., good head, neck and qual.; 6, Barron; 7, Martin. BUFF (20), another capital class: 1, Cook, grand size, rare head, neck and short cobby body, excellent qual. of feather, fine col., neat, short, well-carried flights and tail, grand bird; 2, Crawshaw, grand head, neck and subs., rare size, lovely mealing, nice salmon tint of col., close up; 3, Taylor, grand size, rare head, neck and qual., richly mealed, neat flights and tail, well placed, in good company; 4, Braid, grizzled head, fine head, neck, qual. and size, shade longer in barrel; 5, Thomas; 6, Kerr; 7, Weir. CL. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Thomas, splendid qual. and col., bold head, neck and front, great size for a youngster, nice short body, flights and tail; 2, Mattbewson, presses hard, grand head, neck and subs., lovely qual. of feather and col., fine short body and flights, nice cond.; 3, Hector, great size, fine head, wee bit horny, good qual., fine short body, flights and tail, nice one, claimed at £10; 4, Cairns, rare size, qual. and col., good front, flights and tail, shade weak in head; 5, Walkden; 6, Lawson and Sons; 7, Hirst. BUFF (13): 1, Mitchell, wonderful qual., which carries it through, grand size, fine head and front, A1 cond., claimed at £15; 2, Maxwell, better type, nice cobby shape, body, fine round head, full neck, neat wings, rare qual. and col.; 3, Cairns, excellent qual., nicely mealed, fine head, neck and front, good size and col.; 4, Bell, jun., capital qual. and size, nice cobby shape body; 5, Crawford; 6, Braid; 7, Hirst. VARIEG. CK. (18): 1, spl, diploma, best Nor., Cairns, claimed at £10 10s., great size and col., rare head and neck, fine bold, deep front, capital qual., neatly carried wings and tail, A1 style and cond., mkd. head and wings, yell., wins well; 2, Gallacher, head, neck and wing mkd., buff, excellent qual. and size, grand head, neck and subs., fine short flights and tail, well placed; 3, Crawshaw, wet when we went round, eye, neck and wing mkd. yel., fine head, size and qual.; 4, Noble, fine size and subs., good head, shade narrow, neat flights; 5, Murray; 6, Lawson and Son; 7, Bell, jun. HEN (17): 1, Marshall, eyes and neck mkd. yell., lovely qual. and col., neat head, fine short cobby body; 2, Weir, buff varieg., splendid qual., good head, neck and front, neat, short and clean-cut; 3, Devoy, very nice yell.-green, right type, fine, short, cobby body, good head, neck and qual.; 4, Lawson, buff-green, Hamilton winner, short, clean cut, cobby, good head, neck and sound col.; 5, Mitchell; 6, Jeffrey; 7, spl, Crawford. NOV. CK. (25): 1, spl, diploma, best nov., 2, Somerville, both grand size and subs., good heads, necks, and qual., leader more size, both cl. yell (father and son); 3, Hardie, yell., fine size and subs., good head, neck and qual., inclines to crouch; 4, Gray, cl. buff, good front, nice head, neck and qual.; 5, spl, Mason; 6, Davidson; 7, spl, Hadley. HEN (11): 1, Smith, cl. buff, grand size, rare bold front, with good breadth, fine head and neck; 2, Gray, cl. yell., fine head, neck and front, nice size and qual., well staged; 3, Fyfe, extra good qual. and col., rare short cobby body, shade weak in head, saddle mkd., yell; 4, Rannachan, short, cobby, fine round head, capital qual. and col., shade smaller; 5, Davidson; 6, Somerville; 7, Ross. CK., SELL. 15s. (20): 1, Proctor; 2, Craig; 3, Hirst; 4, Smart; 5, Buchan; 6, Wake; 7, Thomson. HEN 15s. (10): 1, Hirst; 2, Buchan; 3, Noble; 4, Keer; 5, Wake; 6, Gibson; 7, Smith.

THE CRESTED CANARIES.

The Crest section was the surprise of the show in the way of entries. The best and largest lot of Crests we ever saw in Glasgow, and quality was of a high standard. Exhibitors of this variety were represented from all over Scotland and England, and the way they have responded to the grand classification submitted, and their assistance to the cause was greatly appreciated by the management. They also had the patronage of the S.C.C.C., with their numerous specials to members, which went to help the success of the show. Unflighted classes were well supported, and brought out some grand youngsters, which looks well for the future of this variety. We were pleased to see a novice class introduced in this section. Although it only received seven entries, we believe by another year this number will be greatly augmented. Entries totalled 130, and the birds were nicely staged in the Lesser Hall, which is well adapted for the purpose. Mr. John Young (Rutherglen) judged, and his decisions were well received.

CREST, CK. (11): 1, 2, D. Scott, 1st, Gateshead and Blaydon Cup winner, lovely green, great spread and length of droop, well over beak, nicely radiated from a good centre, rare size and subs, plenty of feather of extra qual.; 2nd, varieg., grand size and subs, fine spread, neat centre, scarcely length of droop nor so good qual.; 3, Whitton, lightly varieg. D.C., fine centre and droop, well up in size and subs., fine qual., not so dense in crest; 4, McClement, green, grand size and subs., neat crest, fine centre; 5, McMillan; 6, McNaughton; 7, Hamilton. CREST, HEN (10): 1, Radley and Sons, massive spread of excellent qual., lovely droop, well over beak, capital centre, great size and subs., plenty of feather, D.C., cl. body; 2, 4, Jim Taylor; 2nd, varieg., grand size and subs., rare top piece, capital droop and centre, splendid qual. of feather, and plenty of it; 4th, green, neat crest, fine droop and centre, good size and subs.; 3, Noble, green, capital qual. of featber, lovely droop, scarcely the length of those in front, neat centre, well groomed; 5, McMillan; 6, Hamilton; 7, McNaughton. C.B., CK. (13): 1, Radley and Sons, grizzled wing, otherwise clear, wonderful head, rare broad skull, very wide entrance, great lashing, well down over eyes, fine size and subs., plenty of feather of good qual., wins; 2, Hamilton, grizzled head, grand bird, rare broad skull, fine wide entrance, capital size, subs., and qual.; 3, Jim Taylor, close up, varieg., grand entrance and lasbings, splendid size and subs., could be better staged, and, we think, could give winner a close race; 4, Sharp, cl., grand size and subs., scarcely so wide entrance, very finely lashed; 5, Bewick; 6, Noble; 7, McLay. HEN (8): 1, Hamilton, varieg., magnificent skull, fine and broad, rare wide entrance, well browed, capital style and subs., plenty of feather of rich qual., wins; 2, 3, 5, McLay; 2nd, varieg., hardly so broad in skull, good lasbing, nice entrance, fine size and subs., grand qual. and cond.; 3rd, varieg., nicely lashed, plenty of feather, good qual. and cond.; 4, McMillan, good size and subs., fine lashing, nice entrance. UNFLIG., CRES. CK. (16): Grand collection: 1, sp., diploma, 4, Hamilton, 1, varieg., great top piece, lovely spread, rare droop, well down, capital centre, well radiated crest, fine veiny feather, good size and subs., will improve greatly; 4th, varieg., fine centre and droop, good size; 2, Page, capital qual. of featber, fine length of droop, well radiated from neat centre, good size and subs.; 3, Radley and Sons, varieg., neat centre and droop, scarcely so massive, lovely qual., col., and cond., well put down; 5, Hume; 6, Bewick; 7, Howie; grand class. HEN (13): 1, Sharp, varieg., grandly cushioned, crest well down over beak, nice centre, good qual., size, and subs. of body; 2, Radley and Sons, green, scarcely the length of droop, still good; fine centre, lovely qual. of feather, nice size and subs.; 3, Tweedie, varieg., plenty of feather, shade coarser, grand size and subs.; 4, Hood, behind size only neat centre, and droop of fine qual.; 5, Whitton; 6, Page; 7, Hamilton. C.B., CK. (20): 1, McLay, varieg., lovely qual. of feather, and plenty of it, rare wide skull, heavily browed, grand entrance, capital size and subs., wins well in a great class; 2, Noble, varieg., fine wide entrance, nicely browed, good qual., size, and subs.; 3, Moreland, varieg., capital qual., fine entrance and lashing, nice size; 4, Hamilton, better head, rare wide skull, finely lashed, good entrance, fine size and subs., we liked for higher honours; 5, Whitton; 6, McClemcnt; 7, Macfadyen. HEN (8): 1, Sharp, grand broad skull, fine wide entrance, capital lashing, rare size and subs., fine qual and cond., well put down; 2, 5, McNaughton, 2nd, varieg., fine qual. of featber, good entrance, plenty of lashing, rare size and subs.; 3, 4, Hamilton, 3rd, varieg., nicely lashed, fine entrance, size, and subs.; 4th, plenty of feather of good qual., fine size; 5, McNaughton; 6, Whitton; 7, W. Scott. NOV. (7): 1, sp, diploma, Rae, varieg., lovely cushioned crest, fine veiny feather, neat centre, well down over beak, rare size and subs.; 2, McLerie, C.B., fine wide skull, nice entrance, good lashing, nice exhibit; 3, Barrie, green C.B., plenty of lashing, good size and subs., fine cond., close up 2nd,; 4, Lindsay, Crest, fine qual., neat centre, nice droop of good length; 5, Boyd; 6, Honston; 7, McNair. SELL. £2 10/: 1, Adamson; 2, Barron; 3, McGregor; 4, Stanger 5, Dickson Bros.; 6, Noble; 7, McFadyen. £1: 1, McDougall; 2, Sharp; 3, Duns; 4, Lindsay; 5, Berwick; 6, MacFadyen; 7, Barron.

THE "WEE GEMS."

Borders—the "Wee Gems"—came up well both in numbers and quality, many well known winners once more facing the judges in battle array. One thing much noticed and often commented on is the size which predominates in the green variety. Should there be a special standard for greens? If not, why cannot they be bred the same size and type as the others? They have all the other points characteristic of the breed; why, then, have them on the show benches, some of them little less in size than small Norwich?

CLR. or TKD. YELL CK. (13): 1, Thomson, beauty for type, qual. and col., perfect wings, close tail, could be better in head; 2, Hadley, all there for type and qual., fine head, neck, neat carr., style, not just the col. or tightness of feather of leader; 3, Kilpatrick, close up, fine type, neat carr., right qual., fine top end, just a little loose in feather; 4, Purves, fine type, nice carr., good feather, well drawn body; 5, Sellar; 6, Bennet; 7, Boyce. BUFF (9): 1, Bennet, lovely type, grand qual. feather, fine head, neck, well drawn, typical body, neat, all over, in the pink; 2, Kilpatrick, capitally built, neatly got up, clean cut and right stamp, fails at top; 3, Sellar, nice weight, well made, neatly balanced, fine head, neck, neat bearing, just wee trifle open in feather; 4, Geddes, nice qual., fine stamp, in the pink, rather ugly beak spoils sweet bird; 5, Purvel; 6, Hadley; 7, Boyce. CLR. or TKD. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Smellie, capital col., grand qual. feather, neat, correct carr. and type, looks trifle fatty on front; 2, Bennet, fine size, type, not just the col. of leader, or so full in head; 3, Ketcher, sweetly built and typical, neat, compact, could do with trifle better rise in head; 4, Macklin, typical, good qual.; 5, Egerton; 6, Brown; 7, Kilpatrick. BUFF (17): 1, Smee, wins B.F.C.C. medal, grand bird, in capital order, neat head, fine neck, neatly moulded body, perfect in carr. and style; 2, Ketcher, fine type, good carr., fails steadiness; 3 and 6, Bennet, 3 sweet type, neat, well braced, in the pink, we thought might have been 2nd; 4, Brown, in top order, nice body shape, fine qual., fails top end; 5, Campbell; 7, Lunn. EVEN MARK (4): 1, McMinn, little beauty, neat markings, fine head, neck, nice type and qual., well braced, in the pink; 2, Hamilton, good type, qual., fair style, rather long beak, open feather; 3, Nicholson, smaller built, nice qual; 4, Armour, we could not find.) YELL. VAR. CK. (8): 1, Nicholson, fine stamp, little to find fault with here, staged in perfect condition; 2, Egerton, trifle smaller in build, neat, shapely body, fine wings, stylish, finely shaped skull, nice rise; 3, Rubie, good qual., typical, well braced, fails bit at throat; 4, Ferguson, fine stamp, neat and shapely; 5, Macklin; 6, Murray; 7, Brownlie. BUFF (6): 1, Bennet, typical body, good qual. feather, neat carr. and style, but not the best of heads, lucky we thought; 2, Ferguson, shade smaller, neat all over, beats leader; 3, Livingstone, nice cond., type, and carr., good top end, some fancied this as the winner; 4, Brown; 5, Brownlie; 6, Ferguson. VAR. HEN (7): 1, Sprott, yell., nice level col., good type and qual., could be shade better across shoulders; 2, Downie, sweet buff, lovely type, grand qual., neat carr. and style, sweet head, neck, in the pink; 3, Geddes, buff, nice feather, neat carr., nice pos., just trifle flat across shoulders; 4, Campbell, nicely staged; 5, Brown; 6, Macklin; 7, Donan and Shepherd. YELL GREEN (22): 1, Harper, known face all there for type and col., fine carr., very steady, could be shade sweeter in head; 2, Whitlaw, looks a hen, grand col., well pencilled, neat head, neck, beautifully rounded body, nicely braced wings, close tail; 3, Lambie, fine grassy col., richly pencilled body and flanks, neat wings, tail, runs up tight; 4, Johnston; 5, Nicholson; 6, Lawson and Sons; 7, Montgomery. BUFF (22): 1, Nicholson, fine weight, clinking type and col., neat, shapely, well braced, steady; 2, Lunn, perfect feather, lovely col. and type, neat, deserving; 3, Stevenson, heavier built, good col., neat carr., too fat at front; 4, Lawson and Sons, in rare trim, fine head, neck, proportionately built, value for a step higher; 5, Johnston; 6, Shouler; 7, Steel. YELL. CINN. (9): 1, B.F.C.C. novice medal, Robertson, topper, lovely qual. feather, nice ground col., well pencilled, fine head, neck, proper body formation, neat carr. and style, quickly claimed at its low catalogue price, 12s. 6d., a hard hit at the poor novice here; 2, Johnston, shade hotter col., fine type and qual., good wings, close tail, scarcely so beautifully rounded body; 3, Harper, looks like a nice hen, neat, shapely, well balanced through, put down in creditable style; 4, Whitelaw, lovely col. and qual., neat type, fine carr. and style, nice cond.; 5, 7, McLinden; 6, Bennet. BUFF (11): 1, Sellar, little beauty all over, type, col., qual. feather, and neat compact carr tell the tale here; 2, Brown, good size, jaunty type, fine qual., neatly braced wings, close tail, fails col. only; 3, Crammond, rich col., nice texture feather, neat close pipe tail, just inclined to cross at times; 4, 6, McLinden; 4, nice qual., neat, well drawn, just inclined to crouch when handling; 5, Lunn; 7, Whitelaw. NOV. CK. (20): 1, Henry, little topper, eyes and wings mkd. buff, neat type, grand qual., in the pink, fit to hold its own in the open classes; 2, Lean, wing and eye mkd. yell., shade smaller built, good qual., neat, very fit; 3, 6, Ritchie; 5, fine buff, in top cond., neat, typical, good silky feather, closely carried; 4, no name, cl. yell., good head, neck, fine type, neat wings and tail, just trifle unsteady; 5, Duncan; 7, Stevenson. HEN (20): 1, A. Stevenson, tkd., fine feather, proper qual., nice body, well cut, typical and neat, in top con.; 2, Niven, grand feathered, typical, neat wings, tail, rather flat across back; 3, Henry, nice yell. cinn. mark, neat head, neck, fine body, stylish, well braced; 4, Brown, nice buff, nicely staged, but unsteady; 5, Lunn; 6, Downie; 7, J. Stevenson.

(Remainder of Report next week.)

ALTRINCHAM (Open) C.B.S.

Annual members' show, Nov. 20, Shop Workers' Institute. 80 birds were staged, and this must be considered a good entry just now. Messrs. Harrison and Vint, and also Mr. P. Drinkwater, did not compete for any specials or the medal competition, which somewhat reduced the amount of competition. Mr. J. Raynes, Choriton, judged, and his awards were received with satisfaction.

Yorks. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, W. Hallworth; 3, J. B. Vernon; 4, W. Davy; vhc, G. Foster. Buff: 1, 2, W. Hallworth; 3, T. Morris; 4, W. Davy. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, W. Hallworth; 3, J. B. Vernon; 4, E. Hampson. Buff: 1, W. Hallworth; 2, T. Morris; 3, E. Hampson. Unflig. Yell.: 1, W. Davy; 2, E. Hampson; 3, T. Morris. Buff: 1, W. Davy; 2, E. Hampson. Nor., Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Harrison and Vint. Buff: 1, 2, Harrison and Vint. Yell Hen: 1, 2, Harrison and Vint. Buff: 1, 2, Harrison and Vint; 3, W. Drinkwater. Buff Green Ck.: 1, Harrison and Vint. Hen: 1, 2, Harrison and Vint. Bord Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, P. Drinkwater; 3, 4, E. Wakefield. Buff: 1, 3, P. Drinkwater; 2, E. Wakefield. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, P. Drinkwater; 3, E. Wakefield, 4, G. Foster. Buff: 1, 2, P. Drinkwater; 3, P. Wakefield. Unflig: 1, 2, P. Drinkwater, 3, Harrison and Vint. Buff: 1, 2, P. Drinkwater. Buff Green Cock: 1, Harrison and Vint. Yell. Green Hen: 1, E. Wakefield. Buff: 1, 2, Harrison and Vint. Goldf: 1, A. Broadbent, 2, W. Drinkwater. Bullf: 1, A. Broadbent, 2, C. Bailey. Greenf: 1, C. Bailey, 2, A. Broadbent, 3, H. Whitney. Chaffinch: 1, A. Broadbent, 2, H. Whitney. Linn: 1, C. Bailey, 2, C. Bailey Redpoll or Siskin: 1, H. Whitney, 2, A. Broadbent, 3, W. Drinkwater. Mules and Hyb.: 1, 2, 3, H. Whitney For. 1, A. Broadbent. Medal Competition: Canaries, Champ. W. Hallworth; Nov. W. Davy Brit: H. Whitney. Best Canary in Show W. Hallworth. Best Nov. Canary Davy. Second Best Brit: Bailey Cottagers' Class: 1, J. Johnson; 2, H. Clough. Considering the bright day the show was favoured with there was a poor attendance. C. Bailey, Hon. Sec.

ABERDEEN
(AMALGAMATED) C.B.S.

This show was held in the Music Hall on the 15th December. The entry was somewhat less than last year, but, all things considered, 500 entries was satisfactory. Exhibits came from long distances—as far south as Bristol which shows the Fancy has every confidence in railway companies. Many willing workers had everything ready for the judges to start at nine o'clock, and printed catalogues with awards were on sale almost immediately after judging was over. The Norwich in the open section were above average in quality. Many would have won in much larger classes and have done so; for instance, Mr. W. Crawshaw's non-fed cock, Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington), and Mr. Geo. Mitchell (Brechin) had a host of winners that have won at many south shows. In Crests, Mr. John A. Grant (Lossiemouth) had a field day, and well he deserved all he got. He has nothing to learn in the way of staging, as his birds were beautifully put down. He has now got a most valuable stock and in peaceful times will no doubt cross the Border. The amateur section, it is gratifying to report, showed an improvement on last year. Many birds, as one would expect, were weakest in head properties, and many, being the first time out, were very wild. Mr. Wm. Anderson won the cup for most points in this section. The Wild Bird section was very interesting, but we have seen more outstanding birds in the Silver City by the Sea. The fanciers were very harmonious and did everything possible to make the show a success. This is the first year of office as secretary of Mr. R. J. Robertson, and the work he did was stupendous, and we were pleased to see he had so many willing workers assisting him. The society was fortunate in its selection of judges, for all took great pains, and their awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. Alex. Harris (Montrose), took Open section; Mr. Geo. Bennett (Brechin) Amateur section; and Mr. W. Allison (Cults) the Wild Bird section. Mr. G. Edwards's exhibits arrived too late for judging. This is to be regretted, as his Bullfinch and Goldfinch would have been near the top. The pair of Crests were in one cage and were separated, as they went for each other as if they had some old quarrel to finish. Had another cage not been found they would have gone home naked.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. (8): 1, Mitchell, easy win, fine rich col., qual., balanced; 2, Dunn, good sound col., not so sweet on head, and more open in feather; 3, Hector, largest, paler in col., good stock bird; 4, Will, tick back and head, good one, little open in breast; 5, Craigen; 6, Davidson. BUFF (7): 1, Mitchell, great size, grand top end and lovely spread of chest; 2, Hendry, very sweet, rather better qual., but loses in head to winner; 3, Sandison, grand bird, beautiful feather, shade longer; 4, Will; 5, Hendry; 6, Dunn. VAR. YELL. COCK (1): 1, Robertson, a very nice typical chest, well over perch, could win in good company. VAR. BUFF COCK (10): 1, Mitchell, wins, splendid front, type, qual., and size; 2, Forrest, good 2nd, grand balanced and fine short neck, sweet exhibit; 3, Craigen, green, not in it here, plainer all over, shows too much feather, long side; 4, Allison; 5, Hector; 6, Dunn. CL. TKD. YELL. HEN (1): 1, Hector, fine feathered clear. BUFF (4): 1, Taylor, grand type, size and qual.; 2, Craigen, similar, but beaten in size; 3, Hector; 4, Will. VAR. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, Hendry, same two birds as shown last year, both typical and excel in Norwich properties; 3, Ironside, nice but looked thin, in good company; 4, Hirst; 5, Ritchie. BUFF (3): 1, Davidson, large grizzled head, very pale but grand subs.; 2, Will, smaller; 3, Ironside. UNFLIG. YELL. COCK (11): 1, cup for best young local bird, Allison, a blaze of col., richer and brighter than anything in show, grand type and qual., beautifully moulded; 2, 6, Mitchell, makes a nice 2nd, nice top end, good all-round youngster; 3, Allison, pressed, loses in sheen; 4, Taylor; 5, Forrest. BUFF (10): 1, Ironside, clear, grand shoulders, sound front and qual.; 2, Hector, tkd., great head and neck, lacks the subs.; 3, 5, Allison, var., great subs. and front, apt to shear wings; 4, Forrest; 6, Hector. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 4, rose bowl best young local hen, Allison, clear, great shoulders and spread, and beautifully cut, soft in feather, smallish head, sister of cup winner; 2, 6, Ironside, fine clear, better head and neck, but not in it for breadth, roundness, and cut, claimed £5 5s.; 3, Mitchell, var., paler col., but a grand hen, needs handling; 5, Hector; we liked No. 8, Mitchell, very much. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Mitchell, two to be proud of, leader better cut away and shorter in feather; 2nd larger, priceless for stock purposes, both giants; 3, Allison, good 3rd, very sweet, plainer in head; 4, Hirst; 5, Sandison; 6, Davidson. UNFLIG. CINN. (4): 1, 4, Wagstaff, yell., not large nor stout, but fine rich col. and pencilling; 2, Dick, buff, rich, in grand col.; 3, Bain Bros., good in col., but rough. NON-FED YELL. COCK (5): 1, Hector, clear, nice type and well balanced; 2, Forrest, similar, must have been hard to divide; 3, A. Ironside, tkd. head, runs thinner; 4, Bain Bros.; 5, Godfrey Bros. BUFF (5): 1, Crawshaw, voted by many the best Nor. model in hall, very much admired, thanks; 2, Ritchie, good broken green, but quite smothered to-day; 3, Ironside, good cl., nice front, down little on legs; 4, Cartney; 5, Brysom. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Mitchell, wins, a very nice headed cl., could win in strong company; 2, Hector, var., smaller; 3, Cartney. BUFF (3): 1, Crawshaw, fine big bouncing var., but might have given way to-day to 2, Allison, cl., which was stouter and better balanced; 3, Hector. CREST, COCK OR HEN (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, Grant, a really grand team that could do credit at any English show, 1st grizzle crest, small centre, and fine broad feather, dense and drooping nicely, 2nd a very large var., nicely staged, great width of crest, but not so finished, 3rd grizzle hen, very like winner, beautiful radiation and density, 4th var. hen, another good one; 5, Hume; 6, D. Craigen. C.-B. COCK (4): 1, 2, Grant, leader great size and wonderful head and fine class of feather; 2nd equal in length of head feather, but loses in subs. and width of head; 3, Ben Knight, fine lashed bird, rougher in body feather; 4, Mrs. Burgess. HEN (5): 1, 2, Grant, winner a self green with a grand cushiony head, a regular knock-out, fine Nor. body, 2nd var., flatter in head, but great length of feather; 3, Craigen, nicely lashed var., but not the same soft feather as the Lossie exhibits; 4, 5, Knight. BORDER (5): 1, Melville, cl., nice type, boxy feather; 2, 3, 4, 5, Prince, all looked nice exhibits, but could not be seen properly in backed cages. CINN. COCK (4): 1, Wagstaff, fine pencilled yellow., grand ground col., not so large; 2, Hartup, buff, very nice col. and size; 3, 4, J. Dick, two nice buffs, not well staged. CINN. HEN (4): 1, 2, Wagstaff, grand round, good sized, well pencilled yell., latter buff, similar type and fine col.; 3, Hartup, beaten in type and col.; 4, Dick. A.O.V. (1): 1, Mrs. Burgess, a really grand spangled, broken cap Lizard, good size, was much admired. PAIRS (8): 1, Sandison, a popular win, grand thick-frosted cl. cock, with a perfect model of a yell. var. hen; 2, Strachan, extra large thick cl. yell. cock, very sweet var. buff hen, well matched; 3, Hector, cobby var. buff ck., nobby-headed tkd. yell hen, not the size of others; 4, Jas. Ritchie; 5, Wm. Dunn; good class. NOR. AMAT. SECTION, YELL. COCK (14): 1, Gordon, best size and subs., needs handling; 2, 3, Reid, very sweet cl., fine qual., too erect, latter plainer, but thick enough; 4, Stephen; 5, Forsyth; 6, Bowie. BUFF CK. (16): 1, Reid, good size, fine pos., quite enough feather; 2, Stephen, rich col., loses in subs. to winner; 3, Campbell, cl., runs too thin; 4, Ford; 5, Fyfe; 6, Garden. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Reid, nice size, cl., good front and qual., wins; 2, Craighead, nice var., hardly the subs. of winner; 3, Ford, tkd., pale in col., fair subs.; 4, Bowie; 5, Johnson; 6, Strachan. HEN (11): 1, Strachan, fine balanced, nice type and qual., small head; 2, Johnstone, very useful hen, more erect than winner; 3, Davidson, fine qual., thinner; 4, Garden; 5, 6, J. Balneaves. CINN. (3): 1, Allardyce, good in size and sound in col.; 2, Smith, looked a washed-out col.; 3, Prince, badly staged. UNFLIG. YELL. COCK (16): 1, cup, Ford, tkd. head, good type, rich col., easy win; 2, Strachan, sweet but shade longer; 3, Sinclair, var., better front and fine head, very wild; 4, Lawrie; 5, W. Reid; 6, J. L. Grieve. BUFF (17): 1, Strachan, green, good shower, nice typical bird, wins; 2, Ford, good all-round, but paler; 3, Reid, fine qual. and col., little open in breast; 4, Grieve; 5, Garden; 6, Stephen. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Ford, fine deep col., of good type; 2, 4, Reid, very sweet clear, nice type and feather, latter thinner; 3, Stephen, good but lighter built and paler; 5, Garden; 6, Davidson. BUFF HEN (14): 1, Gordon, var., fine silky feather, longish head; 2, Riddell and Cummings, large useful var., close feather; 3, Strachan, fine qual. feather, chest too prominent; 4, 6, Forsyth; 5, Fyfe. CINN. (3): 1, 2, 3, Prince, all fair birds. C.-B. COCK (1): 1, no name, varieg., good broad head with good length of feather. NON-FED YELL. COCK (4): 1, Knowles, var., nice large bird, wins; 2, 4, Noble, var., loses in subs., latter thinner; 3, Bowie, rightly placed. BUFF (8): 1, Garden, var., nice front, fine qual.; 2, 4, Cushnie, good frame, little rough, latter nice cl.; 3, 6, T. Noble, grizzle, better in feather; 5, Sinclair. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Balneaves, cl., good front and head, also qual.; 2, Riddell and Cummings, very sweet, must have pressed; 3, Campbell, tkd., good all round, soft feather; 4, Noble; 5, Garden; 6, Reid. BUFF HEN (9): 1, 2, Bowie, varieg., large, good feather, latter similar, more open in feather; 3, Balneaves, nice thick-set and fine qual. bird, but behaved like a wild Linnet; 4, 5, Noble; 6, Lawrie. GREEN (5): 1, Garden, yell., typical Nor., nice col.; 2, Fyfe, yell., very neat and close on winner; 3, Johnson, shade longer; 4, Sinclair; 5, Campbell. BRED 1915, C.-B.: 1, 2, Kennedy, large var., with good heads, latter thinner in build. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Sinclair, typical cl., nice Nor. properties; 2, 5, 6, Noble, foul tail, good size, not so well balanced; 3, 4, Johnstone, wing mkd., lacks subs. BUFF (11): 1, Johnstone, var., typical, nice qual.; 2, 3, Campbell, cl., longer, nice exhibit, shows more feather, latter tick neck, follows hard; 4, Anderson; 5, Noble; 6, Riddell and Cummings. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 4, Noble, var., best size in class and deserves place; 2, Davidson, cl., better in head, loses in size; 3, Sinclair, sweet, bit leggy; 5, Cushnie; 6, Strachan. BUFF HEN (12): 1, Davidson, var., good in front and well balanced; 2, Gordon, cl., nicely modelled; 3, Johnson, cl., trifle open in front; 4, Robertson; 5, Sinclair; 6, Reid. GREEN (10): 1, Riddell and Cummings, buff, large, wide front, good qual and col.; 2, Garden, buff, smaller, but nice head and thick neck, cobby built; 3, 6, Johnstone, yell., nice col. and qual. and shape; 4, Anderson; 5, Sinclair. A.O.V.: 1, Forsyth, a very nice cinn. varieg. Nor., good type and qual.

OPEN SECTION.—CAN. HYBRID (6): 1, Mackie, lightly mkd. Goldf. Mule, a nice exhibit, Brechin winner; 2, Hird, rich col. dark yell. Goldie Mule; 3, Hird, varieg. Goldf. Mule, in grand order; 4, Campbell; 5, Hector; 6, Stewart and Milne. GOLDF. (5): 1, Hector, good size, buttons and col., wins; 2, 3, Steel and Sons, very good, black legs, grand blaze, fails in size and buttons to winner, little between them; 4, Gotts. BULLF. (11): 1, Hardie Bros., grand Finch, steady, rich ground col., splendid cap and wing bars, in the pink; 2, Craigen, another good Finch, fails size and col. to winner; 3, Thomson, richest col. bird in class, inclined to be rough at thighs, smaller than leaders; 4, Gentleman; 5, Stewart and Milne; 6, Hardie Bros. LINNET (19), grand class: 1, Hird, a topping Linnet, great size, col. and mkgs., staged to perfection; 2, Allan, another good one, met his master to-day; 3, Stewart and Milne, still another good Linnet, fails in size to leaders, grand mkgs., very steady; 4, Godfrey Bros.; 5, Greig, jun.; 6, Stewart and Milne. GREENF. (6): 1, Gentleman, real good one, fine size, steady; 2, McLean, big one, duller in col. than winner, was a little soft when we saw it, feeling effects of long journey possibly; 3, 4, Steel and Sons, fails in size to winner, still a good one; 5, Potts; 6, Rae. SISKIN, &c. (3): 1, McLean, well-known winning Twite leading, often commented on; 2, Potts, Siskin, nice wee chap; 3, Steel and Sons, another Siskin. BRAMBLEF., &c. (10): 1, Allan, Bramblef., good one, well spangled, good size, well staged; 2, Hird, Chaffinch, well up in size, rare col. and mkgs., faultless feather, very steady, presses winner; 3, Robertson, Yellowhammer, grand size, col. and mkgs.; 4, Robertson; 5, Mackie; 6, Godfrey Bros. HENS, BRIT. (5): 1, 2, Robertson, Song Thrush, shown to perfection, winner of many prizes, 2nd Crossbill, another grand bird; 3, Gentleman, Yellowhammer, well up in size, well staged; 4, Godfrey Bros.; 5, Rae. SOFTBILL, SMALL (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Robertson, Yell. Wagtail, Marsh Tit, Lesser Whitethroat, Bearded Tit, shown as only "Bob" can do it, which is perfection. LARGE (6): 1, Taylor, Great Grey Shrike, takes spl. for best Brit. bird, in grand order, worthy of the honour; 2, Robertson, Missel-Thrush, grand bird, great size, well mkd., good 2nd; 3, Greig, Song Thrush, a grand bird in good company; 4, 5, 6, Robertson. FOR. (1): 1, Robertson, pair Rufous-backed Finches, well turned out. BRIT. AMATEUR SECTION.—MULE (7): 1, Fyfe, lightly mkd. Greenf. Mule, could have been well up in the open class; 2, Johnstone, Linnet-Bullf., lacks size, but nice exhibit; 3, Anderson, dark Goldf. Mule, well staged. BULLF., &c. (4): 1, Cowie, Goldf., good blaze, col. and buttons; 2, Campbell, Bullf., good col., size and mkgs.; 3, Park, Goldf., fails in size to winner, well mkd.; 4, Anderson. GREENF. (7): 1, Campbell, good Greenie, grand size and col., well staged; 2, Park, good one, close up; 3, Anderson, smaller than leaders, well put down. LINNET (3): 1, Campbell, good col. and mkgs.; 2, 3, Anderson, beaten in size and col. SISKIN, &c. (6): 1, Campbell, Redpoll, nice one, grand col. and mkgs., winner of many prizes in open classes; 2, 3, 5, Park, 2nd another "Poll," good col., well staged; 4, Anderson; 6, Strachan. HENS, BRIT. (5): 1, Johnstone, rich col. Bullfinch, good one; 2, Park, Greenfinch, lost one or two flight feathers, or might have gone up, good one; 3, Low, Yellowhammer, grand size, very steady. BRIT. NOT OTHERWISE CLASSED: 1, 2, 3, Low, Song Thrush, takes spl. for best bird in Wild Bird Amateur Section, well turned out, 2nd Starling, well mkd., rich col., 3rd Yellowhammer, good size, well mkd.; 4, Cowie; 5, Park.

MANSFIELD.

First annual show, Saturday, Dec. 18, in the Billiard Room of the Horse and Groom Hotel, Sackwell Gate. Entries came up splendidly and no such show has ever been seen in this district; in fact, it made one think of a miniature Nottingham, for the quality was of the very best, and many well-known exhibitors were represented. The birds were very nicely staged and well looked after by a very hard-working committee. Turning to the exhibits, the six classes for Norwich contained some charming specimens; in fact, some of the best in the country, and the same may be said of the Yorkshires. Competition was very keen. British classes contained some well-known specimens. Foreign were quite a failure. Members' classes were keenly contested. Norwich and Crest being extra keen. We were very sorry there were no catalogues, but on account of entries coming in up to Thursday it was absolutely impossible to get them through. The society have a secretary in Mr. B. Gabbitas who would take some beating. He has the job at his finger ends and worked hard all day long, ably assisted by Mr. S. Hawksley. The special for best in show was won by Dr. Craig's noted buff Yorkshire hen, a fine specimen in lovely condition. Mr. John Robson judged and gave the usual satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. CK. (16), wonderful class for qual.: 1, Thomas, beautiful cl., lovely shape, grand head and neck, capital size and body, in fine cond.; 2, Cook, again one of the best, rare shape, size and body, broad head, well filled in neck, well-carried wings and tail, beautiful col. and qual. faultless; 3, Lycett, eye marked, very hot col., good shape and size, nice head, grand body and qual., well filled-in chest and neck, splendid feather and cond.; vhc, Fox; he, c, Vardy. BUFF (16): 1, Sheppard, beautiful cl., grand size and shape, good col. and qual., well-carried wings and tail, nice head, well filled-in neck, beautiful feather and condition; 2, 3, Vardy, both clears, leader lovely col. and shape, very jaunty carr., neat well-carried wings, nice body, lovely qual., beautifully shown, 3rd very hot col., grand shape, massive build, rare feather and qual., shone like satin, very close up; vhc, Turner; he, Butler and Barlow; c, Crawshaw. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Vardy, lovely cl., beautiful col., rare body and shape, nice head, good wings and tail, in wonderful condition; 2, Cook, another cl. of grand shape and size, grand col. and qual., splendid body and chest, broad head, well filled-in chest, very close up; 3, Turner, nice cl., splendid shape, col., qual. and size, nice head, good neck, rare feather and cond.; vhc, Thomas; hc, Dean. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Cook, beautiful shape, cl., splendid body, shape and size, grand head and neck, well-carried wings and tail, faultlessly shown 3rd, varieg., lovely qual. and shape, nice body, massive build, wonderful col. and cond., very close up; 2, Thomas, topper for shape and size, most lovely col., very massive build, sweet appearance, shown to the moment, grand cond. and feather; vhc, hc, Vardy; c, Dean. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Turner, wing mkd., capital col. and size, grand shape and qual., beautifully staged, wins good class; 2, Sheppard, cl., very shapely and typical, splendid col. and qual., capital size, A1 feather and cond.; 3, Draper, varieg., capital col. and qual., neat head, well filled-in neck, capital back, wings and tail; vhc, he, Vardy; c, Dean. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Vardy, two topping clears, both grand shape, size, style, and col., 1st wee bit more subs., grand body, 3rd splendid feather and cond.; 2, Fox, cl., lovely shape and style, neat head, good wings and tail, in beautiful cond. and feather; vhc, Crawshaw; hc, Vaughan; c, Hulse. YORKS YELL. (14): 1, c, Dr. Craig, very slim typical cl., grand position and style, beautiful col., lovely qual., in pink of cond. and feather; 2, Harris, head and wing mkd., very slim, typical, and upstanding, lovely col. and qual., nice head and neck, very fit; 3, Dykes, beautiful col. and qual., rare shape and body, well-braced wings, nice pipe tail, splendid length and style, A1 form; vhc, Bagshaw and Furniss; hc, Lanckham. BUFF (8): 1, Thomas, cl., splendid style, length and position, very slim build, A1 feather and cond.; 2, Dr. Craig, lovely specimen, beautiful qual. and col., in the very pink of cond., nice neat head, well filled-in neck, faultlessly shown, we liked well; 3, Thomas, splendid body and shape, lovely col. and qual., very slim, grand length and pos., capital feather and cond.; vhc, Potts; hc, Dykes; c, Price. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Dr. Craig, cl., splendid col., feather and cond., nice style and length, lovely shape and qual., rare pos.; 2, Dykes, capital eye and wing mkd., very slim and upstanding, rare shape and style, A1 col. and cond., very fit; 3, Walker, cl., of grand shape and cond., rare col. and style, neat head, well filled-in neck, well carried wings and tail, A1 cond.; vhc, Bingham and Furniss; hc, Price; c, Potts. BUFF (9): 1, Thomas, cl., grand style and shape, nice length and pos., beautiful col. and qual., rare feather and cond.; 2, Dykes, eye and wing mkd., beautiful feather and qual., nice head, good wings and tail, splendid pos.; 3, Potts, very long, typical cl., grand col. and shape, nice style and pos., good length, rare feather and size, A1 cond.; vhc, Dr. Craig; hc, Price; c, Pickering. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Dykes, cl., very hot col., good shape, style and pos., rare feather and cond., nice head, well carried wings and tail, well staged; 2, Green, cl., very slim and typical, nice body and shape, grand col. and qual, in lovely feather and cond., well staged; 3, Dr. Craig, very typical and taking green, beautiful col. and qual., very neat typical head, good wings and tail, A1 form; vhc, Thomas; hc, Hymas; c, Bingham and Furniss. BUFF (12): 1, spl, best in show, Dr. Craig, cl., splendid col. and qual., shone like satin, very long and slim, grand length, good pos., in the pink of cond.; 2, Pass, cl., grand style, very typical shape, nice col. and qual., rare length and pos., A1 feather and cond.; 3, Price, cl., very slim, stylish and upstanding, capital head and neck, grandly carried wings and tail, A1 cond.; vhc, Dykes; hc, Potts; c, Lanckham. MULE OR HYB. LIGHT (2): 1, Mallatratt, eye and wing mkd. Goldie-Can., grand feather and cond., nice size, col. and qual.; 2, Edwards, nice col. and shape, rare feather and cond., nice style, smaller. DARK (5): 1, Hayter, well-known Bullie-Can., in the pink of cond., grand size and col., A1 form; 2, Edwards, splendid shape and col., capital size and qual., in A1 feather and bloom; 3, Hexter, Redpoll-Siskin, grand col. and shape, nice size, A1 feather and cond., close up; vhc, White; hc, Hare. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (18): 1, grand class: 1, Hayton, looks like well-known Goldie, in splendid feather and cond., splendid size, shape and blaze; 2, Edward, topping Bullie, grand col. and shape, nice cap and bars, beautiful feather and cond.; 3, Chick, very typical Goldie, grand feather and cond., nice shaped blaze, A1 col. and tanning; vhc, Parlett; he, Keighley; c, Butler and Barlow. LINNET (11): 1, vhc, Parlett, lovely shape, size and pencilling, grand col. and cond., rare head, nice body; 2, he, Davis, good size, very steady, nicely pencilled all over, good body and bloom; 3, Fallding, rare col., capital qual., good head, nice feather and cond., c, Chick. TWITE, &c. (8): 1, 2, Parlett, really fine Twite leading, in beautiful cond., grand feather, nice shape, size and style, 2nd Redpoll, grand shape and col., rare feather and cond.; 3, Fallding, Redpoll, grand feather and bloom, rare size, col. and shape, very fit; vhc, he, Hayter; c, Keighley. BRAMBLE, &c. (10): 1, 3, Chick, lovely Bramblo leading, in perfect feather and cond., rare shape and size, 3rd beautiful Chaffinch, in lovely bloom, good size and feather; 2, c, Parlett, well-known Greenie, wonder for size, good shape and col., nice qual. and feather; vhc, he, Hayter. A.O.V. (9): 1, 2, 3, Chick, lovely Yellow Bunting leading, followed by Hawfinch, in splendid form, grand trio, staged to the moment; vhc, c, Hayter; he, Butler and Barlow. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Darlow, beautifully feathered Waxwing, in perfect feather and cond. FOR. (1): 1, Mrs. Burgess, just a moderate Java Sparrow. MEMBERS.—Novice Nor. (5): 1, Hawkins; 2, Gregory; 3, Wooley; vhc, Taylor; he, Green. Buff (6): 1, 3, Wooley; 2, Green; vhc, c, Gregory; he, Holmes. Yell. Hen (4): 1, 2, Wooley; 3, Green; vhc, Holmes. Buff: 1, Green; 2, Holmes; 3, Gregory. Unflig. Yell. (3): 1, Gregory; 3, Wooley; 3, Green. Buff (8): 1, Green; 2, Gregory; 3, Holmes; vhc, Taylor.

CROWTREES W.M. CLUB C.B.S., BOWBURN.

First annual show, Dec. 18-20, in the Club Hall, a nice place with plenty of light and heat available, where birds can be staged to advantage and make a nice show. There is one point the committee would do well to consider. It is to try to make an alteration in their class for members, which now reads: "Members, any variety Canary or Mule." My suggestion to them would be, two or three Canary classes, and one Mule class, prizes to count as points in the respective classes. There were some very nice birds on view, and the show was very well attended on both Sunday night and Monday. Mr. Jos. Huggins made a capital secretary, having everything in apple pie order, and there is a splendid working commitee. Mr. A. J. Notley, Hetton Downs, judged and gave general satisfaction. The following are his awards:—Members, A.V. Can. or Mule: 1, Freeman; 2, Routledge; 3, Wilkinson; 4, Wittam; 5, Miller; 6, Roddam; 7, Hnggins. Nor. Cl., etc., Yell. Cock or Hen: 1, Priest; 2, Huggins. Buff: 1, Priest; 2, Lister; 3, Routledge. Brit. Hardbill: 1, 3, Wittam; 2, Priest. Nor. Cl., &c., Yell. Cock: 1, Miller; 2, 3, Lister. Hen: 1, Miller; 2, 3, Roddam. Nor. Cl., &c., Buff Cock: 1, Roddam; 2, Priest; 3, Miller. Ditto Hen: 1, Roddam; 2, Miller; 3, Huggins. Nor. 1915 Yell. Cock or Hen: 1, Roddam; 2, Priest; 3, Lister. Nor. 1915 Buff Cock or Hen: 1, Miller; 2, Lister; 3, Freeman. York Yell., Cock or Hen: 1, 2, Priest. Buff, Cock or Hen: 1, 2, Priest; 3, Huggins. Mule, A.V.: 1, 3, Lister; 2, Priest. A.O.V. Can: 1, Priest. Brit, not larger than Bullf.: 1, Lister; 2, Roddam; 3, Freeman. Brown or Grey Linnet: 1, Priest; 2, Huggins; 3, Freeman. Selling, 7s. 6d.: 1, 3, Huggins; 2, Miller. Selling, 12s. 6d.: 1, Miller; 2, 3, Huggins.

GREAT HORTON (Good Intent).

Members' show at the Grange Congregational School, Dec. 18. Mr. A. Morley, Gt. Horton, was the judge, and the awards were:—Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks Cock (4): 1, Warburton; 2, Wheelwright; 3, Schofield. Buff Yorks Cock (9): 1, 4, Oldfield; 2, Firth; 3, c, Warburton; vhc, Wheelwright; hc, Ackroyd. Ev. or Unev. Mkd. Yell. or Buff Yorks Cock (7): 1, Firth; 2, Schofield; 3, Warburton; 4, Whitaker; vhc, Self; hc, Holden. Ditto Hen (8): 1, 2, Warburton; 3, Widdop; 4, hc, c, Firth; vhc, Schofield. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks. Hen (8): 1, 4, Ackroyd; 2, Wheelwright; 3, Firth; vhc, Holden; hc, Self; c, Warburton. Cl. or Tkd. Buff Yorks. Hen (8): 1, Self; 2, c, Ackroyd; 3, 4, Firth; vhc, Wheelwright; hc, Warburton. Unflg. Yell. or Buff Yorks. Cock (14): 1, 3, Ackroyd; 2, c, Firth; 4, Schofield; vhc, Holden; hc, Wheelwright. Ditto Hen (12): 1, Warburton; 2, 3, Firth; 4, Bartle; vhc, Whitaker; hc, Wheelwright; c, Widdop. Yell. or Buff Nor. Ck. (6): 1, 2, Jowett; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Kabury. Ditto Hen (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Kabury. A.V. Brit Bird (11): 1, 2, 3, hc, c, Jowett; 4, vhc, Bartle. A.O.V. Can., Mule or Hybrid, not previously mentioned (2): 1, 2, Jowett. Most points for the day's show: Firth 25, Ackroyd 25, Warburton 25, Jowett 24, Schofield 15, Wheelwright 15, Self 12, Kabury 12, Bartle 1, Oldfield 11, Whitaker 8, Widdop 6, Holden 4. Most points for cup and year's specials: Firth 114, Ackroyd 84, Warburton 69, Kabury 66, Schofield 64, Bartle 62, Wheelwright 55, Oldfield 47, Jowett 47, Self 40, Widdop 34, Whitaker 25, Holden 23, Sharp and Son 10, Whitaker 8, Shackleton 4.

PONTYPOOL C.B.S.

Annual members' show, Dec. 11. Nearly 100 birds were staged. The exhibits, on the whole, were of good quality, especially in the British and Mule classes. The work of the committee was carried out splendidly. The judge, Mr. J. R. Houghton, gave every satisfaction. Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, c, Gameson. Buff: 1, 3, Vaughan; 2, Amphlett; 4, Sweet; vhc, c, Gameson; he, Lewis. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, 4, Amphlett; 2, Vaughan. Buff: 1, Vaughan; 2, Amphlett. Unflig. Yell. Ck.: 1, hc, c, Prosser; 2, Amphlett; 3, Vaughan; 4, c, Gameson. Buff: 1, Vaughan; 2, 3, Amphlett. Yorks Yell. Ck.: 1, 3, O. Smith; 2, Clark; 4, Loveday. Buff: 1, O. Smith; 2, 4, R. Smith; 3, Watkins; vhc, Johnson. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Clark; 2, Johnson; 4, Loveday. Buff: 1, Watkins; 2, O. Smith; 3, Johnson. Yorks. Yell. or Buff Hen, Unflig.: 1, R. Smith; 2, O. Smith; 3, 4, Loveday; vhc, Johnson. Goldf.: 1, vhc, Lewis; 2, 3, 4, Clark; hc, Watkins. A.V. Brit. Seedeater: 1, O. Smith, Bullf.; 2, Clark; 3, Loveday; 4, Vaughan. Sell. Class: 1, 2, 3, Lapping. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 2, Sweet; 3, Clark; 4, hc, Prosser; vhc, Gameson; c, Clark. Spls.: Best Nor., C. Gameson; best Yorks, O. Smith; best Brit., O. Smith; best 2nd, C. Gameson; best 3rd, H. Vaughan; best Mule or Hyb., A. Sweet.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

H. S. and M. E.—Replied to by post.

CAMBORNE (——).—Sorry, cannot make out signature. I quite agree with you as regards the Norwich, and just those breeds in which a plump body and full chest are valued points, that these features are to a certain extent improved by judicious feeding; but it would be quite a wrong hypothesis to suppose that the feature depended wholly upon feeding, or even that to a very material extent it was due to feeding. Where there is an innate tendency to a full chest feeding will assurredly develop it to the highest degree possible, but it is absolutely necessary to breed for the feature in the first place, as no amount of feeding will put a good, round, full chest on a bird that is not bred so as to inherit the natural tendency and the physical framework to build upon. You must select your breeding stock with good, full chests and massive frames; but not that deceptive appearance of size which consists largely of superabundance of feather, and as much as possible of this substance should be in front of the perch, with the legs, wings and tail fairly short and well carried. As regards the feeding, this is simple enough. All you need do is to be liberal with muscle and fat-forming foods after the first moult—it is generally the young birds that need feeding up for chest—until the birds have sufficient chest to satisfy you for their exhibition. In addition to the staple food seed diet give a small teaspoonful of egg food every second day, or, as a substitute, an equivalent quantity of bread and milk with two or three drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it; and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle, linseed and broken groats. Once you have obtained sufficient chest development, these extras should be given only once or twice a week according to the needs of each individual case to maintain it during the show season.

KITCHEN OR PASSAGE (E.H.).—It is impossible to say in which of these two places it would be best to keep the bird without some definite knowledge of the structural formation, and the relative positions of the doors and windows, about which you give no information whatever. But a passage is very suggestive of a draughty place, so, in the absence of definite knowledge, the best advice I can give you is to choose the kitchen, being careful to keep the cage below the level of the burners when the gas is lit, and not to allow it to hang near the burners nor very near the fireplace. A position well away from the fire where the temperature is fairly equable, and not in the line of direct draughts between doors, or door and window, and where it will not be affected by the heat from the gas burner when lit, will be the best you can do under the circumstances.

NORWICH SLACK (Tightness, Little Hulton).—There is a possibility that your birds are naturally loose in feather; but, still, you would do well to make yourself quite sure that they are not in a position exposed to occasional draughts, or troubled with red mites. If the dietary you name is all you give, you might with advantage be just a little more liberal with "extras." A little pinch of mixed seed once or twice a week, and a morsel of soft food of some kind about as often, may be given, and if the birds do not show signs of suffering from chill after bathing, and dry their plumage quickly, the bath should be offered twice a week on mild days, and early in the day. For the present give every second day for a fortnight, in addition to the staple diet half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats. Also dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and add 20 drops of this mixture to the drinking water two days in every three for a fortnight.

OVERGROWN CLAWS (T. B.).—It is quite correct to cut back the claws to a normal length when they become so long as to be a danger to the bird. With careful handling the risk of affecting either the song or the health of the bird is too small to weigh anything against the advantage the bird will gain from the operation. Catch it gently, and bathe its feet clean in a little warm water, then hold up the claws, projecting one at a time from between the tips of the thumb and forefinger of the left hand, in front of a strong light, and you will see a fine pink-coloured line extending down the centre of the claw for a little distance beyond the end of the toe. This is the vein, and indicates how far the "quick" portion extends down the claw. Nip off the claw with a sharp pair of nail or embroidery scissors a little beyond the extremity of this pink line, and the effect on the bird will be no worse than trimming your own finger nails. Expose only one claw at a time to avoid an accident to the toes when nipping.

VARIOUS (Novice).—(1) It is useless to think of starting colour-feeding now, as you can only affect the colour of the bird's plumage when it is moulting. The proper time to commence is just before a bird begins to cast its feathers at the moulting season, say, about the end of July or beginning of August. The substance used is a kind of pimento, known in the Fancy as "tasteless pepper," to which is sometimes added a small proportion of Natal pepper when a very deep orange tone is required, and for such highly fed birds as Lizards. You will see this advertised very freely in our columns from June onwards, or in "Cage Birds Annual." It is sold ready for adding to the egg food, which is the vehicle for administering it. You should get the brochure on "Colour Feeding," which our manager would send you, post free, for 3½d., which will give you the fullest details of the procedure. (2) Closed rings can only be put on whilst the young are in the nest, before the legs have grown too large for the ring to pass over junction of the toes without undue compression, and they cannot be removed without injury either to bird or ring during lifetime. Open rings, which can be taken off and replaced any time, should be put on first as soon as the young leave the nest that they may grow up accustomed to them. (3) As you want to breed only clear birds you certainly must not mate a pink-eyed bird with one containing green blood. The best mate in such circumstances would be a clear pink-eyed yellow if your bird is a buff, or ditto buff is yours is a yellow. (4) Sorry, I cannot recommend individuals. Watch our advert. columns for a week or two, where you will find plenty of birds on offer; or consult the list of prominent breeders in the "Annual." (5) Slimness is a virtue in the Yorkshire, so one is not likely to get them too slim, other points being equal.

CRACKING NOISE AND DANDELION (Cracker).—(1) The cracking noise the bird makes with its beak is usually symptomatic of a catarrhal cold, but it may also be due to digestive derangements. As you say the bird is old and bronchial, the former seems more likely in your case. Possibly it has been affected by the violent fluctuations of weather of late. See that it is not exposed to stray cold draughts. Add to the drinking water every second day for a week six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and after this give instead every second day for a week 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together. In addition to the usual diet give every second day during the same period half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. (2) I do not advise you to risk using it as a feeder; not that it would necessarily infect the young, but on account of its unreliability to perform such duties satisfactorily. (3) The dandelion juice obtained from chemists may be used quite freely as a liver stimulant when required either for Canaries or British, but I would not advise it as a substitute for a supply of dandelion heads. The latter are more of a food and wholesome change of diet than a mere medicine.

FAT AND LAZY (D. M. A.).—I rather suspect the birds waste the seed rather than eat it, and may have some digestive trouble. Treat as follows for a week or two, and if not then better, write again and repeat particulars. Continue your present staple, and in addition give every third day a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the intervening days give first a morsel of banana, and next a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle, white millet, and broken groats. In the drinking water add every second day for a week six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for another week. Stick a small cube of hard common salt in the wires for them to peck at when they like for a week or two.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Baltye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154. Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

CANARY-CHAFFINCH HYBRID (Rare Cross).—This is the Hybrid we are all looking for, and although I would not discourage anyone who thinks of trying for it, I may say you have set yourself a big task. If you produce it you would certainly get one of our medals, beside being able to dispose of your Hybrid at a big figure. (2) I would advise you to procure our Nutshell booklet on the Chaffinch and treat as directed, being extra liberal with ants' eggs and live food at breeding time. Let the birds fly together all the winter, and do not part them at any time if they appear to take to each other. (3) A hen Canary would be more likely to rear than a Chaffinch. (4 The incubation period would be fourteen days. (5) The hen Canary should be given insectile mixture of a good brand, instead of the usual egg food. This should be supplied some time before it is wanted to get her used to eating it. I can suggest other food, so if later you see that you are likely to succeed, you had better write again.

PRODUCING CANARY-BULLIE HYBRIDS (A New Friend).—The Canary-Bullfinch Hybrids are produced from the cock Canary and hen Bullfinch. Let them fly together all the winter, and if the Bullie takes to her partner do not on any account change him for another. If she nests and lays, the eggs must be placed under reliable hen Canaries to hatch and rear the young ones. Some Bullfinch hens lay quite a number of eggs, so that several hen Canaries will be needed to incubate. The majority of the eggs are unfertile, but it is never safe to throw any away. You may destroy the very one that is good. All should be sat on until they can be tested.

MULE BREEDING (Major).—You will have no difficulty in getting your field-moulted Linnet to pair with a Canary hen. As a rule, these are very free breeders, and so are Greenfinches with the Canary, but I would not advise you to let them fly in an aviary with other birds. You will do better with them in cages. Just a pair in each cage. You do not say what the other birds are in the aviary; but, anyway, there is always the chance of nesting pairs being interfered with, and this generally happens at the most critical time. You can, of course, try them in the aviary, but do not do it from choice; cage breeding is the safer.

BREEDING BRITISH OR HYBRIDS (S. Patter).—It is just an open question if you would be successful with the British bird pairs or the Hybrids. If you try the former, choose the Goldfinches and Greenfinches. If the latter, mate the cock Goldie with the hen Linnet and the cock Greenie with the hen Goldie. The two cages will do nicely; just putting a pair in each cage, and if you try for Hybrids put them well away from each other, or the proper pairs will be continually calling to their natural mates and upset all your plans for mating. The selected pairs should be allowed to fly together during the winter months, and fed liberally upon wild food as the spring advances. Our book on the "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding," post free 1/2, would interest you. It goes into details much more fully than I can in these answers.

BIRDS FOR PETS (Cecily).—I have carefully read your letter and I think a young Jay would suit you best. He could be kept in a cage about 2ft. 6in., or 3ft. long. You could get a young one in the spring and possibly hand-rear it yourself or finish feeding it. They are particularly tame then and can be kept so, if one takes a little trouble with them. You would not find it a very clean pet flying about the kitchen, but you might let him out occasionally for a few minutes just to stretch his wings. You would get far more amusement and interest from the Jay than you would from Doves. (2) Pigeons and Doves are all of one family. Our Pigeons are really Doves—Ring Dove, Stock Dove, Rock Dove.

BIRDS IN LARGE FLIGHT (Thos. J. James).—In many large flights such as yours the birds are allowed to be in the open or under cover, just as they feel disposed, but I must say this is somewhat risky, and the birds are not so safe as they are when the roof is covered in to shield them from inclement weather. Although as a rule a good soaking does not harm a bird, if this occurs during the day time and he continues to take exercise and keep on the move, yet sometimes he is drenched at roosting time, consequently a severe cold or pneumonia is almost certain to follow. If you can arrange a tarpaulin to be pulled over the archway in very wet weather, I feel certain you would find it a great assistance to keeping your birds in health. You could fix it at the back and pull it forward when required, or leave it on permanently during the winter months.

THE BLAZE OF THE GOLDFINCH (Optimist).—It is well known among all fanciers that almost every variety and species of cage bird improve somewhat at each succeeding moult until they are at their best. To this the Goldfinch is no exception. If the bird is properly fed and treated there is generally some all-round improvement. The blaze becomes slightly more expansive, the chestnut richer, and the blacks more dense. If you have selected your bird well he should therefore be better next season, but if he is mean and small in blaze it may improve, but he will never have a large one. It is like colour in all British birds—it must be there to commence with. (2) I cannot understand your bird refusing thistle heads. These should be split open between the finger and thumb, so that he can easily get at the seeds, which should be in good condition and free from mustiness.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Moulton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154. Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AMAZON PARROT AILING (A. J. R.).—Put half a teaspoonful of chemical food in its drinking water, and every fourth day, in lieu of the chemical food, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the water. It will ultimately take fruit, nuts, etc., and you must continue to offer them at intervals. The sneezing will pass, but it would be well to spray the nostrils daily with a tepid dilute solution of glyco-thymoline for a fortnight, and then every other day for another fortnight. The bird should be kept in a room where the temperature, day and night, is most equal, and the cage should stand in the warmest corner; there is generally one corner in every room where the air is more or less stagnant, the bird should not occupy this corner. I think it would be well to try the bird with a little boiled maize, say, every other day; it only keeps fresh one day, so must be freshly prepared for each occasion. It can have it daily if it happens to like it, a tablespoonful, or perhaps half that quantity will suffice; let what the bird eats regulate the quantity. Boil till soft, but not to a wet, sticky mass (though soft, each grain of maize should remain whole), drain off all water, and then spot over it eight to ten drops of cod-liver oil emulsion. Allow this to soak in, and when cool supply to the bird, first stirring it up with a four-pronged fork. I should also be on the safe side and get a box of honey and borax, and give it a little on the end of a small stick; it will bite at the stick, and so get the mixture, but a clean stick must be used each time. When it has got accustomed to the maize, a little of the honey and borax could be smeared over it before you stir up the maize. The honey and borax will tend to keep the mouth and throat clean and free from slime, etc. The contents of a single box should suffice. See rules re replies by post.

SUDGERIGARS IN OUTDOOR AVIARY (Esperance).—I have noted the sketch of aviary, and when the shelter is well lighted it should meet its purpose fully, and I should then feed only in the shelter. It should be easy to arrange a small door, in the centre of your wire entrance door, through which you could easily put your arm, and with a stick or bar of thick wire you could easily knock excreta from the twigs. Also, if you have a hinged flap, it need only be 1½in. deep and 18in. long, in two pieces, each 9in. long; with a small scraper you could keep the floor quite clean without any risk of the birds escaping, and it should only be necessary for you to creep inside three or four times during the year. By a similar small door in the shelter just large enough to admit your arm it should be possible also to attend to the food vessels without going inside for this purpose. It should also be possible for you to arrange a hinged flap at floor level by which the floor of shelter could be kept clean as easily as the sight. In the far past I had an aviary, certainly 12ft. long, but it was only 18in. wide, and I arranged hinged flaps at intervals on ground level, and other small doors for feeding, so that I only had to get inside once a year for distempering and renewal of the branches. If you let the man who made the aviary, I have no doubt he will be able to do what you require; if not, get him to make a sketch of the aviary, giving the dimensions, both of shelter and flight, and if it is sent to me, per the Editor, with a stamped, addressed envelope, I will mark up the position of the doors on the sketch, and return it. Seed is costly, owing to the war, and the prices you name are about right. Keep cuttle-bone and grit in the aviary. Separation may be the best, though not really essential; if you have only one aviary, you cannot separate, that is quite obvious. Leave the nest receptacles just as they are this year. To catch, drive them into the shelter, and use a butterfly net through the small feeding door.

FLINT GRIT (Mrs. Thomas).—I have sent you a small sample, together with full particulars; such should be used regularly for all Hardbills, but not a great deal is used. If you scatter a good pinch over sand tray, each time the sand is renewed, or if you have an aviary, keep a small panful continually in the aviary, in the covered part.

TO GO WITH BUDGERIGARS (G. H.).—Red-crested Cardinals (15s. to 20s.), Java Sparrows (Grey 5s., White 10s.), Madagascar Lovebirds (7s. 6d. to 10s.), Rufous-necked Weaver (10s.), Red-billed Weaver (6s. to 7s. 6d.), Crimson-crowned Weaver (cock 10s.), Black-headed and Masked Weavers (cocks 10s.), Orange Weaver (cock 7s. 6d.), Napoleon Weaver (cock 7s. 6d.). Except where otherwise stated, the prices given are for pairs, and birds are dear now, as supplies are very low. The variety is somewhat limited, owing to your having Budgerigars, but you could keep a pair of Cockatiels, value about 15s., with them. I must qualify the above by stating: providing the aviary is large enough to accommodate. Nearly all foreign birds are now commanding double the amount asked for them in pre-war times, but the cheaper species, small Finches, etc., are not safe with Budgerigars. If the aviary is a roomy one you could keep several species of Parrakeets and Lovebirds with them, such as Rosella Parrakeets, 60s. pair; Peach-faced Lovebirds, 50s. to 60s. pair; Black-cheeked Lovebirds, 50s. pair; All Green Parrakeets, 30s. pair. It is all a matter of what you care to spend. If you want to keep the "small ornamental Finches," then you must give up the Budgerigars. If you decide on this course, repeat query, and give size of aviary, and county.

PULLING ITS FEATHERS (Skylark).—This annoying habit or vice is practically incurable once a bird has become confirmed therein; remedial measures should be taken as soon as the habit is noticed, but you give me no particulars. Spray it twice a week with a tepid quassia solution, but choose genial days for the purpose, and guard carefully from draught until it is dry again. Also put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intervening days just colour the water with chemical food. I cannot say more at present, but if you repeat query, with full particulars as to how it has been fed and generally treated, also the length of period it has been addicted to the habit, I may be able to give you a more helpful reply.

AMAZON IN MOULT (Pollie).—It appears to me that the bird must be in a room where the temperature is subject to fairly frequent changes. It ought to do well with so much liberty, but the symptoms you describe are usually produced either by draught or a changeful temperature. The diet is about right, but it would be better without the milk pudding; all the other items of diet you mention are wholesome. On anything the bird will eat that is suitablye, spread thinly cod-liver oil emulsion once or twice a day. Give Dinneford's Magnesia sufficiently often to keep the bowels moving quite freely without being abnormally loose, and on other days use a little chemical food in the drinking water. See how it goes on under above treatment, and report progress about a fortnight hence.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.) "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19. "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154. Fleet Street, London, E.C.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

J. Marsden, and many others.—Thanks for press cutting received. You will see that we have made the matter the subject of a special paragraph.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. **Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away,** and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

M. Dorsett.—Enteritis or inflammation of the bowels; probably of parasitic origin.

L. B. Yates.—Hepatitis, or inflammation of the liver.

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EXHIBITION Jonque cock Goldfinch Mule, Finch song, for pair Rollers; approval, stamp particulars: Perkins, New Brinsley, Notts. (160)

A BARGAIN: Songster Canaries, 5 cocks, 3 hens, cold bred, Greenfinch Mule, cock, 40/- lot; particulars: 36, Lodge-rd., Hockley, Birmingham. (153)

EXCHANGE two good hen Canaries for housemoulted cock Linnet or Goldfinch; approval; yours first: Ley, 17, Waungoch, Nantymoel, Glam. (160)

YELLOW cinnamon marked Yorkshire cock, 10/6; grand trained Roller cock (Randall's), 15/-; pair Rollers, 7/6: Seeney, 24, Padiham-rd., Burnley (161)

BLACK Bullfinch, 4/-; Greenfinch, Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, Yellowhammer, cocks, Goldfinch Mule hen, all H.M., lot 6/-, or offers: Robertson, 114, Comely-pl., Falkirk. (159)

PAIR Norwich, pair Bullfinches, Lancashire Plainhead cock, recently cost 20/-, good bicycle, three cages, take 30/- cash; exchange fowls, or anything useful: Norton, Winslow, Bucks. (160)

SMALL dog ferret, 5/-, extra good ratter; one h.m. Goldie, muler, 7/-; two f.m. Goldies, 4/- each; two hen Canaries, 3/- each; one Yorkshire cock, 7/6: G. Colburn, 1, Raynor-st., Roundhay-rd., Leeds. (161)

FIVE good Yorkshire stock cocks, 8/6, 10/6; four good Border hens, 4/6 each; 3 common hens, 5/6; English Goldfinch, with good Norwich hen, winners, bred Mules, 18/6: White, 3, Katherine-rd., Twickenham. (153)

HENS: 2 Norwich, 2/6; Yorkshire, 3/-: Roller, 2/6. H.M. cocks: Goldie, 3/6; Linnet, 2/-; Redpoll, 1/6; Chaffinch (fit show), 1/6; Greenie, 1/-; hand-reared hen Goldie, 1915, 4/6: Thompson, 63, Wellington-st., Luton. (163)

GOLDFINCHES, pair twice house-moulted birds, pair piping Bullfinches; exchange for good pair clear Norwich Plainheads, or sell 10/6; stamp for particulars; rare good cock Robin, hen Canary, 3/6: W. Evans, Coop House, Llanidloes. (160)

WANTED.

HEN Canaries: Jopson, Newton Heath, Manchester. (161)

WANTED, good cycle tyre, exchange 11lb. lead, 11lb. brass: Cook, Pembridge. (159)

WANTED, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, from catcher: W. Johnson, 55, George-st., Leeds. (161)

WANTED, anything alive: Cooper, Naturalist and Importer, Princess-st., Manchester. (161)

WANTED, all breeds of Canaries and mules: E. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (160)

WANTED, pair 1915 singing Rollers, cheap; deposit: Rand, 5, Fleet-sq., Birtley, Co. Durham. (159)

WANTED, rmach or kiltock seed; state quantity and price to John Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull. (157)

WANTED, buff cock, exchange variegated yellow hen, buff hen, Norwich: Cook, Pembridge. (159)

WANTED, birds of any description, any quantity; state price: Day, The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (157)

WANTED, a large quantity of all kinds of British and Canaries, for cash: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr.

SISKINS, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Mules, Hybrids, also wild rabbits weekly: Broxup, Stock-st., Burnley. (161)

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldie, 2 hen Bullies, cheap: also aviary: Farmer, Shirley Holms, Gerrard's Cross. (155)

WANTED for cash two live squirrels: W. Fern, Pegswood Colliery, 39, Bentinck-terrace, Northumberland. (161)

WANTED Canaries and British birds for cash; state lowest prices to: Wright, 14, Rosevale-st., Partick. (162)

WANTED hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/- each; hen Canaries, 1/3: J. Flower, 76, Slater-st., Bethnal Green-rd. (153)

WANTED for cash, 1915 colour fed Canaries; state quantity and price: H. Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield. (56)

OFFERS in Canaries, exchange pair of real Ayrshire blankets, grand quality, value 25/-: Dawson, 689, Duke-st., Glasgow. (144)

WANTED, for prompt cash, Rose Cockatoo or Parrot, any kind; send particulars: Mrs. Jones, 7, George-st., Aberystwyth. (159)

WANTED Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, large birds, also British and Foreign birds: Mrs. Martin, 9½, Cowcadden-st., Glasgow. (138)

WANTED, Canaries, British birds, Dogs, Parrots, Monkeys, Mice, Puppies; purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries Greenwich. (162)

WANTED, two March, 1915, pullets, will give 1915 clear buff Norwich hen, or sell 12/-: 197, Basford-rd., May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent. (153)

WANTED, big yellow var. Norwich hen, exchange big yellow Sib. or cinnamon hen; approval: Williamson, Devonshire, Fairfield, Buxton. (161)

WANTED, offers in song, cock Canaries and cock Mules; exchange tweed suit length, 25/-; approval: Heron, Burnside, Castle Douglas. (159)

WANTED, for prompt cash, any quantity Bullfinches, Siskins, small Softbills, and other birds: Aviaries, 614, Fulham-rd., London. (155)

WANTED, all varieties of Canaries and British birds; must be cheap: cash sent with order: McKeand, Scabright, Castle Douglas. (160)

WANTED, talking Parrot and cage, or gramophone, exchange Black Pom. bitch, or sell 30/-; yours first: Robinson, 35, Bridge End-rd., Grantham. (152)

WANTED for cash, Canaries, Mules, and Goldfinches, either sex; state lowest price: Merrington, Bird Dealer, 40, Besson-st., New Cross Gate. (123)

WANTED, any number Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders and Crests; state your price: approval; deposit: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury.

WANTED, Canaries, Mules, both sexes, Siskins, Redpolls, Hawfinches; top price given; birds bought or exchanged: Bedford, 131, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (157)

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshires, either sex, also Goldies, Bullies, and Siskins; state price and breed to Thos. M. Crystal, 16, Langlands-rd., Govan, Scotland. (154)

WANTED any quantity of healthy Canaries and Mules and British birds for cash; send lowest prices to—A. Leitch, East End Bird Mart, 520, Gallowgate, Glasgow. (128)

WANTED, extra large heavily variegated or green yellow Norwich hen, must be large and chubby, or no use, and on approval: McWatt, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire. (160)

WANTED Canaries, Linnets, Larks, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, Chaffinches, Redpolls, Rabbits, Pigeons; state price cash: Brain, 288, Lichfield-rd., Aston, Birmingham. (154)

WANTED, Canaries, cocks and hens, Yorkshires, Norwich, Borders; also Bullfinches, Goldfinches, etc., for re-sale; state price to C. A. Paine, 54, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth. (163)

WANTED, cock Siskin and large clear 1915 hen Canaries, from outdoor aviary, will exchange handsome Newfoundland-Borzoi dog: Mrs. Brigstocke, Ferryside, Carmarthenshire. (159)

WANTED, Norwich or Yorkshire hen Canaries, give 18/- dozen hen Goldfinches, Mules 1/- each; buy any kind of birds, cocks or hens: W. Perkins, 207, East-st., Walworth, London, S.E. (142)

WANTED for Export: Surplus stocks of Yorkshires and Norwich, in large or small quantities, colour fed or natural; 7/- to 8/- a pair given for good large birds: J. Taylor, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford. (154)

WANTED from catcher, three very large hen Bullies, large bright yellow cock greenie, also very big mealy buff cock greenie, hand-reared hen Chaffinch, on approval for cash, or exchange Canaries: Morgan, 33, City-rd., Cardiff. (162)

WILL give 5/- pair large Norwich or Yorkshires, 5/6 pair fed, 4/6 pair small or common Canaries; buy any quantity cocks in full song, also hens; prompt cash. Wanted, African Grey red tail Talking Parrot, cheap; stamp, please. Wanted, cage makers only, illustrated trade lists, cages and requisites: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (163)

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Worth of Canaries, all varieties, wanted; songsters, Norwich, Yorkshires, Rollers, also British: Edgar Broadbent, 355, London-rd., Sheffield. (145)

WANTED

ALL kinds of British birds; state price per dozen: D. Wyllie, Naturalist, 82, Craigiehall-st., Govan, Glasgow. (161)

WANTED

Large, clean, healthy, colour-fed Norwich Plainheads, also cock Mules on full song; any quantity bought for prompt cash: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (161)

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Norwich or Yorkshire, old or young, 18/- a dozen; common or small, 15/- a dozen; Goldfinch Mules, hens, 1/- each; cash or deposit with Editor: Rutherford, Bird Importer, Leytonstone. (341)

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EXCHANGE British birds for purse nets, ferrets, Mules, Canaries: Watson's Aviaries, Littleport, Cambs. (153)

EXCHANGE cock Linnet Mule, full loud song, for British Hardbills; approval anywhere: Ball, 43, Milton-rd., Wealdstone. (157)

SIX grand cock Linnets, well pencilled, caged Aug., 1/6 each, or exchange 1915 Norwich cock: T. Wake, Metlam, Soham, Cambs. (153)

I HAVE several good cock Finches, some last year's Mulers, also Bullfinches; exchange surplus Norwich: Saunders, Paperhanger, Tiverton. (158)

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch, cock Redpoll and hen Canary, for Goldfinch Mule or Linnet Mule: Nathaniel Hayes, Ferns, Co. Wexford, Ireland.

LARGE Greenfinch Mule, full song, 7/6; pair variegated Borders, 8/6; grand cock Chaffinch, 1/6; exchange considered: Collins, Morchard Bishop, Devon.

EXHIBITORS, dark yellow Siskin Mule cock, sell 25/-; or exchange Norwich or Borders; approval: Rowlands, 112, Dumfries-st., Sreorehy, Rhondda.

SALE or exchange, two pairs Yorkshires, 25/-; pair Borders, 10/-; Coppy and Plainhead hens, 5/- each; wanted portable house: 15, Frome-terrace, Dorchester. (162)

VARIOUS British in aviary; large yellow Norwich; Green Yorkshire hens; exchange other birds; enquiries answered, Rhodes, 273, Stretford-rd., Manchester. (156)

FOUR pairs of beautiful Bullfinches for Norwich hen Canary, guaranteed Mule breeder (yellow preferred), or sell Bullies at 2/6 pair: Conron, Grange Douglas, Cork. (132)

EXCHANGE 1915 hand-reared Song Thrush, sings indoors, for three large clear 1915 Norwich hens; yours first; sell 10/-: Snelling, Westbourne-st., Sittingbourne, Kent. (157)

SALE or exchange, aviary and birds, cocks, Greenfinch, Bramblefinch, Linnet, Redpoll, 15/-, for 3 Leghorn pullets, also 1914 Norwich hen Canary, 2/6: 47, Rye-rd., Peckham Rye. (158)

SIX healthy hen Goldfinches, 1 pretty pair of splashed Jacobins, 1 pair of blue Baldheads; exchange the lot for a large Crestbred hen: H. Yendell, Cock Pit-hill, Cullompton. (156)

EXCLANGE, H.M. cock Chaffinch and hen Greenfinch, good birds, mated last year; wanted, a large 1915 Norwich hen; approval both ways: W. Clark, 58, Foundry-rd., Malmesbury, Wilts. (158)

EXCHANGE, grand Field-moulted exhibition cock Goldfinch, for a good Field-moulted cock Linnet, large, well pencilled, and not open on breast: G. Raby, 5, Park-pl., Highgate Park, Birmingham. (154)

GOLDFINCH Mule cock, exchange 2 yellow Norwich hens; winner; 10-in. new records; exchange large printing type or heavy 12 point or fancy borders: Jeffrey, 209, York-rd., Battersea, London.

TWO good house-moulted Goldfinches, splendid condition, proved Mulers, 10/6, 8/6; two decent pairs Norwich, 14/-; exchange good buff Norwich stock cock; mutual approval: Jones, 7, Acacia-rd., Bournville, Birmingham.

WINNING house-moulted cocks, Bramblefinch, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, breeders; hens, Bullfinch and Greenfinch, breeders, feed young, £1 lot; exchange anything household; wanted, hen Hawfinch: Gooderhaw, 125, Princes-st., Ipswich. (155)

EXHIBITION specimens to moult; Welsh Goldfinch 10/6, another 9/-; Lesser Redpoll, 2/6; whopping Chaffinch and Greenfinch, 10/6 each; very good Linnet, 6/6; all field-moulted cocks fit to win in class company; wanted large Norwich and Yorkshires, stock birds: Morgan, 23, City-rd., Cardiff.

Mainly Canaries.

EXCHANGE 20 Morse drills, in leather roll, for two Norwich hens: Prior, 2, Victoria-ter., Yapton, Arundel. (156)

PAIR Yorkshires, also pair Norwich, 10/6 pair, or exchange; wanted, good Crested hen: Walton, 37, Aylestone-st., Leicester. (153)

MATCHED pair high-class Borders, cock a winner, 10/6; exchange Blackcap, good Roller songster; offers: 31, Wilcox-rd., S.W. (163)

EXCHANGE large yellow Norwich cock, 1915 bird, will make good stock bird, for pair good Rollers: 121, Cannock-rd., Chadsmore. (159)

CHAMPION crests, £1 to £10 pairs, approval, exchange Norwich, Yorkshires, or Mules: T. Billington, 82, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (119)

EXCHANGE two buff Yorkshire hens for one yellow green marked or buff hen; yours first: Russell, 4, Malvorn-bldgs., Fairfield, Bath. (151)

WILL exchange three large Norwich hens for two cock Goldfinch or Linnet Mules; mutual approval: G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (157)

WHAT offers in Borders for two Yorkshire show cages and case and twenty racing Pigeons: Mr. Williams, 86, Rhys-st., Trealaw, S. W. (160)

SIX Canaries us bred 1915, sell £1; exchange fowls, game cock, or anything useful; Joe Hill, 1, Gisborne-row, Bugsworth, Debryshire. (155)

TWO green Yorkshire hens, one double breeding cage; exchange anything, gent.'s overcoat preferred: Levor, 64, Garforth-st., Chadderton, Oldham. (154)

ROLLERS, Canaries, for sale, 6/-, 8/-; hens, 2/6 exchange boots, anything useful; yours first; offers: Wm. Gripton, The Lot, Cheslyn Hay, Walsall. (154)

SELL clear Crestbred hen, 20/-, or exchange and 20/- cash for green Crestbred hen, for change of blood; must be good; approval: Calum, Baxtergate, Whitby.

EXCHANGE good singing cock Canary and five hens, healthy, for poultry, clothing, anything, or sell 18/-: Howarth, Bar-terrace, Whitworth, nr. Rochdale. (162)

EXCHANGE three good typical Yorkshire hens for large typical 1915 green Yorkshire cock; approval yours first: Esmond, 16, Waungoeh, Nantymoel, Glam. (160)

NOTICE. Grand lot Canaries, several winners, prices reasonable; or exchange for good Bantams or well-bred dogs: McKeand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas. (160)

EXCHANGE grand pair Yorkshires, yellow cock, buff hen, unflighted, for large yellow Norwich cock, unflighted, cash 15/-; approval: Crawshaw, Epworth, Doncaster. (151)

SELL good Yorkshire buff cock, unflighted, £2, and young yellow hen, 15/-; exchange both for Norwich yellow cock, unflighted; approval: 70, Alexandra-rd., Hirst Ashington. (150)

AVIARY, six hen Canaries, two breeding cages, single and double, also 3 Dutch black and white does, £2 7s.; cash or exchange poultry: Sangston, 89, Northdown-st., London, N. (150)

SELL pair Canaries, 7/-, or exchange for Goldfinch Mule, in song, or good British, and 50lb. of good wild seed, suit aviary, 4/-, or offer; yours first: H. Lock, Rayne Lodge, Braintree, Essex. (154)

FIFTY high-class Norwich and Yorkshires, winners and stock birds, single or pairs, sell cheap, or exchange new clothing, drapery, boots, cycle covers and tubes; offers: Soper, 22, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (157)

CHANGE of blood: First-class 1915 ticked buff Yorkshire cock, winner 2 firsts; exchange for well-filled clear buff, type and quality offered, same wanted; approval; letters only: W. Benham, 60, Highbank-st., Gorton. (153)

FOUR long Yorkshires, 3/-; four Border Fancies, 2/6 each; hens; exchange Norwich hens; champion pedigree Toy Pom., four months, very small, 35/-; offers, Canarics, poultry: Carnew, 40, Thornleigh-rd., Horfield, Bristol. (160)

ONE Crested cock, 2nd prize winner, 15/-; exchange yellow Norwich hen to value; one Crested hen, 12/-; one Greenfinch Mule, cock, singing, 5/-; all 1915 birds; mutual approval: Coulthard, 2, Hubert-ter., Bensham, Gateshead. (159)

TWO buff Yorkshire cocks (Knight's), winners, 15/- each; yellow Yorkshire cock, a gem, 20/-; all full song; two buff muling hens, for Light Mule breeding, Norwich type, 6/6 each, worth 20/-; exchange: Robinson, Rockleigh, Windermere. (160)

THREE Roller cocks, full song, Tomlinson's, Morrison's, Randall's strains, 10/- each; two pairs coloured Yorkshires, Dyke's strain, 12/6 pair; three Yorkshire hens, 3/- each; offers invited: Wm. Todd, 4, Oddfellow-st., Egremont, Cumberland. (160)

SELL, exchange, Yorkshires, buff cock, 1915, 15/6; yellow tick cock, 1915, 17/6; good stock birds; Lachenal concertina, 15/6; exchange oil heater for bird-room; 11 stuffed birds; offers wanted: H. Lodge, 11, Sunnyside-cottages, Skelmanthorpe. (159)

Mainly Foreign.

PAIR aviary-bred adult Cockatiels, 17/6; or exchange Norwich, or offers considered: Holdstock, "Ivydene," Ivy-rd., Luton, Beds. (155)

EXCHANGE pair beautiful green Budgerigars and nearly new large-size Parrot cage; what offers in Canaries: Sanders, Newsagent, Brecon-rd., Merthyr, S. Wales. (161)

AUSTRALIAN Parrot, 14/-, splendid condition; Roller, singing, 8/6; twice H.M. Greenfinch, Chaffinch, cocks, 5/- pair; exchange any for small foreigners: 102, Keighley-rd., Skipton. (160)

LARGE Lemon-crested Cockatoo, perfect plumage, child can play with it, 25/-; new Edison Gem phonograph, plays Amberol records, 15/-; exchange cutlery, anything: Minikin, 11, Rhodes-pl., Bradford-rd., Keighley. (166)

SELL or exchange for foreign birds: 1 Goldfinch, 1 Linnet, 1 Greenfinch, 1 Siskin (cocks), 1 Bullfinch (hen), 7/6 the lot; 1 Spice Bird (cock), 1/6; 2 cock Californian Quail, adult, 7/6 each; 3 hen Canaries, 5/-; 1 pair Zebra Finches,, 7/6; 1 pair White Java Sparrows, 8/6; will accept good offers; all above from outdoor aviary: M. Murton, 1, Osborne-villas, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (160)

Miscellaneous.

FOR sale, ¼-plate bellows camera, sell £1, or offers: G. Gater, 27, Bedford-rd., Enfield Highway. (153)

EXCHANGE two dozen double-sided records, bands, etc., for Rollers; W. Gibbons, 37, Park-pl., Clapham, S.W. (151)

EXCHANGE 8 Flemish youngsters, 0 weeks, for birds, or sell 10/-: Carpenter, Palmerston-rd. Wealdstone. (157)

SMALL lockstitch sewing machine, 5/6, or useful exchange; offers: Mrs. Hutson, 4, Town-end, Writtle, Essex. (154)

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GUITAR, in splendid condition, complete, with case, offers wanted, cash or exchange: Gibb, 32, Limes-rd., Croydon. (159)

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WHAT offers in Canaries for Welsh Terrier dog pup, four months old: Gwyther, 7, Cromwell-st., Merthyr, S. Wales. (159)

EXCHANGE gents new wrist watch for Goldfinch or Roller cock, sell 9/-; yours first: 121, Cannock-rd., Chadsmore. (159)

EXCHANGE joiner's tools for 3 Roller cocks (no choppers), or sell 42/-: Dabbs, 57, Norway-st., Gorse Hill, Stretford. (151)

TYPEWRITER, in fine working order, accept Canaries to value 10/-, and £2 cash: Gardiner, 10, Withipoll-st., Ipswich. (153)

GRAND White Leghorn cockerells, Sutton and Longbottom strain, 7/6 cash: Beaumont Bros., Hepworth, near Huddersfield. (162)

EXCHANGE, Yorkshires or Norwich, or British, for first-class stand rocking-horse: J. Lane, 15, Aberdeen-ter., Bradford. (157)

EXCHANGE Brooks 13/6 saddle, also good gas lamp for Canaries; anything: W. Porter, 11, Stanley-st., Bristol. (157)

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EXCHANGE gent.'s cycle, in very good condition, value 30/-, for 3 Roller cocks: W. Munns, 22, Fitzroy-st., Northampton. (162)

ENGLISH concertina and case, lovely tone, sell 35/-, or exchange anything useful: 18, Church-st., Old Basford, Nottingham. (161)

REASONABLE price given for 1915 Rollers; see last week's miscellaneous column for exchange: 13, Woodville-rd., Cardiff. (151)

PAIR clapnets and outfit, 17/6; gate net, 5/-; useful exchange, cages or Canarics: Middleton, 96, Northgate, Canterbury. (157)

SALE or exchange, ½-plate camera, 17/6; accept pair clear Yorkshire Canaries: T. Askew, 81, Marshall-aven., Bridlington, Yorks. (158)

VERY pretty little tame green and black monkey cheap; exchange for Parrot or anything: Merrett, 157, Barton-st., Gloucester. (162)

YORKSHIRE male dog, three months old, 30/-; or exchange crested hen Canaries: T. Seabridge, 68, St. Andrews-st., Northampton. (162)

AUSTRALIAN Parrot, £1; also Collie bitch, good house dog, 15/-; exchange British birds: Wilson, 29, Townhead, Irvine, Ayrshire. (159)

PAIR gent.'s new box calf boots, size 10's; exchange birds, Canaries preferred: Fenton, Barton-st., Clown, nr. Chesterfield. (161)

EXCHANGE 4 Yorkshire show cages and case for hen Canaries or cocks: Curley, 7, Woodchester-st., Harrow-rd., Paddington. (153)

TWO pairs of tippler pigeons, 3/- pair, or exchange H.-M. cock Bullnch; another pair 3/-: S. Stephenson, Brigham, Cockermouth. (151)

SALE or exchange, rod-fawn Great Dane bitch, 15 months old, good pedigree, 40/-: White, 20, Douglas-st., Newtown, Wigan. (156)

TWO Norwich cages, case; cock Bramblefinch, 8/6 lot, or Border cock, with small box cage: 11, Duke-st., Swinton, Rotherham. (156)

FOR sale, 6 large breeding cages, 21 x18x11, 30/-, or exchange for good Norwich buff cock: Cobb, London-rd., Chippenham, Wilts. (151)

EXCHANGE, 22 Winchester repeating rifle for Canaries or shotgun; sell 20/-: A. Plumb, 63, Charles-st., Swinton, Rotherham. (157)

WILL give good apple, pear, gooseberry, white currant trees, for Canaries or small muzzle-loading gun: 29, Lady Margaret-rd., Southall. (157)

NOTICE: Blue Andalusian cockerel, make winner, sell; exchange Yorkshires, field glasses, anything: Wardle, 119, Ballhaye Green, Leek. (144)

GOOD Ferret, 6 disc records, Sparrow net, Crested hen; exchange Rollers; sell cheap, anything useful: Worrell, Church-st., Annfield Plain. (161)

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PAIR of strong clapnets, 6 yards, 6ft. deep, complete; also twice H.M. Linnet, sell 10/6: 13, Cavendish-st., Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts. (154)

FERRETS, 4 healthy, good workers, 5/- each, cash or deposit; exchange cock Canaries or Mules: Underwood, Metheringham, Lincoln. (156)

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EXCHANGE roses, flowering shrubs, etc., for British, Canaries, Mules, or cages; state wants offers: Collins, Morchard Bishop, Devon. (155)

BEAUTIFUL Persian Cat, most lovely marked, nine months old, 10/-, or exchange good cock singing Canary: Motley, Grocer, Pateley Bridge. (155)

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WANTED, Border cock, for three Norwich and two British show cages, only used once; bird first; letters only: J. Johnson, 56, Aberdeen-rd., Lancaster. (162)

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EXCHANGE Spon's Workshop Recipes, Vol. IV., brand new, cost 3/-, for large H.M. Bullfinch hen, or sell 2/6: Foyle, 52, Rockstone-la., Southampton.

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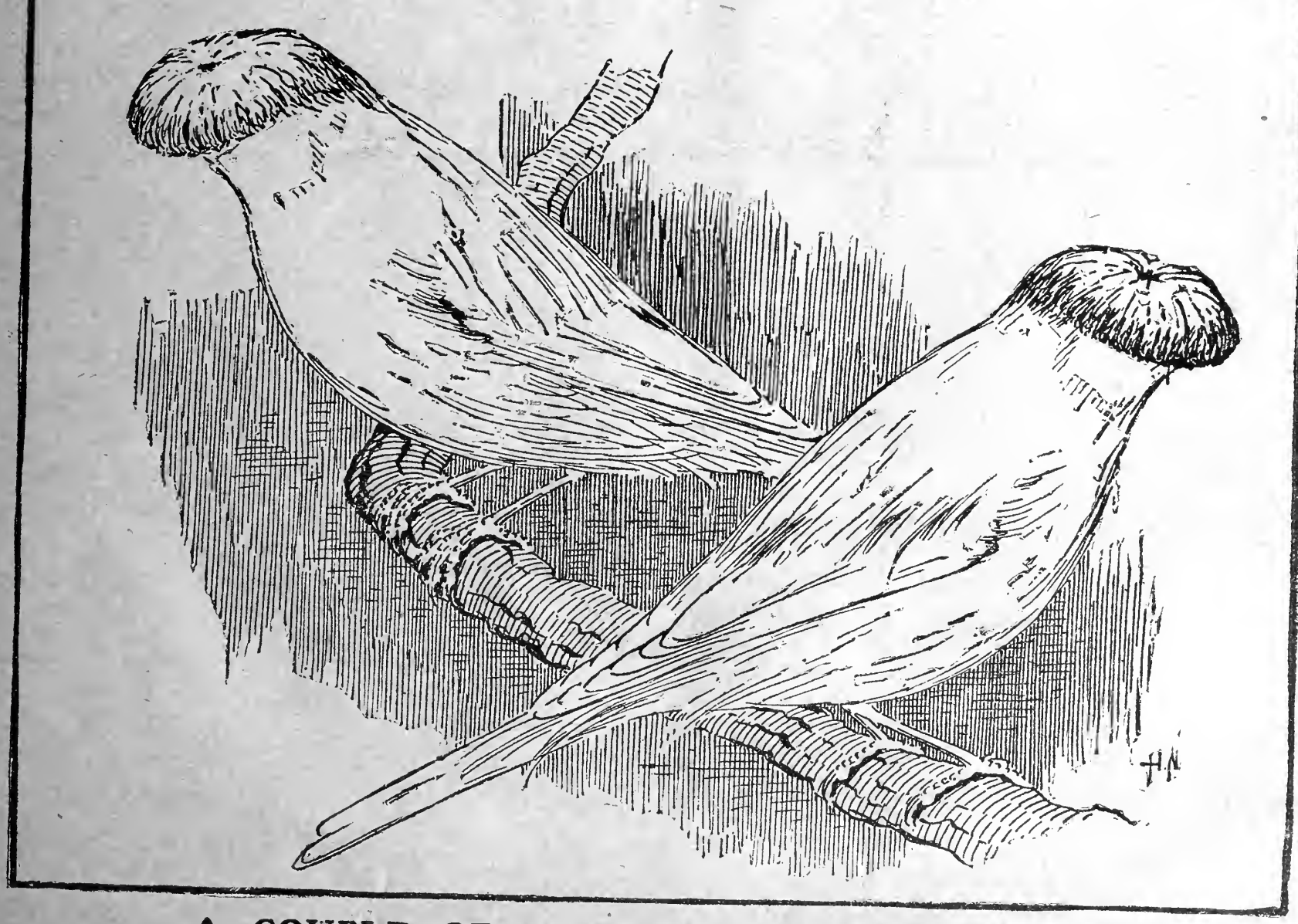

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A FEW good Norwich for sale, winners, and bred from winners, seen any time: Smith, 24, Balmore-rd., Possilpark, Glasgow. (140)

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TEN buff Norwich hen Canaries, 1915 bred, 17/6 the lot; send cash to Editor: Mark Bennett, Broughton Astley, Nr. Leicester. (144)

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The Shows.

SPRINGBURN, POSSIL PARK.

Annual show in the Reid Hall, Queenshill Street, Springburn, Glasgow, Dec. 11. This hall is spacious and well lighted from the roof, and is so constructed that comfort and equable temperature, combined with freedom from draughts, make it an admirable spot for a show of the kind. President A. Sloan, Vice-Pres. Pinnock, and Sec. J. Waugh are just the right men to have at the top of affairs, being pure gluttons for work, and with a very representative band of fanciers as committee, everything passed off without a hitch. Committee: Messrs. J. McLeod, J. Crawford, F. Taylor, J. Fyfe, J. McMillan, D. Morrison, E. Hadley, R. Anderson, P. Braid, F. Williams, W. Dunlop, J. McNeish, D. Hunter, T. Penman, J. Swan, R. Fraser, J. Smith. Entries numbered about 350. The following were the cup and principal winners: P. Braid, the Sloan cup, with a grand Norwich Plainhead; the Border cup, J. Aitken; cup for Mules, British, Foreign, J. Crawford; Novice cup, J. Fearns. The L.P.C. medal was won by A. Crawford; Yorkshire cup, best rung 1915 bred, Pinnock. The judges, Messrs. Maxwell, Parlick, for Crests and Nor.; G. Hislop, Stirling, Bord.; J. Gentleman, Avonbridge, Brit. and Mules; J. F. Park, Glasgow, Yorks; got through their work in good time with general satisfaction.

YOUNG BIRD SECTION.—NOR. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Taylor, nice size, rare qual., short, neat, cobby, finely proportioned, in the pink; 2, Sloan, sweetly-made exhibit, typical, shapely, nice short legs, good top end, fails col.; 3, Clark, rather hotter colour, nice qual., good carr., well up; 4, Williams, nice qual., trifle unsteady, tail under repairs; 5, Hadley; 6, A. Crawford. BUFF (14): 1, cup, Braid, real sweet specimen, lovely col., well mealed, fine subs., neatly balanced throughout, A1 qual., in the pink; 2, F. Taylor, well up for size, nice qual., trifle longer barrel, not quite depth col., well staged; 3, 4, A. Crawford, former grand type, qual., cobby built, neat over, 4th nice type, qual., scarcely so chubby built, finely staged; 5, Robertson. YELL. VAR., &c. (3): 1, A. Crawford, nice yell. green, top qual., typical build, neat; 2, Fyfe, light var., good size, col., feather, fails at top end; 3, no name, similarly marked, fair specimen, tight up on 2nd. BUFF (9): 1, Taylor, plenty size, good qual., right type, stylish, perfect carr., nice stamp; 2, Fyfe, well up in size, hot even col., nice qual., behind in carr.; 3, 4, Crawford, 3rd rich col., qual., hot, good specimen, lacks only in subs., 4th nice green, fine feather, nice qual. specimen, staged well; 5, 6, no name. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Sloan, natural-fed specimen, not monster, but neat, fine type, style, neatly braced, well put down; 2, no name, nice exhibit, fine size, deep broad front, good top end, proper carr.; 3, 5, 6, Robertson, 3rd hard up for size, colour, nice qual. specimen, looking in A1 cond.; 4, A. Crawford, good size, nice style, neat carr., just trifle longer built; 5, 6, Robertson. BUFF (8): 1, spl, 3, A. Crawford, leader grand subs., fine type, grand qual., neat, in the pink; 2, no name, well up for subs., qual., neat wings, tail, not quite so full top end, 3rd fine type, silky qual. feather, rich col., neat build, just behind in subs.; 4, J. Crawford, nice col., qual., finely staged, fails carr.; 5, Smith. YELL. VAR., &c., HEN (4): 1, 3, A. Crawford, leading with fine exhibit, not monster, but neat, shapely, cobby, throughout, in fine order, 3rd rather smaller built, neat, good level col., qual., perfect feather; 2, 4, F. Taylor, leader yell. green, not col., nice qual., plenty size, subs., might be shade fuller head, 4th broken green, nice feather, clean-cut body, fine carr., trifle fatty-chested. BUFF (7): 1, Taylor, cap, wings mkd., plenty size, fine subs., fine qual., nice type, wins well; 2, 6, J. Crawford, 2nd smaller than leader, close feathered, typical, stylish, nicely balanced throughout, sweet head, beak; 3, 5, A. Crawford, trifle larger than 2nd, good subs., qual., fine make, rather unsteady and crosses at times; 4, Young, fair exhibit, in nice feather. NON-FED CK. (3): 1, Williams, wing mkd. well., fine size, lovely col., rich qual., typical, neat; 2, Sloan, yell., smaller, neat, fine qual., rather unsteady; 3, McMillan, fair, good buff, unsteady. HEN: 1 no name, head, wings, mkd. buff, good size, fine feather, nice type, carr., finely staged; 2, McMillan, heavy var., nice feather, qual., lacks subs., leader unsteady. CREST CK. (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, McMillan, fine even wings, dark crest, nice size, plenty leafy feather, nice top-piece, finely radiated, nice even droop, densely clad, staged A1 order, 2nd green, smaller, neat all over, fails frontal crest, 3rd nice specimen, good size, plenty feather, top-piece not so well groomed; 4, Lindsay, fine grizzle, plenty body feather, neat top-piece, but not spread of leaders. HEN (3): 1, Jeffry, var. dark, nice size, fine feather, well groomed, shapely headgear; 2, 3, McMillan, 2nd nice-feathered specimen, fair, good top, trifle smaller built, neat, 3rd fair cl., nice size, feather, well beaten top-piece. C.-B. CK. (2): 1, McMillan, heavy var., plenty subs., feather, nice lofty skull, good lash, fine entrance, in top order; 2, Lindsay, nice cl., good top, fine body feather, well staged, beaten here. HEN (1): 1, McMillan, massive, var., plenty subs., abundant feather, right qual., topping skull, broad across entrance, nice rise, fine specimen, in lovely feather. BORDER, CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (12): 1, 3, Aitken, leading with real nice one, sweet jaunty build, close feather, fine qual., neat wings, tail, very fit, 3rd nice exhibit, fine qual., not just the col., nice type, runs close up on 2nd; 2, 4, 5, 6, J. Crawford, good col., nice qual., fine head, neck, good carr., beaten feather, 4th fair exhibit, nice qual., type, fails feather. BUFF (13): 1, 5, Hadley, nice qual., typical specimen leads, clean cut, boxy feather, top carr., neatly-filled head, neck; 2, Aitken, nice tick, fine qual., good style, carr., fails in head; 3, 4, 6, J. Crawford, very sweet exhibit leads the team, nice build, finely rounded, shapely body, neat wings, tail, looks like nice yell. hen, 4th nice qual., sweetly braced, staged rare order, fails headpoints. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 5, Aitken, leads with stylish exhibit, neat, typical, fine qual., perfect wings, tail, might be trifle better on top; 2, 3, 6, J. Crawford, 2nd fine level col., good qual., sweet head, neck, just inclined to cross trifle at times, 3rd nice qual., neat shape, build, inclined to carry tail too high; 4, no name, neatly built, good qual., nice type, fine carr., looks like high-col. buff cock. BUFF (8): 1, Aitken, sweet little specimen, fine type, qual., neat carried wings, tail, in the pink; 2, 3, 4, 5, J. Crawford, leader nice type, fine boxy feather, shapely, neat, we liked very much, 3rd fine qual., neat, tight, typical, might be shade sweeter in head, 4th fine qual. feather, nice, shapely, well-rounded body, just wants shade fuller neck; 6, Hadley. VAR. YELL. (3): 1, 2, J. Crawford, leader saddle, eyes mk, cock, grand col., qual., neat carr., type, might have trifle more rise at entrance, head, 2nd nice qual., lovely feather, nice top end, inclined to draw too much, sporting pose; 3, Swan, fair exhibit, good feather, faulty neck. BUFF (2): 1, Aitken, cinn. mark nice type, good qual., neat wings, tail, rather strong head points; 2, Brown, good green, good feather, nice carr., put down nice order. GREEN OR CINN. (6): 1, 6, Robertson, leader sweet buff green, neat shape, typical, stylish, nicely balanced, staged in capital feather; 2, Aitken, yell. cinn., lovely type, fine qual., neatly folded wings, tail, presses, well up; 3, 6, Robertson, 3rd grand coloured, shapely, yell. green, nicely pencilled body, flanks, carr. O.K., fails top end; 4, 5, J. Crawford, fair cinn., good feather, staged in nice order. YORKS, CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Pinnock, rare length, fine, hot, even col., nice qual., grand style, carr., clean cut, shapely, all there; 2, spl, Priest, finely drawn, lengthy, good type, clean cut, fine pose, poorly staged; 3, 4, Tansey, former grand col., qual., lengthy, tight, well drawn, open trifle front, staged lovely bloom, 4th good exhibit, qual., type, carr., style; 5, Hunter. BUFF (4): 1, Pinnock, fine length, capital qual. feather, clean cut, shapely body, closely-folded tail, crosses at times; 2, no name, good specimen, typical, neat, staged fine feather, well braced, steady; 3, Findlay, shade smaller built, pleasing shape, fine type, grand qual., fine order; 4, Tansey, we could not find. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Priest, good specimen, shapely, stylish, well got up, could have been better staged; 2, Pinnock, good exhibit, fine qual., col., neat, clean-cut, just trifle unsteady, runs hard up for top place; 3, Hunter, nice feather, stylish, neat, wee bit unsteady; 4, Findlay, we could not find. BUFF (4): 1, spl, best B.L. rung Yorks, Pinnock, grand stamp, rare length, style, clean cut, tight, well drawn, steady, wins well; 2, Priest, right stamp, fine length, good feather, neat carr., faulty staging; 3, Penman, marked soft, nice type, right qual., trifle faulty front; 4, Findlay, could not be found. VAR. (2): 1, Pinnock, good buff, shapely, neat, fine qual., well staged; 2, Tansey, cinn. mark, nice qual., type, hard up. A.O.V. (1): 1, Priest, yell. green, in nice feather and cond. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Swan, fine jonque Siskin cross, lovely depth col., steady, perfect feather; 2, Fyfe, good buff Goldie, nice size, perfect order, shows the cross well; 3, no name, nice Linnet-Greenie, fine specimen, steady, perfect; 4, Brown, buff Goldie, nice cond., fails in col.; 5, Webster. OLD BIRDS.—YELL. NOR. CK. (1): 1, Smith, grand exhibit, fine substance, eoi., topping qual., laid down in sparkling fashion. BUFF (8): 1, McLeod, grand specimen, plenty subs., fine col., rare qual., proper stamp, staged in fine bloom; 2, no name, again good typical exhibit, fine type, neat carr., right qual., falls col. only; 3, Hadley, nice size, col., qual., behind in cond.; 4, Robertson, nice size, subs., fails at top end; 5, Taylor, VAR. YELL., ETC., COCK (5): 1, Taylor, fine type, col., qual., neat, shapely; 2, A. Crawford, fine hot col., rich silky feather, well built, not quite so massive as leader, but neat; 3, Brown, fair green, nice order, steady, well shown; 4, McNeish, good size, nice qual., rather longer barrel; 5, McLeod. BUFF (3): 1, spl., Taylor, fine green, top, size, subs., right qual., plenty col., neatly braced, stylish, fine top end, good carr.; 2, Swan, nice size, good subs., col.; 3, McNeish, nice qual., on smaller lines. BUFF HEN (4): 1, spl, S.P.C. medal, A. Crawford, nice cobby built, sweet typical exhibit, rare qual. feather, perfect carr., neat all over; 2, no name, well up size, qual., nice head, neck, fails wing carr.; 3, no name, well up in size, qual., good col., fails front; 4, Smith, good typical exhibit, neat shape, fine carr., could have gone up peg. YELL (3): 1, A. Crawford, fine typical exhibit, capital feather, neat, cobby make, well braced, nicely staged; 2, Taylor, nice specimen in lovely cond., good head, neat front; 3, McNeish, nice size, qual., fine wings, tail, fails top end. YEL. VAR., ETC. (3): 1, Fyfe, fine saddle mark, plenty size, col., fine type, feather, finely staged; 2, 3, Clark, leader shade smaller, cobby make, nice qual., fails carr., 3rd very similar, cobby, neat, tight up on 2nd. BUFF (4): 1, Taylor, fine specimen, good size, nice type, fine col., qual., in rattling cond.; 2, spl, A. Crawford, shade smaller, very neat, typical; 3, Priest, well up for size, nice col., cond., fails subs.; 4, McLeod, good size, feather, proper texture, loses wing carr. NON-FED CK. (3): 1, spl, Braids, topping yell., grand qual., feather, fine size, subs., stylish, fine stamp; 2, 3, Sloan, leader capital cl. buff, plenty size, subs., well proportioned, fine top end, good front, nice wings, tail, useful stock, 3rd nice qual., col., could do with trifle more subs. HEN (3): 1, Smith, fine cl. buff, nice qual, feather, chubby, fine front, neat wings, well braced, in lovely cond.; 2, Sloan, fair qual., buff, nice size, cond., well beaten here; 3, McNeish, fair yell., nice qual., stylish, typical. CRESTS (4): 1, spl, 2, McMillan, leader topping green, plenty subs., feather, rare top-piece, thickly clad, fine leafy feather, nicely radiated, well drooped all round, in perfect order, 2nd even wings, dark head, tail, nice exhibit, good subs., plenty broad qual. feather, fails cond.; 3, Jeffrey, nice qual., fails bit size, beaten top; 4, Lindsay, good size, feather, qual., lacks quantity. HEN (2): 1, McMillan, nice grizzle, lovely feather, fine size, neat, well-radiated top-piece, wins easy; 2, Lindsay, var., nice qual., neat top, well groomed, but beaten. C.-B. CK. (4): 1, 4, McMillan, leads with light-tailed green, good body, subs., size, fine lofty dome skull, well lashed, broad entrance, finely clothed with good feather; 4, we could not find; 2, 3, Lindsay, former clear body, dark eyes, fine size, subs., fine broad skull and entrance, not so well padded as winner, 3rd close-feathered green, nice qual. feather, not just so massive, fine skull and entrance, presses close up on 2nd. HEN (3): 1, McMillan, nice var., good size, rich qual. feather, plenty of it, good top end, staged in right fashion; 2, 3, Lindsay, 2nd good green, fine size, qual., well up, 3rd right up for size, feather, beaten entrance to skull. BORDER, CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (4): 1, J. Crawford, sweetly got-up little fellow, nice col., qual., neat throughout, in winning trim; 2, Brown, good type, qual., rather thin in neck, behind for col.; 3, Aitken, nice qual., style, nice body, wings, tail, fails head, neck; 4, Penman, nice all round, good qual. exhibit, presses well up on 3rd. BUFF (3): 1, spl, Aitken, nice qual. exhibit, shapely body, nice top end, finely braced, stylish, steady; 2, Crawford, good for type, qual., carr., fails steadiness; 3, Brown, good all-round type, nice qual., not quite so tight feather. YELL. HEN (1): 1, Brown, good exhibit, fine feather, well staged. BUFF (3): 1, Penman, fine feather, right texture, nice jaunty style, neat carr., type, shapely, good, in the pink; 2, Crawford, nice specimen, almost minus tail; 3, Aitken, nice qual., fine type, neat top end, stylish, hangs wing. YELL. VAR. (1): 1, Swan, good type, qual., feather, jaunty style, fine order. BUFF (2): 1, Aitken, nice qual., cinn. mark, good type, feather, rather long-headed; 2, Penman, similarly mkd., failing only closeness feather. GREEN OR CINN. (4): 1, spl, Brown, good yell. green, nice grassy col., well-pencilled body and flanks, nice type, carr., in rare feather, steady; 2, spl, Braid, fine buff cinn., grand qual., feather, nice type, good carr., just trifle long-headed; 3, 4, Sloan, yell. and buff green respectively, former nice col., type, fails shade wing carr., latter fair all-round exhibit, staged in perfect feather. YORKS, CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (7): 1, spl, Pinnock, grand length, hot even col., nice clean front, beautifully round, well-drawn body, perfect carriage, wins well; 2, spl, Penman, fine length, sound col., nice type, carr., rather unsteady; 3, Priest, nice exhibit, good qual, fine front, well drawn, neat, fails cond.; 4, Tansey, good lengthy exhibit, nice feather, shape, not so clean cut; 5, Hunter; 6, Grant. BUFF (4): 1, Pinnock, plenty length, fine type, qual., close feather, neat carr., little soiled in plumage; 2, Findlay, nice qual., type, carr., fails length, perfectly staged; 3, Grant, nice nat. col., good qual., type, well braced, rather open feather; 4, Priest. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Pinnock, sweet exhibit, fine length, proper type, soft qual., well rounded, clean, neat, A1 order; 2, Priest, good length, shape, fine qual., carr., bit nervy, unsteady; 3, Findlay, nice exhibit for qual., type, and carr., fails length; 4, 5, Grant, former good example of the breed, fair all round, could have gone up a peg. BUFF (3): 1, Penman, lengthy, nice build, proper shape, nice style, pos., neat, clean-cut, well drawn; 2, Priest, nice exhibit, fine type, qual., neat, well rounded, fine carr., badly staged; 3, Hunter, good length, nice qual., shape, fails wing carr. VAR. (2): 1, Tansey, good specimen, fine length, nice type, good qual., shapely, well drawn; 2, Priest, good qual., heavy mark, nice body, fine wings, tail, good feather. SELL. 15s. (2): 1, Robertson; 2, Braids. MULE OR HYB. (1): 1, Webster, nice var. buff Goldie Mule, in perfect feather. DARK MULE (6): 1, Webster, nice jonque Greenie, fine size, good col., steady, staged perfect feather; 2, McNicol, same cross, in nice cond., beaten in massiveness and depth col. 3, Brown, buff Goldie, fine size, feather, cross well blended, steady, well staged; 4, Quinn, similar, in nice cond.; 5, Fearns; 6, Taylor. BRIT. GOLDF. (8): 1, Webster, little beauty rare expansive deep, square, crimson blaze, fine cheeks, nice distinct mkgs., rich full col., steady, in superb cond.; 2, McNicol, nice face, not so well up in col., good size, mkgs., steady; 3, Fraser, fair exhibit, good feather, fails expansive blaze, steadiness; 4, 5, Quinn, 4th nice Finch, good feather; 6, Swan. BULLF. (3): 1, Penman, fine size, col., cond., rich expansive, jet-black cap, fine wing bars, lovely slatey body, wins easy; 2, Stewart, nice col., cond., fails size; 3, Sloan, we could not find. HEN (6): 1, Clark, good Finch, fine size, perfect feather, sound col., mkgs., wins nicely; 2, Fraser, well up for size, qual. beaten steadiness; 3, Crawford, nice specimen, good size, col. and mkgs., not so perfect feather; 4, Webster, nice Finch, good feather, but smaller; 5, Robertson; 6, Quinn. LINNET (6): 1, spl, Webster, nice size, perfect feather, steady, nicely pencilled, well laid down; 2, Fearns, fine, F.-M. exhibit, barely size leader; 3, Priest, fair exhibit for col., pencilling, very unsteady; 4, Webster, nice col., perfect feather, lacks size; 5, Swan; 6, Brown. SISKIN (4): 1, Webster, jonque, little beauty, plenty col., perfect mkgs. faultless cond., easy win; 2, Brown, steady, fine feather, fails col.; 3, Swan, hard up for size, steady, fails mkgs.; 4, Sloan, buff, nice size, feather, well shown. MEALY REDPOLL, &c. (7): 1, spl, Webster, fine Twite, topper for col., nice size, perfect feather, nicely pencilled on rich ground shade; 2, Fearns, Twite, nice size, feather, beaten col.; 3, 5, Quinn, 3rd trifle better size, fails mkgs.; 4, 6, Penman. LESSER (12): 1, spl, 3, Quinn, nice little chap leads, good size, feather, rich poll., neat bib, well laced, steady, 3rd good but fails size; 2, 4, Crawford, former steady, perfect cond., well mkd., little behind, 4th nice exhibit, wants steadying down; 5, Fraser; 6, Swan. GREENF. FED. (6): 1, Fearns, wins novice cup, nice Finch, good size, perfect feather, rich olive green, blended with deep yell. wings, steady, well put down; 2, Robertson, steady, fine col., perfect feather, beaten in size; 3, Webster, staged nice cond., rather unsteady; 4, Crawford, good specimen, fine col., steady, perfect feather, must have pressed on 3rd; 5, Robertson; 6, Stewart. NON-FED (13): 1, Penman, Finch, good size, rich col., fine feather, steady, wins; 2, Braids, high col. for a non-fed; 3, Fearns, good size, nice col. feather, should make up well; 4, McNicol, shade smaller, but good, in lovely bloom; 5, Swan; 6, McCorrisken. A.V. BUNT. (6): 1, Webster, nice Corn, perfect feather, steady as rock, well spotted, credit; 2, Fearns, Yellowhammer, nice size, feather, steady, well-defined headlines, good exhibit; 3, Quinn, Corn, little behind winner, very steady, fine level col., nicely pencilled front; 4, 5, Swan, 4th fair Yellowhammer, well beaten; 6, Penman. BRAMBLE, ETC. (9): 1, McCorrisken, nice Bramble, fine size, distinct mkgs., steady, perfect feather, grand col.; 2, 6, Penman, 2nd fine Chaffinch, nice size, col., feather, steady, well put down; 3, Webster, Bramble, well up for size, steadiness, cond., fails in depth col.; 4, Clark, Chaffie, nice feather, cond., fails size, col. HEN FOR HYBRIDISING (3): 1, Webster, clinking Bramble, in the pink, all there for col., cond., steady, perfect; 2, Fearns, nice Greenie, top cond.; 3, Swan, Bramble, nice exhibit. SOFTBILL (9): 1, spl, best Brit., Crawford, lovely waxwing, perfect feather, smooth as glass; 2, Braids Waxwing well up for size, col., steady, not quite so close in feather; 3, 4, Webster, Bearded Tit and Waxwing respectively, both staged in faultless feather, creditable order; 5, Stewart; 6, McCorrisken. FOR. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (3): 1, Fylde, nice size, fine square-cut blaze, deep wing bars, pure Whites, nice tanning, perfect feather, steady; 2, McNicol, nice Finch, good feather, distinct mkgs., fails blaze; 3, Stewart, very similar to 2nd, little to choose between them. FOR. (1): 1, Webster.

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HANLEY C.B.S.

First annual members' show, Dec. 11, at the Angel Hotel, a capital room in the centre of Hanley. It was the best members' show ever held in the district, entries numbering 187, and the quality all round considerably in advance of any previous effort. Mr. F. Bate judged and gave every satisfaction. Mr. S. Pigott and Mr. T. Hawley were the chief winners in champion section, and Mr. C. Beckett was easily first in the novice section.

Champion Section.—Yellow Yorks.: 1, vhc, Pygott; 2, Salt; 3, Lawton; 4, Hawley. Buff: 1, 4, Hawley; 2, Salt; 3, vhc, Lawton. Mkd. Yell. or Buff: 1, 2, Hawley; 3, Duckers and Colclough; 4, Dale. Yell. Hen, A.V.: 1, 2, 3, Lawton; 4, Pygott. Buff: 1, 2, Pygott; 3, hc, Salt; 4, vhc, c, Lawton. Unflig. Yell.: 1, Hawley; 2, vhc, Salt; 3, hc, Pygott; 4, Robinson; c, Lawton. Buff: 1, Robinson; 2, 3, hc, Lawton; 4, vhc, Salt. Yell. or Buff Hen: 1, Beckett; 2, Hawley; 3, 4, c, Lawton; vhc, Robinson; hc, Pygott. Light Can. Mule: 1, Pygott. Dark: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Chadwick; 3, Pygott. Goldf.: 1, 3, Pygott; 2, Bates; 4, Brown, junr.; vhc, Lawton; hc, Whitmore; c, Cooper. Linnet: 1, 2, Bates; 3, Brown junr.; 4, Beckett; vhc, hc, Pygott; c, Wilde. Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite: 1, 3, Pygott; 2, Cooper; 4, Lawton. A.V. Hardbill: 1, 3, Chadwick; 2, Beckett; 4, Bates; vhc, Robinson; hc, Whitmore; c, Pygott. Soft: 1, Beckett; 2, Whitmore. Field-Moulted Linnet: 1, Lawton; 2, vhc, Bates; 3, Brown, junr.; 4, hc, Pygott; c, Hawley. Novice Section.—Nor. Yell.: 1, Oldham; 2, Dunn; 3, Cooper. Buff: 1, 4, Wilde; 2, vhc, Cooper; 3, hc, Oldham; c, Dunn. Yell. Hen, A.V.: 1, 3, 4, Oldham; 2, vhc, Wilde; hc, Cooper. Buff: 1, Cooper; 2, 3, hc, Oldham; 4, Wilde; vhc, Dunn. Yell., Unflig.: 1, 3, Dunn; 2, hc, Oldham; 4, vhc, Cooper. Buff: 1, 3, Cooper; 2, Oldham; 4, Dunn. Yorks., Yell.: 1, 3, Beckett; 2, Banks and Hesketh; 4, c, Brown, sen.; vhc, Chadwick; hc, Duckers and Colclough. Buff: 1, Brown, jun.; 2, Chadwick; 3, hc, Duckers and Colclough; 4, Beckett; c, Dale. Yell. Hen: 1, vhc, hc, Beckett; 2, Dale; 3, Bennett; 4, Chadwick; c, Brown, jun. Buff: 1, Duckers and Colclough; 2, 3, Dale; 4, Banks and Hesketh; vhc, Beckett. Unflig Yell.: 1, 3, Beckett; 2, Mycock; 4, Bennett; vhc, Brown, senr.; hc, Brown, junr.; c, Banks and Hesketh. Buff: 1, 3, vhc, Beckett; 2, Mycock; 4, c, Chadwick; c, Brown, jun. Yell. or Buff Hen: 1, c, Dale; 2, Banks and Hesketh; 3, vhc, Beckett; hc, Bennett; 4, Brown, jun. Points for champion challenge cup for Yorks. as follows:—S. Pygott, 68; G. Lawton, 55; T. Hawley, 30; G. Salt, 25; C. J. Robinson, 16; T. Bates, 32. Points for novice Yorks. challenge cup as follows: C. Beckett, 83; G. Chadwick, 42; W. Brown, jun., 30; S. Dale, 23; Banks and Hesketh, 16; Duckers and Colclough, 16; W. Mycock, 12; W. Bennett, 11; W. Brown, sen., 8; W. Whitmore, 5. Points for novice Norwich challenge shield as follows: W. Oldham, 43; M. Cooper, 32; S. Wilde, 20; T. Dunn, 17.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Annual Open Show, Nov. 27, Bradford Moor Council School, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, Liverpool, judge.

CL. OR TKD. YELL YORKS.: 1, Stobart; 2, Dykes; 3, vhc, Bennett; 4, Ogden Bros.; hc, Hartley; c, Stevenson. UNFLIG.: 1, Dykes; 2, 3, Bennett; 4, Sutcliffe and Son; vhc, Hartley; hc, Hodgson; c, Ogden and Sons. HEN: 1, Dykes; 2, Casey; 3, Hellingley; 4, Middleton; vhc, Seager; hc, Atkinson. CL. OR TKD. BUFF HEN.: 1, Midgley; 2, Dykes; 3, Hodgson; 4, Hartley; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Helliwell. CINN. YELL. YKS.: 1, 4, Dr. Craig; 2, Sutcliffe and Son; 3, Towers; vhc, Morrison; hc, Hudson; c, Stevenson. BUFF: 1, Morrison; 2, Dr. Craig; 3, vhc, Atkinson and Firth; 4, Bennett; hc, Towers; c, Hudson. YELL. HEN: 1, Hodgson; 2, Morrison; 3, Midgley; 4, Towers; vhc, Dr. Craig; hc, Atkinson and Firth. BUFF: 1, 3, Dr. Craig; 2, Morrison; 4, Towers; vhc, Casey; hc, Midgley. EVEN, ETC., YELL. (GR. MKD.): 1, Dykes; 2, Towers; 3, Middleton; 4, hc, Morrison; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Sharpe. BUFF: 1, Dykes; 2, Sharpe; 3, Thornton and Robertshaw; 4, c, Hall; vhc, Towers; hc, Morrison. YELL. HEN: 1, Morrison; 2, Towers; 3, Dibb; 4, Dykes; vhc, Sharpe; hc, Midgley; c, Middleton. BUFF: 1, Towers; 2, Sutcliffe and Son; 3, Dykes; 4, Lister; vhc, Thornton and Robertshaw; hc, c, Hartley. NOV., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Ratcliffe; 2, Raynor; 3, Morley and Hill; 4, Mitchell; vhc, Pownall; hc, Bloomfield; c, Gledhill. HEN: 1, c, Firth; 2, Morley and Hill; 3, Taylor; 4, Mitchell; vhc, Ratcliffe; hc, Gledhill. BUFF: 1, 3, Naylor; 2, Hanson; 4, Fretwell; vhc, Sykes; hc, Taylor; c, McEwan. HEN: 1, Swaine; 2, Raynor; 3, 4, vhc, A. Firth. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, hc, W. Firth; 2, Sykes; 3, S. Firth; 4, Fretwell; vhc, Hanson; c, A. Firth. UNFLIG.: 1, Crowther 2, Pownall; 3, H. Firth; 4, Sykes; vhc, Dutton; hc, Fawcett; c, S. Firth. CINN.: 1, 4, Hodgson, jun.; 2, c, Symes; vhc, Wood; hc, Pownall; 3, Gledhill. HEN: 1, 4, Hodgson, jun.; 2, Wood; 3, A. Firth; vhc, Baker Bros.; hc, Pownall; c, Gledbill. EVEN, ETC., GR. MKD: 1, 2, vhc, Taylor; 3, Hanson; 4, A Firth; hc, Pownall; c, Town. HEN: 1, Hanson; 2, 3 Gledhill 4, Crowther; Hodgson, jun.; 2, c, Symes; vhc, Wood; hc, Pownall; 3, Gledhill. HEN: 1, 4, Hodgson, jun.; 2, Wood; 3, A. Firth; vhc, Baker Bros.; hc, Pownall; c, Gledhill. EVEN ETC., GR. MKD.: 1, 2, vhc, Taylor; 3, Hanson; 4, A. Smith; hc, Pownall; c, Town. HEN: 1, Hanson; 2, 3, Gledhill; 4, Crowther; vhc, Symes; hc, Ratcliff; c, Raynor. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, Baldwinson; 3, hc, Jowett; 4, vhc, hc, Simonett. SELL.: 1, bc, Hudson; 2, Taylor; 3, Horsfield; 4, Lister; vhc, Hartley; c, Casey. HEN: 1, Foster; 2, Symes; 3, Radley; 4, Hartley; vbc, Horsfield.

BARNET F. AND F.S.

13th annual show, open to a radius of 8½ miles, Town Hall, Nov. 27. The morning was bitterly cold, and the hall none too comfortably heated, but the committee, led by the Hon. Sec., J. M. Richards, did their utmost to make things go smoothly. The show was about up to the average, which, considering the war and its effects on the Fancy, was an excellent result. Mr. Chandler, chairman, lent practical aid; indeed, the whole of the officials were active. Mr. W. Bell won the Canary cup with a smart yellow Yorks. hen, the runner up also being a yellow Norwich hen of Mr. Kerr's. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

NOR.: 1, 2 spls, 2, hc, Kerr, rattling team, the leader a typical, good-headed yell. hen; 2nd, bonny buff cock; 3, vhc, c, Bell. YORKS., CK.: 1, 2, res, hc, Bell, typical, especially leader, and well shown; 3, vhc, Peters, smart, nice pos. HEN: 1, cup, 3 spls, 2, 3, vhc, Bell, good team, the cup winner being very sweet; res, hc, Peters. NAT. COL.: 1, spl, Bell, bonny buff green Nor.; 2, Hill, good cl., spl, Bell, bonny buff green Nor.; 2, Hill, good cl., same var.; 3, res, vhc, Chandler, all good type and qual. MULES: 1, 2, Peters, Greenie Can. leading; 3, Kirby. GOLDF., ETC.: 1, Yming; 2, res, Chandler; 3, Smith; vhc, Kirby. LINNET: 1, spl, Bell, good size, bonny shape, col., and markings; 2, 3, res, vhc, Vergottini. THRUSH AND SELL.: 1, spl, Bell; 2, 3, Watson; res, hc, c, Smith. FOR.: 1, Miss M. Young, lovely Amazon, in grand feather, rare size; 2, Vergottini, nice Paradise Whydah

WHITEHAVEN YORKS. F.S.

The 2nd nicely arranged and well ordered show was held on Dec. 18. Run by a few leading fanciers and exhibitors, with Mr. Jas. Stewart, the well-known Yorks. exhibitor, as secretary, the collection of exhibits got together on this occasion was most creditable. The staging and attention given to the birds left nothing to be desired, and exhibitors may with no doubtful feelings send to future shows held under the same management. The committee consisting of Messrs. T. Brown, chairman, J. Buchanan, J. McLaughlin, J. Smith, J. Barrie, D. G. Moore, all practical fanciers, knowing exactly what is required. Yorkshires headed the schedule, having eight champion and three novice classes provided, and though well represented in quality, deserved a better entry numerically. The winner of Dr. Allen's cup for best bird belonging to a member of the Cumberland and Westmorland Y.C. was the winning 1915 buff cock, a bird of wonderful Yorkshire properties and finely staged, belonging to Mr. Jas. Stewart. We understand this bird also won the W.Y.C.C. cup for best young bird at the Club Show a fortnight previously. Borders with 5 classes—one an even-mark, that only drew 5 entries—averaged 13 per class, and were a capital collection, some of the best in the Borders being present. British were also nice classes, all the better known varieties of hardbills being on view, and a source of much attraction. The judges, all specialists in their varieties, were: Yorkshires, Mr. T. Harriman; Borders, Mr. J. S. Wilson, and Mr. H. Glaisten British, who each appeared to give satisfaction. YORKS. CL. ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Stewart, fine upright carriage, grand qual., well-known winner, easy win; 2, Henderson and Crosby, nice pos. and col., not the qual. of winner, but finely drawn; 3, Crawhall, shade stouter in build, good pos.; 4, Tweedie, good col., nicely drawn and of capital qual.; 5, Wells; 6, Havis; 7, Brown. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Stewart, leader rare col. and qual., grand pos., latter good type and col., shade behind in smoothness of feather; 3, Nattrass, fine pos. and col., racy and stylish; 4, 7, Richardson, nicely drawn; 5, Bradley; 6, Fawcett. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. OR BUFF (11): 1, Bradley, neat and narrow, well cut and finished tkd. buff; 2, Crawhall, tkd. head buff, well drawn, clean front, shapely; 3, 4, Nattrass, variegs. yell. leading, not quite the length, but shapely, latter fine qual. buff; 5, Henderson and Crosby; 6, Bradley; 7, Pearson. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Everett, tkd. head yell., beautiful shape, well drawn and nicely rounded all over; 2, 3, Stewart, 2nd soft when noting, 3rd tkd. yell., plenty of size, not quite the qual.; 4, Pearson, very unsteady, well drawn and nice qual.; 5, Fawcett; 6, Brown. BUFF HEN (7): 1, Henderson and Crosby, reachy bird, good wings and tail, well and nicely cut away; 2, Crawhall, similar stamp, duller in appearance; 3, 5, Stewart, fine feather, good pos., close up; 4, Bradley, stouter in build, but showy; 6, Wells; 7, Brown. YELL. CK. UNFLIG. (11): 1, 3, Crawhall, leader good length, nicely rounded, well up, latter tkd. cheek, nicely drawn, fine qual.; 2, 6, Stewart, cl., similar in properties to winner; 4, Henderson and Crosby, heavier build, fine shape and qual.; 5, Tweedie; 7, Bradley. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Stewart, cup winner, beautiful col., qual., and finish, well carried wings and tail, 4th good pos.; 2, Crawhall, fine type, nicely moulded; 3, Warren, reachy, not so well cut away behind; 5, Fawcett; 6, Brown; 7, Richardson. HEN (12): 1, Tweedie, neat and shapely, good pos., well carried wings; 2, Stewart, very close up, fine pos. and feather; 3, Henderson and Crosby, tkd. yell., fine col., shade long in wings; 4, Everett, finely drawn, fails in wings to winners; 5, Nattrass; 6, Havis; 7, Buchanan. NOV. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 6, Smith, nicely tapered, fine qual., good level col., neat head and back; 2, 5, Barrie, very close up, similar properties; 3, Todd, shade stouter, not so smooth or well finished; 4, Palmer, good wings, neat; 7, Crowther. BUFF (7): 1, Winder, fine, reachy, good carriage and finish; 2, 6, Barrie, nicely finished; 3, 7, Smith, good position; 4, Crowther, neat shape; 5, Palmer. HEN (7): 1, 4, Barrie, leader nice qual. and shape, latter fair, good shape and pos.; 2, 3, Smith, leader of fine qual., latter neat; 5, Todd; 6, Palmer; 7, Winder. BORDER, CL., ETC., YELL., CK. (15): 1, Egerton, almost even mark, fine shape, qual. and condition, neat wings; 2, 7, Nichol, tkd., nice shape and qual.; 3, Reay, another neat bird, typical, not so bright as leaders; 4, Shackley, finer drawn, neat head, good qual.; 5, Levason; 6, D. G. Wilson. BUFF (20): A really good class: 1, 2, H. Bennett, tkd. head and wing respectively, both fair qual., good type, neat all over, well shown; 3, Moore and Son, cl., extra good in qual., nice shape, neat head and wing carriage; 4, Egerton, 3-pointed, beautifully rounded all over, well up in wing carr., neat in head and tail; 5, Cubby; 6, McLaughlin; 7, Atkinson. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Egerton, cl., nicely shaped one, neat and finely made; 2, Bennett, tkd. wing, fine shape, qual. and cond.; 3, Atkinson, uneven, rare qual. and shape; 4, Reay, cl., fine type and feather; 5, 7, McLaughlin; 6, Shackley. BUFF (17): 1, 4, Bennett, both ticked ones, leader shade finer made, fine qual. and type; 2, McLaughlin, eye tkd. good qual., nice shape; 3, Moore and Son, uneven, fine type and cond.; 5, Brown; 6, J. W. Ellwood; 7, McLaughlin. EVEN MARK. (5): 1, Cubby, buff, good eyes, rather heavy in wings, nice shape and feather; 2, 3, 4, 5, Moore and Son, yell. leading, fair mkgs., good in col. and qual., 3rd buff hen, heavy markings, 4th buff hen, nicely balanced wings, weak in eyes, 5th yell. BRITISH GOLDF. (7): 1, 2, Mackie, leader heavier built, fine face and flush, not so well cut on cheeks and head as 2nd, a fine qual. bird, with good all-round properties, but not so cobby as winner; 3, 5, Almond, good mkgs. and col., fails in substance, still a bonnie bird; 4, Heslop, slimly built, nice col; 6, D. G. Wilson; 7, Marello and Son. LINNET, H.-M. (11): 1, Tyson, nice shape and feather, little plain on breast, nice col.; 2, Moore and Son, finely mkd., good col., fine fettle; 3, Mackie, good type and col.; 4, Reay, nice shapely one of capital qual., fair mkgs.; 5, Hall; 6, Spence; 7, Forrester. F.M. (11): 1, Winder, nice, shapely, good in col.; 2, Fleck; 3, Forrester; 4, Reay; all birds of fine col., shapely and steady; 5, Stephenson; 6, Fleck; 7, Skelton. SISKIN ETC. (6): 1, Drabble, Siskin, nice qual. and col.; 2, 3, Mackie, Twite leading, fine col. and mkgs.; 3, Redpoll; 4, 5, Tyson; 6, Marello and Son. A.V. SEEDEATER (11): 1, Winder, field-moulted Bullie, nice shape and size, good col.; 2, 3, Macpherson, Bramble and Corn Bunting, good size, col., and markings; 4, Rowand and Martin, Bullie, house-moulted, beaten in col.; 5, Moore and Son; 6, 7, Marello and Son.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.

A Council meeting of the above will be held at the Market Tavern at 6.30 on Jan. 1, when it is proposed to consider the advisability of extending the Union, also to make arrangements for next season, writes Mr. Sam Midgley, hon. sec.

BACUP ROLLER C.C.

Fourth Annual Open Singing Contest, Park Hotel, Bacup, on Friday and Saturday, and was in every way a gratifying success. No fewer than 172 birds from all parts of the country were "cagod," and the quality of the exhibits was of a high standard. The arrangements made by the Secretary, Mr. Johnson, of 6, Brunswick Terrace, Stacksteads, were effectively carried out by the stewards. The judges were Messrs. Lyons (Blackburn), Massey (Bolton), and Oldroyd (Wakefield). Champion young birds class 50 entries, judge Mr. Lyons: 1, William Massey, 30 points; 2, T. W. Walton, 29; 3, H. Best, 29; ex. 3, Frank Hocking, 29; 4, Geo. Wareing, 28; ex. 4, Wm. Rhodes, 28; vhc, W. Harrison, J. Kilshan, H. Wantling (2), J. W. Hayward, A. Gooding (2), B. Kramer, Geo. Wareing, K. Pericles, D. Powell (2), 27 each; hc, W. Harrison, E. Lord, W. Massy, W. H. Shiply (2), Geo. Wareing (2), Frank Hocking, K. Pericles (2), Samuel Downing, 26 each; c, H. G. Hill, J. Hilshon, J. T. Johnson, A. Gooding, Wm. Rhodes, Harry Powell, 25 each. Novice, young birds, 68 entries, judge, Mr. Massey: 1, 2, Geo. Wantling, 23 and 22 points; ex. 1, J. Hunter, 22; ex. 2, J. Earnshaw, 22; 3, H. Jopson, 21; ex. 3, J. N. Hayward, 21; 4, H. Mead, 21; ex. 4, A. Atherton, 21; vhc, T. Thwaites, Mrs. H. Wantling, Geo. Smith, 20; hc, A. Atherton, J. Matthews, H. Mead, H. Jopson, R. Bumby, 19; c, W. T. Unsworth, 18. Open to all, birds any age, judge, Mr. Oldroyd, 23 entries: 1, H. J. Ryder, 31 points; 2, Frank Hocking, 30; 3, J. H. Wardleworth, 30; 4, J. A. Williams, 29; vhc, J. T. Johnson, 28; hc, J. Matthew, 28; c, J. H. Wardleworth, 27. Amateur, any age, 35 entries, judge, Mr. Oldroyd: 1, H. Appleby, 28 points; 2, A. Gooding, 27; 3, L. E. Watkins, 26; 4, J. Thompson, 26; vhc, G. Wantling, Tom Routlege, 25 each; c, W. Watson, 24.

DARVEL C.B.S.

Members Show, Town Hall, Dec. 4, all proceeds for local soldiers' and sailors' fund; P. McQuiston judged, giving every satisfaction. Entries and quality were very good, and included two of Mr. Anderson's Song Thrush-Blackbird Hybrids, the judge, without hesitation, acknowledging them to be as stated. Nor. Ck.: 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Anderson. Hen: 1, 2, Hopkins; 3, Taylor. Bred 1915: 1, 2, Anderson; 3, Taylor. Non-Fed: 1, 2, Anderson; 3, Taylor. Border Fancy, Yell.: 1, Duncan; 2, 3, Dykes. Buff: 1, Dykes; 2, 3, Nisbet. Bred 1915: 1, Duncan; 2, 3, Nisbet. A.O.V. Can.: 1, 2, Dykes. Hyb. or Light Mule: 1, 2, Anderson; 3, Thomson. Dark: 1, Hopkins; 2, Thomson; 3, Dykes. Goldf., Brit.: 1, Thomson; 2, Dykes; 3, Roxburgh. Bullf.: 1, Thomson; 2, Roxburgh; 3, Taylor. Greenf.: 1, Hopkins; 2, Thomson; 3, Blaton. Linnet: 1, Thomson; 2, 3, Anderson. Sis., Mealy, Poll, or Twite: 1, Hopkins; 2, Dykes; 3, Thomson. Lesser Redpoll: 1, Blaton; 2, 3, Hopkins. Bramble or Chaffinch: 1, 3, Thomson; 2, Alston. A.O.V. Brit., not classed: 1, Anderson; 2, Morton; 3, Thomson. A.V. Brit. Hen: 1, Morton; 2, Taylor; 3, Anderson. For. Bullf. or Goldf.: 1, Hopkins; 2, Anderson. For., Single or Pairs: 1, 2, Hopkins; 3, Anderson. Sell. Class, Border Fancy: 1, Nisbet. A.O.V. Can.: 1, Hopkins; 2, Taylor; 3, Anderson. Brit.; 1, Alston.

BOWBURN C.B.S.

Sixth Annual Show, Nov. 20 and 22, 1915. The Wheat Sheaf, Bowburn. 75 birds were staged and judged by Mr. Ernest Woodhead, of West Hartlepool, who appeared to give satisfaction. Special case of carvers for most points in unflighted Canaries was won by A. E. Priest. In the absence of Mr. P. Harle, Manager of Bowburn Colliery, the show was opened by Mr. E. Toulson, Sec. Class 1, Members, Any Var. Canary or Mule: 1, J. Stewart; 2, Priest; 3, Freeman; 4, Miller; vhc, Bailes; hc, Tapling; c, Toulson. Class 2, Yell. Nor., Cl., Etc., Ck.: 1, Miller; 2, 3, Roddom; 4, Priest; vhc, Huggins. Class 3, Yell. Nor., do. Hen: 1, Roddom; 2, Priest; 3, Huggins; vhc, Roddom; hc, Huggins. Class 4, Buff Nor. Cock, Cl., Tkd. or Var.: 1, Freeman; 2, Miller; 3, Freeman; 4, Roddom; vhc, Priest; hc, Huggins. Class 5, Do., Hen: 1, Miller; 2, Huggins; 3, Miller; 4, Huggins; vhc, Roddom; hc, Freeman; c, Priest. Class 6, Yell. York. Cock: 1, Priest; 2, Dowson. Class 7, Do. Hen: 1, Dowson; 2, Priest. Class 8, Buff Yorks. Cock: 1, Dowson; 2, Priest. Class 9, Do. Hen: 1, Dowson; 2, Priest. Class 10, A.V.C. Ck., not mentioned: 1, Stewart; 2, Priest. Class 11, A.V.C. Hen, do.: 1, Bailes; 2, Huggins. Class 12, Mule, A.V.: 1, Stewart; 2, Huggins. Class 13, A.V. Brit. Bard.: 1, Roddom; 2, Marr; 3, Freeman; vhc, Marr. Class 14, Brown Linnet, open: 1, Bailes; 2, White; 3, Priest; 4, Roddom; vhc, Freeman; hc, Bailes; c, Huggins. Class 15, Brit., Goldfinch, open: 1, Priest; 2, Stewart; 3, Routledge. Class 16, A.V.C., 1915 bred Cock, for most points, special case of carvers, 1, Priest; 2, Freeman; 3, Bailes; 4, Roddom; vhc, Miller; hc, Stewart. Class 17, Do. Hen: 1, Roddom; 2, Priest; 3, Bailes; 4, Miller; vhc, Stewart; hc, Freeman; c, Huggins.

BURNLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

The Annual Show was held at the Star Inn on Dec. 4. The entries showed a great improvement. The judge was R. Braybrook, of Brierfield, the challenge cup for the best bird was won by T. Lingard. The medal given by Sandiford for hottest ticd bird was won by J. Lingard. CHAMP., CL., TKD., OR VAR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, T. Lingard; 3, J. Lingard. DO., BUFF CK.: 1, 3, 4, T. Lingard; 2, J. Lingard. UNFLIG. YELL. CK.: 1, T. Lingard; 2, J. Lingard. DO. BUFF CK.: 1, T. Lingard; 2, 3, J. Lingard. NOV., CL., TKD., OR VAR. YELL. CK.: 1, Moorhouse; 2, Eastwood; 3, Hines. DO. BUFF CK.: 1, Eastwood; 2, Haigh. DO. YELL. HEN: 1, Hargreaves; 2, Hines. DO. BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Hargreaves. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, Hines; 2, Haigh; 3, Eastwood; 4, Moorhouse. A.O.V.: 1, Moorhouse; 2, Hines; 3, Broxup. BRIT.: 1, 2, Broxup. GIFT CLASS: 1, T. Lingard; 2, Hines; 3, Hargreaves. We shall be pleased to give new members a hearty welcome.—R. Hines, Sec.

BOWLING B.F.A.

Members show, held Dec. 18, at the Barley Mow Hotel, when 97 birds were judged to the satisfaction of all by C. Thomson, in the unavoidable absence of F. Self Clayton. The awards was as follows:—Champion Section.—Class 1 (11): 1, Padgett; 3, 4, Pacey; 2, Pownall. Class 2 (7): 1, Pownall; 2, 4, Padgett; 3, Duckworth. Class 3 (11): 1, 3, Padgett; 2, Hodgson; 4, Robinson. Class 4 (8): 1, 2, Hodgson; 3, Padgett; 4, Robinson. Class 5 (5): 1, Pownall; 2, 3, 4, Hodgson. Class 6 (5): 1, 2, 3, Hodgson; 4, Duckworth. Class 7 (4): 1, 2, Hudson; 3, 4, Robinson. Class 8 (8): 1, Padgett; 2, Hudson; 3, Pacey; 4, Robinson. Novice Section.—Class 9 (7): 1, Robinson; 2, Wardman; 3, J. G. Hodgson; 4, H. Hodgson. Class 10 (8): 1, 3, Crabtree; 2, Wood and Mirfield; 4, J. G. Hodgson. Class 11 (6): 1, J. G. Hodgson; 2, Robinson; 3, Crabtree; 4, Wardman. Class 12 (9): 1, 3, Wood and Mirfield; 2, 4, Nicholl. Class 13 (7): 1, 3, Wardman; 2, H. Hodgson; 4, Nicholl. Class 14: 1, H. Hodgson.

BRISTOL.

Twenty-fifth annual show, on new ground, at the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Dec. 1 and 2, the cage bird section being staged in the gymnasium, a fine room, with none but top light, and free from draught. The entry came very late, and made much work at the last moment; in fact, many entries were accepted on spare numbers the morning of show, and delayed issue of catalogue. Mr. Greenslade, the supt. of the section, is to be congratulated on dealing with the position so successfully, and he enabled Mr. Battye to commence judging at 9 a.m., and at the close of the show got all exhibits away the same night, without an error, by 10 p.m. Mr. Greenslade was well backed up by the usual band of helpers, Messrs. H. S. Walter, I. A. Davis, E. A. Lovell, F. Sampson, Mr. and Mrs. Tristem, J. A. Withers, and F. J. Yorke. The show, as a whole, was ably managed by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. F. Cook, and the Secretary was once again Mr. G. T. H. Maggs. The classification was somewhat restricted owing to the abnormal conditions of the moment, naturally resulting in a smaller total than usual; but quality all through was quite up to the Bristol standard. The ten guinea open challenge bowl was won for the second time by Mr. L. Dykes, of Bradford, and the members' cup for best unflighted was won by Mr. J. Tristem with his Norwich. Mr. J. Thomas sent a good team of Norwich, which would doubtless have given a good account of themselves, but did not arrive, unfortunately, until 5.30 on the show day. Hard lines! NOR., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Dr. Askey Wood, massive, good top, and chest, exceptionally good col., wins; 2, Tristem, large frame, good carr., neck tkd., loses head subs.; 3, Sampson, good shape and type, fails col.; 4, Wren; vhc, Taylor; hc, Tristem. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 4, Tristem, extra large, good col., nice qual., similar, not size of leader; 3, Greaves, good size, good head and front, not the col. or subs.; vhc, Taylor; 4hc, Dr. Askey Wood; c, Wren. HEN (16): 1, Wren, good shape and type, full of qual., wins; 2, Sampson, good yell., nice shape and style; 3, Dr. Askey Wood, another good one, close up; 4, Tristem; vhc, Taylor; hc, Greenslade; c, Yorke. BRED 1915 (8): 1, 2, Tristem, leader extra large, neck and chest mkd., good type, extra good col., wins members' cup best unflighted; other, foul green, good style, not the subs.; 3, Sampson, massive frame, bold head and chest, loses colour; 4, Greaves; vhc, hc, Sampson; c, Yorke. NOVICE (17): 1, 4, Green, extra large, good head and col., teeming with qual.; 2, 3, Wills, both nice exhibits, only a shade below leader in subs.; vhc, Matthews; hc, Sampson; c, Wills. YORKS., YELL., CK. (13): 1, 3, hc, Yorke, leader extra longer, good col., type, and style, a beauty, quickly claimed; other, very similar, loses length and subs.; 2, J. Bale, neck mkd., good length and style, pos., nice qual.; 4, Greenslade; vhc, Pritchard; c, Fulford. BUFF (13): 1, J. Bale, good long upstanding typical Yorkie, nice qual. and col.; 2, Parker, good clear, extra qual. and col., well packed wings; 3, R. Pinnell, neck mkd., good col. and pos., nice type and qual., loses length; 4, Bacon; vhc, Dykes; hc, Yorke; c, Pritchard. YELL., HEN (7): 1, Hellliwell, extra good length, on good legs, splendid style and qual.; 2, Dykes, good length, well packed wings, grand pos., must have pressed; 3, Bale, nice exhibit, good pos. and length, not far behind; 4, Fulford; vhc, Greenslade; hc, Maidment. BUFF (11): 1, Dykes, extra length, superb qual. and col., well filled in all through, wins; 2, Pritchard, Cardiff winner, good length, style, and pos., nice col., not quite size of leader; 3, Yorke, saddle mkd., nice type, style, loses in length; 4, vhc, Greenslade; hc, Clift; c, Helliwell. BRED 1915 (Bristol 10-guinea ch. bowl class) (22): extra good class, two sets of winners easy to find: 1, 2, Dykes, leader clear yell., good length, splendid col. and qual., nicely packed wings and tail, on good legs; next, clear buff, very similar, a pair of toppers; 3, Thomson, another clear yell., gem, must have pressed; 4, vhc, Fulford; hc, Greenslade; c, Parker. NOVICE, CK. (22): 1, I. A. Davis, Cardiff novice winner, extra good length, well packed wings and tail, good qual. and style; 2, Green, good back, well packed wings, nice filled in all through, good pos.; 3, Hiscox, lengthy buff, good pos. and col., not qual. of leaders; 4, Payne; vhc, hc, Withers; c, Green. HEN (12): 1, Sam Morley, nice length yell., stylish, good pos., well shown; 2, J. T. Brown, good type, well filled in all through, good pos. and col.; 3, G. Hiscox, stylish, clear yell., good pos. and qual.; 4, c, Withers; vhc, Tozer; hc, Davis. BORDER FANCY, YELL. (11): 1, 2, Pratt, nice type, extra good qual., put down in pink, not much between; 3, 4 Madagan, another little beauty, must have pressed; vhc, Cooper; hc, Bobbett and Wall; c, Macdonnell. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Pratt, another pair of gems, correct type, splendid qual., shown to the minute; 3, Cooper, correct type, nice qual. and cond.; 4, vhc, Madagan; hc, Elston; c, Philpott. CANARY, A.O.V. (15): extra good class: 1, T. R. Ind, massive yell. C.B., good head subs. and lashings, well shown, and an easy win, and as a 1915 bird should have a future; 2, hc, Minty, extra large Lancashire Plainhead, good head and body subs.; 3, 4, Mrs. Burgess, good Belgian, nice action and style, well shown; 4th, clear capped Gold Lizard, nicely spangled; vhc, Edwards; c, Ridgeway. MULE (12): 1, Martin and Archer, well known "Perfection," some thought showing signs of age, but still good; 2, Jeffreys, extra large Dark, good subs. and col.; 3, F. Collins, four-pointed Goldie, nice exhibit; 4, M. A. Wilson; vhc, Taylor; hc, Hill; c, F. Collins. HYBRID: Cancelled. GOLDF. (BRIT.) (12): 1, E. Collins, extra large, good moons, bars, and tannings, nice blaze; 2, Rogers, another good one, not quite size, but better blaze, some preferred; 3, Wren, another good Goldie, not the size of leaders; 4, J. E. Jeffreys; vhc, Gough; hc, Mrs. Dalton; c, Holborow. BULLF.: Cancelled. LINNET: Cancelled. SISKIN, REDPOLL, TWITE (10): 1, Nicholas, bonny Redpoll, extra size, good bib and lacings, well shown; 2, Jeffreys, extra good Twite, well pencilled, good size and col., not much between; 3, 4, Mrs. L. Dalton, good Siskin, nice size and mkgs.; vhc, Martin and Archer; hc, Holborow; c, Bobbett and Wall. BRIT., A.O.V. HARDBILL (10): 1, F. Heal, well-known Corn Bunting, wins; 2, E. Collins, Hawfinch, extra size, nice bib, splendid colour, well shown; 3, Bobbett and Wall, nicely-spangled Bramble, good size and col., very steady; 4, M. A. Wilson; vhc, J. Locke; hc, Major; c, Roper.

Mr. J. Hodder writes that he has removed from 6, Banner Street, St. Luke's, to "Waltham," Ashurst Road, Friern Barnet, N.

SCOTCH FANCY (Ayrshire Derby)

First Show of the Association, held Co-operative Hall, Kilmarnock, Nov. 27; judges, Messrs. D. Black, Govan, and T. Dalton, Ayr. 58 birds entered, and they generally showed outstanding quality and type, and the judging gave perfect satisfaction. It must have been gratifying to the President, Ex-Bailie Robertson, to see that his painstaking work for the welfare of the Association all through the season had been rewarded by an excellent show. The Association begs to tender to the Kilmarnock C.B.F.C. hearty thanks for their support in providing hall accommodation.

Yell. Ck., Clean or Foul (2): 1, Robertson; 2, Burgess. Pied or Green (2): 1, Lyon; 2, Hainey. Buff, Clean or Foul (4): 1, gold medal, McLean; 2, Hainey. Pied or Gr. (2): 1, Wm. Robertson; 2, sp, Reid. Yell. Hen, Pied or Gr. (4): 1, 3, Lyon; 2, sp, Robertson. Buff, Clean or Foul (4): 1, gold medal, Robertson; 2, McLean; 3, Reid. Pied or Green (3): 1, 2, 4, sp, Deans; 3, sp, Lyon. Buff Ck. (old) (5): 1, 2, sp, Robertson; 2, Ralston; 3, 4, Pearson; 5, Campbell. Hen (7): 1, sp, Robertson; 2, 3, sp, Lyon; 4, 5, Rodgers; 6, Campbell; 7, Pearson. Yell. Ck. (old) (4): 1, Robertson; 2, McLean; 3, sp, Ralston; 4, Reid. Hen (5): 1, Pearson; 2, sp, Reid; 3, Lyon; 4, sp, Ralston. Sell. Ck. (9): 1, Burgess; 2, sp, McLean; 3, Lyon; 4, Ralston; 5, Reid. Hen (3): 1, Hainey; 2, Reid; 3, Murdoch.—H. M. Ferguson, Sec. and Treas.

ECCLESHILL C.B.S.

Second old members' show, Nov. 20, Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, with a good entry of 76. Mr. G. A. Taylor, of Frizinghall, judged.

Class 1 (7): 1, 2, 4, Sparks; 3, vhc, Stebbings; 2, vhc, J. Wilcock; 3, Lee. Class 2 (5): 1, Stebbings; 2, vhc, G. Wilcock; 3, Lee; 4, Sparks. Class 3 (5): 1, 2, Sparks; 3, 4, Stebbings; vhc, Lee. Class 4 (7): 1, Sparks; 2, J. Wilcock; 3, hc, Stebbings; 4, vhc, c, Lee. Class 5 (6): 1, 4, Baxter; 2, hc, Close; 3, vhc, Bousfield. Class 6 (7): 1, c, Fretwell; 2, Baxter; 3, Walton; 4, vhc, Close; hc, Whitaker. Class 7 (9): 1, Fretwell; 2, Whitaker; 3, Close; 4, vhc, Bousfield; hc, Walton; c, Simonett. Class 8 (6): 1, 2, Fretwell; 3, Whitaker; 4, Walton; vhc, Bousfield; hc, Close. Class 9 (7): 1, 3, 4, Fretwell; 2, vhc, Simonett; hc, c, Bousfield. Class 10 (5): 1, J. Wilcock; 2, 4, S. Wilcock; 3, Simonett; vhc, Airton. Class 11 (4): 1, B. Airton; 2, J. Wilcock; 3, Simonett; 4, S. Wilcock. Class 12 (2): 1, Airton; 2, Simonett. Class 13 (6): 1, Airton; 2, 3, vhc, S. Wilcock; 4, Simonett; hc, Walton.—Sam Wilcock Sec.

CLITHEROE C.B.S.

Very attractive show held Dec. 4, in the National School. The entry was not as good as previously, but the quality all round was considerably in advance of any previous years. Mr. L. Grainger was successful in winning the challenge cup and £1 1s. for the best bird in the show, with a clear unflighted yellow cock, which will be heard of again, Cook and Sons securing Mr. Briggs' special for the runner up with his well-known eye and wing mkd. yell. Mr. A. Hirst was the judge.

Nor. Cl. Yell: 1, 4, Metcalfe; 2, Higson; 3, Wilkinson. Buff: 1, 2, Barnes; 3, Higson; 4, Cook and Son. Tkd. Yell.: 1, Cook and Son; 2, Higson; 3, Spencer; 4, Grainger. Buff: 1, Grainger; 2, Barnes; 3, Metcalfe; 4, Cook and Son. Unflig Hen: 1, 4, Cook and Son; 2, Grainger; 3, Barnes. Buff: 1, 4, Grainger; 2, Spencer; 3, Cook and Son. Yell. Hen, Unflig.: 1, Speak Bros.; 2, Higson; 3, Grainger; 4, Southworth. Buff: 1, Grainger; 2, Barnes; 3, Cook and Son; 4, Higson. Yell. Ck., Unflig.: 1, 4, Grainger; 2, Barnes; 3, Calverley. Buff: 1, Higson; 2, Cook and Son; 3, Speak Bros.; 4, Grainger. Nat. Col. Ck.: 1, Higson; 3, Cook and Son; 3, Metcalfe; 4, Bell. Hen: 1, Metcalfe; 2, Higson; 3, 4, Bell. A.O.V. Ck.: 1, Barnes; 2, 4, Cook and Son; 3, Metcalfe. Hen: 1, 2, Cook and Son. 7s. 6d. Sell.: 1, 2, Higson; 3, Wilkinson; 4, Cook and Son. A.V. British: 1, 3, Calverly; 2, Cook and Son; 4, Speak Bros.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Annual show, Nos. 27, in the Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green. The entry was not so good as on previous occasions, the Border section being conspicuous by its absence. These have come up well in previous years, but the breeders of this variety are mostly engaged on special work. The Yorkshire made quite a nice array, the unflighted class turning out some good ones. The special winners were as follows: Norwich, Mr. Curtis; Yorks., Mr. King; Novice Norwich, Mr. Gregory; Novice Yorks., Mr. Woolley; Hybrid, Mr. Newbery; British, Mr. Larkin. Mr. Bowring, the secretary, managed the show, and everything was well carried out. Mr. H. Norman judged.

CH. NOR., YELL., CK.: 1, Curtis. BUFF: 1, Curtis. HENS: 1, Curtis. UNFLIG.: 1, Curtis; 2, Jeffreys. YORKS., YELL., CK.: 1, Hawkins; 2, Whiteman. BUFF: 1, King; 2, Hawkins. HENS: 1, Jeffrey; 2, King. UNFLIG.: 1, Whiteman; 2, King; 3, Hawkins. BUFF: 1, 2, King; 3, vhc, Whiteman. HENS: 1, Whiteman; 2, King. NOV., NOR., YELL., CK.: 1, Gregory. BUFF: 1, Gregory; 2, Thrower. HENS: 1, Thrower; 2, Gregory. UNFLIG.: 1, Thrower. YORKS., YELL.: 1, no name; 2, Raine; 3, Bowring. BUFF: 1, Woolley; 2, 3, Bowring; vhc, Piggins. HEN: 1, 2, hc, Piggins; 3, Woolley; vhc, Raine. UNFLIG., YELL.: 1, hc, Raine; 2, vhc, Piggins; 3, c, Bowring. BUFF: 1, Woolley; 2, vhc, hc, c, Bowring; 3, Piggins. HEN: 1, Woolley. BORD.: 1, Watford. GOLDF.: 1, Larking; 2, Thomas; 3, Thrower. BULLF.: 1, Thrower. GREENIE: 1, Garrod; 2, Newbury. LINNET: 1, Larking; 2, Thomas. A.O.S.: 1, Thomas; 2, Thrower; 3, hc, Larking; vhc, Watford; c, Garrod. MULES: 1, Newbury. YOUNG BIRDS: 1, 2, vhc, Newbury; 3, c, Dendle; hc, Jeffreys. HEN: 1, Garrod.

SOUTHPORT C.B.S.

Annual Show, Nov. 20, in the Foresters' Hall, when Mr. A. Hirst, of Accrington, judged about 80 Canaries. Some good Norwich and Yorkshires were shown, birds of special merit being the buff Norwich cock of Mr. E. Sutton, and the unflighted yellow Yorkshire of Mr. J. Linaker. Other exhibitors who showed good teams were Messrs. Fawcett, Johnson, Millburn, Nixon, Wright, Whitehead, Hirst and Cookson. Nor. Yell.: 1, vhc, Fawcett; 2, 3, Johnson; hc, c, Cookson. Buff: 1, 2, Sutton; 3, hc, Fawcett; vhc, c, Cookson. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Fawcett; 3, Cookson; vhc, c, Johnson. Buff: 1, 3, Sutton; 2, vhc, c, Johnson; hc, Fawcett. Unflgh.: 1, 2, Sutton; 3, Johnson; vhc, Whitehead; hc, Millburn. Buff: 1, Sutton; 2, Millburn; 3, Johnson. Yell. York: 1, Linaker; 2, hc, c, Nixon; 3, Wright; vhc, Whitehead. Buff Do.: 1, 2, Linaker; 3, hc, Nixon; vhc, Whitehead; c, Wright. Yell. Hen: 1, c, Linaker; 2, Wright; 3, T. Wright; vhc, Whitehead; h, Nixon. Buff: 1, vhc, Nixon; 2, Linaker; 3, Wright. Yell. Unflig.: 1, Linaker; 2, Whitehead; 3, vhc, Nixon. Buff Do.: 1, Whitehead; 2, Linaker; 3, Nixon; vhc, Hirst; hc, Wright. A.O.V. Ck.: 1, Johnson; 2, 3, Millburn. Do. Hen: 1, Johnson.—T. Johnson.

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GREENOCK,

Port Glasgow, and Gourock Ornithological Society, Annual Club Show of Canaries, British Birds, Mules and Hybrids, in Boilermakers' Hall, Greenock, on Wednesday, January 5th, 1916. Open to the public at 1 o'clock. Judges: Mr. Geo. Smart, Canaries; Mr. P. Pettigrew, British.—J. McG. Dooley, Sec., 20, Ben View Terrace, Prospect Hill.

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LLANELLY C.B.S.

THE GREAT ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL SHOW OF WALES.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11th. 1916.

62 Classes, Cups, and Numerous Specials. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Judges: J. Robson, Canaries; Chas. Houlton, British, Foreign, and Mules. Patronages: B.B. and M.C. and S.B.F.C.C. Entries close Thursday, Jan. 6th. Schedules—D. H. Davies, Sec., 24, College Hill, Llanelly.

To Club Secretaries and Others.

With the view of bringing up-to-date our directory of Cage Bird Societies, which is so useful a feature of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, and in order to eliminate those societies which have ceased to exist, we should be obliged if the secretary of each active society throughout the country would sent us on a post-card short particulars embodying—the name of the society, date of foundation, place, date and time of meetings, annual subscription, entry fee, if any, and his own name and address. We append a specimen entry, and no other particulars are necessary.

Edinburgh C.B.S., founded 1911, meetings Cairn's Memorial Hall, Georgie Road, third Tues in month, at 8; sub. 4s. 6d., ent. fee 6d.; sec., J. C. Charlton, 33, Watson Crescent, Edinburgh.

The ANNUAL for 1916 is now in course of active preparation, and we should be glad if secretaries will furnish at their earliest convenience the particulars desired.

Judges who wish their names inserted in our yearly feature "Cage Birds Judges" should also send in their names and addresses, with initials, giving the varieties in which they specialise.

An Owl, which has recently paid occasional visits to the Gordon Square district, Bloomsbury, London, has settled down in the neighbourhood after evicting the House Sparrows in the vicinity.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Twitterings.

Barnstaple fanciers devoted their show's profits to the local War Supply Depot.

We hope to give a full report of Aberdeen show in our next issue.

The best wishes for the New Year is all the harm we wish every reader of CAGE BIRDS. Conscription or no conscription, the peaceful pursuit of bird-keeping will doubtless continue to relieve our hours of leisure and brighten the lives of those who have suffered by the war.

Under the patronage of the Serbian Relief Fund, Mr. James Buckland is giving a lecture for children on Jan. 4, at 3.30 p.m., at the Whitehall Rooms, on the home life of interesting and beautiful birds of other lands.

Mr. Taylor carried off the prize for the best British Bird at the Aberdeen show with a Greybacked Shrike, described in the local paper as a Shriker. It is, however, the poor little birds he gets hold of that shriek.

Mr. W. Allison won outright the cup for the best young Norwich in the open section, having scored the win for the third successive time.

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A gentleman not hitherto known to the proprietor writes this week regretting "that Mr. Carl has been interned." Once again, therefore, it becomes necessary to assure readers of this paper that Mr. Carl, the founder and owner of CAGE BIRDS, is British to the backbone, that to the best of his knowledge and belief he has never had any German blood in his family, that he isn't responsible for the name Carl, which is, as half the bird world knows, a name assumed by him twenty years ago for professional purposes. So that's that.

A Thought for the Birds.

Now cold winter time is here,
With all its frost and snow,
The pretty little birdies dear
Must find it hard, I know.
The days are past of fruit and grain,
No insects can be found.
The birds now look for worms in vain
Upon the frozen ground.
I cannot ever bear to think
That they should hungry be,
So I invite them every day
To come and visit me.
I gather up the crumbs of bread,
And open window wide.
Along the sill the feast I spread,
Then creep away and hide,
Because the little birds are shy,
And if they saw me here,
Away they every one would fly,
With beating hearts of fear.
There soon arrives one little guest;
Then two, then three, then four,
From tree and house-top and from nest,
Until I count a score.
When they have made a merry meal,
And likely flown away,
To know that they are happy
Makes me happy all the day.

Sent in by T. CONNELLY (Glasgow).

"Please thank all those who replied to my advert. in CAGE BIRDS re Roller Cock Canaries, on December 11th. I had so many replies I could not answer them all. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success."—W. ANCOTT (Nuneaton).

"I had 80 replies to my last advert. in CAGE BIRDS."—A. W. BACON (Redhill).

"Last month I received no less than 33 replies to my advert. in CAGE BIRDS. This speaks well for your largely circulated paper."—H. WILTON (Tavistock).

I have taken over the Show sec. business for our roller Canary contest, Jan. 12-13, writes Mr. W. Taylor, City of Birmingham C.B.S., Council School, Hospital Street, Birmingham.

I see by the Christmas number of CAGE BIRDS that in your report of Sale Show you credit me with first in Unflig. Nor. Hens, writes Mr. W. Stafford. The honour belongs to Mr. Sam Cook. I won second prize. The birds are right, but your reporter has got names reversed, Mr. Cook owns the Buff, I own the Yellow.

Members of the New Cross C.B.S. please note. writes Mr. Geo. Burton, hon. sec., that the next meeting, the annual general meeting, will be held at 126, Lee Road, Lee Green, S.E., on Jan. 6 at 8. I hope that members, especially those who have not been able to attend the last few meetings, will endeavour to be present, as the business is most important, and includes the election of officers and programme for 1916. Any proposed alteration of rules must reach me not later than Dec. 31.

OBITUARY.

MR. BALE (Cardiff).

I greatly regret, writes Mr. E. J. Davies, having to announce the sad loss which has befallen one of our members, Mr. J. Bale, in the loss of his father, who passed away about a week ago at the age of 81. I am sure members of the Cardiff C.B.S. will join me in sympathising with Mr. and Mrs. Bale in their time of sorrow.

All who knew him will be sorry, writes Mr. A. Simms, hon. sec., Bedford and Beds C.B.S., to hear of the sad loss that Mr. H. Crawford, one of our members on the committee has sustained in the loss of one of his little daughters. Although only Mr. Crawford and his son were members, the whole family were keen fanciers, and we shall miss the little one at our shows. Let me on behalf of the Society extend our sincere sympathy to the family in their great loss.

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The profits accruing from the Ayr show will be handed over to the secretary of the Carrick House Red Cross Hospital, writes Mr. Hugh M. Ferguson, sec. and treas. The sum realised is highly creditable to the members of the Club, who have wrought so hard during the past six weeks to make the show a success. The Club desire to express to Mrs. Wallace their appreciation of the very kind services she rendered the Club in conducting the guessing competition. Mr. Metcalf, Kilmarnock, was the winner, the prize being a singing bird with cage, presented by Mr. J. McLachlan.

A Great Red Cross Show at Larkhall.

We should like to call the attention of our exhibiting readers to the Red Cross show at Larkhall on Jan. 7 and 8 under the auspices of the Lanarkshire Branch of the Red Cross Society. As will be seen by the review of the schedule which appears in another column, there are 71 classes provided. The judges are men whose names may well inspire confidence, and there is a wonderful list of no less than 77 specials. It is the first open show of the Larkhall C.B.A., and success this year will mean that it will become an annual event. The show was advertised in our issue of Dec. 18, and the advertisement appears again in our current issue, but by an unfortunate accident it was omitted last week. We hope that all who are able to send entries will write at once for a schedule to Mr. A. Thomson, 1, Croft Place, Larkhall, so as to get their entries in by the closing time, Monday, Jan. 3, last post.

Since issuing schedule, writes Mr. Thomson, we have received a members' special for best bird in class 70 and a members' special for best 3rd in classes 31 and 32.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

SPENNYMOOR.

Linnet singing will be held at J. Hughes, Butcher's Arms, Spennymoor, on New Year's Day. First bird up 1 o'clock prompt; entrance free.—W. Fairless, Sec. (Advt.) (139)

PONTEFRACT.

Open Linnet sing, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, Dec. 25. 22 birds entered for three good prizes, 3min. time singing: 1, Pugh; 2, Jones; 3, Beard. Open sing, Dec. 26; 12 birds competed for three prizes, 3min. time singing: 1, 2, 3, Beard.—S. Pugh, Hon. Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, Doncaster-rd., Dec. 25. 22 birds entered. Shepherd, time; Waresing, chalker; 4min. time singing. 1, Hardman, 3min. 15sec.; 2, Coles, 2.27; 3, Fishwick, 2.7; 4, Hardman, 1.56. Dec. 26, 20 entered, 4min. time sing. 1, Hardman, 3min. 28sec.; 2, Fishwick, 3.5; 3, Ginger, 3.2; 4, Brusby, 2.36; 5, Troopy, 2.33. Dec. 27; special big sing; landlord gave two specials, value 10/-, and a bottle of whisky for the longest run. Mr. Porrill gave two specials. 1, Ginger, 3min. 46sec.; 2, Fishwick, 3.43; 3, Brusby, 3.22; 4, Hardman, 3.11; 5, Coles, 2.20. Hardman wins whisky with 44 sec. longest break; Coles wins Porrill's special best loser; Wright wins special nearest 30sec.; Doe wins special lowest singer, 13sec.—Hardman, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Dec. 23. 16 birds sang, and some grand singing was heard: 1, Tompson; 2, R. Plowes, sec. of Kippax Linnet Club; 3, shared A. Binns and W. Wharam. Judges, T. Summers and S. Butterfield. Dec. 26, 18 sang: 1, Lipman; 2, Wharam; 3 shared Parker and Tompson. Judges, T. Summers and B. Farrar. Dec. 27, 12 birds sang: 1, Huchinson; 2, 3, shared, Binns and Chippendale. Judges: H. Wigfield and S. Butterfield. Special contest with eight of the best birds in the club: 1, Huchinson; 2, Chippendale. Judges, J. Sellers and S. Butterfield.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York-rd., open contest for quality Linnet singing, Dec. 25. 16 birds sang. 1, T. Ward; 2, 3, Sissons; consolation prize, Stead. Judges, Hayes and Naylor. Also Dec. 25, a Roller contest; 14 birds sang. 1, 2, 3, T. Johnson; consolation prize, Stead and Wharham. Judges, Hardcastle and Naylor. Dec. 26, Linnet contest; 16 sang. 1, 3, Sissons; 2, Chippindale; consolation prize, Stead. Judges, Hardcastle, Hayes, and Naylor. Also Dec. 26, a Roller contest; 15 sang. 1, 2, T. Johnson; 3, Ridyard; consolation prize, S. Johnson. Judges, Sissons, Hardcastle, and Naylor. Dec. 27, Linnet contest; 14 sang. 1, Stanney; 2, T. Ward; 3, T. Johnson; consolation prize, Stead. Judges, Hardcastle and Hayes. Also Dec. 27, a Roller contest; 14 sang. 1, 2, T. Johnson; 3, Stead; 4, consolation prize, Ridyard. Judges, B. Farrar and W. Naylor.—W. Naylor.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Ilkeston and Dist. C.B.S. (Ilkeston)—Rutland Arms Hotel, Bath Street, Sat. Jan. 8. 54 Classes: Nor. 10, Yorks. 13, Cr. 2, Bord. 2, Mules 4, Brit. 17. Prizes, sliding scale; entry, 1/-. Judge, Mr. E. Wilcox. Entries close Jan. 5 to G. Siddown, 45, Lower Lanby-st., Ilkeston.

Larkhall.—Drill Hall, Victoria-st., Jan. 7, 8. Judges W. Hyslop, G. Bishop, R. Heggie, J. Livingston. 71 classes: Bord. 18, Nor. 17, Yorks. 10, Com. Can. 1, Mules 5, Brit. 19, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; fee, 1/6. Entries close last post Jan. 3 to A. Thomson, 1, Croft-place, Larkhall.

Llanelly (Glam.).—Market Hall, Jan. 11. Judges, J. Robson and C. Houlton. 62 classes: Nor. 7, Yorks. 7, Bord. 9, Self 5, A.O.V. 1, Local 5, Mules 5, Brit. 21, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; fee, 1/6. Entries close Jan. 6 to D. H. Davies, 24, College hill, Llanelly.

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We, therefore, invite short accounts, say of about 500 words, of the keeping or breeding of Canaries, Mules, or Hybrids, British birds, or foreign birds. From these we shall make a selection, and for the best one in each section of those published, we shall award a cash prize of ten shillings, that is, four prizes in all, one each for Canaries, Mules or Hybrids, British, and foreign.

The articles will be judged by their practical merit, and no one need let a lack of literary ability deter him from competing. It is knowledge that is wanted, and if the articles contain this we shall have pleasure in putting straight any little defects in the manner in which it is imparted, or in re-writing the whole communication for publication if necessary. A great amount of knowledge is stored in the brains of those who have not always the literary ability of expressing it, and if that knowledge is in the communication received it will compete on level terms with the best written article of the lot. The getting of it out may safely be left to us.

Regular contributors of articles to our columns will not be allowed to compete, and the editor's decision in awarding the prizes must be accepted as final. The experiences must be posted to reach us not later than Monday, Jan. 10.

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SOME OF MY BIRD FRIENDS.

By F. T. U. (St. Albans).

In this article the writer relates some charming experiences with freshly taken birds, and shows the comparative ease with which a delightful companionship may be established between a real bird-lover and his feathered pets.

A FEW weeks ago, as a supplementary note to a letter which appeared in CAGE BIRDS, I described a Goldfinch's return to its cage after being free in a wood for 24 hours, and the editor was so good as to invite me to relate other personal experiences of tame "wild birds." Here are one or two cases to go on with.

This autumn, about a week after the tender soft bills had left this district, I noticed an amusing incident on a pond near to my house. A dragon-fly poised itself in the air over the water, and immediately a small bird shot from a bush with the object of obtaining a large meal at one stroke. The dragon-fly darted off with the enemy in hot pursuit, and when the pair were not more than a foot apart, the fly suddenly dropped, and the bird went over his head.

The bird returned to the bush, and instantly the fly appeared before the bush and deliberately challenged the bird to try again. The challenge was accepted, and another mad chase over the pond followed with precisely the same result. The performance was repeated with similar results until the bird became disheartened and gave up the struggle.

I was interested, and wished to discover the identity of the bird. Placing a little lime on his favourite bough, I had him in less than ten minutes, took him home, and put him in a cage. He proved to be a young Willow-wren (there had been a family of them on the pond during the summer).

On the following day I induced him to take mealworms from my hand, and on the third day he flew from the cage door to my hand and ate a mealworm on my palm. As a mark of appreciation of his confidence I took him back to the pond and let him free, and I never saw him again. This was a record in my experience for quick taming, and I have had more than a few experiences.

Mr. P. O. Frost in CAGE BIRDS last week wrote a very interesting note about Greenfinches. I, too, have found Greenie a most affectionate pet, but really not more tractable than other species. The tamest wild bird I ever had was a Skylark, but I have had several Bullfinches nearly as friendly.

I once saw a poulterer wringing the necks of Skylarks in a shop in Newcastle-on-Tyne, and in the crate I noticed one very large bird. "How much for that one?" I asked. "Sixpence," was the reply. I pocketed the bird, took him home, trained him to drop the springing habit, and then gave him a big cage in which he could spread his wings. He quickly became finger tame, and sang as freely as any free bird. He became very much attached to me, would distinguish the sound of my footstep before I entered the house, and he never failed to burst into song at the sound.

Later I was much engaged on "night duty," and would often return home at 3 a.m. As soon as my latch key turned in the door I heard the familiar burst of song, and this continued until I turned on the light. I had him three years, and when I left the North, gave him to a lady friend who had often tried to buy him.

Four years afterwards I paid a "pop visit" to that lady's house, and was delighted to see the Lark running about the kitchen floor amongst three small children. I did not see him afterwards, but was informed that he died about a year later, so he would be probably about nine years old. The lady is still living, and would no doubt vouch for my story were it disputed.

One story about "Bullies," and I will close out of consideration for your space. I "steadied" a wild-caught cock Bullfinch (field moulted), and then gave him to a business colleague, for whom he formed a most pathetic attachment. He was allowed liberty in the living room at times, and one day my friend and his wife (they are still living), on returnng from a walk, were distressed to find that they had left open a window. "Bullie" was nowhere to be seen. The window was left open, and later in the day the prodigal returned and entered his cage. His liberty was thereafter extended, the window being deliberately left open on fine days. It become "Bullie's" favourite occupation to sit at the open window and call to the sparrows. Occasionally he would join them, more in anger than in love, but he always returned to the room. If I remember aright he lived with my friend for about six years.

These stories may seem "tall" to some sceptical people, but they are not in any way exaggerated, and I mention them to show that individual birds in the majority of species are capable of exchanging confidences with owners who know how to handle them.

The Woodlark in Captivity.

By W. E. Teschemaker B.A.

Continued from page 323.

WE may now discuss the treatment of this species in captivity, and in this connection we will, as on a former occasion, refer to an old, but practical and interesting, work by an anonymous author, published in 1711, and entitled "The Fancier's Delight." In taking this course we have a two-fold object; firstly, it is really quite a relief to get away from "The Great War" to more peaceful, if less spacious, times; secondly, it is an interesting question whether, despite all the tall talk and self-advertisement of the present day, we really nowadays secure better results than, or even as good results as, the early aviculturists.

For instance, we have had a number of interesting letters from correspondents giving their experience of the Nightingale in captivity, but not one has claimed to have trained a Nightingale to sing on his finger, as we showed that a very early Roman aviculturist did, and we do not know of a modern instance of breeding the Nightingale in a cage.

To take another instance. Readers will recollect the congratulations that accompanied the appearance of two Hummingbirds at the Horticultural Hall show of 1914. Certainly the greatest praise is due to the exhibitor for the wonderful condition of his exhibits, and the excellent design of the cages, but do not let us forget that more than half a century ago a Mango Hummingbird was brought from Jamaica with its nest and eggs, that it hatched the latter on the voyage, and that the young were fully reared! Instances were recently given of fifty "Hummers" being kept in a large aviary in France forty years ago, and of a French lady keeping seventeen for a period of six years. So you see in the matter of Hummers, instead of sounding the loud cymbals, we should really hide our diminished heads.

The early treatise on the Woodlark referred to above (the author of which, though anonymous, must be regarded as a person of some education, for he had travelled in Italy, and was able to quote and translate Olina's scarce work on natural history), commences with some excellent advice on the best time of the year for trapping. We read that "the birds taken in June, July, and August sing presently" (immediately) "but last but a little time in song, for they soon fall to moulting; which if they withstand, commonly prove very sweet song-birds but are not so lavish as those taken in the spring."

With regard to birds taken during migration, that is to say in September and October, we are told that "birds taken at flight are brave, strong, handsome, sprightly, strait birds, and do prove well at spring if they be well kept all the winter; if not, they will be lousie and come to nothing."

The third period for trapping is midwinter, and I think all Woodlark fanciers will agree with our author that birds taken at this time are pre-eminently the best. "I do hold that birds taken in January and February for the most part do prove the best, by reason they are taken in full stomach, and sing in a very short time after, and are more perfect in their song than those taken at other seasons."

Our author is also right on the mark when he bids us beware of "those fearful" (timid) "wild buckish birds which upon every turn bolt against the wires of the cage and bruise themselves." We may here throw out a hint to the beginner: If he has a choice of two freshly-caught birds (of any species), one of which is rather wild and the other tame and sleepy, let him always choose the former, but never have anything to do with a very wild bird. Birds differ as much in their dispositions as human beings, and some will not accept captivity on any conditions whatever; these should be at once released. A carpenter knows that he must not plane against the grain, and an aviculturist should learn, as early in his career as possible, that he must work with the grain of nature.

He seems to have had a method of dealing with newly-caught birds which I note for a special reason. In the Christmas 1915 number of CAGE BIRDS I recommended the use of a light canvas canopy as an "improvement" on the ordinary Lark cage. If we turn back to the year 1711 what do we find? "Have a net knit French-meash, and so put it in the inside of the cage, sewing of it close to the sides and strait, that when he bolts or flirts up he may take no harm." The same idea, you see, the very same; probably invented by that legendary and pre-historic genius, hidden from us by the mists of a dim and distant past, the first aviculturist!

Our ancient author seems to have had the same difficulty as myself in persuading the Woodlark to enter a net, and he shows good sense in attributing this not to perversity on the part of the bird, but to ignorance on the part of the trapper. "We not understanding the way of taking them by net in the country as they do about London." (Note that the Londoner even at this early date was thought to be a smart sort of chap.) He therefore had recourse to hand rearing.

(To be concluded.)

Correspondence.

Success with Norwich Plainheads.

SIR,—It gave me great pleasure on opening my CAGE BIRDS on Friday last to find a sketch of my winning buff hen inside. She is bred from a strain that persistently breeds winners; in fact seven of her relations were well in the money at the show with her, one of them capturing for me the medal for hottest coloured bird. I have only taken up the breeding of Norwich within the last three years, and won my way out of the local novice section in 1914 with three 1sts, 2nds and 3rds, and medal for hottest coloured bird. This makes the second year in succession I have claimed that much coveted prize. I should like when things are quieter to give my experiences in your columns of how I got my winning strain of Norwich together. Just now we are very full of soldiers, which keeps us well employed. Last year we were full of Scotch troops, and several of them visited my bird-room. When I read that letter in CAGE BIRDS from a Scotch fancier at the front, it made me think of our "Scotch boys," as we call them here. I wish the writer all the luck he could wish himself, and you, Mr. Editor, a happy Christmas and our paper a prosperous New Year.

H. W. VALENTINE.

Colour in the Norwich Plainhead.

SIR,—Mr. Allsopp says that a correspondent some time ago stated that the Cinnamon cross was the thing to improve the colour in our Norwich. It may have improved his birds, but were they a fair sample of our modern Norwich? I should say no. It was a fact well known among Cinnamon breeders of 30 years ago that if you wanted to improve the colour of your Cinnamons there was only one reliable cross, viz., a dip into the Norwich, by using the best and largest clear yellow hen to be got. Well, a Norwich breeder knowing that would see the uselessness of going to a cross which lacked the properties required.

Then Mr. Allsopp mentions the Lizard cross to improve colour; this, he says, he knows nothing about, only apparently through reading to me of our great grandfathers' theories. I remember it was in 1870 that I went to the room of a fancier who I had heard had been improving the colour of his Norwich by this cross. Oh dear, what a mixture I found of "cat-marked" specimens with nothing to recommend them. Although in those days it was said this cross did improve the colour, lest some novice should be tempted to try it, through reading Mr. Allsopp's remarks, let him take my advice, don't. What is there to be gained? Nothing. What is there to lose? Everything—like one of the most important features in our modern Norwich, also the greatest of all features, head properties.

Mr. Allsopp talks about the wonderful depth of colour of the birds of a few Northern breeders. Let him mention them, and I will undertake to prove that no better colour can be found than we have in the South, West, Midlands and even Wales. Now if Mr. Allsopp wants to improve the colour of his own Norwich, and if those he showed at Cheltenham are a fair sample, I am sure he does, let him get a yellow of the stamp shown by Mr. Spillman at Cheltenham, and he will improve them for a certainty. While writing, I should like to describe this bird for the benefit of your readers:—Extra large body; short, well-carried wings; nice full, round head, without being browy at all; the grandest chest imaginable, extra deep and full, a ball of fire in colour, and standing well across the perch, not up in the air like a great deal too many of our present-day Norwich. This bird is, to my mind, the best yellow Norwich it has been my lot to see in 46 years' experience. I take my hat off to you, Mr. Spillman; and may you show us many more of the like.

J. BASTOCK.

Moseley.

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Identity of the Song Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid Challenged.

Sir,—I see my name was mentioned in the last issue of CAGE BIRDS as the judge who at the Glasgow show recognised the bird to be a genuine cross by placing it among the awards. My reason for so doing was that I carefully examined the bird (and no doubt it looks a common Song Thrush at first sight), but after handling it, there are many indications of it being a genuine Hybrid. From its head, and right down its back, its feathers are quite dusky in colour, also the lower belly feathers and the underflue show much darker in colour than is found in young Thrushes. After the judging I asked my friend, Mr. Edmund Taylor, of Shettleston (who is a great authority on softbilled British birds), to examine the bird, and he, too, is of the opinion that this Hybrid is genuine, and that it will only take another moult to prove it so. My reason for having it so far back in the tickets was that it is not a cross of Hybrid I would encourage, as, apart from its rarity, it is not exactly an exhibition Hybrid cross.

MATTHEW CRAIG.

SIR,—I cannot understand why so much doubt is expressed respecting the genuineness of the above Hybrid. I take it that it was produced from a cock Thrush and hen Blackbird, no other birds of either being in aviary. Surely the breeder should know how it was produced. Was the nest built by the two said birds? If so, did it partake of the nature of the Thrush or Blackbird's nest? The one is lined with clay and other not, and they are easily distinguishable. I always notice there are plenty to decry and run down any new Hybrid or Mule, and I should like to advise those that doubt to take up the fascinating hobby of Hybrid breeding, and after many failures, to experience the thrill of pleasure one feels on being able to report and show that at last one's efforts have been crowned with success.

I see in CAGE BIRDS of Dec. 25 that Mr. Robson says "It is not a Hybrid but simply an ordinary Song Thrush." How can it be simply Song Thrush when only cock Thrush and hen Blackbird are in aviary? I should like to ask if the breeder saw them pair off. In Mule or Hybrid breeding some of the offspring often only show the parentage of one parent, while in others both parentages are easily and beautifully distinguished; but few turn out tip-top first prize specimens.

I heartily congratulate the breeder on his success, and especially on his willingness to show the specimen, and I hope he will be fortunate in keeping it for many years, and possibly with second and succeeding moults it will show more clearly both parentages.

I am myself greatly interested in hobby Mule and Hybrid breeding, and especially with foreign Finches, but so far without success.

F. J. W. S.

SIR,—The evidence so far as to the genuineness or not of the Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid is certainly in favour of Mr. Anderson. The bird has been shown under three judges, two of whom have awarded it a prize. The egg-shell from which the bird was hatched has been sent to Mr. Robson, proving that it was hatched from a Blackbird's egg. There was no cock Blackbird in aviary, consequently the bird must have paired with the Thrush. The Hybrid has been sent by Mr. Anderson for your inspection, and was submitted by you to several experts, who having carefully examined it, pronounced directly in its favour as a genuine Hybrid. What more could Mr. Anderson have done? It comes to this, either Mr. Anderson is a confounded humbug, or a gentleman, and I have no hesitation in saying that he is the latter—a perfect gentleman;—and I must heartily congratulate him upon his success. I hope, however, that he will see his way to exhibit the bird again at one of the Scotch shows, so that we may have the opinion of another expert.

J. C. WILMOT.

SIR,—I had no intention of entering into the discussion regarding identity of the Song Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid, but being one of the two witnesses Mr. Robson refers to whose evidence is of no value, I am compelled to try, if possible, to relieve his mind of the possibility of a fraud being committed on the Fancy. Unlike Mr. Robson, I am not an expert British Bird fancier, therefore cannot enter into details on the similarity of this Hybrid to its parents, but the experts who examined the bird for you, Mr. Editor, are clearly of opinion that it is not a common Song Thrush, and a little more information from that quarter would be very interesting.

We all grant that this bird has followed to a great extent the male parent in colour and markings, and of course Mr. Robson had to judge it as staged. I have been a frequent visitor at Mr. Anderson's aviary for a number of years, and have often heard him express his opinion on the possibility of getting Hybrids from his Blackie hen and cock Song Thrush, and in 1914 the mother of the present Hybrids laid several clutches, but all were infertile.

This year the same Blackbird has nested and hatched out two young. I saw them in the nest; I saw them being fed by the Blackbird hen; I saw the Blackie egg-shells at the foot of the tree, and above all I saw on several occasions that there was no other bird that would mate with the Blackie but a Song Thrush cock or a Corn Bunting that was flying about the aviary. The result of this nest was two Hybrids. One died about three weeks ago, and the other one is living yet.

Again, after rearing above Hybrids, the Blackie hen went to nest a second time under same circumstances as before described. I again saw this interesting bird sitting on her nest, and I repeat I saw the contents of the aviary. Aye, Mr. Robson, and saw the eggs too, and, would you believe it, they were Blackie eggs. The young were duly hatched out of this nest, and Mr. Anderson got four Hybrids; one died in the nest, and one killed itself against the wire of the aviary.

Mr. Anderson has at present three Song Thrush-Blackbird Hybrids in his aviary, all beautiful birds and a credit to their owner. Now, Mr. Robson, I have nothing to gain or lose by fabricating the foregoing; there they are, corroborated by the owner and other two gentlemen. You are quite correct in saying that I did not see the eggs of this particular bird being hatched; neither did you see many particular birds hatched in your own bird-room; but, nevertheless, you knew the parents. So it is with me; there the Blackbird hen; there the Song Thrush cock, there the eggs and there the young.

Regarding Mr. Anderson or any one who had access to his aviary putting Thrush eggs in the nest; you have only to know the man to dispel that idea. We here could stake our lives on his word. He would be the last man in the Fancy to stoop to such a thing or allow it to be done.

Is this evidence now of any value? If not there is only one thing I would like, but I am sorry it is not in my power, that is to make a present to Mr. Robson of one of these Hybrids. He could then study it a little longer than he did at Carlisle. In the morning when he would go out to his aviary he would see this bird hop on to a branch and when perching spread out its tail, and when throwing in some worms he would hear it "chuck, chuck" all in cock Blackbird fashion. After a day or two of this Mr. Robson, you would imagine you could hear it "chuck, chuck" in your sleep; then Mr. Anderson would come into his own by your posting in all haste an ample apology for your mistake in trying so positively to deprive him of his laurels so honestly won.

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, I am in sympathy with your correspondent, Mr. G. Smithson. Let there be no descending to personalities in this controversy, but it is bad for the hobby to have an important advance in the breeding of rare Hybrids settled, or "snuffed out" in an easy manner.

"LOUDOUNHILL."

Walton and Everton C.B.S. and Its Shows.

Sir,—Replying to "Brecker," who complains of no reports of the above Society's shows, I should like to say that if "Brecker" (whoever he is) has kept in close touch with the Society during the past 12 months he must know that the late secretary has suffered much from ill-health during that time, and only by the help of others has he been able to retain office. The work of the shows has no doubt been a great strain to him, and I think it would have been much more manly of "Brecker" if he had aired his grievance at one of our meetings instead of slating the work of a sick man from behind a nom de plume. "Brecker" should attend the meetings regularly, and endeavour to get his name included in the list of donors of specials. He would find this to be the best spirit in which to encourage the secretary, and stimulate interest in the Society and its shows.

A. G. HUNT, hon. sec.

A Few Hints on Bird-catching.

SIR,—Respecting where to set a net to catch Linnets and Chaffinches, the best place I have found is a stubble field, about halfway up, near the hedge. I always use in the net the seed I clean from the cages, adding a bit of good sound rape and white Canary seed. I generally place seed where I am going to catch, a day or two before I go with the net, so the birds get to know where to feed. I place a bird in a call cage at each side of the net. I never have used a brace bird, so I don't know anything about the flirt stick. I have never been out to catch Bullfinches.

A NORTHERN BIRD FANCIER.

A Yellow Yorkshire Lost at Aberaman Show.

SIR,—I am surprised to find after the kind offer of Mr. Davies, the show manager, of a reward of £2 for the missing Yorkshire, that the secretary has treated the matter so coolly instead of investigating the case thoroughly. It was through my instigation that the entry was made, and I naturally feel more interested in same. I shall be obliged if Mr. Powell will answer me two questions in next week's issue. Can he prove that the bird was not stolen from the show? What was his reason for accusing me of calling on him, to buy a bird on false pretence, when I produced a letter to that effect? Now, Mr. Powell, be a sport; meet all your members, get the differences that are existing thrashed out, and bury the hatchet once and for all. In your society you have some of the best of fanciers, and by clearing the air you will be able to keep up the traditions of good old Aberaman and "Sweet Berdar" (Aberdare) which have always been second to none as sporting towns.

I shall be pleased to give you any assistance by attending the suggested meeting and getting the whole settled up amicably, so as to start the New Year with the best of feeling in this most appropriate time.

J. O'LEARY.

What About the Welsh National Show?

Sir,—I am delighted to read my old friend Jack Nicholas's letter, "What about a Welsh National Show this season?" I also am of opinion that we have in gallant little Wales plenty of fanciers who would gladly subscribe 5s. towards expenses of a show. We all know what a huge success the first National was, and I see no reason why we could not continue; we have plenty of exhibitors who I am sure would support our efforts. I am given to understand that Mr. Banks wrote our Cardiff Society re holding the Welsh National in February, but Cardiff could not entertain the proposal. Unfortunately Cardiff show has not had the help this year as in previous years from our members, including myself; therefore it makes it hard work for the committee and officials, and they do not relish running a show under such conditions.

Another point is that we have sold a lot of tickets for our show, and cannot ask people to buy tickets right on top of one another. Why not change the name of the Cardiff C.B.S. to Welsh National C.B.S., and hold at Cardiff every year a Welsh National show run on the same lines as Scottish National and London C.B.A. shows?

I am afraid we cannot hold two shows in Cardiff in the one season, that is why I suggest one large show. We have here one of the finest halls in the country, good railway service, and, last, but not least, plenty of good sound fanciers. I should like some of my old friends to give their opinions on the matter, as personally I am prepared to support a Welsh National show.

A. SHELLAM.

Birds in the Firing Line.

Sir,—Being a reader of your paper for some years, and now soldiering in Flanders, I thought you would like to know what I have seen of bird life here. Swallows were the first noticed, because they flew about as if they had not come back to their old home. And good reason why; their nesting places in the farm buildings had been blown down by the guns, so they nested in all kinds of places; in soldiers' billets, and in cottages, passing in and out through broken windows. They were quite tame, and took no notice of any noise or lights. Yellowhammers are numerous, as it is a country that suits them; they have ideal nesting places on the sloping sides of the deep ditches that irrigate the great plains, and their song could be heard from morning till dusk.

It was very curious to hear the Larks singing and Cuckoo calling among the bursting shells. Thrushes and Blackbirds are fairly plentiful, and so are Missel-Thrushes. The Sparrow is very numerous, both in villages and in the trenches. There is a kind of big Owl that hawks the trenches for mice and rats at night. I have not seen many Brown Linnets, Redpolls, Greenfinches, nor Chaffinches, and only one small flock of Goldfinches. The Goldfinches were small, and not very well coloured. Later on, I heard a familiar chatter among some self-sown corn, so I went to investigate, and up flew three Budgerigars. I don't know whether they were wild or escaped birds. In October big flocks of Siskins were migrating from east to west for three days in an almost continuous stream; some kept dropping on thistles, and were big fine birds. There are also a great number of Norway Crows feeding on the marshes. I am sorry to say that nine birds out of ten kept by the peasants are blinded Chaffinches.

PTE. C. BURTON.

1st Sherwood Foresters, B.E.F., France.

Should Present-day Exhibition Lancashires be Abolished?

Sir,—I see Mr. W. Adams is surprised at my remarks on the Lancashires at Manchester. Well, he was not there, so he does not know what they were like. He also says he is certain there are still some good Lancashires left. Where are they to be found? I, for one, have not seen one for many a long day. He says there were good ones out at the R.G.I. show. Very likely; mongrels beating mongrels, as usual. Two or three in a class, and no prize money for the winner, same as at Manchester, and they call that showing these days.

Now Mr. Adams, I don't take any notice of your remarks on the Lancashire, as I have never looked on you as a Lancashire breeder. You have never bred to show, though you have bought some that have been going in your time to win with. You have had some fair birds as times go, but no right good clean bred Lancashires. Very few men have bred that sort for years. The best bird I have ever seen you show was that old ticked Buff Coppy that you sold Hordern, the brother to John Vickers' old Buff Plainhead, and you bought him.

You say Mr. Jameson's is a good bird. Where is he good after you leave his back? He has a fair spoon back that a Lancashire should have, but after that where is he good? He is a big one, and that is all. As for that young one off him it is only what anyone would expect to breed off a bird like the father. The breed has too much Crest in it. You say show committees should keep fanciers from acting as stewards. I was not a steward at Manchester. Why do you not say they should have kept me out of the show room? I know I am a bad lot when mongrels are about to be judged, and you need not tell the mongrel breeders of Lancashire to keep me out of their rooms, as I don't want to go in.

You say the Club keeps dragging along. It does, doing nothing for the Lancashire. What has it done for the last twenty-five years? What have the Lancashire breeders been doing but grabbing the £ s. d. from Crest breeders? Don't say they have been breeding for the bench: they have not. For my part I think the Crest buyers are off. The Crest fancy is going down; the moneyed men are spending their time and money riding about in motor cars, not in Crest breeding or showing. The mongrel Crest-cum-Lancashire is no use to the Yorkshire breeders, judging by the letters I am receiving for pure-bred Lancashires. One this week tells me he had one from Oldham on approval, and it is no use; too much feather, and too short on the leg. Yorkshire breeders have been good buyers in the past, and would be again if the Lancashire breeders had any of the right sort of Lancashires to sell, but they have not.

In letters I have received for Lancashire hens the writers say they want good long birds, with long wings and tail, well on the legs, and to stand well up as usual; also must be a big bird. Not bad that. And they don't know anything about Lancashire show points? I think they do. Do they think a man is going to spend thirty years of his life trying to breed birds such as they want, and what every Lancashire breeder wants, and then sell them to cross with Yorkshires or anything else? Not me. I know a few good Lancashire lads that can do with hens of that sort. If the breeders of Lancashires were as keen as the breeders of Yorkshires, we should soon have a better lot of show birds on the bench, and none of the trouble we have to-day. The Clegg and Adams combine is out of the question as long as fanciers are after the £ s. d. so keen. It was not so in the old days when men bred Lancashires.

E. FULLER.

The Novice Problem.

Sir,—I see in the Dec. 18 issue of your esteemed paper, CAGE BIRDS, "Just come back" refers to a son of a very prominent breeder winning the novice medal of a certain specialist club. As secretary of the Society referred to, I beg to inform him that the winner of the novice medal withdrew his claim to same in favour of the runner-up. I think it would be better if fanciers knew all the facts before rushing into print.

W. B. SMART, sec. B.F.C.C.

SIR,—I quite agree with "Just Come Back" that it is quite time something was done about this difficult problem. The only way, to my mind, is to limit all novice classes to, say, £4; this would stop fanciers (?) lending their best birds to win in such sections.

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CITY OF CORK C.B.S.

Annual show in the City Hall, Dec. 15 and 16. The room was all that could be desired, being warm, free from draughts, and well lighted. The birds were well staged, and the hon. secs., Mrs. Greene and Mr. Cottrell, looked well after the wants of the exhibits. The show was well attended during the two days, and many birds were claimed. Mr. A. A. Cowgill, of Bradford, was the judge, and his awards were well received.

YORKS. CL. YELL. Ck. (10): 1, 3, Mills, 1 unflig., very racy, grand pos. and fult of qual., 3 nice type and qual., good wings, piped tail, neat head; 2, Keating, good head, level col., nice flights and tail pos.; res, O'Reilley; vhc, Dalton; hc, c, Neville. HEN (8): 1, 2, —, 1 neat round head, full of qual., rich col., well up on leg, nice pos., wins, 2 good head, clean on breast, nice wing carr., piped tail, pos.; 3, Greene, nice type, well up on leg, pale col., fails on breast a little; res, c, Neville; hc, Buckley; vhc, Keatings. CL. BUFF Ck. (9): 1, Neville, rare length, grand type, full of nerve, long flights, well placed, good neat tail, boxy feather; 2, Beegan, unflig., nice type and qual., good wings and tail; 3, Keatings, very neat and typical, good wings and tail, fails length to winner; res, Greene; vhc, Dalton; c, Buckley; hc, Greene. HEN (11): 1, res, hc, Neville, 1 rich level col., good head, nice type, lovely wings and tail, real topper; 2, c, Dalton, very racy, full of qual., rare length, not so erect as winner, but a nice bird; 3, Greene, rare qual. and pos., good wings and tail; vhc, Keatings. TKD. YELL Ck. (9): 1, Keatings, thigh marked, rare qual., type, rich level col., good head and wings, piped tail; 2, Neville, eyes and wings, very breedy, nice type and qual.; 3, Williams and Whittey, tkd. head, full of qual., rare type, good wings and tail, fails a little in neck; res, hc, Dalton; vhc, Greenie; c, Greene. HEN (6): 1, hc, Neville, eyes and wings marked, rich col., good head, nice pos.; 2, Keatings, wing tick, pale col., rare length and pos., good round head, full of qual.; 3, Greene, both eyes and wings marked, nice head and back, full of qual., pos., fails a little on breast; res, Dalton; vhc, Mills. TKD. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Mills, eyes and saddle mkd., silky feather, nice type, very rich level col., well up on leg; 2, 3, Neville, wing mkd., rather on the stout side, full of qual., nice wing carr., pipe tail, very stylish, good stud bird, 3 wings and head mkd., rare pos., sbm, full of qual., nice wings and tail; res, Dalton; vhc, O'Reilley. TKD., Etc. (6): 1, Keatings, thigh mkd., well filled-in neck, good head, very racy, nice qual., level col; 2, Mills, head tick, fearless pos., good wings and tail, fails a little in shape; 3, Dalton, mkd. eyes and wings, rich col., full of qual., fails a little in pos.; res, Neville; vhc, Buckley; hc, S. O'Reilly. NON-COLOUR-FED CK. (10): 1, Williams and Whitty, buff, rare length, full of qual., long flights, well placed, good head and breast, pos., in the pink of cond; 2, Dalton, close up to winner, nice type and qual., mkd. eyes and one wing; 3, vhc, hc, Sholedice, 3 yellow boxy feather, well on leg, very stylish; res, Miss V. M. Foley; c, Miss S. G. Ruby.

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—THOS. WALKER (Tweedmouth).

NON-FED HENS (8): 1, Beegan, cl. buff, boxy feather, grand type and full of nerve, wins; 2, 3, vhc, Sholedice, fine team, 2 mkd. wing and head, very typical, little open on breast, 3 yellow, full of qual., pos.; res, Miss V. M. Foley; hc, Wright; c, Miss S. G. Ruby. CINN. MKD. CK. (4): 1, Keating, yell., rare type and qual., wins; 2, Cottrill, neck tick yell., full of qual. and pos.; 3, Neville, buff, well up on leg, nice wings and tail, looks well; res, Williams and Whitty. HEN (8): 1, res, Buckley, yell. head, eyes, and wings, very stylish, boxy feather, well up on leg, wins; 2, 3, Greene, buff eyes and wings, rare type and full of qual., a good run, 3 yell. mkd. eyes and wing, lovely featber, rare style, well up on leg; vhc, Dalton; hc, Neville; c, Williams and Whitty; a good class. NOR. CREST OR CRESTBRED (3): 1, 2, 3, Osborne, 1 Crest, grand centre and droop, 2 Crest, plenty of flesh, grand centre and droop, 3 Crestbred, good head, plenty of featber. NOR. YELL. OR MKD. CK. (2): 1, S. O'Reilly; 2, Neville. HEN (1): 1, Williams and Whitty. BUFF CK. (4): 1, S. O'Reilly, good head and neck, short and cobby, full of qual.; 2, 3, Neville, eye tick, full of qual., fails a little in head, 3 buff mkd., full of qual., fails in size. NOV. YORKS. CL. OR MKD. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Spencer; 2, Peters. HEN (1): 1, Duff. BUFF CK. (1): 1, Duff. HEN (2): 1, Duff; 2, Peters. NORWICH (1): 1, Late. MULES (4): 1, 3, res, Dawson; 2, Young. GOLD-CAN. DARK (3): 1, 2, 3, Southwood. LIN.-CAN. (3): 1, 2, Southwood; 3, Dawson. BRIT. BULLIE (5): 1, vhc, King, good head and tan, rich col., in the pink of cond.; 2, S. O'Reilly, nice cond. and col., good head, fails in size to first; 3, Dawson, nice cond., good head and pos., rich col.; res, Patterson. HEN (9): 1, 2, Southwood, 1 in the pink of cond., rare type and size, steady, wins, 2 close up to winner, nice type and cond; 3, S. O'Reilly, good head, cond., fails in size; res, Dawson; hc, Couron; vhc, Miss V. M. Foley; c, King. GOLDIE (6): 1, Southwood, fine square rich col., blaze, bars and button in the pink; 2, Dawson, not so rich in col. of blaze to winner, nice bars and buttons; 3, Cronin, on the small side, nice cond.; res, Walsh; vhc, King; hc, no name. LINNET (9): 1, 2, Southwood, nice type, rich nutty col., plenty of work on breast and flank, wins, 2 nice type and col., close up to winner; 3, Dawson, good size, fails in workings; res, O'Callaghan; vhc, c, King; hc, Griffin. SIS., TWITE OR REDPOLL (10): 1, c, Dawson, 1 Redpoll, rich col., nice cap and pencilling; 2, S. O'Reilly, Sis., nice tck. and mkngs., good cond.; 3, vhc, hc, Southwood, 3 grand Twite, we like, rich col. and mkngs; res, King. SKYLARK (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, King, a grand team, lovely coud. and mkng., needs no comment; res, Patterson; hc, Dawson; c, Brady.

THRUSH OR BLACKBIRD, Etc. (4): 1, 3, res, Southwood, 1 Thrush (Missel), nicely mkd., rare cond., 3 Starling, in the pink of cond., nicely spangled, shines like glass; 2, Smith, Song Thrush, nice col. and mkngs. A.O. VAR. (5): 1, res, King, Greenf., good head, rare size and col., rich bars; 2, 3, Miss V. M. Foley, 2 Chaff., rich col., nice whites, very steady, in the pink of cond., 3 Bramble, steady, lack cond. RARE FEATHER (1): 1, Walsh, white Goldie hen. FOR. (1): 1, Mrs. Kennedy.

GARSTON BIRD BREEDERS.

15th Annual Show, Dec. 4, in The Rechabite Hall, Seddon Road. It proved the most successful the society has held for a number of years, 200 birds being staged in the finest condition. The judge was Mr. W. Young, of New Brighton. There were 22 special prizes provided by our patrons and the society for the various classes and the secretary is to be congratulated upon the able manner in which he carried out his duties with the assistance of Messrs. Hilton and Ireland. YORKS CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (10): 1, hc, Lowe; 2, Mullock; 3, vhc, c, Rothwell. CL. OR TKD. BUFF CK. (12): 1, c, Rothwell; 2, T. Evans; 3, hc, Lowe; vhc, Mullock. UNEVEN MKD. OR VAR. YELL. CK. (2): 1, 2, Lowe. UNEVEN MKD. OR VAR BUFF CK. (3): 1, Rothwell; 2, Jones; 3, Lowe. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 3, Rothwell; 2, vhc, c, Lowe; hc, Mullock. CL. OR TKD. BUFF HEN (9): 1, vhc, Lowe; 2, 3, hc, Rothwell; c, Griffiths. UNEVEN MKD. OR VAR. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, Rothwell; 3, Lowe; vhc, Blundell; hc, Hilton. UNEVEN MKD. OR VAR. BUFF HEN (3): 1, 2, Rothwell; 3, Blundel. YELL., BRED 1915 (11): 1, 2, vhc, Rothwell; 3, Evans; hc, Griffiths; c, Mullock. BUFF, BRED 1915 (15): 1, Lowe; 2, 3, c, Rothwell; vhc, hc, J. Ireland. SELF OR FOUL YELL CK. (5): 1, 2, Evans; 3, Griffiths; vhc, Ireland; hc, Robertshaw. DO. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Griffiths; 2, 3, Evans. DO. YELL. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, Evans; vhc, Blundel. DO. BUFF HEN (5): 1, 2, Evans; 3, Griffiths; vhc, Hilton; hc, Jones. DO. YELL, BRED 1915 (6): 1, Griffiths; 2, Evans; 3, Lowe; vhc, hc, c, Woolfenden. DO. BUFF, BRED 1915 (5): 1, 3, Griffiths; 2, Evans; vhc, Woolfenden. NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Prange; 2, Mullock. CL. OR TKD. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Prange; 2, Griffiths; 3, Woolfenden. UNEVEN MKD. OR VAR. BUFF CK. (2): 1, 2, Mullock; 2, Robertshaw. Class 21, Cancelled. Class 22 (2): 1, Woolfenden; 2, Mullock. Classes 23 and 24, cancelled. YELL, 1915 (3): 1, Mullock; 2, Griffiths; 3, Woolfenden. BUFF, BRED 1915 (5): 1, Griffiths; 3, Prange; vhc, Mullock; hc, Woolfenden. SELF OR FOUL YELL., CK. OR HEN (3): 1, Robertshaw; 2, 3, Woolfenden. Class 28, cancelled. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, Robertshaw; 2, Hilton. BRIT., MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Lloydd, Goldie Mule; 2, Lonsdale, Greenie Mule; 3, Robertshaw, Linnet Mule; vhc, Blundel; hc, Robertshaw. GOLDF. F.M. (3): 1, Lloydd; 2, 3, Bryant. DO., H.M. (7): 1, c, Bryant; 2, Leadbetter; 3, vhc, Robertshaw; hc, Lonsdale. BULLF. (6): 1, Prange, extra good H.M. Bullie, wants some beating; 2, Robertshaw; 3, c, Lloydd; vhc, Lonsdale; hc, Jones. GREENF. (7): 1, Lloyd; 2, Leadbetter; 3, Robertshaw; vhc, Rothwell; hc, Lonsdale; c, Jones. LIN., F.M. (6): 1, Robertshaw; 2, hc, Jones; 3, Leadbetter; vhc, Lowe. DO., H.M. (7): 1, Robertshaw; 2, 3, Rothwell; vhc, Leadbetter; hc, Caulfield; c, Lonsdale. BRAMBLEF. (2): 1, Robertsbaw; 2, Rothwell. CHAFF. (4): 1, 2, Rothwell; 3, Leadbetter; vhc, Lloydd. SISKIN (3): 1, 3, Leadbetter; 2, Jones. REDPOLL (6): 1, Leadbetter; 2, Lloydd; 3, c, Robertshaw; vbc, hc, Jones. TWITE (2): 1, 2, Robertshaw. A.V. BUNTING (3): 1, 2, 3, Lloydd. A.O.V., HARD OR SOFT (3): 1, Hilton; 2, Jones; 3, Leadbetter. A.V. BRIT. HEN (7): 1, Robertshaw; 2, Lonsdale; 3, Lloydd; vhc, Leadbetter; hc, c, Jones. Winners of special prizes, most points, classes 1 to 10, Rothwell; 11 to 16, Evans; 17 to 26, Mullock; 30 to 34, Robertshaw; 35 to 39, Rothwell; 40 to 45, Lloyd. Winner of Tate Cup and Set of Vases, Rothwell (3rd year in succession). Most points throughout the year, Canaries: 1, Lowe; 2, Rothwell; 3, Evans. Brit.: 1, Lloydd; 2, Leadbetter; 3, Jones. Best Canary in show, Rothwell; best vbc Can., Mullock; best Green in show, Evans; best Brit. in show, Prange; best vhc Brit., Robertshaw; best A.O.V. Brit., Hilton; best A.O.V. Can., Robertshaw; most points in show, Novice: 1, Robertshaw; 2, Leadbetter.—R. T. Lonsdale, Hon. Sec.

WINDHILL, SHIPLEY C.B.S.

The above society held its 28th Annual Exhibition of Canaries on Dec. 4, in the Carnegie Library Hall, Windhill. Mr. H. J. Chittenden officiated as judge. The following is a list of the prize winners:—Cl. Yell. Yorks.: 1, Sutcliffe and Son; 2, Bennett; 3, Dykes; 4, Stobart; vhc, Mason. Do. Buff: 1, Mason; 2, Sutcliffe and Son; 3, Sharpe; 4, Dykes; vhc, Lunn; hc, Millar; c, Sutcliffe. Unflg. Yell.: 1, Dykes; 2, Bennett; 3, Fawcett; 4, Sutcliffe and Son; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Loyd; c, Bennett. Do. Buff: 1, 2, Seager; 3, Mason; 4, Sutcliffe and Son; vhc, Dykes; hc, Fawcett; c, Bennett. Do. Yell. or Buff Hen: 1, Dykes; 2, Sutcliffe; 3, 4, Thornton and Robertshaw; vhc, Loyd; hc, Middleton. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Dykes; 2, Helliwell; 3, Fawcett; 4, Millar; vhc, Mountain; hc, Dibb. Do. Buff Hen: 1, Whitwham; 2, Hodgson; 3, Helliwell; 4, Midgling; vhc, Dykes; hc, Middleton; c, Atkinson. Cinn., Tkd. or Varieg. Yell: 1, 3, Dr. Craig; 2, Sutcliffe and Son; 4, Towers; vhc, Morrison. Do. Buff: 1, c, Dr. Craig; 2, Morrison; 3, Bennett; 4, vhc, Atkinson and Firth; hc, Towers. Do. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Dr. Craig; 3, Morrison; 4, Midgling; vhc, Sharp; hc, Atkinson and Firth; c, Priestley. Do. Buff Hen: 1, Whitwham; 2, Morrison; 3, c, Dr. Craig; 4, Towers; vhc, Millar; hc, Midgling. Even, Uneven, or Heav. Varieg. Yell., Grn. Mkd.: 1, Dykes; 2, Towers; 3, Sutcliffe and Son; 4, Morrison; vhc, Middleton; hc, Hall; c, Cooper. Do. Buff: 1, Thornton and Robertshaw; 2, Dykes; 3, Sharpe; 4, Hall; vhc, Morrison; hc, Towers; c, Priestley. Do. Yell. Hen: 1, Morrison; 2, Towers; 3, Dykes; 4, Mason; vhc, Sharpe; hc, Dibb; c, Millar. Do. Buff Hen: 1, Dykes; 2, Towers; 3, Sutcliffe and Son; 4, P. Mason; vhc, Parnett; hc, Sharpe; c, Hall. Nov. Classes: Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Ratcliffe; 2, Symes; 3, Bailey; 4, Rayner; vhc, Crowther; hc, Morley and Hill; c, Farnish. Do. Buff: 1, Craven; 2, hc, Naylor, jun.; 3, Broadley; 4, Hanson; vbc, Firth; c, Terry. Unflg. Yell. or Buff: 1, W. Firth; 2, Crowther; 3, H. Firth; 4, Bloomfield; vhc, Morley and Hill; hc, Symes; c, Farnish. Do. Hen: 1, Sugden; 2, Crowther; 3, A. Firth; 4, Fretwell; vhc, Symes; hc, Rayner; c, Kendall. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Sugden; 2, Ratcliffe; 3, Taylor; 4, Morley and Hill; vhc, Mitchell; hc, A. Firth; c, Craven. Cl. or Tkd. Buff Hen: 1, Swift; 2, F. Radley; 3, Terry; 4, Craven; vhc, Rayner; hc, A. Firth. Even, Uneven. or Heav. Varieg. Yell. or Buff: (Grn. Mkd.): 1, 3, c, Taylor; 2, Symes; 4, Gledhill; vhc, Bloomfield; hc, Town. Do. Hen: 1, Ratcliffe; 2, A. Firth; 3, Hanson; 4, Gledhill; vhc, Crowther; hc, Symes; c, Rayner. Cinn. Tkd. or Variegated. Yell. or Buff: 1, Gledhill; 2, vhc, Symes; 3, Ratcliffe; 4, Hutchinson. A.V. Yell. or Buff Nor. Plainhead Ck.: 1, vhc, Thos. Baldwinson; 2, 3, G. A. Simonett; 4, hc, Maiden and Spencer. Do. Hen: 1, 4, Maiden and Spencer; 2, vhc, G. A. Simonett; 3, hc, Baldwinson. Selling, 15s. 6d.: 1, Mason; 2, Bower; 3, Atkinson; 4, c, Lunn; vhc, Barker; hc, Halliday. Selling, 12s. 6d.: 1, Lunn; 2, Hartley; 3, Millar; 4, Mason; vhc, hc, Atkinson.—S. Midgley, Hon. Sec.

Use Our Notepaper.

SHETTLESTON, CARNTYNE.

First annual show held Nov. 20, in the Co-operative Hall, Shettleston. This hall is quite new, very spacious, lofty, well lighted, and fully equipped with every modern convenience for comfort. Weather was very cold and dull, consequently entries did not come quite up to expectations. Quality as a whole was very good, and each section was represented by not a few really meritorious specimens. Hon. Pres., Mr. W. Robertson; Pres., A. Hendrie; Vice-Pres., G. Henderson and J. Mackay; and the sec., J. Irvine, are all well known. Secretary Irvine works hard to place the Society on a sound working basis. We sincerely hope that his efforts were rewarded with the success deserved. Those of the Committee whom we happened to spot were in their element, attending to the requirements of the stock under their care. Another year's experience should make them ripe in knowledge. The proceeds of this venture were for the local Red Cross and Nursing Association, and we hope that a nice sum was handed over as the result of their labours. The judges were, for Crests, Norwich and Borders, G. Smart; for Scots Fancies, Mules, British and Foreign, R. H. Livingstone, and as not a dissenting voice was heard we take it that all their awards were well received. Following is list of awards:—

CREST OR C.B., 1915 (6): 1, 2, Irvine; 3, 5, Watt; 4, 6, Glasgow. OLD C. OR C.B. (15): 1, sp, cup, vhc, Watt; 2, sp, 3, Sneddon; 4, 6, Irvine; 7, Drummond. YELL. NOR. (3): 1, sp, Gray; 2, Rice; 3, Berry. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Gray; 2, 3, Rice; 4, Ferguson; 5, Irvine. HEN (7): 1, Dunnan and Shepherd; 2, sp, Gray; 3, sp, 5, 6, Rice; 4, Berry. OLD YELL. NOR. CK. (4): 1, sp, 3, Gray; 2, sp, Irvine; 4, Craig. HEN (3): 1, Hartley; 2, 3, Irvine. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Irvine; 2, 4, Rice; 3, Hartley; 5, Gray; 6, Ferguson. HEN (5): 1, Irvine; 2, 3, Gray; 4, Ferguson; 5, Craig. CL. OR TKD. YELL. BOR. CK., 1915 (9): 1, 2, sp, Dunnan and Shepherd; 3, sp, 4, McCaskill; 5, Thomson; 6, Berry. HEN (7): 1, Dunnan and Shepherd; 2, 3, Mackay; 4, Dalling; 5, Irvine. BUFF CK. (10): 1, points cup, 2, MacKay; 3, 4, Dunnan and Shepherd; 5, Hartley; 6, Dalling. HEN (8): 1, sp, Thomson; 2, 3, Mackay; 4, Dunnan and Shepherd; 5, Hartley; 6, Craig. VAR. (11): 1, sp, 3, Dunnan and Shepherd; 2, 4, Mackay; 5, Hartley; 6, Dalling. GREEN OR CINN. (6): 1, Mackay; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Irvine. OLD CL. OR TKD. YELL. BOR. CK. (2): 1, Rice. HEN (2): 1, sp, Rice; 2, Dalling. CL. OR TKD. BUFF CK. (4): 1, 3, Mackay; 2, McLeod. HEN (3): 1, 2, Rice. VAR. (7): 1, 2, Hartley; 3, 5, Dalling; 4, Thomson. GREEN OR CINN. (1): 1, sp, Mackay. SCOTS CK., 1915 (4): 1, 2, sp, McCaskill; 3, 4, Mackay. HEN (2): 1, McCaskill; 2, Mackay. OLD YELL. CK. (4): 1, sp, McCaskill; 2, Berry; 3, Hartley. HEN (1): 1, Irvine. BUFF CK. (3): 1, McCaskill; 2, Mackay; 3, Irvine. HEN (2): 1, McCaskill; 2, Mackay. YORKS. 1915 (2): 1, Thomson; 2, Hendrie. OLD YORKS. (3): 1, sp, 2, Thomson; 3, Hendrie. NOV. NOR. 1915 (7): 1, 2, sp, 3, 4, 5, Rice; 6, Ferguson. OLD (8): 1, 2, Hartley; 3, 5, Ferguson; 4, Rice. NOV. BOR. 1915 (11): 1, sp, McLeod; 2, sp, 5, 6, Hartley; 3, sp, Thomson; 4, Dalling. OLD (10): 1, McLeod; 2, Hartley; 3, 6, Rice; 4, 5, Dalling. BRIT. SECTION, BLLF. CK. (3): 1, Hendrie; 2, Congan; 3, Craig. GREENF.: 1, Congan; 2, sp, Taylor; 3, Rice; 4, Irvine; 5, Ferguson. LINNET (3): 1, Rice; 2, 3, Congan. LESSER REDPOLL, Etc. (7): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, 4, Congan; 5, Irvine. CHAFF., BRAMBLEF. OR YELLOWHAMMER (9): 1, sp, 3, 6, Rice; 2, sp, Irvine; 4, Congan; 5, Ferguson. A.O.V. BRIT. not classed (3): 1, Rice; 2, Irvine; 3, Craig. GIFT (6): 1, sp, Irvine; 2, 5, Hartley; 3, Mackay; 4, McLeod; 6, Rice. FOREIGN (1): 1, Rice. SELL. (5): 1, Berry; 2, 3, Hendrie; 4, 5, Irvine.

MARDY.

First open show, held Dec. 16. Although our section was not quite as well patronised as was expected, the other sections came up well, and, altogether, the first venture was a huge success, and, from what we heard, another year this society will appoint a separate judge for our section. Our section was in the capable hands of Messrs. Eve, Brown, and Davies, who had everything well in hand, and did everything possible for the welfare of the exhibits under their charge. The show manager, Mr. H. Greaves, is another cage bird fancier, and he was also very attentive, and left no stone unturned to add to the success of the show. The secretary, Mr. D. D. Jones, is the right man in the right place, and the society are indeed fortunate in having such an able man for the position. Mr. O. E. Hodge judged.

NOR. YELL., CK. (5): 1, sp, 3, 4, vhc, H. Greaves, leader cl., grand col., neat head, well filled neck, nicely balanced wings and tail, good cobby body; 3rd, var., splendid col. and qual., nice shape, neat wings and tail, hardly subs. of leader; 4th, cl., good head and neck, nice col. and qual., nicely moulded; 2, D. W. Jones, cl. yell., good qual. and col., neat head and neck, good wings and tail, fails subs. to leader. BUFF, CK. (6): 1, 3, vhc, hc, H. Greaves, both cl., leader grand type and qual., good size, well balanced wings and tail, nice pos.; latter, shade smaller, good type, grand qual. and col.; 2, Morris, cl., nice col. and qual., good head and neck, nice cond., trifle long; 4, Davies, good col. and qual., nice cobby body, rather weak in head. HEN (7): 1, Jos. Davies, cl. yell., nice col. and qual., good head and neck, well moulded body, put down in good order; 2, vhc, hc, c, H. Greaves, cl. yell., lovely col. and qual., grand head and neck, well balanced wings and tail, nicely moulded throughout, must have pressed; 3, Jn. Davies, cheek mkd. buff, nice subs., good qual. and cond., inclined to cross wings at times; 4, D. W. Jones, cl. yell., smaller, nice type, qual., and col. UNFLG. (9): 1, sp, vhc, hc, H. Greaves, cl. buff, nice type and qual, well set wings and tail, good deep chest, well cut away behind; 2, Geo. Davies, cl. yell., grand col. and qual., neat head, good wings and tail, a trifle long; 3, Morris, yell., good cobby body, well filled neck, good head, lovely col. and qual.; 4, D. W. Jones, grizzle mkd. buff, fair size, nice col., qual., type, and cond.; c, Jos. Davies. YORKS., YELL., CK. (8): 1, Watkins, cl., good head and neck, nice straight back, well braced wings, good leg, nice pos. and nerve, lovely col. and qual; 2, Brown, cap and wing mkd., lovely col. and qual., nicely moulded, good leg, hardly length of leader; 3, Baker, cl., neat head and neck, good straight back, nice leg, good pos.; 4, Burrows, var., grand size, col. and qual., nice leg, shade smaller than leaders; vhc, Maidment; hc, James; c, Edwards and Jones. BUFF, CK. (6): 1, 3, Brown, tkd. buff leading, neat head and neck, good back, wings, and tail, nicely moulded, well up on leg, good pos., col., and qual; latter, cl., lovely col. and qual., good length and pos.; 2, Baker, close up, nice head and neck, well filled back, good tail, grand pos. and leg; 4, Watkins, cl., lovely col. and qual., nice length and pos., good leg; vhc, James; abs., Everett. HEN (5): 1, Brown, cl. buff, nice type and qual., neat wings and tail, shade on the small side; 2, Watkins, cl., lovely length, nice col. and qual., good head and neck, nice straight back and tail, well up on leg, badly frilled in front; 3, James, grizzle mkd. yell., neat head, well filled neck, nicely balanced wings and tail, could do with a bit more subs.; 4, Burrows, var. yell., lovely col. and qual., good wings and tail, nice pos. and nerve, shade weak in head; vhc, Edwards and Jones. CNFLG. (10): 1, hc, Brown, cl. buff, nice col. and qual., good wings and tail, nicely moulded throughout, good leg and pos.; 2, Thomas, cl. yell., shade small, lovely col. and qual., nicely moulded, good leg; 3, Edwards and Jones, cl. yell., good length, neat head and neck, nice wings, tail, and pos., lovely col. and qual.; 4, Bevan, nice type, good length, nice pos. and leg, put down in very poor order; vhc, Mann; c, Jones and Herbert. A.O.V. (7): 1 Geo. Davies, green Crest, nice subs., good shaped crest, lovely col. and qual.; 2, hc, Edwards, var. Crest, grand subs., lovely cond., hardly as neat crest as leader; 3, vhc, Mrs. Burgess, Gold Lizard, cl. cap, beautifully spangled, put down in grand order; c, Amos; abs., Challenger. NOVICE, NOR. (8): 1, Owens, cl. yell., neat head and neck, good wings, lovely col. and qual., trifle long; 2, Davies, bull, thicker set, weak head, good cobby body, nicely balanced wings and tail, good cond. and qual.; 3, Dan Greaves, yell., nice col. and qual., neat head and neck, good wings and tail, could do with a little more subs.; 4, Davies, yell., grand col. and qual., good cobby shape, neat wings, and tail, might have won, and nobody grumbled; vhc, Eve; hc, Hall. NOV., YORKS. (13): 1, J. H. Bevan, mkd. yell., grand col. and qual., neat head and neck, good back, wings, and tail, nice front, well up on leg; hc, Jones, cl. yell., good col. and qual., nice length, hardly as good on leg as leader; 3, vhc, Maidment, wing mkd. yell., neat head, good wings and back, nicely moulded, grand leg and pos., might have been higher; hc, Morris; c, Jones. A.V. MULE (11): 1, 2, Evans, both Jonque, eye and wing mkd. Goldies, leader lovely col. and qual., with a little more size would be a real good one; latter, hardly as rich col., nice shape, cond., and qual.; 3, hc, D. W. Jones, another lightly var. Goldie, nice size and shape, good cond. and qual.; 4, Thomas, buff var., nice size and shape, put down in good order; vhc, Rowlands; c, Emanuel. GOLDF. (9): 1, Cozens, nice expansive blaze, rich tans, bars, and buttons, good size and shape, nice col. and qual.; 2, H. Greaves, nice size, good square blaze, rather paler col. than leader, nice tans, bars and buttons, good cond. and qual.; 3, Edwards, shade smaller than leaders, rich col., blaze, nice tans, good bars, buttons, cond., and qual.; 4, vhc, Slocombe, nice size and shape, good shape, blaze rather pale in col. throughout; hc, Davies; c, Foster. LINNET (9): 1, sp, 3, Nicholas, both well known winners, need no comment; 2, vhc, Davies, medium size, good col. and qual., nicely laced, good cond.; hc, Hillman; c, H. Greaves. A.O.V. HARDBILL (7): 1, Edwards, Bullf., good size and shape, nice cap and bars, good breast col. and cond.; 2, Hillman, Yellow-hammer, fair size, nice cond. and qual., rather wild when we saw him; 3, Davies, Bullf., smaller than leader, nice rich col., good bars and cap, grand qual. and cond.; vhc, Eve; hc, H. Greaves; c, Owens. SELLING, 15s.: 1, Dan Greaves; 2, vhc, Brown; 3, Goodenough; 4, Watkins; vhc, Jones and Herbert; hc, Hall. FOR. A.V. (8): 1, Mrs. Burgess, Australian Thrush, a grand exhibit, in perfect order, wins; 2, Skerrett, large, good cond., Grey Parrot; 3, vhc, hc, Foster, pair Green Budgerigars, in splendid order; 4, Thomas, Grey Parrot, shade smaller than 2nd, nice cond. LOCAL CLASS (12): 1, vhc, Hall; 2, vhc, Thomas; 3, Jones; 4, Chambers; hc, Morris; c, James.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual Members' Show of Canaries, Nov. 27, King Cross Band Room. 143 birds were staged for Mr. J. A. Taylor, of Bradford, to judge, and his awards met with the approval of all. The special prize for best bird in show went to Mr. S. S. Rigg, and that for most points to W. Horsman. The following also won special prizes:—Messrs. Gelder, Priestley, Thornton, Corney, G. Mitchell, Stobart, Sharp, Sutcliffe, Staddin and Baldwin, sen., Stansfield, Lumb, Savile, Wilson, and Townend. The committee wish to thank all donors of the valuable specials. Messrs. Spencer and Wilcock acted as stewards and got through their work well. Awards Open Section: Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks., Cock: 1, Sharp; 2, Sutcliffe; 3, Stobart; 4, Lumb; vhc, Sutcliffe; hc, Walsh. Do., Buff Yorks Ck.: 1, 2, Stobart; 3, Sutcliffe; 4, vhc, Savile. Unflig. Yell. or Buff Yorks. Ck.: 1, vhc, Rigg; 2, Priestley; 3, 4, Stobart; hc, c, Sharp. Even, Uneven, Etc., Yell. or Buff Yorks Ck.: 1, 2, Priestley; 3, 4, vhc, Sutcliffe. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. York Hen: 1, Rigg; 2, Priestley; 3, Savile. Do. Buff Yorks. Hen: 1, 2, Priestley; 3, Walsh. Unflig. Yell. or Buff Hen: 1, Rigg; 2, Savile; 3, hc, Priestley; 4, Stobart; vhc, c, Sutcliffe. Even, Uneven, Etc., Yell. or Buff Hen: 1, Sharp; 2, 4, Priestley; 3, vhc, Lumb; hc, Sutcliffe. Novice Section: Cl.or Tkd. Yell. Yorks. Ck.: 1, Gelder; 2, Thornton; 3, Horsman; 4, Senior; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Wilson; c, Speak. Do. Buff Yorks. Ck.: 1, hc, Gelder; 2, Thornton; 3, Horsman; 4, c, Mitchell; vhc, Senior. Unflig. Yell. or Buff Yorks. Ck.: 1, Wilson; 2, Gelder; 3, Stansfield; 4, Senior; vhc, Horsman; hc, W. Mitchell; c, G. Mitchell. Even, Uneven, Etc., Yell. or Buff Ck.: 1, Horsman; 2, Thornton; 3, Corney; 4, W. Mitchell; vhc, Senior; hc, Stansfield; c, Child. Cl. or Tkd., Yell. Yorks. Hen: 1, 4, G. Mitchell; 2, Thornton; 3, Senior; vhc, Gelder; hc, Staddin and Baldwin. Do. Buff Yorks. Hen: 1, Speak; 2, 3, Gelder; 4, G. Mitchell; vhc, c, Thornton; hc, Wilson. Unflig., Yell. or Buff Yorks. Hen: 1, 2, Horsman; 3, G. Mitchell; 4, Gelder; vhc Staddin and Baldwin; hc, W. Mitchell; c, Wilson. Even, Uneven, Etc., Yell. or Buff Yorks. Hen: 1, 4, Child; 2, 3, Horsman; vhc, W. Mitchell; hc, Staddin and Baldwin; c, Stansfield. Both Sections: Self or Foul Green Yell. or Buff York. Ck.: 1, 2, c, Staddin and Baldwin; 3, Thornton; 4, Stansfield; vhc, Sharp; hc, Leach. Do., Hen: 1, Lumb; 2, Sharp; 3, Stansfield; 4, Leach; hc, Malory. Nor., Yell. or Buff Ck.: 1, Townend; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Corney; 4, Savile. Do., Hen: 1, 2, 3, 4, Corney; vhc Townend. Brit. Bird: 1 Corney. Selling Singing Birds: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Gelder.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec.

"Please stop my advt. in CAGE BIRDS of Rollers. I sold the birds last Wednesday, and could have sold them many a time from the replies I have."—G. OLLIER (Radcliffe).

Club Reports.

SOUTH WEST LONDON C.B.S.

Meeting, Dec 9. A table show and judging competition was successfully carried out. Several entered for the judging competition, Mr. Wright, of Westminster, being the final judge. His decision gave great satisfaction. Prize money awarded for 1st and 2nd Yorkshires, six entries, Mr. Hawkins taking both. Norwich, six entries, Mr. Joyner, 1; Arkill, 2. In the judging competition Mr. Graham was the nearest in points to the judge, and was the winner of all prize money. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Wright closed the meeting.—W. Lilley.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S.

Meeting held in new headquarters, the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Eglington Toll, on the 22nd ult., at 8 p.m. The President, Mr. Robt. Reggie, was in the chair, and a record attendance of members all expressed their approval of the committee's action in securing such a fine central site for their meeting place. The rooms are situated right at the southern end of the city proper, and are on the main car route for all parts. The secretary gave a rough statement of the annual show affairs, and expressed himself satisfied with the returns. The open classes were not just up to expectation, but they had paid themselves and left a small margin on the right side. In the confined events the entries were a record for the club, being almost 400. The whole of the prize money and specials for the open classes had been paid out and the confined specials were handed out that evening. The prize money for the confined events would be paid out at the annual general meeting of the club, to be held in these rooms Jan. 26, at 8 p.m. Other club matters were gone over, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair.—A. K. Hunter, Sec.

GLASGOW AND W. COUNTIES.

Meeting held Dec. 25, Good Templars' Halls, 122, Ingram Street. Mr. Peter Pettigrew presided over a moderate attendance. The following were appointed stewards for annual show, viz., Messrs. Jas. Cross, John Reid, Wm. Brown. Entries for show to close on Friday, Jan. 14; Saturday's post in time for catalogue. Messrs. Cross, P. Pettigrew, and Sec. were appointed to allocate the specials, and Mr. Jas. Findlay presented the society with a cup for annual show, to be competed for by Plainhead, Crest and Crestbred Canaries, only old birds. I shall esteem it a favour if members will let me have their entries as soon as possible, and thus facilitate matters.—J. H. Adam, Hon. Sec.

Questions and Answers.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

NOT MOULTING (L. M. N.).—You ought to have given more particulars about the previous moult, and the appearances of the bird. As it seems to have been moulting lately there is the possibility that the moult has been completed, in which case it is quite in order for it to have stopped shedding feathers now, as it is only abnormal conditions of moult that would cause Canaries to be dropping feathers at this time of year. I think the best I can advise you is to treat the birds for three or four weeks as follows, and then, if it is not apparently what it should be in health or condition, write again, and give full particulars about it, and all symptoms shown by it. Keep it in a comfortable temperature, but do not overdo the heat, and see that it is quite free from cold, direct draughts, and is not exposed to sudden and extreme changes, or to the fumes of burning lights in the evenings. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. In addition to this give, twice a week, a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, and on two other days give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Every third day give a morsel of banana, boiled carrot, or sweet apple, either one or the other, but not altogether. You may ring the changes with these items for the sake of further variety. In the drinking water, add, for two consecutive days, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice. Afterwards give 20 drops of chemical food in the water every second day for a fortnight.

MOULT TROUBLES (Tommy).—The bird evidently was badly affected by chills during the time it was moulting, and ought to have been moved to a warm temperature to complete the process, when it would doubtless have finished up all right. Treat as follows for a month or so, and then, if it is not quite well, write again, and repeat full particulars, and I will advise you further. In addition to the staple diet of plain canary seed give every second day half a teaspoonful of boiled summer rape and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and linseed, and on the alternate days give a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with maw seed. A piece about the size of a hazel nut will be quite sufficient, and any remainder should be removed at night. In the drinking water add, for three consecutive days, six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and after this give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of columbra, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. See that the cage is kept scrupulously clean, and well strewn with clean gritty sand, and it would be beneficial to keep a small cube of hard common salt stuck in the wires of the cage for it to peck at when it likes for a week or two.

OUT OF CONDITION (Eureka).—You are not feeding nor treating the bird correctly. A teaspoonful of mixed seed daily, in addition to the staple seed diet, is far too much, as this quantity is practically as much as the average Canary will consume in a day. Try the following treatment for a few weeks, and report result if the effect is not all that could be desired. As staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape, by measure. In addition to this, give half a teaspoonful of the seed mixture every second day, and a morsel of banana, carrot, or sweet apple. You may ring the changes on these latter items for the sake of variety. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seeds. Stick a small cube of hard common salt in the cage wires for it to peck at when it likes for the next week or two. In the drinking water add, every second day for a week, six drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre, and after this give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. Keep the bird in a fairly warm place free from direct cold draughts or sudden extremes of heat and cold, or fumes of burning lights in the evenings. The excessive thirst will disappear at the diarrhœa is overcome. (2) From a sanitary point of view, and helping to keep the cages clean, sawdust is just as good as sand, but when this is used gritty sand must be supplied in a small vessel separately, for digestive purposes.

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Rattye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

BIRDS FOR AN AVIARY (H. Pester).—I see nothing particularly wrong with your aviary; it is planned very nicely. You do not tell me the aspect, but anyway, if it faces the East or West I would advise you to plant some evergreens outside to protect it, for although birds can stand the cold, they do not like rough winds. It would also be as well to have a temporary roof for the netting part, to put on in the winter, when we get an extra long period of wet weather. There is room in it for all the birds you mention, and if they are well fed with plenty of wild food it is just possible some of them may nest, but one cannot speak positively on such a subject. All you can do is, as I say, feed them well, and give them plenty of nesting material and build up some cosy corners to nest in.

TREATMENT OF FRESHLY CAUGHT BULLFINCHES (W. K.).—When first captured place your birds in a rather quiet yet light corner of the birdroom, and supply them with boiled water to drink, placing the vessel inside the cage. Supply them with hemp, teazle, niger, rape, maw, and sunflower; the latter should be lightly cracked. In addition to this you should collect any wild food that you can manage to find; there is not an abundance just now, but still some can be found; then again, privet berries they will seldom refuse, and a supply of these can be gathered, and will keep fresh for some time if the stalks are stood in water or damp sand. These they can have daily. If you failed to collect wild seeds in the autumn you had better get a packet of wild seed mixture from the dealer and give them a little daily, sprinkled on the floor of the cage. After they have been caged a week or ten days, give them an aperient of salts, as much as will cover a shilling dissolved in the drinking water. If you are interested in Bullfinches you should obtain our Nutshell booklet No. 11. It gives you a lot of information about their treatment.

HOUSE SPARROW AS CAGED BIRD (Young Tullett).—When seeking information in these columns it is usual, and also one of our rules, for the reader to send his name and address. Perhaps you will please send it on a postcard. There is no difficulty in getting a House Sparrow to accustom itself to cage life, but for this purpose they must be caught young; an old one will never become tame, although he may appear to be quite so when flying about in one's garden. I expect yours is a bird of the year, which would account for its settling down so easily.

CAGE-MAKING AND HYBRID MATTERS (Eureka).—(1) The usual thickness of wood that cages are made of is ¼ inch. When it is in the rough, that is before being planed up, it measures 3/8ths inch, but any fairly thin wood will answer the purpose, although ¼ inch is preferred on account of the weight. (2) I have never found any difficulty in cleaning out my cages when the old birds are setting. If a cage is made without the drawboard, the birds get used to one scraping out the bottoms, some time before they go to nest, and young ones reared under such conditions take no more notice of it than they do when you handle a cage, but it is quite a matter of fancy about having your cage fitted with drawboard or not. Some fanciers prefer them, some do without. (3) In feeding pairs put up for mating you must study the requirements of the Finch, the food used is generally somewhat richer than that usually given to the Canary, but the only trouble is that it has the effect of getting her to nest somewhat earlier than usual, and possibly before the Finch is ready. If there is fear of this she should be caged separately and fed on a less stimulating diet. (4) Correctly speaking, all crosses between different species are "Hybrids," but the term "Mules" has been used in the Fancy for many years, and serves to denote crosses between the Finch and Canary. The word "Hybrid" is usually applied to the produce of two British birds.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO ILL (Anderson).—In lieu of the drinking water supply a mixture of Nestle's milk, cornflour and boiling water (mixed to a drinkable consistency), and supply to the bird when cool, first stirring in two drops of laudanum to the fluid ounce of the mixture—it must be prepared fresh daily. The above is only to be used as a medicine, as soon as the bowels become normal and appetite returns gradually cease supplying it, but in conjunction with it offer twice daily a drink of tepid water containing three drops of aromatic sulphuric acid to the fluid ounce. Supply the following seed mixture: One quart each hemp, giant canary, sunflower, safflower, oats, shelled peanuts, and a handful of parrot grit—well mix, store in dust-proof tins and keep in a dry place. I should encourage it to eat ripe fruit and arrowroot biscuits; it will be an advantage to lightly spread the latter with honey and borax, and cod liver oil emulsion on alternate days. I should also offer a little boiled maize while it is out of tone—boil till soft, drain off all water, and then allow about eight drops of cod liver oil emulsion to soak in before supplying to the bird. Only crock or glass vessels must be used when supplying drugs. Keep the bird warm, out of draught, yet where the light is good and the air fresh. Keep cuttlebone continually in the cage, also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon.

PUTTING BIRDS OUT OF DOORS (A. J.).—It may be taken as a general axiom that birds that are intended to remain out all the year round should only be put out of doors between April and August. It is a wise provision to so arrange the aviary that the birds can be driven into the covered portion at dusk during winter days. New arrivals should never be turned straight away into the aviary on arrival; they need a quiet time to rest and feed after the exhaustion which follows a rail journey. If put into the aviary when weak and tired they are in no condition to take their own part against the other birds who resent the new comers; they get bullied away from the food and from "pillar to post," and perish miserably from want of food and exhaustion. On arrival they should have a day at least to rest and feed in quiet, and then another day or two in the aviary in cages. After a few days the cage doors should be left open for the birds to emerge at will. This will cause practically no disturbance in the aviary, and the birds will do well and losses be the exception instead of the rule. Owing to having no details of the arrangements of your aviary I am only able to give you general directions. The above covers all the birds you name. While I think your present birds would all survive the winter out of doors, I think you would be wiser not to give them access to the open flight till next spring, especially as your locality is rather a northerly one.

ZEBRA DOVES, ETC. (Park Square).—(1) The Zebra Dove has been bred many times, it may be said freely, in captivity, but it must be admitted that this refers more to the past than recent years, for though a fair number have been kept during the past few years, the instances of successful rearing of young have been comparatively rare. (2) The following are all small species and most of them have been bred freely, especially the first named, which is also one of the most beautiful of small foreign Doves: Diamond, Peaceful, Picui, Passerine, Talpacoti, Cape and Dwarf Ground Doves. Several of the above are smaller than the Zebra Dove. (3) Certainly the book for you to get is "My Foreign Doves and Pigeons," by Rosie Alderson, it is comprehensive as to treatment, etc., and while covering some fifty species, only deals with such as the author has kept. It is published at 4s. 6d., and postage would be about sixpence; the Editor of "Cage Birds" would obtain it for you.

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A PARROT STORY (J. R. Freeman).—Thanks for the story. There are, however, quite a lot of whiskers on it by now. Parrots live a long time, but the original Parrot of which the story was told must be as dead as Pharoah.

BOOK ON HYBRID BREEDING (B. R.)—"The Secrets of Hybrid Breeding," which our publisher would send you post free for 1/2, would be very helpful to you. Glad you like our Nutshells. Please see notice at the head of these columns referring to postal replies.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Abertillery C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Prince of Wales Hotel, 6.30. Auditors' report and election of officers.—H. H. Mortimer.

Ayr C.B.C.—Jan. 3, Wallace Tower Hall, 8. Report of Red Cross show of 25th Dec. Enrolling of new members; balance sheet.—H. M. Ferguson.

Ashton-under-Lyne C.B.S.—Jan. 4, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, 8. Annual general meeting; balance sheet; election of officers; important business; all members please attend.—J. Whitehead.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Jan. 4, St. Thomas's Old Schoolroom, entrance Chapel St., 8. Nomination of officers for 1916; subs. and ticket money to be sent in; audit this week.—J. Spencer.

Accrington C.B.S.—January 6, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Election of officers; balance sheets; date for annual members' show, also competition for best bird shown by member that has not won a card at any open show.—D. Harwood.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Report and balance-sheet, and other important business.—G. Havver.

Border Fancy C.C.—Jan. 1, Cathedral Halls, Albany Street, Edinburgh, 11 a.m. Balance sheet, motion intermediate medal, and other important business; election of officer-bearers.—W. B. Smart.

Bradford W. C.B.A.—Jan. 1, Shoulder of Mutton, 2. Members' show; judge, Mr. F. Self; entries Friday night.—F. P. Terry.

Bradford E.O.S.—Jan. 4, Park Chapel Schoolrooms, 8. Report open show, balance sheet. Members note, "Pie Supper" postponed to Jan. 18.—J. Spencer.

Blaenavon C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Prince of Wales Hotel, 6. Members' show for yellow or buff cock, Yorks., Norwich, and Borders. Balance sheet for the year. Contributions due; also judging competition.—Geo. Broome.

Bacup Roller C.C.—Jan. 4, Park Hotel, Bacup, 7.30. Final arrangements members' show, Jan. 15; members and intending members invited to annual meeting; election of secretary and all officers. Members' subs. due.—G. Johnson.

Bowling B.F.A.—Jan. 1, Barley Mow Hotel, stage 3. Last show of the year. Steward, Mr. Mirfield. Subs. due, see Rule 3.—J. Nicholl.

Burnhope C.B.S.—Dec. 31, Coll Inn, 6.30. Paying of prize money and other important business.—J. W. Robson.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Jan. 5, 7.30. Election of officers for 1916. Members in arrears kindly bring sub. and ticket money.—A. C. Shirley.

Croydon F.A.—Jan. 13, Ruskin House, W. Croydon, 8.15. Election of officers and other important business. All nominations for officers to be sent in before Jan. 7.—F. B. Roberts.

Clapham C.B.A.—Jan. 4, annual general meeting, 7.30 p.m.—T. J. Hose.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Black Bull, 6.30. Election of auditors; table show: Class 1, A.V. British hen; 2, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; entrance 6d. each bird. Will members let me have subscription cards.—G. Hunt.

Halifax C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Trafalgar Inn. Open show business; last meeting before show.—A. Sutcliffe.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Jan 1, Royal Oak, Cotmanhay-rd., 7. Very important, show business.—Smith and Siddown.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Jan. 1, Lockhart's, 7.30. Arrangements for members' show, etc.—H. Best.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Jan. 5, at Railway Hotel, at 7.30. Election of officers, etc., for 1916, for Society and Union; also nomination of judges.—W. H. Symes.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Jan. 4, White Swan, 8. Election of officers.—A. Freestone.

Leeds C.B.S.—Jan. 1, Lockhart's, next door to Hope Bros., Briggate, 7.30. Election of officers; arrangements prize distribution.—E. Norton.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Jan. 3, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Election of officers; January show classification, etc. Balance sheet; important business.—F. Hayward.

Manningham C.B.S.—Jan. 1, Mowbray Arms, 6.30. Election of officers and yearly report.—F. Danvent.

Manchester and N.C. O.S. Jan. 3, Deansgate Hotel, 8. January show business, etc.—F. Wilkinson.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Jan. 4, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, 8. Voting of officers for 1916. Members kindly attend.—A. Colley.

New Cross C.B.S.—Jan. 6, 126, Lee Road, Lee Green, S.E., 8. Election of officers, and programme for 1916; also other important business. Please attend.—G. Burton.

Provincial R.C.C.—Jan. 8, the Joiners' Arms Hotel, Bolton, 6.—A. Renning.

Reading C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Palmer Hall, 8. Annual meeting; election of officers; other important business; every member requested to attend. — O. C. Smith.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—Jan. 4, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Minutes of last meeting; election of officers, and business for Roller singing contest.—Geo. Lord.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Temperance Room, Toad Lane, 8. General meeting; nom. of officers.—J. W. Jackson.

South-East London F. and F.A.—Jan. 3, North Camberwell Constitutional Club, 7.30. Annual general meeting, election of officers and nomination of judges. Members oblige by settling for annual show tickets for balance sheet.—R. Jackson.

Sheffield O.S.—Jan. 4, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Very important business; syllabus, etc., 1916. Please bring new members.—E. C. Job.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Washing competition, good prize money, including 2/6 special for best novice washed. Note, meeting is on Friday this month.—A. Hobson.

Stratford and E. London F.S.—Jan. 6, Mechanics' Institute, Stratford New Town. 28th annual show. Judge, A. G. Enfield. Open to public 4 o'clock. Admission 3d. Entries positively close Monday next to.—A. Wasey.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Jan. 4, Liberal Club, 8. Arrangements members' show, January 15, and other business. Judge, T. Bennett, Bradford.—W. Everett.

Southampton C.B.S.—Jan. 4, Waterloo Hotel, 8.30. Annual general meeting; balance sheet; election of officers.—W. L. Page.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Jan. 3, 6, The Broadway, 8. Allotment of specials for annual show; appointment auditors, etc.—G. Griffiths.

Windhill C.B.S.—Jan. 1, at Blue Bell Hotel, 2.15. Members' show; entries Friday night, 7 to 9.30 p.m. Judge, Mr. W. Richmond, of Rodley; show open at 6.30 p.m. to the public; also general meeting same night at 6.45.—J. Taylor.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—Jan. 1, Market Tavern, 6.30. Discussion how to improve Union; novice and amateur medals.—S. Midgley.

HIGH-class glucke Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, cocks from 12/6, hens 4/-, 5/-; approval: B. Linley, 47, Freedom-st., Hillsboro', Sheffield. (110)

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SCOTCH Fancy, young yellow hen, 10/-; buff hen, 7/6: Muir, 224, Easter-rd., Leith, N.B. (142)

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