Pigeons as a Farm Industry!

PROFITS IN SQUABS AS CALCULATED BY A NEW YORK PIGEON FANCIER.

Interesting Facts About Pigeon Habits.

Pioneers among the Long Island rai
ers of squabs for market on a larg
scale was P. R. Ketcham, of Amityvill
Mr. Ketcham began six years ago wit
700 breeding pigeons; he now has 200
For the accommodation of these 20
pigeons he had built ten pens of wir
netting, each pen 100 feet long and 1
feet wide. They vary in height fro
12 to 16 feet, and stand side by side, an
are formed by dividing one great wir
roofed enclosure into ten parts. The
are in the pens a few perches placed
a height of about eight feet, for the pi
eons to roost upon. There are ten pi
eons houses, one for each pen.

When the doors of the pigeon house
are opened in the morning, at this se
son about 7 o'clock, the male pigeo
come out to feed, and with them co
such female birds as are not sittin
They eat what they want for themselse
and fill up their crops with food for th
little ones in the nests in the pige
houses. At about 9 o'clock the ma
pigeons go back into the pigeon hous
and the female pigeons come out i
the pens, the male birds taking the pl
of the females on the eggs in the ne
The female birds stay out until fo
o'clock in the afternoon, feeding and
moving about, and occasionally—per
haps half a dozen times in the course of
the day—returning to their nests to feed
their young. At about four o'clock the
female birds that have eggs to sit on go
back to their nests, and the male birds
go out into the pens and stay till night
fall. Then all the birds go back into
the houses and the doors are closed.
The female birds sit in their nests until
morning. The males roost upon the
perches, or sit on the ledge in front of
the nests.

In buying stock for breeding Mr.
Ketcham prefers Antwerps, but it is diffi
cult to get enough of them, and so he
has crossed Antwerps with good large
common birds. Pigeons lay two eggs a
month, good birds laying ten months in
the year, from November to August in
clusive. Then the birds molt, and in
November the females begin laying
again. Where a large number of birds
are kept there will be some that will
molt a little out of season, so that there
will be some eggs and some squabs all
the year around.

While the pigeon houses are always
kept as clean as they can be without dis
turbing the pigeons, only advantage is
taken of the moulting season for a
thorough cleaning. A little stack of
tobacco stems is placed in the corner of
each house, for material, and from this
the birds build their nests, the male
carrying the material, straw by straw, to
the female, which stands at the box and
arranges the nest.

When the female has begun laying
again it lays two eggs on successive days,
and at intervals of twenty-eight days or
possibly less. On laying the first egg it
begins setting at once, the male bird
alternating with it. The eggs are hatch
ed in fourteen or seventeen days. The
squabs may be two weeks or less old
when the mother bird begins sitting on
another pair of eggs. The young pig
eons would not in the ordinary course of
events, leave the nest to fly until they
were four or five weeks old. If it had
but one nest the mother bird would lay
its eggs and begin to hatch them in the
same nest with its half grown squabs.
At the establishment described here
two boxes or nests are provided for each
pair of birds, so that the female who
has half grown squabs in its nest may
have another nest in which to deposit
its eggs. By this arrangement there is
less danger of the eggs being broken.

Food is provided in the pens twice a
day in troughs and on the ground in
quantity sufficient to satisfy the pigeons'
hunger and to provide them with pick
ings, so that they may supply their
young. Water is supplied in small shal
low tanks. The pigeons are great drink
ers, and they bathe often. A pigeon is
likely to take a bath every two days.
The principal food supplied to them is
cracked corn and whole wheat. Plenty
of hemp seed is given to them in the
fall, the moulting season, which helps
them to moult, and tends to make them
begin laying again quicker. While these
are the principal articles of food, there
are fed to the pigeons at intervals, as
they require them, and in limited quan
tities, other things as a sort of relish
and to keep the birds' appetites good
and the birds in good condition.

What these other things are the pig
eon breeders do not disclose. Every
large pigeon raiser has ideas of his own
on the subject of what is best for the
pigeons. As the young birds during the
first four or five weeks of their existence
are fed entirely by the parent birds, the
food supply is obviously a very impor
tant matter.

When a day old the newly hatched
pigeon is about half the size of a small
Seabright chicken. The pigeon grows
rapidly, and in three or four weeks is
ready to kill as a squab. Squabs of good
breed weigh seven or eight pounds to
the dozen. Pigeons begin to lay when
that shocking tragedy, the lynching of
Marshall Price, the murderer of Sallie
Dean, and the unseasonable condition
of the tree upon which Price was hang
ed. It is a most singular freak of
nature. Despite the heavy frosts of this
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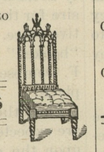
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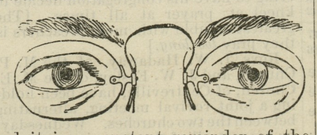
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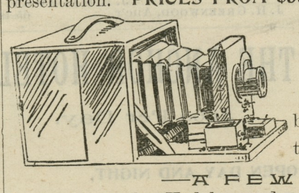
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Ernest C. Reiche
versus
Ezekiel Cooper, et al.

THE creditors of HENRIETTA COOPER, colored, late of Kent county, deceased, are hereby notified to file their claims, properly authenticated, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court within sixty days from the date of the first publication of this notice.

By order of court.
EBEN F. PERKINS, AUDITOR.
Nov. 28, 1896—4t.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters testamentary on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

WILLIAM F. BLACKWAY,

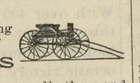
late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of May, 1897, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber.

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