

THE BIRDS AT THE GARDEN

Garrulous Population Nearly Doubled Within Twenty-four Hours by Additions from Incubators.

A MOUSE CLUB ORGANIZED

Unique Pair of Silver-Blue Rabbits Sold for \$200—Annual Meetings of Clubs Held—National Bantam Association Dissatisfied.

The garrulous colony at the Garden nearly doubled its population yesterday, the fourth day of the New York Poultry and Pigeon Association's exhibition. For this addition, the incubators in the annex were responsible, for most of them had been timed to hatch yesterday, and some 2,000 cheeping thoroughbreds first saw light through the dirt-veiled Garden windows. The brooders, beside the hatching machines, seemed almost a solid mass of fluff and down.

Such an event incited the farmyard gossips to greater conversational efforts. Other topics for gossip among the feathered folk were afforded by the rudeness of an apparently sedate biddy, that, when surrounded by a crowd of sightseers, suddenly began to scratch showers of sawdust over the garments of all, and by the pained expostulations of a young woman who tried to pull a feather from the tail of a prize turkey and was not quick in getting away with her booty.

In attendance an even gain has been noted each day and yesterday was not an exception. Some of those seen about the cages were Hugh J. Grant, Joseph Lawrence, Augustus Brandes, Duncan Bailly Blanchard, French Consul at Boston; Adrian Iselin, Jr., Dr. Robert Morris, Samuel Willets, A. Belmont Purdy, and Frederic Bronson. To insure satisfaction for those who intend to visit the exhibition to-day no exhibit will be allowed to leave the Garden until after the time of closing in the evening.

Among the sales reported yesterday, good prices being obtained in each instance, was a pair of silver blue rabbits, entered by Anton Rottmueller of Newmarket, N. H. They were purchased for \$200 by Augustus Brandes of White Plains. This pair are of a newly evolved class and are the only two of the kind in America. An offer of \$100 was refused for a Japanese rabbit doe, imported and owned by G. P. Reynaud of Mount Vernon, who values the animal at \$250.

Most of the special club prizes were awarded after an anxious period of deliberation by the judges.

In the committee rooms a number of animated meetings of clubs in the association and others took place. The Barb and Carrier Club elected officers, and voted to hold

their next annual meeting at the next New York Show. The American Mouse Club came into existence as a result of a meeting of a number of pet stock breeders. H. C. Scheel of New York was elected President. For specials to be competed for at the next show \$200 was raised.

At the annual meeting of the National Bantam Association a note of discord was struck, and it was decided hereafter to exhibit at some other show if better inducements were offered. From the entries \$772 was obtained for bantams by the Poultry and Pigeon Association, and only \$525 awarded in premiums.

ATHLETICS AT COLUMBIA.

Rules Formulated Regarding the Work of the Students.

The committee of the Columbia University Council appointed by President Low last week to examine into the standing of athletes representing Columbia met yesterday and formulated the following rules:

Any student not permitted to continue in the class in which he entered the university will not be permitted to continue as a member of any athletic team.

A student coming from another institution must be in the university a full year before he will be permitted to participate in athletics.

No student will be allowed to belong to any athletic team representing Columbia unless he has been thoroughly examined by the physical director, and pronounced strong enough to endure the training required for the sport in which he wishes to compete.

The schedule of the various teams must be approved by the Athletic Committee.

No athletic association or club shall enter any team in any contest if it has an outstanding obligation.

These rules are not to be forced upon the various athletic societies, but the committee presents them expecting the clubs will adopt them voluntarily, with whatever modifications they may think are beneficial. If any, however, refuses to adopt the rules the committee, by the authority of the University Council, will enforce them without regard to any such society.

By the rules of the university a student failing in one subject is not permitted to go ahead with his class, therefore any athlete falling behind in one study will be barred from continuing in athletics.