



FLEMISH FANCIES.

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As the breeding season is drawing very close, these notes, I am sure, will be beneficial to the beginner, especially to those who have the majority of their stock in outside hutches. Does mated about the time these notes appear will bring their youngsters along at the time the wild herbage can be gathered in sheltered places, which is a big item, and one will find stock bred then will soon catch up in growth and be more forward in coat at the time of many of our summer shows than those born in late December and early January.

To be candid, I think there are too many who take up this breed who desire to do too much in one or two breeding seasons. They start off with one or two does, which may be good, bad, or indifferent, and if, after two seasons of breeding they do not get stock as good as top-notch club show winners, they lose heart. Of course, I know there are several who have taken up this breed who have done remarkably well, even in the first year, and won club cups, but taken as a whole these instances are very rare, and when one looks over the whole Fancy it is only what we should expect to happen. Knowledge and experience must count in the breeding of Giants, as in anything else.

Do not look for the unexpected to happen too often, is my advice. If it happens once or twice in a lifetime in breeding Flemish you are lucky. When a decent doe has been mated to a well-known buck, and you get two or three real good Rabbits to breed from, you have not done too bad. Of course, you may do much better than even this, which is so much to your advantage at the time, but with those litters that get you useful breeding stock, take notice of these. Breeders are as essential in a stud as exhibition Rabbits. It is not nearly all the winners that get the winners, and the same applies to your breeding material. They do not all breed the wasters.

Again, it is only once in dozens of times one can get the best results by mating one particular doe of any given strain to any individual buck. Mate a round of three or four does to a buck that should suit them. See to it that he carries his coat firm, free from loose hairs, and some polish or bloom on him, and have your does fit, well up in season and good in coat. Even then, if you get one in three to produce that which the standard of the breed calls for you are extremely fortunate. Any reputable Flemish breeders who breed their own winners will, I know, agree with me on this point.

Of course, there are some who cannot afford to make the outlay for a real good doe or two for a start, so they begin with very ordinary stock, intent on getting the best from her, mated to a stud buck. When they get their first litter from this source they can generally see a great improvement in, say, two of the youngsters, generally young bucks. The breeder then, in many cases, tries the in-breeding method he has read so much about. He grows the young bucks and mates one back to a very ordinary doe, the mother, and likewise a litter sister, sadly in need of colour in many instances. He gets bad results, but can one expect otherwise? Had he had the doe mated again to the same blood, or even the same sire, and tried to breed a couple of does that favoured the sire, things would in many cases be different.

When one takes into consideration how the old hand's knowledge and experience is taxed at times to keep his head above water, and to be in happy position to produce a few youngsters that can win every year, it will be understood that it is no easy matter for the novice to jump to the top in a couple of seasons. Again, in the making of a strain, blood will tell. A strain is like

a bottle—that which you do not put in cannot be got out. If it is colour or quality, size, bone, etc., you are desirous of, the more you dig it in the strain the sooner you will get this quality to assert itself. You may not get it to come to the front at the first mating; in fact, it may take two or three generations.

The same thing applies to serious faults. They may not come out in the first generation, though they generally do, but that the sins of the parents shall visit the children in the second and third generation is well known to the thoughtful fancier. The writings on Mendelism have given us a lot of information in this respect lately, and I am sure the more Mendelism is sifted, the more will difficulties of making a strain become lessened to the beginner.

Always bear in mind there always seems to be a deterioration in colour. The dark steel grey seems to lose some of the dark colour in the mixing as it were. Why this should be I at present cannot fathom; so I would advise one to always keep on the dark side of colour and dig it well in. The dense stock are good and valuable breeding stock. The light, bright, steely coloured ones, if carrying no rust, are also useful breeding stock if of the same blood, but those mealy, rusty, wild Rabbit coloured ones will undo the work of years. In your matings use steel to steel, but see they are the right sort of steel, and you will not go far wrong. There will be plenty of opportunity for a beginner, as the time goes on, to use black, blue, or any other off-colour, but he will find in most instances better results will accrue from steels of the same parentage. Of course, there may be an exception in this, as in all other things.

I was very pleased to read Mr. Chas. Watson's writing regarding the definition of steel colour. I will endeavour to make known my interpretation of such in these columns in the near future. Thank you, Mr. Watson.

CHINCHILLA CHAT.

By David W. Irving,
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The Editor has requested me to again write these "Chinchilla Chats," discontinued some time ago. This season of the year is probably an opportune time to take up the pen again for this column, as most fanciers will agree that from now on, during the breeding season, interest in our hobby is awakened.

During the winter months things are apt to be a little humdrum in the Rabbit world, as it is a moulting or off season except, course, later on for exhibiting, but now that Spring is at hand with promises of warmer weather and lighter nights soon to come, the breeder's thoughts naturally turn towards looking over his or her stock with an eye to mating up for this season's youngsters.

What an interesting time it is, from the breeder's point of view, to weigh up the pros and cons of the different individuals in the breeding pens, to try to improve the strain by judicious mating, and to endeavour to achieve some little improvement here and there and obviate certain defects which will, from time to time, crop up, always striving to reach the ideal set forth in the standard of points.

This month the breeder should see that his brood does are in good condition ready to breed, and not over fed or moulty in coat. Now is the time to commence breeding operations. It is nature's time, when many difficulties will not arise, as is the case with winter breeding, such as does not proving in young, or youngsters dying in the nest owing to cold frosty nights.

If the breeder decides to send his doe to a well-known buck placed at stud by a successful breeder and exhibitor, he should do all he can to ensure a successful mating by having her in tip-top condition.

When we turn our attention to recent events regarding Chinchillas, I think we have reason to congratulate ourselves that we have taken this variety to our hearts. The prospects were never brighter.

After reading Mr. Busby's most encouraging remarks in FUR AND FEATHER of Jan. 20th, on Chinchilla Rabbit Pelts and their possibilities, it makes one feel more sure than ever that the early predictions ament this variety and its suitability for the furriers' requirements, were not made without good reason.

One realises more and more as the quality of Chinchilla Rabbit pelts im-

proves, that we are on the threshold of a really lucrative fur industry. The fur trades' interest in our variety is being awakened. Such periodicals as "Country Lift," "The Ladies Pictorial" and the "Daily Mail" have had articles on our breed, and foreigners from many parts of the world are sending to this country for the best breeding stock. They realise that British breeders of the Chinchilla Rabbit, as is the case with other live stock, are already leading in the production of the best quality stock.

This is very gratifying to me, as one of the early pioneers in this country, and as one who in the early days not only preached but practised the doctrine of improvement by carefully selecting only the best youngsters for the next season's breeding pen, and by exhibiting at numerous shows where many show secretaries generously extended their classification for the benefit of our variety, and included the latest breed to grace the show bench. By comparing one's own stock with that of other exhibitors' one can discover merits and defects as compared with one's competitors, and in this way improvement is bound to follow if the breeders will learn from their past experience and apply the new found knowledge in their breeding operations.

In this country we certainly have this great advantage over foreign countries, in the number of exhibitions held and the open table judging which obtains here.

Chinchilla enthusiasts would be very interested in Capt. Grogan's recent offer re baby Chinchilla raw dried pelts at 4s. 6d. each when five weeks old. To my mind this is another tangible proof of the value of our speciality, and I must congratulate Capt. Grogan on his enterprize in securing the active interest of one of the leading London furriers.

And what a prospect here offers itself. Just think of it. Surplus bucks particularly, or does, for that matter, can be profitably marketed at the extremely early age of 5 weeks, before the cost of feeding becomes an item, or the question of additional accommodation when separating litters or dividing the sexes, which is sure to crop up at a later date. This offer should cheer up any "doubting Thomas" who may still be among us.

Just a note re the National Chinchilla Club. I understand that Mr. Raffill has relinquished his duties as hon. sec. after doing some strenuous work in the early stages of the Club's existence, and Mr. F. B. Roberts, 21, Queens Road Croydon, London, has now taken over the duties as hon. sec. instead. I am looking forward with confidence to his doing very good work for the Club, and I would remind all members, who have not already done so, to forward their subscriptions to Mr. Roberts for the current year. I would strongly recommend all lovers of the Chinchilla to join the National Chinchilla Club at once.

I must congratulate Mr. Seal, of Darwen, on qualifying for a championship certificate with his doe Silver Queen, which I had the pleasure of breeding.

MOUSE AND RAT MEMS.

By Ralph Blake, Rock Villa, Greytrees, Ross-on-Wye.

I expect fanciers will be wondering when the N.M.R.C. election is coming off. I had great hopes of getting the papers out early in January, but I think every hindrance that possibly could, has cropped up, and, to crown all, I myself have been "off colour" again lately. However, I am gradually pulling things (including myself) together, and hope to rush along the business now.

The recent controversy on judging Dutch Rabbits to standard, or otherwise, as many are claiming, has brought to my mind a matter concerning Long-tail judges that I have often thought of "airing" in this column. It is, "Are Mice judged to standard?" I think not in one point, and that is, size. Send out a Self Mouse, perhaps almost perfection in colour, type, and condition, but failing in size and what is the result? It's pegged a lot farther back than it ought to be according to our standard. I myself have been guilty of penalising too heavily a small Mouse. Why? Simply because it is an unwritten law that a small Mouse should be thrown out. On the other hand, I have before now put an exceptionally good coloured exhibit hang at the top, although on the small side. Was I right in doing so? Certainly, because our standard of perfection for Selfs gives 50 points for colour, and only 5 for size. Don't think I want to encourage these midgets but,

if they excel in colour, then, according to our standard, they must lead.

My contention is, that we should increase the number of points for size, thus making it more difficult for these midgets to get in the first three.

A correspondent writes: "Do you mind a suggestion with regard to show cage colours? I have often thought that if cards with the two colours on were sent to members on joining, there would be no excuse for not having the right shade of paint on their cages. If not this plan, increase the annual sub., and send each member 1 lb. of each colour, ready mixed, and supplied by a paint shop." I thank my correspondent for his suggestion, put forward with the sole object of helping the Club and his fellow members. I wish others would come out of their shells and offer suggestions for improvement.

I regret to say that my correspondent's suggestion is unnecessary, as he will be able to see when I explain. In the first place, there need be no confusion over colours, for there is only one middle Brunswick Green, and one Signal Red in the trade. You can, of course, get light, and dark Brunswick, but our Rule Book says Middle, so that is the colour you must ask for.

As to increasing the annual sub., this I feel sure would not be a wise step to take for the sake of a bit of paint. We are living in times that do not warrant any extra charges being inflicted on poor John Citizen. The tax collector is always ready to fleece him of any surplus "hobs" he may have.

I was delighted last week to have a visit from that Long-tail enthusiast, Mr. W. E. Mortimer, of Brimscombe. What a lot of "chin-wagging" there is to be sure, when fanciers meet, but how enjoyable. I was sorry to learn that Mr. M.'s good wife, also his mother, were down with the flu, and sincerely hope that under W.E.M.'s careful nursing they will soon be restored to health. Our friend is just as "cracked" as ever over the charms of the Long-tails, and with a stud of 400 Dutch and Evens only, we may expect to see something good turned out from the Brimscombe stud. Rats, I am glad to hear, occupy a prominent position in Mr. Mortimer's "den," but, of course, Mrs. M. lays claim to them, and very intelligent pets they make for ladies.

I am pleased to say that I have had letters this week from no less than six budding ratters, all as keen as mustard, and show great interest in the future of the Rat Fancy. I say, without fear of contradiction, that no hobby to-day offers a greater opportunity to the beginner than the Rat Fancy. A good start may be obtained at a figure within reach of all. There are handsome and valuable trophies to be won, and there is always a good market for surplus stock for scientific purposes, at very remunerative prices. Stock approaching show standard will command high prices—I heard last week of a pair being sold for seven guineas, which I should say, is not "so dusty."

I often wonder why Long-tailers are so slow in advertising surplus stock in "our" paper. In these days of scarcity of cash, many have had to give up more expensive hobbies, but find that they cannot get on without something alive to care for and attend to their wants. Their thoughts at once turn to Long-tails as a hobby, requiring but little outlay, and very little to maintain. They look to the advertisement columns and find a very little selection, consequently the few that do advertise are inundated with replies, more than they can ever supply. I have had to refuse far more would-be buyers than I could supply, and have quite recently had enquiries for stock from America and Holland.

FUR AND FEATHER finds its way into thousands of homes in this country and abroad, and for a very moderate outlay. Your advert. is read by thousands of fanciers. If only one per cent. of its readers reply you will reap a nice little harvest, as well as clear your surplus stock that is keeping up your food bill. Therefore I say, and I speak from experience, a running advertisement, or a breeder's card is worth a "guinea a box" to the breeder of live stock. The late Miss Douglas once wrote:—

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Is all of my use if you don't advertise.

She proved the value of it, as everyone else has done who has tried it, and so I just pass on the tip to those who have an abundance of surplus stock round their necks—ADVERTISE!

WESTERN WHIFFS.

By J. H. HOOPER,

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The St. Werburgh's Fanciers' Society held its monthly meeting and table show at the Mission Hall, Mina Road, when there was a good attendance, and a nice lot of Rabbits to face the judge, Mr. J. Wyatt. The chief business discussed was to arrange for improved light in the hall, which is greatly needed. It was also the wish of all the members that the secretary, Mr. Harding, should write to the secretaries of each society in Bristol, to arrange a meeting to discuss the suggestion that we should run a combined show of young stock during the summer, as there has been some talk previously of all the societies joining in running a summer show. You see, we are looking out for some good times together, besides which we don't want Bradford to win all the laurels, so let us see if we cannot beat them in entries when our amalgamated summer show comes off.

The Bristol Mouse and Rat Club held its monthly meeting and table show at Thorne's Restaurant, when there was a grand attendance and a splendid lot of Mice on view, judged by Mr. Baggs. We were disappointed that our lecturer failed to put in an appearance, as we have decided that at each meeting we shall ask some old fancier to come and lecture on the various breeds, how to feed and get them into good condition. For my part, I think this is a move in the right direction, as there are a great many recruits joining the Mouse Club, and it will give them an idea how to get to work, whilst we old ones will be able to learn a wrinkle or two. Speaking from my own experience, I find we learn more about the Fancy by listening to other fanciers' views, and watching the judges at work. There is always a chance to live and learn. Our membership is open, so if any Mouse fancier would like to send along 1/6 to Mr. T. Shall, sec., I know he will be pleased to enroll him a member.

The Bristol South Fanciers held their monthly meeting and table show at the Bridge Inn, St. Luke's Road, Bedminster, when there was a crowded attendance, but Fur was most noticeable by its absence. Now, you Fur men in Bristol South, get a move on! The society has been good enough to include Fur in their society, so let them see what you can do. I had the pleasure of judging the few exhibits that were there, also they gave me the slips to judge the Pigeons, a job I did not crave for, but soon got over. My old pal, Mr. Tom Shail was there as a visitor, so I got him to steward for me. They are very different to handle after Rabbits. Fancy putting a Working Homer on the table with a label on his beak! They would want some stewards. But there, give me my bunnies, if they do bite.

The Hanham Fanciers held their monthly meeting, when they had a very good attendance. This is a new society, but it is going ahead by leaps and bounds. I hear they are holding monthly shows, and they are arranging to run a summer show. I should like to impress it on all secretaries that the only way to make shows successful is to advertise well in FUR AND FEATHER.

The Kingswood Fanciers held an enjoyable concert at the Assembly Rooms in connection with the presentation of cups and medals. Mr. S. Fox presided. There was a very good attendance, and everyone heartily enjoyed themselves. The cup winners were Messrs. Palfrey, Douglas, and Hoskins; medal, Mr. Pow. As the proceeds were to go to help clear the deficit on the open show, I hope my old friend, Mr. Harris, will soon be out of difficulties.

The South Bristol Fur and Feather Club held its monthly table show at the Plough and Windmill, Bedminster, when there was a grand lot of Rabbits on view, Mr. G. Silman placing the cards. As the society holds its monthly shows on Saturday, which is a very convenient day for a good many, I should like to recommend any fancier to call and see their shows. They are held the first Saturday in every month. I have been out to several of them, and have always had a hearty welcome, so I am sure others would enjoy it.

Being in the Kingsdown neighbourhood last week, I paid a visit to Messrs. Hignell & Son, of Beveren fame, and had a very enjoyable time chatting over Fancy matters. I went out to their rabbitry to see the stock. It was one of the best-fitted rabbitries I have ever been into. Not very large, but every inch taken up to advantage, with lovely roomy hutches, kept spotlessly clean. Father and son work well together. The Beverens are a grand lot, with a splendid batch of youngsters coming on. One, especially, I was much taken up with. Also I had the pleasure of seeing a fawn Beveren, the same colour as friend Pepler's sooty Lop was when it was three weeks old. They also have a couple of Chinchilla does, with six youngsters, so I shall be greatly surprised if we do not see some red cards going to Clarence Rabbitry before long. After inspecting stock I had to go and refresh the inner man with a cup of tea, which Mrs. Hignell kindly had waiting for us

NORTH-EAST NOTES.

By J. T. WINN,

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The many friends of Mr. Oscar Moses will be pleased to hear of his return home, after four weeks at the Fairfield Nursing Home, following an operation. A breakdown in health, two years ago, seriously interfered with his usual go-ahead methods and many business engagements, and it will be the wish of all fanciers that he may be able to get about again.

The first show held by the newly-formed Association of the North-Eastern Railway Company's Employees, at Darlington, proved a great success in every way. Close on 600 exhibits were on view, and a good company assembled, which would assist to swell the receipts. One of the chief features of the show was that all livestock was carried at single fare for the return journey. Every credit is due to Mr. Gargett, the organising secretary, for his splendid arrangements. Several cups of big value were on view, also several gold medals, which are to be competed for at the annual show, to be held early in September.

The annual meeting of the North-East Fur Fanciers' Federation is fixed for April 2nd next, at the Eldon Arms Hotel, Ferryhill, at 3 p.m. It is requested that all societies interested in the federation will make arrangements for the attendance of delegates.

Perhaps I may remind societies that the "Pool Fund" provides assistance for delegates coming from a distance, so that the train fares do not fall so heavy on societies' funds. It is regrettable that the attendance of delegates has fallen to a low ebb during the last year, even allowing for the industrial crisis, but probably in the near future a return of interest in the Fancy will ensue.

As the financial year of the federation ends on March 31st, the secretary will be pleased to receive subscriptions and pool fees from societies who have not paid same, not later than March 15th, so that the balance sheet, etc., can be in the hands of the auditors ready for the meeting on April 2nd. Now, secretaries, if your society's funds are low, and not in a position to pay, don't hesitate to write. After the meeting it is proposed to have a knife-and-fork tea, and the host, Mr. Corner, will see you are well catered for. It has been suggested to give a prize for the best conundrum.

As news comes slowly to hand, I shall be glad to have a few lines from any fancier, whether grievances or otherwise, as we are passing through very lean times.

The annual general meeting of the Darlington and District F. and F. Society was held at the headquarters, Raby Hotel, on Jan. 18th. The balance sheet showed an income of £26 13s. 2d., with an expenditure of £21 19s. 9d., leaving a balance of £4 13s. 5d. During the year two half-yearly shows were held, when upwards of 500 exhibits were entered, and over £14 added to entry fees, so that all prize money was guaranteed, which proves that the society is in a good, sound financial position, with its own penning equipment. Election of

officers: President, The Rt. Hon. H. Pike-Peace, M.P.; vice-pres., Messrs. Stainthorpe, Wilcock, Rae, Robinson, Gargett, Calvert, and Miss Pallister; chairman, Mr. J. Guthrie; vice-chair, Mr. G. Young; treas., Mr. J. Cleminson; auditors, Messrs. R. Scarr and W. Taylor; sec., Mr. J. T. Winn. The society is open to a radius of ten miles.

MIDLAND MEMS.

By T. J. AMBROSE,
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Mr. G. H. Huntley, of 66, Bromley Street, Sheffield, writes me as to the Sheffield Original Fur and Feather Society, the annual subscription to which is 5s. This is what he says:—

I have taken over the books from Mr. J. T. Middleton, he being now assist. sec. We have a very cosy meeting room at the Economic Dining Rooms, Porter St., and a membership of 20. We have also four cups for Rabbits, one cup for Cavies, and a bowl for Mice, also a nice lot of pens and cages for same. Our next table show is on Feb. 23rd. I should like to raise the membership to 50, so we shall be glad to see both old and new faces this month-end. I am doing my best to accomplish the above.

I agree with the Secretary, that there is need for a much increased membership, and if the district rallied round the Society they could, with this nucleus, be a great power for good. We should always remember that society as are just what the members, greatly aided by a good secretary, make them.

The striking success of several fanciers in the Mansfield district demonstrate possibilities. "Just a line or two re The Fur and Feather Societies at Mansfield" writes Mr. Darwood. "Pleased we have also got another true fancier to take the place of Harry Tarbox for Midland Mem's, which interest me greatly. I have had my heart and soul in the Fancy as far back as I can remember. We have had two societies at Mansfield, and I am sorry to say we have been cutting each others' throats all the time. I have been trying and advocating for two years for amalgamation, and now that at a joint meeting of the two societies I have attained my object of joining the two together with the hopes of making one good one. I think it will place Mansfield Society in the front line. We have good headquarters at the Bowl in Hand, and mine host, Mr. H. Oliver, is treasurer. We have good accommodation for shows. Will those fanciers who have been waiting to see what happened please forward subs. of 2s. 6d. yearly to our Secretary, Mr. O. Ford, 15, Little Lane, Pleasley. We have another general meeting on Feb. 18th, where I expect we shall further benefit from the amalgamation." This is undoubtedly a step in the right direction.

Birmingham, with its exceptional railway facilities, should have a great future. "I have been appointed by our newly-formed club, viz., 'The City of Birmingham Rabbit Club' to act as press sec." writes Mr. J. W. Davenport. "Our headquarters are St. Martin's Hotel, Birmingham. Meetings are held the first Saturday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. We are very fortunate in having such experienced men as Messrs. Addenbroke, Hathaway, Howle, Kimberley, and others at the helm. A very successful meeting was held last Saturday, and it was decided to hold a table show each month. The first will be March 4th, at 6.30 p.m. Also a concert in aid of funds is being held on April 1st. Admission sixpence. Mr. Kimberley, of Lop fame has kindly offered a points' cup, to be competed for by members at the members' shows. The club caters for Rabbits only, and is open to the country. Entry fee 1s.; sub. 4s. per year. The Hon. Sec. is Mr. Hathaway, 212, Bordesley Green, Birmingham, who will be pleased to enrol any new members."

From 10, City Road, Dunkirk, Linton, Nottingham, Mr. Geo. Marston, the Secretary of the Dunkirk, Linton F. and F. Society writes:—"Hope you will put this in your Mem's. Having secured the Dunkirk Schools for our meetings and shows, after being idle for 18 months as we could not get a room, we have made another start. Our meetings are first Thursday in each month, at 7.30, the bus stops at the door, and runs to and from Nottingham every half-hour. The Society takes in a

radius of 12 miles. Hope as many will join us as possibly can. We have 60 members, and about £6 in hand. Hope to have show at Easter."

Nottingham! How reminiscent of some of the most successful and enjoyable shows every held. In the old days what a gathering ground was Nottingham on Goose Fair days, and what representative shows. The same can easily happen again as the railway companies will be tapping these old institutions for excursion traffic and revenue. People are quite tired of a penny three farthings a mile.

At one time it appeared to me as though the Fancy would boom in the Potteries. As to the position now:—

A prominent fancier Stoke-on-Trent writes:—"I am sending you a few notes for you Midland Mem's, regarding the Rabbit Fancy in the Potteries which has gone very slow lately. We have four Societies, Fenton, Hanley, Burslem, and Stoke-on-Trent, and I should say there are about 200 Rabbit fanciers in the four societies, yet at Fenton members' show there were 29 entries, at Burslem on Boxing Day, 38 entries, and very few at Stoke Show. It seems to me that one Society is jealous of another, but I am pleased to say that there is a movement on foot to join all the Societies together and make one big one as we have some good fanciers here, but have had the misfortune to lose one or two. A few weeks ago Mr. "Sorry" Birch, of Hanley, a lover of Dutch, died very suddenly, and Mr. Metcalf, of Hanley, is retiring from the Fancy through the death of his wife. We have another fancier in Mr. Alf. Woodward who is having some bad luck, he having lost four or five good Lops. He has been a Lop fancier 30 years, is holding a members' show on the 25th of The Longton and District Poultry Society holding a members' show on the 25th of this month and hope to include Rabbits at the next show."

My regrets, I am sure, will be shared by all readers as to the death of Mr. Birch, and our sympathy goes out to Mr. Metcalf in his hour of trial. In these days a district divided up as the Potteries appears to be, does not make for strength. Unity or co-operation are sadly needed, and this in the direction of a sound policy of self help mutually applied. I am afraid many of the smaller societies fail through attempting too much.

Will those who send me notes of this column kindly write on one side of the paper only. In some cases, at the last moment, it helps much.

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CHESHIRE CHIPS.

By J. Hackney,
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I make no apology for my debut in this new but interesting role. It is with the Editor's kind permission, coupled with my keen desire to serve my hobby, and the forbearance of Cheshire County fanciers generally, that I intend, by your co-operation, to keep alive and assist in growth that sense of good fellowship which is essential in every walk of life, and especially with a hobby that is fraught with devious paths which apparently lead to the top.

Now, my County friends, here is a grand opportunity, specially reserved for us, and it is up to you whether we keep it or not. Let me have any news which you may get hold of, or interesting experiences or difficulties. You know the old saying, "many men many minds." Send it along, please, and let us show other counties that Cheshire is alive, and not only noted for "Cheese," but for real, full-blooded enthusiastic fanciers, ever ready and willing to stand shoulder to shoulder so that the Fancy generally will be all the better for our being in it.

I cannot give very much this time, so I appeal to you, to be up and doing. There are hundreds of fanciers of Rabbits and Cavies in Cheshire alone, and there are bound to be a number of happenings, good and otherwise. Let me have them, please. If I fail to sort them out satisfactorily, rest assured the Editor will attend to them.

I had some glorious news this week from a noted fancier. He has at the present time four of the finest litters of English he ever bred. This same fancier has his name on one of the English Club cups, the winner being his own breeding, so you can take it for granted it is not excitement that made him say that.

By the way, the first time one looks at some of the litters we breed, what fliers there are, but as they grow older they are like unto that army song—"Old soldiers never die, they fade away."

Don't forget those two recent and most interesting articles in FUR AND FEATHER by Mrs. Waller are from Cheshire. They are of great value to any fancier, especially to those who desire to thoroughly understand that which they claim as a hobby.

The schoolmaster offered to give sixpence to any boy who asked him a question which he failed to answer. After being plied with many questions and successfully giving answers, the schoolmaster requested one little boy, who had been very quiet, to put a question to him and if he failed to answer it the sixpence would be his. The little boy quickly said, "Why am I like a dead horse?" After a long pause, full of deep thought, the schoolmaster repeated the question many times and finally decided to give it up, he asking the boy for the answer. "Because we are both waiting for the tanner," said the boy.

Now, my fancier friends, I am waiting for your contributions to this, OUR column.

E. ANGLIAN AFFAIRS.

By BERT. LEECH,
"Clubsides," Dereham, Norfolk.

Very little news has reached me since writing my last notes. Fanciers in East Anglia have had trying times with their stocks. Owing to the wintry weather it has been a difficult matter as to how and what to get to feed the stock. This (Sunday) morning I have taken a stroll into the lanes to see if it was possible to lay hands on anything that would suit my Cavies, and I could just scrap together a few handfuls of chickweed, but before giving this I have had to spread it out on paper before a fire to draw the frost from it. This food is showing up well and the Cavies relish it, especially when they have had nothing but mangolds for several weeks, and these not ripe at that. That's only by the way.

I received a very interesting letter from that well-known judge and fancier, Mr. Owen Davies, giving me some interesting notes re the great Bradford show which he attended. Arriving in Bradford at four

o'clock in the morning, with snow and frost, I should say our old friend thought it a very cold reception. It only shows what an enthusiast he is, as "O.D." is not what one would call a young 'un, but he has enough vim to make many envious.

Cavy fanciers, more especially members of the English Self Cavy Club, I know will join with me in offering to our friend and secretary, Mr. J. A. Butler, our sympathy owing to the illness of his little daughter. We all hope that by the time these notes appear she is much better and showing signs of recovery. Any fancier, or others, who have been expecting news from Mr. B. will bear with him now the news is made known.

The Dereham and District Fanciers' Society had an interesting paper given to its members by Mr. A. E. Hylton. His verse and poetry caused several smiles. Who wants a sixteen guinea watch for a penny? The Dereham Society having had four cups won outright at their last Nov. show, Mr. C. P. Lincoln, the secretary, has started a scheme to raise funds to replace same, also in the hope of adding to our pen fund. He would welcome the help of fanciers in disposing of books of tickets, and would forward on hearing from them. The scheme is a watch stopping competition.

News from Ipswich is very cheering. Mr. Walter A. Boon, writing on behalf of secretary, Mr. Bert Effer, informs me that at the annual meeting a very satisfactory balance sheet was placed before the members, and although they were several pounds out on their show, they have persevered and made seventeen pounds on the year's workings. This is good when we consider the trying times through which we have passed. Mrs. Edmund Reeve was again elected president, Mr. Bert Effer secretary, Mr. W. A. Boon assit. sec., Mr. C. W. Jayer chairman, and Mr. I. Chipman vice-chair. The secretaries are very optimistic and are looking forward to a good year and a good show later.

How's this? The Jones' family had been hard hit owing to shortness of work and cash, and Jones, for Sunday dinner, had killed his prize buck. Mrs. Jones having stewed it well with plenty of onions, brought same to table. Jones was very full of thought—

Mrs. Jones: "For what we are about to receive may the Lord make us truly thankful."

At the conclusion of the meal Jones said, "What we have received has lost me five quid in stud fees."

CAVIES IN THE MIDLANDS.

By Albert W. Lucas, 251, Park Road,
Hockley, Birmingham.

These notes will appear just previous to the great Birmingham Festival at Bingley Hall. I fear that the adverse conditions will have affected the number of entries in all sections, and not least of all Cavies, but nevertheless I hope our favourites will be well represented, for the show will probably be visited during its 4 days existence by one of the largest crowds imaginable.

I had the pleasure of a call upon Mr. Everitt, of Solihull, a few days ago, and found him a keen admirer of Cavies. I was pleased indeed to notice their firmness and brightness, sure signs of splendid health and condition, the result of careful, regular feeding and attention. He certainly loves the few cavies he has, and I am convinced that Cavies in the Midlands have added another steadfast supporter to their number.

Mr. W. H. Darwood writes to the effect that the Notts. and Derby Cavy Society is now an established fact. Apparently he and his friends have big things in view. I have not his letter before me at the moment, but will insert particulars in my next batch. There must be a few, at any rate, who have not yet put their shoulders to the wheel, and I hope if these lines should catch their eye, they will write Mr. Darwood at once, assuring him of their practical support by promising their attendance at the next meeting, of which particulars may be had upon application to him at 111, Union St., Mansfield.

Along with several other Midland Cavy fancier I attended the Handsworth Fanciers' Society annual smoker and prize distribution on Feb. 2nd, at The Ivy House Hotel. There was a capital attendance,

with the correct fancier spirit always in evidence. After a most enjoyable concert a veritable fleet of cups and trophies were presented. Cavy fanciers were mainly interested in the "Lucas" Cavy cup and the Society's points cup, both of which were secured by Mr. Barker, with his team of Self creams. As the donor of the former cup, I want to congratulate the winner on his achievement.

I think I am right in stating that 1921 has seen more competition in the Cavy sections than ever previously, and it is pleasing to feel that 1922 will see even a greater increase. Competition is the very life blood of the Fancy, for without it the whole concern becomes a farce. The fancier who always secures the premier awards, because he has nothing against him, very soon gets fed up with the monotony. He is not compelled to get his stock into the best possible condition, and often decides that it is a kid's game, as one so expressed it to me a little while ago, and retires from the field, with the result that in that particular district Cavies disappear.

This has been the case, I am certain, with many districts, and in the interests of the Fancy it is our duty to find them out and awaken in the folk, disappointed in years that are gone, the old love for the no-tail. Then with the introduction of a few younger fanciers, there naturally springs up that spirit of competition which makes the Fancy worth while, the spirit which fills you with an intention to wipe off a defeat at the last show.

These notes, of course, are only applicable to those who love to show their stock, but there is another sect of the Fancy for whom the thrills of exhibition hold but little attraction. They are quite content to breed their Cavies for the sheer love of the thing, and never think of exhibiting. Moreover, I was informed recently by one such fancier that he thought it a cruel thing to send stock across the country, and that he would not send one by rail to be for hours in a box, as long as he was able to obtain what he wanted locally, for his stock for sale. Needless to say, I endeavoured to explain that there were two ways to send stock away, and I think I eventually convinced him that a man who keeps his stock at home always, and never exhibits, is not acting fairly by his stock, or fairly by his fancier friends, and certainly not fairly with himself. This thought of competition is one of the most inexhaustible subjects of which one may write. It involves so much and in so many ways, but, most of all, it brings out the best.

Once again may I invite all Midland Cavy men to write me, as I shall at all times be pleased to hear from them. Since the last batch of notes appeared I have, I hope, made many new fancier friends, for it is always a pleasure to write about Cavies or chat with anyone concerning them.

THE CAVY'S VIEWPOINT.

REMINISCENCES OF A SELF BLACK BEFORE AND AT THE BRADFORD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW.

I am a smooth Self black Cavy. My name is Norman Black Pearl. I was born in an old house situated on the hills between Huddersfield and Halifax, at a place called Stainland, but now I live in Huddersfield with my master, who is very kind to me and my brother and sister Cavies. We have comfortable hutches, and plenty of good food of various kinds. Some people speak very scornfully of Cavies, and call us little pigs. By the remarks they pass about us, they seem to think we have no feelings, or that we are deaf or silly; but I should like them to know that we have feelings, and appreciate kindness and consideration just as much as we resent the slighting remarks. We, too, are able to think and reason things out for ourselves, and that is why I am letting you know my experiences previous to and at the great show at Bradford.

My master is very proud of me, at least I think so, from the kind things he says about and to me. He says I am a real "Black Pearl," and he says it in such a way that I am always glad for him to come and take me out of my hutch and talk to me, and groom my coat, which he says is like satin.

One day he took me to a show and put me in a place they called a pen, on which was a number. I was very nervous and wondered whatever was going to hap-

pen to me. By and by I began to get a little courage and looked about me, and I saw quite a number of other Cavies, some black, like me, others white, cream, and even red. Listening to my master and other men talking, I found out it was what they called "cup day." I didn't know what that was, so I decided to do as Mr. Asquith said, "Wait and see."

After a time, a man came and took me out of my pen and placed me on a table in front of another man, who was wearing a long smock. After a label had been put on one of my ears, this man (who I found out was the judge) picked me up and examined me all over, then he did the same to the other Cavies that were brought to him. After a long time and much examination, he said, "That's the one," pointing to me. I was taken back to my pen, and I heard them say, "That's the one that's won the cup." After a little while my master came to me, petted me, and said I had done very well, and that my mistress would be proud of me, as I had won both the cup and rose bowl.

When the classification for the great show at Bradford was printed in FUR AND FEATHER, my master came into the aviary and said: "Now, Pearl, you and one of your younger sisters must go to this great show. When you get there you will be surprised, and if you can score—that is, if you can win a prize—you will do very well indeed." So the entries were sent off to Mr. Watson, and by return post the labels came with the class and pen numbers on. These had to be put on our travelling hamper.

By the way, I don't like these hampers and long train journeys, as they upset me and cause me much uneasiness. However, we had to go, so early one morning we were put into our hamper, which had been well lined with hay, and taken to the station. After we had been weighed we were put into the train, and after much rocking and shaking we arrived at Bradford Station, from where we were taken to the show-room.

Everything was hurry and bustle. Men wearing badges of office were rushing here and there with hampers and boxes, putting Rabbits and Cavies into pens, ready, so I found out, for the judging. When I had time to look round I was surprised. There were over 2,500 Rabbits, Cavies, Rats, and Mice at that show, and when I got talking to my near neighbours, who were all of the same colour as myself, I was given to understand that I was in the black class, and that Mr. H. Downs was to be the judge. I had heard my master mention this gentleman's name, and he said he hoped Mr. Downs would like me so well that I should score, so when I was taken to the table I tried to look my best and please the judge. I gave him the glad eye, but I found twenty-nine more all anxious to do the same, and I'm sure Mr. Downs must have had hard work to pick out the ones he liked the best. Although he gave Mr. Foster's exhibit the first prize, and I was among the "also rans," I'm not going to mind, because it was a great experience, and perhaps another day it may be my good fortune to have the red card. My master, although sorry I hadn't done better, said: "Well, never mind, old girl. I like you none the less, and we will be sports and not grumble and grouse and say hard things about the judge."

Mr. Watson kindly allowed a friend of my master's to take me and my sister home, so that I was soon enjoying a good meal in my comfortable hutch, delighted at the great and grand show I had been at and the things I had seen. I hope to do better next time.

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A GREAT HONOUR TO HIM AND TO THE BRITISH FANCY.

As many of our readers already know, Mr. C. A. House has been specially invited by a committee of Australian fanciers to go out to Australia to judge, and on the 18th inst. he leaves London by the Orient liner "Osterley," and will arrive at Sydney early in April. This is, indeed, a great honour both to Mr. House and the British Fancy, and as one of that gentleman's oldest fancier friends and fellow-workers, I am very pleased that an old colleague should be so honoured.

Mr. House has been primarily invited to judge the big International Show at Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, to be held in June. The Hon. Dr. Wall, M.L.C., is the president, and Mr. C. W. Bushell, proprietor of "The Australasian Pigeon," is the secretary of the committee responsible for Mr. House's visit. But this show is only one of a series for which Mr. House's services have been requisitioned. His first engagement as a judge will be at Sydney at the great Easter Show, which will last from April 12th to April 20th. At 16 other important shows, in which every State will participate, will Mr. House officiate as judge. From the time he leaves London till he returns in September he will have travelled over 30,000 miles.

Mr. House will deliver a number of lectures to Australian fanciers, and will not only visit practically every part of Australia, but New Zealand as well, and if he has an opportunity he will also cross to Tasmania, returning across the Pacific and visiting Canada and America. He will get in touch with all the principal fanciers, ascertain their views, investigate their methods, and later give the results in our papers, FUR AND FEATHER AND PIGEONS AND THE SHORT DISTANCE FLYER.

Mr. House's career as a fancier and judge is, of course, well known to practically all our readers, he having been most prominently before the public in both capacities for over 40 years. He was born on July 19th, 1862. He has successfully bred, exhibited and judged dogs, poultry, pigeons, rabbits, cats and cavies, and he is acquainted with most followers of all these.

He is equally well known as an author of many books on live stock and as a Fancy editor and journalist. In the latter 'eighties he became sub-editor of the old "Fanciers' Gazette," under Mr. Edward Brown. In association with Mr. Brown, he also acted as editor of "Pet Stock." Since then he has acted as editor of "The Fanciers' Gazette," "Fur and Feather," "Poultry and Pigeons," "The Homing World," "The Bird World." He was the first editor of "The Poultry World," and left it—after my serious illness and my then inability to resume active management—to take up the position of manager of our concern, The Fanciers' Newspaper, etc., Co.—now Watmoughs Limited, of which Mr. House is a director—which position he held for eight years, returning in the autumn of 1919 to again take up the editorship of "The Poultry World," and to act as chief of the staff of its sister journals, "Cage Birds" and "Smallholding and Allotment."

The personal note underlying this reference to the great compliment paid to Mr. House by our Australian friends, and which mainly prompts these lines, is the fact that I have known our friend so long and have had such a close and intimate association with him in so many phases of the Fancy and Fancy journalism. Such being the case, I could not possibly refrain from adding to the send-off to Mr. House of our live-stock contemporaries, and saying a few words of appreciation of my old-time colleague.

My first venture in Fancy newspaper ownership was "Fur and Feather"—first called "The Rabbit-keeper." This

was in 1888. Practically at the very commencement Mr. House joined the staff—along with, by the way, another esteemed friend, Mr. T. B. Mason—and he has remained on the staff, inside or outside, ever since.

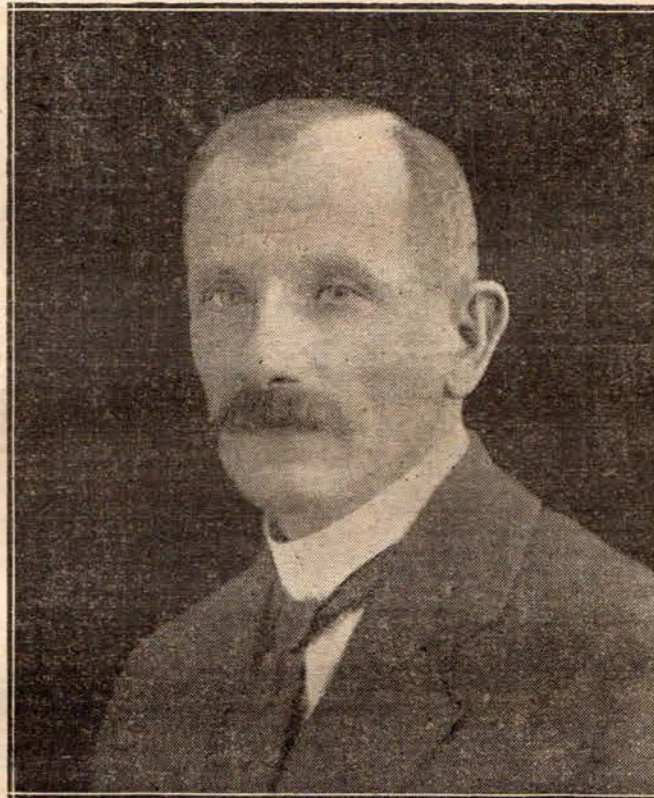
This long and close association probably causes both Mr. House and myself to know more of each other's little faults and weaknesses than most men, and, on the other hand, to better and more fully realise and appreciate, as we do, each other's good properties. It is, at any rate, so with respect to my opinion of Mr. House, and I trust and believe it is the same

my best wishes and compliments on the distinguished honour conferred upon you. Knowing you as I do, as such a successful breeder of animals and birds, also as one of our keenest, most fearless and best judges, I sincerely wish you a pleasant voyage and a happy time "down under." I earnestly hope you will make as many friends in Australia, and the other places you visit, as you are leaving in the Mother Country."

This letter is typical of hundreds I have received during the last two months. I appreciate them greatly, and as it is impossible to answer all personally, I ask the writers to accept this my appreciation and thanks. From America, Canada, Australia, Belgium, France, and Holland have I also received congratulations.

Many English papers have referred to the honour done me, some of them being journals in friendly rivalry with those under my charge. From Holland, Mr. C. S. Van Gink, the editor of "Avicultura," and from Belgium, M. Pulincx, the editor of "Chasse et Peche," also Mr. G. Howard, editor of the "Indian Poultry Gazette," have sent their congratu-

OFF TO THE ANTIPODES.



MR. C. A. HOUSE.

with that gentleman's regard for myself.

In heartily wishing Mr. House "bon voyage," I would add that I think our friend's visit to the Antipodes will do a great deal of good to the Fancy both at home and "out there." It can hardly fail to be helpful all round. Mr. House will have much to tell the Antipodenians about the Fancy in this country, and upon his return home he will have a lot to tell us about the position and doings of the Fancy in Australia. Altogether, Mr. House's visit to Australia must bring oversea fanciers and ourselves appreciably closer together, which, obviously, will be beneficial to all concerned.

J. E. WATMOUGH.

Ere I leave England for the land of the Southern Cross I would like to return thanks to the many fancier friends who have sent me their congratulations and good wishes. A fellow judge, who is also one of our oldest and most successful Northern breeders and exhibitors, says: "I cannot allow such an occasion to pass without tendering you

lutions. These, I need not say, are particularly pleasing.

It has added immensely to the pleasure of my trip to know that so many fanciers in the homeland and on the Continent, some of whom I know only by repute, are so keenly interested in my doings. I thank one and all.

Ostensibly, I go to Australia to teach. That is why I have been asked to undertake the journey. I feel, though, that I shall learn much, and I go as a humble-minded student, hoping to gather valuable information, which on my return will be used for the benefit of the fanciers of my loved native land.

C. A. HOUSE.

THOUGHTS OF THE PAST.

MEMORIES OF DAYS THAT ARE GONE.

BY F. BULL.

There are times in a man's life when the past comes up before him, and he feels he must say, with the poet—

O foolish man, where are thine eyes?
How hast thou lost them, in a crowd
of cares?

Since taking up judging, and coming in contact with so many new fanciers, my thought has flown back to the "early days" when I was an anxious enquirer about the pros and cons of my exhibits. It is now 44 years since I entered my first Rabbits for show. I had kept table ones, but one day came across a book entitled "Rabbits for Prizes and Profit." I read it through more than once, and I cleared out of the Rabbits, and started with some Dutch and Silvers. My first venture was not a success, the Rabbit coming home with a he card. They told me I should never win a prize, but I felt it could be done by perseverance and study. My next attempt was at our local flower show, where I entered a Dutch and a Silver, and, would you believe it, my Dutch won. I have that prize to-day on my kitchen shelf, ticking away as I am writing these lines, and saying "Go forward in the Fancy." As a comparison with that show, when I read the report of your Bradford event, I said I had missed one of the greatest treats the Fancy has ever had.

My introduction to one of our first judges was to Mr. J. Jennings, and that was at the All England Rabbit Shows, Walworth Road, and here were some of the old school to be seen exhibiting, amongst them being Mr. T. B. Mason, our old and respected judge. May he yet be spared to the Fancy for many a long day. How I used to admire his Silver Greys in those days. It was a treat to come in contact with such fanciers as Messrs. W. Andrews (Lop breeder), G. Philips, who kept Lops and Dutch, Carvill, with Silver Greys and Creams; alas, they have gone. It was also a pleasure to meet such judges as Messrs. Aldred and Roberts, two good old stalwarts of the past.

I well remember visiting Worthing Shows in the eighties, when Mr. Kempster Knight was the secretary. A new name was coming to the front then in Silver Greys, viz., Mr. W. Walter. I was privileged to take a letter of introduction to him, from Acton, and many happy days we have spent together at different shows. I am glad to know he is still as keen as ever to have a good look at Silver Greys in the show pen, and one would like to know his opinion on the Silvers of to-day. As I write on the past, there seems to come before me a whole lot of fanciers who have passed from us. One thinks of Newberry, the Belgian man. What a genial fellow he was, and how he liked you to spend an evening with him, showing his exhibits to you, and asking for a candid opinion on them. How my old friend "G.G." and I enjoyed those visits.

I shall never forget my first visit to the Crystal Palace Show. I had entered a Silver Grey and a grey Dutch, and you can imagine how pleased I was when I found the Dutch was awarded 4th prize. That was good enough for me to take courage and peg away at all the great shows that were to follow.

MOUSE SPECIALS AT BRADFORD.

I wish to tender to Mr. Blake my thanks for his reply, re the above, also to inform him that Messrs. Wood, Webster, Lees and Boot stood by and heard him make the remark, that he had no nominations for same. There were only the teams brought out as admitted, but the other specials were awarded by Mr. Middleton from his slips in his book. I think it only fair to the members of the Club that, when judging for specials, all first prize winners should be brought out, especially when there are two judges. WM. TURTON.

UNIVERSAL ANGORA RABBIT CLUB.—Third annual Young Stock Show of the Universal Angora Club will be held at Reading on Wednesday, July 12th. Classes and prize money as at usual Young Stock shows, which will be published later. Mr. E. Whitehead, the Reading secretary and a member of the Club, will see to the care and comfort of our exhibits.—J. Fletcher, hon sec.

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