

YOUNG FOLKS.

FINE AND FANCY PIGEONS.

Most boys are fond of pigeons; they are nice pets and are easily kept. All the known varieties can be traced back to three originals—the Stock-dove, the Ring-dove and the Turtle dove.

The Fantails are black, blue or red in color, but the choice ones are white. It is a fine, showy pigeon, with a tail of from twenty to thirty-six feathers, which it spreads out like a fan.

The Tumblers derive their name from the singular habit of tumbling or rolling over and over in their flight. They are considered among the best of fancy pigeons, if they have all the points.

The Carrier is a noble-looking bird, with long neck and head erect. Around each eye is a circle of loose skin, ranging in color from a dull orange to a fiery red.

The dove-cotes may be made round, square, triangular or eight-sided. They should be placed on a pole out of the reach of rats and mice and sheltered from the cutting winds by a near-by wall.

Pigeons begin to breed at the end of nine months, and breed every month, except in very cold weather. The nest boxes should be kept clean and should be changed after the birds are a few days old.

When pigeons get sick they indicate it by a loss of flesh, by refusing food, by sitting in a moping way with their feathers puffed out and their wings drooping.

with me for a while; but of course he won't. Jim jumped through a hole in the fence into the Donald's yard. He found Tip there looking as sober as could be imagined.

Jim sat down on the side porch, thinking of his good fortune. Suddenly he heard tones calling "Tip, Tip," so, as he had exchanged places for a while with that individual, he answered the summons.

Here, Tip, cried Hatty, the fair young mistress of the dog, "come here, sir. Why didn't you come when I called 'you' and with this she whipped him.

Jim certainly did not accept the exchange for "always," but he learned that we must never judge from appearances and went back to his old haunts better contented than he had ever been before.

His Little Blunder. Nephew (trying to make a good impression)—"Uncle, this port is excellent."

To Make Marriage a Success. Dolley—That seems to be a good rule which Mr. Gladstone and his wife observe.

Quite Humorous. The Venusian is a funny name for a dynamite cruiser, remarked McCorkle.

Advice. "Aw, Miss Belle," said Gus' old Jay, "do you know I've been thinking."

The Dissatisfied Pug. "Goodness! what meat?" exclaimed the little pug dog, as he tried to pick the meat off a bone.

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An Unsuccessful Illustration. A teacher was telling her little boys about temptation and knowing how it sometimes came in the most attractive attire.

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