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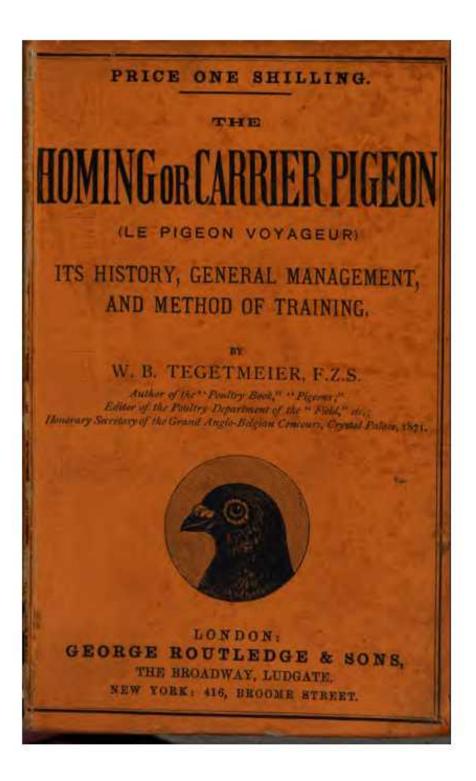
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INTRODUCTION.

THE employment of Pigeons as letter-carriers during the late war between France and Germany, and the establishment of a regular pigeon post from Tours into Paris, has directed the attention of the public very strongly to the performances of these birds; and, in consequence, several articles respecting them have appeared in the various periodicals of the day, but, with one or two exceptions, these have been compiled by persons quite ignorant of the subject on which they have undertaken to write, and the most singular errors have consequently been published.

It is in Belgium that these birds, Les Pigeons Voyageurs, are to be found in the highest perfection. In that country pigeon races, or concours, constitute the great national pastime, which is supported by munificent gifts from His Majesty the King of the Belgians and the Comte de Flandres, the heir to the throne, subsidies from the great cities, and subscriptions amounting to many thousands of pounds annually by those interested in the pursuit.