

FOURNITURES POUR TAILLEURS

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Adresse télégraphique

*Gurnay-Verriers*

TÉLÉPHONE 1192

*R. Gurnay & Co.*

VERVIERS, le 4 Septembre 1919

39, rue Tranchée.

Le e M. F O R D , Esqre.

Great Falls

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed letter, which I find on my return, having been away for a holiday, and hasten to say that I should be delighted to let you have some of my birds, the more so as I should very much like to make my own strain known in your Country.

I very carefully read your remarks, but I must point out to you that it would be a mere impossibility to send squeakers across to the States. The season being drawing toward its end now, I am just breeding my last coveys and in about a week's time all these youngsters will be going out. On the other hand, such a lengthy journey would surely be fatal to squeakers, as it is sure to take them some 25 days to reach your place, and I cannot imagine the state they would be in on their arrival..

If I may give you my opinion on the matter, this is what I should recommend you to do. I really think it would be better for you to import one year or two year old birds, namely birds born either in 1918 or 1919. Next spring, you would be able yourself to get young ones out of them before allowing the parents ever to fly from your lofts. When they would be breeding, you would try to let them go out, and both the distance from here to your place, and the attraction of their progeniture would make the parents come back to the nests and get them accustomed to their definite domicile. I must say that my birds very rarely go astray and when they would realize the impossibility for them to find their way back to Belgium, they are sure to get back to their home nearer at hand.

I really believe this to be the best plan, and the surest in order to see the birds reach you in good health.

I am prepared to let you have what you want at \$ 100 per pair, and I must say that I have every confidence in your success with my strain.

You may completely rely on me in this matter, as I know what you should have, and I beg leave to advise you to take a few couples at once.

I then should mate them myself here, and give you all particulars.

As it will be about mid-October before I get your answer, all my birds will have gone through the moult, and I am certain that, by the time you get them and have given them a few days' rest in order to recuperate after the strain of the journey, you will congratulate me about

my pigeons.

Next year, you could already be racing with the young ones, and you will then see for yourself what my strain can achieve.

You probably know that, during the war, my strain was awarded the British Victoria Cross, the French Croix de Guerre, and the Russian Order of St. George.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I beg to remain,

Dear Sir,

with kindest regards,

Your's very sincerely,

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Great Falls

Le M. P. O. N. P. , Rapre.

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I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed letter, which I find on my return, having been away for a holiday, and hasten to say that I should be delighted to let you have some of my birds, the more so as I should very much like to make my own strain known in your country. I very carefully read your remarks, but I must point out to you that it would be a mere impossibility to send speakers across to the States. The season being drawing toward its end now, I am just breeding my last covys and in about a week's time all these youngsters will be going out. On the other hand, such a lengthy journey would surely be fatal to speakers, as it is sure to take them some 25 days to reach your place, and I cannot imagine the state they would be in on their arrival.

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TÉLÉPHONE 1192

Compte Chèques Postaux 9885

VERVIERS, LE 11th. October 1919

6r, Rue aux Laines

Mr. Lee M. F O R D

Great Falls

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed cable, followed by a remittance of frs. 1660.- for \$ 200, for which I beg to thank you and which has been placed to your credit.

On receipt of same, I have immediately written to the Lloyd Royal Belge, Shipping Company, asking them however I could send your four birds across, as this is no little problem if we want same to reach you in good health.

I have had no answer as yet, but I may possibly hear from them any day now, and I shall let you know at once what can possibly be done in that respect.

Should they be unable to undertake it, I have heard of a gentleman who is going over to the States on or about the 22nd. inst. and who seems willing to take charge of the birds as far as New-York, whence he would send them on to you by rail by the quickest service. Of course, the railway journey seems to be the harder, as the distance between the port of disembarkation and your place is not small. On the other hand, it would be easier for someone to care for the birds during the sea journey than while the basket will be shut in a railway carriage, and there is not one chance in a thousand to come across somebody going to Great Falls, especially with so short a time before us.

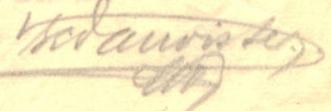
I expected to hear from you about it, as I do not know what may or may not be done in your country with regard to transportation of such fragile articles, and your cable and the arrival of your remittance have rather upset me, as I now want to discharge myself of my obligations towards you. One thing I am perfectly certain of is that the birds I shall send you are simply grand, and I but wish you could see them here before they leave my lofts, but I must say on the other hand that I am afraid of the journey, and of the impression those poor little things will make on you when they reach you after so trying a time.

However, although I still hope to receive a letter from you soon, you may rest assured that I shall give all my attention and best cares to this matter, as I want above all to give you full satisfaction, not only as an introduction in the American Pigeon World, but in return of your trust in me.

Meanwhile, I beg to remain,  
Dear Sir,

Yours most sincerely,

ROCK B. GURNAY



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R. Gurnay & Co.

VERVIERS, le 10 Nov. <sup>1918</sup> 1919

22, rue Tranchée.

Monsieur Ford,

Je suis en possession de votre honoree lettre et dois vous dire que je n'ai pas encore pu vous faire l'expédition de vos 4 pigeons.

Je me demande même comment je pourrai vous les envoyer pour qu'ils vous arrivent dans de bonnes conditions.

Une seule maison d'expédition d'Anvers veut bien s'en charger moyennant 120 francs de les faire arriver jusqu'à New York sous les soins leur seront prodigués jusqu'à cette destination mais à partir de là elle ne veut plus assumer aucune responsabilité. Il faudrait donc que vous vous en occupiez pour qu'ils vous arrivent le plus vite possible à partir de cette localité et qu'ils reçoivent des soins en cours de route. Faites moi donc de suite savoir votre décision car mieux vaut prendre toutes les dispositions nécessaires pour qu'ils vous arrivent.

R.G.

en bonne santé.

Je puis vous assurer si comme je le pense  
vous arriverez bien portants, vos amis  
n'auront pas de quoi en rire et ce que  
je puis vous garantir c'est que dans les  
voyages à n'importe qu'elle distance vos  
pigeons se classeront en tête de nos les premiers  
Il faudra laisser mes pigeons ensemble  
Je suis certain que vous en obtiendrez  
d'excellents produits

Avant de lâcher de les admettre il  
faudra pour le moins en avoir retiré  
un couple de jeunes de chaque. Alors pour  
bien faire il faudrait qu'ils aient une  
cage séparée du pigeonier pour qu'ils  
puissent venir voir à l'extérieur à seul  
fin qu'ils sachent d'où ils sont sortis  
et reconnaître les voisinages.

Ne laissez sortir en tout premier lieu  
que les mâles à part et la même chose  
pour les femelles surtout quand elles couvent,  
de préférence quand elles n'ont mis qu'un œuf  
Si vous avez le bonheur de ne pas en perdre  
ne vous occupez pas de vos amis je vous  
certifie que vous serez le grand vainqueur  
C'est pour cela que je m'engage fort de ne  
pas lâcher de les admettre avant d'avoir  
au moins un couple ou deux de jeunes  
parce qu'alors si vous perdiez vous auriez  
toujours la banche et j'ai de cœur que  
mes pigeons se fassent chez vous la même  
réputation qu'ils ont obtenue dans tous les  
pays.

Je ne puis obtenir de vous sans importance votre réponse et sans  
concerner la question  
Monsieur

Cher Monsieur

November 10/1919

Mr. Lee M. Ford,

I am in receipt of your esteemed letter and must tell you that I have not yet been able to ship your four birds.

I am even wondering however I shall be able to send them along so that they reach you in good conditions.

Only one shipping firm, in Antwerp, is willing to accept them and to land same at New-York for frs. 120.-

All possible cares will be given the birds as far as the landing stage, but that firm cannot assume any responsibility for the inland transportation of the birds.. It would thus be necessary for you to see to it that they reach you as fast as possible after landing, and that they receive proper care on their way inland.

Kindly let me have your decision as soon as possible, for it is better to make all plans beforehand, so that the pigeons reach you in good health.

If the birds indeed reach you in good forms, as I believe they will, I can assure you that your friends will have nothing to laugh at, and what I can tell you is that, in the races, at whichever distance you send them to, they will come well at the top of the list, if not first.

You should let them mated as they are, and I am certain that you will get something excellent off them.

Before you try to settle them, you should at least get a pair of youngsters off each. Then, to make as sure as possible, they ought to have a kind of cage looking outside the loft, so that, although being prisoners, they could look outside, get to know their neighbourhood, and know the place where they live.

In the first place, let the cocks alone fly out; the same applies to the hens, and the best time would be when they are sitting, especially when they have laid but one egg.

If you get the chance not to loose them, don't take any notice of what your friends say, I am certain that you will be the champion.

That is the reason why I advise you not to try and settle them before you have a pair or two of youngsters off them, for, should you loose any of the four birds, you still would have the strain in your loft to fall back on, and I want my strain to make itself the same name in your country as it has won in this.

I am impatiently awaiting your answer, and shall then ship the birds at once.

(S) R. GURNAY

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VERVIERS

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Mr. Lee M. F O R D

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*11/10/17*

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