

61. Rue aux Laines  
Serviers

17.1.21

Mr. Lee H. Ford

Great Falls

My dear Mr. Ford,

As I have learned from Mr S. J. Gibson of the arrival of the four birds consigned to you since the beginning of December, I suppose that same must have reached you by now, and should be delighted to hear from you about them.

As you had the band numbers beforehand, there can be no mistake as to the birds which you have no doubt received, and I think it useless to assure you again that you



can entirely rely upon it that they are  
first class birds, the very pick of  
my strains, which I wouldn't have  
parted with at any price had it not  
been for showing what we can do here  
with the homing pigeons, and enabling  
you to build up as fine a colony of  
birds as anyone else's in your Country.

I trust your four birds are not the  
worse for the strain of a stormy journey  
across the Atlantic.

Hoping to hear from you soon with  
very kindest regards, I remain,  
Dear Mr Ford,

Yours most sincerely  
FOUR R. GURNAY  
*F. R. Gurnay*

États-Unis d'Amérique



Mr. Lee H. Ford

Box P. 11/17/21

Great Falls

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Montana

S. A.

4/5/21

12th prize Angouleme  
20th from mym 3000 h  
Mr. Lee M. Ford in 1921



- Box - 8 -

Great Falls  

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Montana



4/5/21

**L**

Dear Mr. Ford,

I beg to confirm my last letter & to let you know that we had our first race on Sunday last, May 1st, at Royon - 230 Kms. with strong N.E. wind.

For the several Verriers clubs, there were upwards of 3000 birds, all released at the same time. In my own club, there were 1200 birds and I score 1st prize with an advance of 5'16" on the next bird for the town, with a bird that went to Angoulême National in 1920.

Then 9 other prizes, namely 29-32-48-76-86-132-187-196 & 200th in my club

The 2nd. bird, 29<sup>th</sup> prize, is the 12<sup>th</sup> prize of  
last year's Angoulême, which almost got lost  
on April 24<sup>th</sup> while training in rough weather.

As you see, while being long distance birds,  
my pigeons can compete stout - swift races &  
win.

With all good wishes for your 1921 season,

Yours very sincerely

J. P. Gurnay  
~~W. G. W. W. W.~~  
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**R. GURNAY**

FOURNITURES POUR TAILLEURS

VERVIERS

TÉLÉPHONE 1192

Compte Chèques Postaux 9885

VERVIERS, LE 22nd. April 1921

61, Rue aux Laines

Mr. Lee M. F O R D

Great Falls

Dear Mr. Ford,

I beg to confirm my letter of the 17th. or 18th. inst, which I very much regret to have sent off in French, not knowing that you had such difficulties to find an interpreter. However, I have made a note of it, and in future I shall have all my letters written in English.

For your direction, there is some blood of the 2nd. prize of Vierzon in both the cheq. hens which I sent you in 1919. I must say that I prefer them to the blue ones, although these are extra for swift, short races, up to 190 Miles.

But those which I by far prefer are the two pairs I sent in the last shipment, and I can say that I have the fullest confidence in the results you will obtain from their offsprings.

My very best strain is not to be beaten in the races up to 520 Miles in bright weather, especially when the racer has a big young one, and already begins to drive, what we call to look at his mate.

Should the cock, before being sent on the road, chase his mate too hotly, then I should deprive him of her company for two or three days, and just let him have a look at her for 3 to 4 minutes before being basketed.

Should you wish for it, I would gladly send you each week a paper with the results of all the races I shall race this season.

All told, I am training 25 cocks, not a single hen, for the whole racing season.

Re your enquiry for youngsters, I have already written you that, as a favour, I would let you have youngsters from either the 1st. or 12th. of Angoulême, or 1st. or 2nd. of Vierzon at 150 Dollars per pair.

With regards to old birds, the 1st. Angoulême's mother now belongs to Mr. Shaw, and bear the ring Nr. 19742, 1917. I think I could get her back if I wished to have her, as Mr. Shaw told me several times that he would gladly part with her for my benefit.

Shaw also bought in 1919 both father and mother of Petit Bossu, 1st. prize of Vierzon, for 5000 francs.

I enclose a list of four pairs of guaranteed breeders which I would be willing to let you have, and I must emphasize that this would not be done for anybody but you. I decidedly want to deserve the confidence you have placed in me, for which I am very proud.

Those four pairs, along with my Excellence 1916 and my old 1913 blue, for which two birds Shaw offered me unsuccessfully frs. 5000, ~~are~~ all that I had left after the war, which I had been able to save from the destructive endeavours of the German Army of Occupation in our Country.

Sincerely Yours  
R. Gurnay



R. GURNAY

(Suite)

22/4/21

The writer wishes to tell you that Mr. Gurnay hates writing and does not speak English. Unfortunately, he often despatches his letters without telling me and without taking copies of same, otherwise I should have translated them all.

However, I should be delighted to send you a translation of all letters you have already received in French if you cared to send them back and if you can put up with my English that is getting somewhat broken through lack of practice.

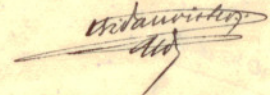
I, of course, always knows both the letter and the spirit of Mr. G's letters, but I must also confess that I know nothing whatever about birds.

Moreover, Mr. Gurnay never kept any pedigree records not anything of the kind.

Should you wish to use my services, I shall be only too pleased to do that work after my day's work, as I do translate your letters to Mr. Gurnay, but pray do not mention this paragraph in your letter, as I would not perhaps hurt Mr. Gurnay's feelings, and just want to help you both. #

Believe me, dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely,



1st. pair: Price 300 dollars.

blue cock, ring 10 of 1915, son of my 1st. prize of Vierzon in 1914, a fortnight before the war broke out.

bronze jolie hen, ring 54805 of 1917, daughter of my famous Excellence, never beaten in the exhibition, wherefrom his name Excellency.

2nd. pair: price 350 dollars.

cheq. cock, called "Tache" ring 991 of 1916, brother of my winner at Angoulême in 1914

dark cheq. hen, ring 1052 of 1916, sister of the 1st. Angoulême 1920

3rd. pair: price 250 dollars

dark cheq. cock, ring 1015 of 1916, son of hen 1946 mentioned in the 4th. pair herebelow.

blue hen, ring 26 of 1915, daughter of my famous blue cock called "the Bidet".

4th. pair: price 250 dollars.

dark cock, ring 19346 of 1917, son of my winner of Angoulême in 1914

dark hen, ring 1646 of 1914, crossbreeding 3/4 Gurnay and 1/4 Hansenne extra breeder.

# Just send such letters back as you wish to have translated & ask Mr. G. to have same translated for you. You may add a p.s. in English with directions, as he does not understand the language.

P.T.O.



I have pleasure to send under separate cover the prize-list of the two great National Races of 1920.

R. GURNEY

For Angoulême, I was competing with 4 birds, and at

Diégo Doublages with 2.

The total winnings for these two races including the

Diégo Doublages (which are not on the list) was 80000 francs.

Kindly return the lists after perusal, oblige

Yours very sincerely,

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1st pair: price 300 dollars.

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2nd pair: price 250 dollars. ...  
3rd pair: price 250 dollars. ...  
4th pair: price 250 dollars. ...

2nd pair: price 250 dollars.

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dark cock, ring 1015 of 1916, brother of my winner at  
Angoulême in 1914

3rd pair: price 250 dollars

dark cock, ring 1015 of 1916, son of hen 1018 mentioned in the  
"1st pair" herebelow.  
dark hen, ring 1017, daughter of my famous blue cock called  
"the Biber"

4th pair: price 250 dollars.

dark cock, ring 1017, son of my winner of Angoulême in 1914  
dark hen, ring 1016 of 1914, corresponding 3/4 Gurney and 1/4 Hensenne  
extra breeder.

I feel sure that this list will be of great value to you and I am glad to  
have some material for you. I am glad to see you are all well and hope  
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**R. GURNAY**

VERVIERS

Spécialité de Satins

Téléphone 1192

Mr. Lee M. FORD

Box 3

*Racey* with  
a big young one  
cross bred her  
3/4 Gurnay 1/4 Hanoverian

*4/2/21*  
*Racey*

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Montana



## R. GURNAY

FOURNITURES POUR TAILLEURS

VERVIERS

TÉLÉPHONE 1192

Compte Chèques Postaux 9885

VERVIERS, LE 26th. July 1921

6r, Rue aux Laines

Mr. Lee M. F O R D

Great Falls

Dear Sir,

I am duly in receipt of your esteemed letter of the 2nd. inst.

Re birds which you have taken over from Mr. Gibson, I am certain you have done well, and feel sure that the offspring of same with the hens you mention will be better fitted for long distance flying than those which you might have got from the blue cocks.

As you know, I had sold a good many birds last year, and in 1919, to my friend Mr. Shaw. This season he has had their breed on the road, and in spite of their being but yearlings, he has broken all previous records, and there has been much talk and writing about his performances with my strain.

He has raced his birds in 14 competitions, and won the 4th. prize in the first race, and 1st. and second prizes in all the subsequent races. In a 520 kilo. race, he wins 1st. 2nd. 3rd. and 4th. prizes.

Never have such magnificent results been recorded.

On the 16th. inst. he again scores first prize in the first race for youngsters.

This is another instance of the value of my strain in the races.

I think you are wrong when you say that you will not take an old pair of breeders, I mean a pair of birds between 3 and 5 years old. As such a pair would have bred good youngsters for me here, there would be more certainty about them, and you would be sure that they would breed good stuff for you also. I do not think that age has anything to do with breeding, for I have had excellent results with 9 and 10 years' old parents, and the change of climate could but rejuvenate them.

When communicating with me, I think you might do it direct and send only copies to Mr. Gibson. Although you tell me that you have sent him an order and a draft, I have not heard from him as yet. Even if you send things direct to me, he shall get his commission back from me in due course.

Well, all I can say is that I sincerely wish you to be the champion in your country with my strain, and if you will definitely tell me what you want and your price, I shall see to it that you get fully your money's worth and that you be pleased with the birds I shall send you.

Just like you, I wish we could talk matters over here in my loft, but that is not indispensable, and as a meeting is simply impossible, you may rely upon it that you will get what you need have for success.

Next week, I hope to have a day of liberty, and in that case, I shall put down all particulars about the system for racing the birds. I am certain that you will do better than anybody else if you carry on according to my directions. You should let me know at once when you start the racing season and when it is finished with you, and give me a general idea of your weather. I shall then tell you what would be the



R. GURNAY

(Suite)

the proper time for mating and how you should feed the birds, namely all the kinds of food and quantities of each. If you so desired, I might send you a sample of each kind of grain that I give under different circumstances, breeding time, racing season, winter &c., and mould.

As soon as I hear from you, I shall let you know all particulars.

It will take me much time to put it down in writing, but I really wish you to have a system which has proved so very excellent with me and that suits my strain. Of course I shall rely upon you that all this will be kept strictly confidential.

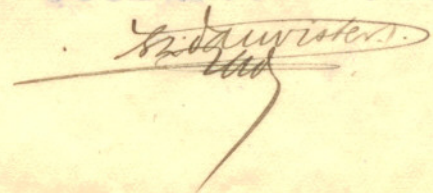
I am almost certain that you will beat all your competitors, barring of course abnormal races in foggy, rainy and dark weather.

In such cases, it often happens that birds which are fittest attempt to get home right through bad weather, and get lost. But in bright weather, however hard be the wind, I am convinced you would do better than other fanciers.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

ROBE E. GURNAY

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robt E. Gurnay", written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.



**R. GURNAY**

FOURNITURES POUR TAILLEURS

VERVIERS

TÉLÉPHONE 1192

Compte Chèques Postaux 9885

VERVIERS, LE 31st. Aug. 1921

6r, Rue aux Laines

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Mr. Lee M. F O R D

Great Falls

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favours of the 27th. and 28th. ult. the contents of which I have duly noted.

I have closed this year's racing campaign with fair winnings, in spite of having had several mishaps owing to the disturbed state of the atmosphere. Unfortunately, for the last race I had sent five birds on which I had staked frs. 16500, a sum which I never before had staked on any single race. So certain was I about the success that, had I been offered a profit of frs. 50000 the day before the birds were released that I should have refused it. I never had so much faith in my racers, and all the result was..... a twenty franc prize. The prize list was exhausted within four minutes' time, owing to the fierce wind that was blowing, and that never was good for my birds who like to work and not to be brought back.

Re the birds which I should like you to have, the first is the Bronze cock, ring-band II58438, first prize Noyon 1920, 232 kilometers, son of my famous breeder named "La Tache" who is a brother of my 1914 Angoulême. Beside the 1st. prize Noyon, he has scored four other prizes, among which the 7th. from Dourdan, 360 kilos., and for the two races he has won me above frs. 6000.

He is mated to a hen slightly stronger than himself, a daughter from my Excellence, this Excellence being the most beautiful bird of my loft's and having won all Excellency prizes wherever he has been exhibited.

The second bird is my 38th. prize Angoulême 1920, a splendid chequered cock of 1919, most beautiful for breeding.

He went to two races in 1919, 6 in 1920 and six this season: 18 races all told, and has won 12 prizes, all well up in the lists. He is a son of my famous "Petit Ecaillé" brother of my 1914 Angoulême and which Mr. Shaw purchased for frs. 4000.-

This cock is mated to a beautiful dark hen, born in 1919, a daughter of my famous breeder called the "Bon Bleu".

In short, those two pairs are without compare, and on no account would I sell them to anybody in Belgium, as they would be far too terrible competitors for me.

The two cocks have won this year above 14000 francs; they are extra birds, and it is really a pity to sell such birds.

I can assure you that, with such stock to build on, you may quite well breed a perfect team of birds, and I doubt that you will ever be able to come across their equals.

I would let you have the two pairs for 700 dollars; if you were competing in Belgium, you would be able to win that money on the first



R. GURNAY

(Suite)

race you would send them to.

Should you like to have a pair of youngsters, I might let you have a son of my 1st. prize Angoulême 1920, with a daughter of the 1st, prize Vierzon for 150 dollars.

I quite realize that such prices are rather much money, but I would rather buy a few good birds for a fair price, and be pleased with them, than buy many for little money and be annoyed with them as long as they live.

As I have told you before, I want a good price for my birds, but never have I had anything but congratulations and repeated orders from those whom I have served.

Mr. Shaw made a lump purchase last year for frs. 31500; this year he has beaten all records, and the whole fancy in England knows and talks about the Gurnay strain. You may ask him what he has done, as I do not quite remember it all, but he has certainly won 12 first prizes on 12 or 13 races.

As for the above mentioned birds, I can assure you that it is a bargain, and you may take them with the utmost confidence. I enclose the prize list of the Noyon race so as to show you that the bird is really that which I offer you, no. 1158438.

I am quite at your disposal for all further particulars which you may wish to have.

I have not heard from Mr. Goson as yet, although your letters have reached me a good many days ago, but I was on a holiday and my correspondence has forcibly been rather neglected.

With kindest regards,

Yours most sincerely,

ROBE R. GURNAY





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R. GURNAY

VERVIERS

Spécialité de Satins

Téléphone 1192

Mr. Lee M. FORD

Box 8

*royal telephone  
Materiel  
Aug 31-21*

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Montana



**R. GURNAY**

FOURNITURES POUR TAILLEURS

VERVIERS

TÉLÉPHONE 1192

Compte Chèques Postaux 9885

VERVIERS, LE 11th. October 1921

61, Rue aux Laines

Mr. Lee M. F O R D ,

Great Falls

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favour dated Sept. 19. and enclosing a draft for frs. 4858.- representing 350 dollars of your money, on account of your purchase of birds. Please accept my very best thanks for same.

Almost at the same time do I get your second letter, dated Sep. 21 which request me to wait a few days before sending the birds off, as you intend making yourself the selection among the 3 pairs mentioned.

I shall, accordingly, await further news from you, but I must tell you that I have been compelled to take off the ring of my bird called La Tache, this owing to a swollen leg. The ring was absolutely too tight and as the bird was threaten of becoming lame and of losing his leg, I would rather sacrifice the ring and have kept him for breeding purposes.

Of course, the bird has lost none of his virtues, but here we could not race him any more now. For you, it is just as good as before, and to show you that this is a correct statement, I enclose the ring which was taken off him. You will see the number ~~991~~ 991 quite clearly.

Beside, that bird was named La Tache owing to a small white spot near the eye, and that spot still remains.

All the same, I shall not send anything until I have received a cable answer to this letter, even though that letter announced in yours of the 21st. ult. were telling me to send you that bird 991.

As a breeder, it is almost impossible to get anything better, and it is a shame that I have had that accident with the ring. The leg is quite all right now that the ring is off.

All I can tell you is that the six birds out of which you would make a choice are AI, the very pick of my loft in every respect, and just what you want to found a grand team upon.

I am rather inclined to send you the six of them as soon as they have nicely gone through their moult, and when you get them, you will give me your opinion. O, I am perfectly certain that you will fall in love with each and all. What do you think of this?

I have not heard from Mr. Gibson, to whom I am writing a few lines to-day.

With very kindest regards, believe me,  
Dear Sir,

Ever yours most sincerely,

POUR R. GURNAY

Ring 991.

P. J. O.



1921 October 11th

FURNITURES POUR TAILLEURS

VERVIERS

TELEPHONE

Compte Chèques Postaux 9882

On the 19<sup>th</sup> November, I am going to judge a show of birds organized by the Great Yorkshire Amalgamation & held in Leeds - England -

Great Falls This is expected to be the best pigeon show ever held in England & should you wish it, I might ask leave to exhibit the 6 birds referred to in this letter. Of course they would be "Hors Concours" most

likely but you would know the appreciation of the English fanciers about them. Please understand you

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Dear Sir,

Ever yours most sincerely,

FOUR R GURWAY

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Spécialité de Satins

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Téléphone 1192

Mr. Lee M. FORD

Box 8

*Ra Zache, as a  
breeder nothing better*

*10/26/21*

*Ra Zache's  
ring*

*wanted to show  
my birds at*

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**R. GURNAY**

FOURNITURES POUR TAILLEURS

VERVIERS

TÉLÉPHONE 1192

Compte Chèques Postaux 9885

VERVIERS, LE 25th. October 1921

61, Rue aux Laines

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Mr. Lee M. F O R D

Great Falls

Dear Mr. Ford,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favour dated 7th. inst. which contained three cheques for a total amount of frs. 4760, representing 350 dollars, for which I am very much obliged and beg to thank you very heartily.

As stated in my previous letter, as soon as my birds will be quite out of their moult, I shall forward you the three pairs mentioned, which are pairs 1, 2 and 3 mentioned in your abovementioned letter. If you have trusted me, I shall show you that I also have all confidence in you and that is the reason why I am sending you those six birds. Thus you will be able to judge for yourself, and I should be much surprised if your opinion about any of those birds would differ from my own.

With such a series of birds, I may confidently tell you that it is useless for you to try and have any other birds from other strains, for you will have all that is needed to found the best colony in the whole of North America.

With regards to pair 2, the Tache and mate, you need have no fear at all about their breeding. I am certain that, when that cock will be 10 or even 12 years old, he will produce youngsters just as good as those which he produces now. I never have had any bird called upon to produce more than is good for him, which would be very unwise. You may also exhibit that bird, for it is one of the best specimens of racing pigeons that could be found, in every respect. He has won several first prizes at different shows, and his mate, as a youngster, also went to two exhibitions. First time she got a first prize, and on the second time she had the Excellency prize, the highest award.

Pair 1, I am absolutely certain, will give you extra winners, and so will do pair 3. You will have to tell me later on what results you will obtain with them, but I can predict that your competitors will have some job if they attempt to do better than you will do with my birds' offspring.

Well, as I have repeatedly told you, the 6 birds are a rare bargain at the prices quoted, and when I told friends of mine that I had sold you these three pairs and the prices asked for, they all wondered whether I was hard up and needed money. But I wanted to show you that the confidence you had had was well deserved.

I just did the same thing with my English friend, Mr. Fred Shaw, and this season, he has won twelve first prizes in 13 races in which he sent birds. The whole of his loft is pure Gurnays. I submit herewith a letter I got from him, after he had sent me £ 250 on account on 30 to 40 pairs which I have to send him this fall, after I have made my selection and retained the birds which I shall keep for myself for 1922. I am also enclosing a paper with a record of his doings: for a first campaign, it was not so bad, was it?



He now wants me to let him have my good breeder called Bon Bleu, born in 1913, for 6000 francs.

As I told you before, I want a good price for my birds, but I always give good, tried birds.

Re photos, I am sorry to say that we have no good photographer here in Belgium for birds. As I am going to England for the show held on Nov. 19th. at Leeds, I intend taking half a score of my best birds with me and to have their photos taken. I shall then send you a copy of each and thus, you will know my best birds by sight, beside being the owner of some of them, for I can assure you that I am sorry to part with those which I am going to send you.

Feeding : for raising the youngsters, the food I always give consists in beans or peas, wheat, and a little colza-seed, with, from time to time, a handful of rice.

For racing, bares, beans or peas, and a little red rapeseed, canary-seed and hemp.

Four days <sup>before</sup> ~~being~~ basketing the birds, I make a mixture as follows: put in a dish one cupful of red rapeseed, one of canary-seed, two of hemp, and mix with six hard-boiled eggs (hen's eggs) which you have ~~XXXX-XXXX~~ conveniently mashed with a fork, also have some white bread toasted dry and reduced into dust, and put two cupfuls of it into the mixture of seeds and eggs. Add to that so much as the volume of an ordinary egg of pure natural honey. Mix very well and have it well dried in the sun.

Some powder sugar added cannot do harm.

Put some of that mixture in a small pot, same as I shall put in the basket with the birds, and put that pot in the nests of such birds as will go on the road, for the four days before basketing them, but always after they have had their ordinary meal, and after those which are breeding have fed their youngsters.

When they are not going on a race, do not give them any.

Each Monday, about 11 a.m. a bath.

For the moult: ~~beans~~ 25%, fresh wheat 25%, linseed 15%, rice 5%, colza-seed, tares and barley, each 10%. Then plenty of greens, such as lettuce, spinach and water-cress, cut into small bits. Also two to three baths a week.

As soon as the racing season is over, give the birds a good purge; I give them one gramme of Carlsbad salt per head. To this end, to close the loft and take away the aviary, giving the birds but light food. On the next day, noon, put the aviary back with water in which you have had the salt dissolved (dissolve it in hot water and let it get cold). As they will be thirsty, they will drink that salted water and get purged.

I trust I have made myself clear, as this is rather technical to translate. Should there be anything you do not understand, just tell me in a next letter, and I shall try to do better.

With kindest regards and all good wishes, I remain,

Dear Mr. Ford,

Yours very sincerely,

ROBE E. GURNAY

*Robe E. Gurnay*

*I enclose samples of beans, colza-seed and rapeseed, for fear you would give those other names and get mixed about them.*

*What I call rape-seed is the same small grain as colza, but red instead of black.*



R. GURNAY

VERVIERS

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Montana

\* Honey dope for racing  
Feeding youngsters

11/11 Trakers  
feed for racers  
Moulting youngsters

11/14/21

La Zachs  
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show

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Photos  
Reels  
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**R. GURNAY**

FOURNITURES POUR TAILLEURS

VERVIERS

TÉLÉPHONE 1192

Compte Chèques Postaux 9885

VERVIERS, LE 4th. November 1921

61, Rue aux Laines

Mr. Lee M. F O R D

Great Falls

Dear Mr. Ford,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your cable about birds and trust you will now have duly received my previous letters.

I have again been looking very carefully at the birds I intend to send you, and again I can assure you that the three pairs are most magnificent. Really, I hardly dare look at them too much, for I feel sorry every time to have sold such beauties. Never, I am certain, have such birds crossed the ocean bound to America, and I shall await your opinion about them very anxiously though absolutely confidently.

However, and it may have been caused by the long and very dry summer which we have had, they are not completely moulted, and I prefer to make you wait a few more days, rather than to ship them before they have completely gone through the moult.

If I find them in sufficiently good order for the Exhibition in Leeds on the 19th. I shall take them across to England with me and by the same occasion, shall have them photographed by a specialist.

When I come back, on or about the 23rd. inst. I shall enquire about the first sailing from Antwerp to Boston and ship the birds to Mr. Gibson as requested.

I have received the pedigree forms and shall fill them for you in due time.

With kindest regards,

Yours most sincerely,

ROBE H. GURNAY





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Amérique



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Spécialité de Satins

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*Rec 12/15/21*

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Mr. Lee M. F O R D

P.O. Box 8

*Quality of birds  
shipped home*

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*Photos in England and show them  
at Leeds if in condition*



**R. GURNAY**

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Compte Chèques Postaux 9885

VERVIERS, LE 28th. November 1921

61, Rue aux Laines

**Mr. Lee M. F O R D**Great Falls

Dear Mr. Ford,

Confirming my previous letters which you will have received meanwhile, I am glad to let you know that Mr. Gurnay has got back from his errand in England, where he was judging the Great Yorkshire Amalgamation Show on the 19th. inst, with a friend of his from Liege.

The show has been a great success indeed, with about 900 entries, and the organizers have, from the accounts I have since received, been exceedingly pleased with the whole.

Mr. Gurnay has shown three of his best looking birds, which had already won several championships in Belgium for their beauty, but of course his birds did not compete.

He has taken with him your six birds and left them to the care of our friend, Mr. Shaw, who is going to have them photographed. As soon as this has been done, the birds will be shipped direct from England to Mr. Gibson.

Mr. Shaw came over here previous to the show, and went back with Mr. Gurnay and his friend, as he was to accompany them and act as inter-preter.

Not one of the many who have seen the birds that you will get this time could help expressing his admiration. They really are perfect pictures, all of them, and I am sure you will be delighted with this lot, of course after they have had a good rest for recuperation after the long journey.

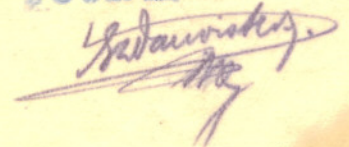
As for the price for the three pairs, as I have made up my mind to send the six birds without your agreement, because I believed it would be difficult to choose the better four, I shall leave it entirely with you and shall not express any idea on the matter. You have already sent me 700 dollars for the two pairs ordered, and it will be up to you to decide what the lot is worth, after you have seen them. I have as much confidence in your fairness as you have had in mine, and I have never doubted that, between fair-dealing people, an agreement is always easy to come to. What I wanted, above all, was to give you the fullest satisfaction, and I feel confident that, if I have not succeeded with these birds, nobody ever shall.

Kindly let me know your opinion when you get the consignment, quite frankly.

The pedigrees will be forwarded this week also to Mr. Gibson.

Yours very sincerely,

ROSE M. GURNAY





Fournitures pour Tailleurs

Etats-Unis

R. GURNAY

VERVIERS

Spécialité de Satins

Téléphone 1192

Mr. L & M. FORD

Box 8



Rec 12/15/21

Gurnay judged  
 the Greater Yorkshire Show  
 extra pair of hinds at my  
 own price. Gurnay showed  
 at Leeds however  
 - Leeds Nov 19 - 1921  
 3 of his hinds  
 competing

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Montana



**R. GURNAY**

FOURNITURES POUR TAILLEURS

VERVIERS

TÉLÉPHONE 1192

Compte Chèques Postaux 9885

VERVIERS, LE 2nd. December 1921

6r, Rue aux Laines

Mr. Lee M. F O R D

Great Falls

Dear Sir,

Confirming my previous letter, I beg to let you know that the pedigrees are being sent along by same mail, and I trust you will receive them safely.

I am sorry not to have been able to make them more fully, but as you know they were no records kept during the war, and the little records taken note of at the end of 1918 got "lost" through the man who was attending to my birds. I had to dismiss that man, as I made out that he was trying to build a loft out of mine, without my permission, and I could not agree to such dishonesty.

However, the fact remains that all the birds are of the same blood, and you may as well pair them together as I do it myself, since I have no other blood in all my loft.

You will notice that the 1st. prize Noyon 1920 is mated with his own mother, this hen having formerly been mated to La Tache.

This was done here purposely, as I wanted to get the very pure blood again, and thus I had to pair mother and son together.

I would suggest you to keep them together until they have given you their first hatch, then I should put that hen mated to the Noyon with La Tache, as she has already been, and put La Tache's hen with the Noyon. for further breeding.

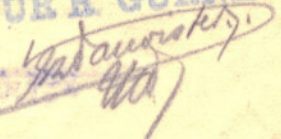
Thus you would see what mother and son can produce, and I feel sure they would give something very good indeed; but of course this ought not to be made a rule of, and I would not breed too much out of such a pair of near parents.

I am now anxiously awaiting to hear from you when you will have seen the birds, as they will be dispatched from England next week.

As soon as I get the photos which have been taken, I shall forward them to you.

Yours very sincerely,

R. GURNAY





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Monsieur Lee M. F O R D

Box 8

ETATS - UNIS  
d'Amérique

Received  
12/20/21



*Mother  
of business  
son to mother*

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ADR. TÉLÉGR. : "HAVENCO" - ANVERS

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ANVERS, LE 21 Dec. 25.  
LONGUE RUE NEUVE, 39

Monsieur Aug. De Rosy.  
Rue 42.  
Craig.  
Montana

Monsieur,

J'ai bien reçu v. lettre du 12 Dec. je suis au regret de ne pouvoir vous fournir les papiers demandés. j'en ai plus rien en surplus de ce que j'ai besoin en 26. -

Je vous propose de me renvoyer en Octobre Novembre 26. les 2 papiers demandés, soit de la rose de Roi de Roi & de prix d'homme de Rose. -

Pour le prix j'ai en général 100 ff par couple d'abbasau coute 5 No. - & les papiers montent à environ 400 francs. -

Veuillez me faire savoir si vous acceptez & ainsi votre proposition en me y adressant monnaie mes salutations sincères. Amicalement.



Received your letter of the  
12<sup>th</sup> of December. I am sorry  
I can not furnish you the pigeons  
you asked for.

I have not anything in surplus  
only what I need on 1916.

I propose to send you in  
October or Nov<sup>ber</sup> the two pairs  
you asked for. of the strain  
of my Trize of the King or  
honor prize of Dax.

For the price I receive in  
general \$100<sup>00</sup> a pair.

Duty 5% and the cost will be  
in the neighborhood of 400 francs.

Will you let me know if  
eventually I have to hold  
your proposition.