

two or three closely-allied sub-species or geographical races,

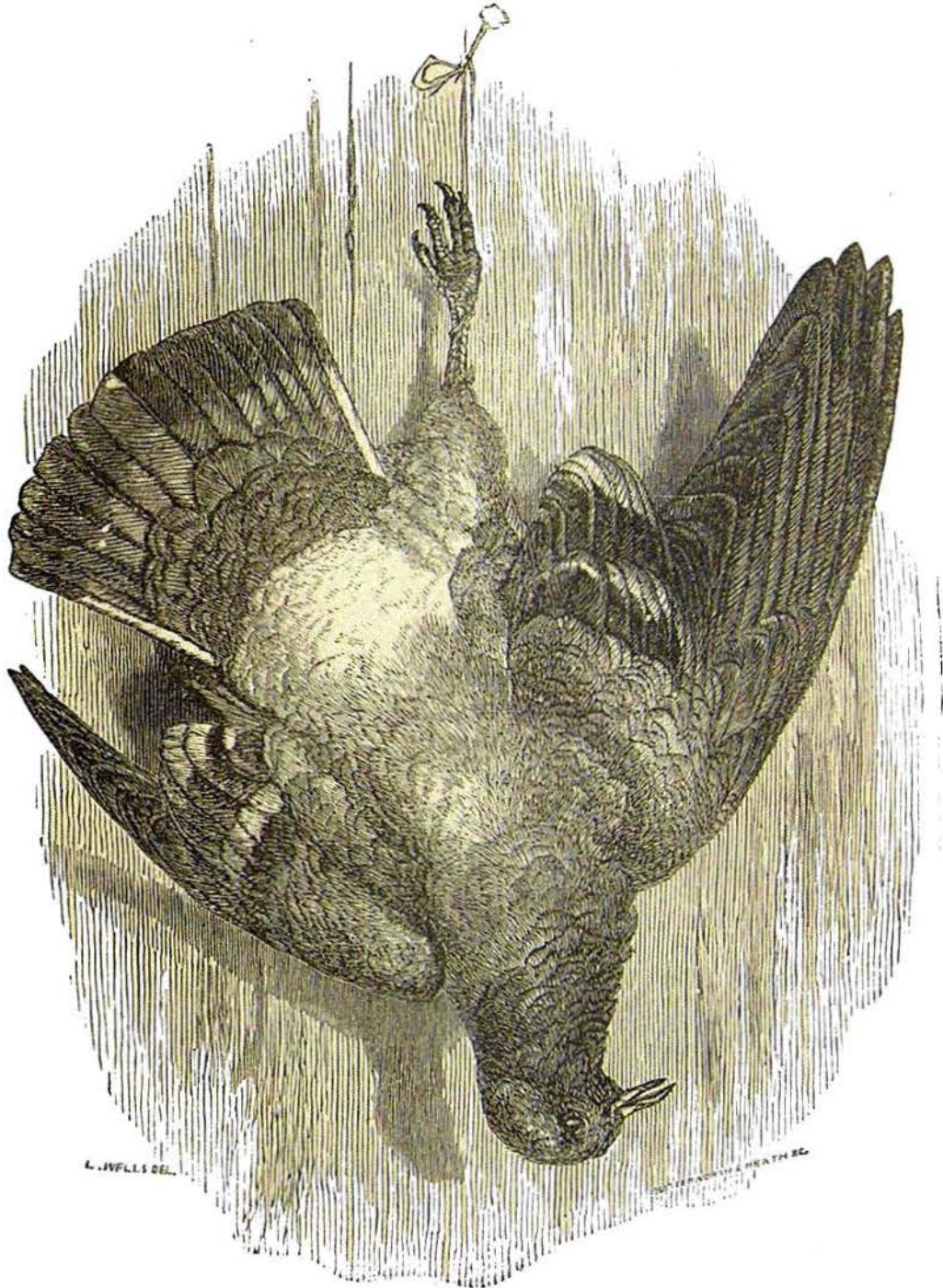


Fig. 17.—The Rock Pigeon, or *Columba livia*.<sup>6</sup> The parent-form of all domesticated Pigeons.

<sup>6</sup> This drawing was made from a dead bird. The six following figures were drawn with great care by Mr. Luke Wells from living birds selected

by Mr. Tegetmeier. It may be confidently asserted that the characters of the six breeds which have been figured are not in the least exaggerated.