

## NO MONEY (?) IN EGGS.

The egg business in the village of Crediton and town of Strathroy, belonging to the estate of the late David Hill, was sold by public auction recently. The bidding was spirited, outside parties particularly evincing a desire to purchase. It was knocked down to D. D. Wilson, of Seaforth, for \$14,000. It is the intention to commence business at as early a date as possible, and run it to its utmost capacity.

## TRUTHFUL, EH?

A southern paper tells the following:—Mr. Henry C. Hamilton, one of the most truthful men in Georgia, tells of a great curiosity which Bob Kenyon, an old negro man, is raising on Mr. Hamilton's place in Dalton. The object may be described as a fowl mugwump. It is half duck and half chicken, its father being a duck, and its mother a hen.

The mugwump is about the size of a frying size chicken. It is of the feminine gender. The head and breast are built like a hen, and the back, tail and legs are formed like those of a duck. But strange to say, the creature is not webfooted. The fowl mugwump cackles like a hen, and in walking waddles like a duck. Mr. Hamilton says that he was in Dalton Sunday and spent an hour looking at the freak. He says that it is the funniest thing he ever saw in a barnyard.

What does "Science" think of this?

## A STAMP FOR REPLY.

A correspondent writes to us that he has written to several advertisers who affix this heading to their advertisements, and has received no reply to any of his letters. To say the least, this is unbusinesslike and ungentlemanly, and they would do well not to allow such to occur again.

## GREAT CENTRAL FAIR.

At a recent meeting the following officers were elected:—F. C. Bruce,

President; Jonathan Davis, Secretary; R. L. Gunn, Treasurer; John Stewart, Col. Brown, Auditors; John Dickenson, Superintendent of the grounds; C. R. Smith, superintendent of the palace; S. P. Stipe, Superintendent of fruit department. (Where does the poultry come in.—Ed.) Executive Committee:—J. M. Lottridge, John Eastwood, R. Æ. Kennedy, Eli Van Allan, W. H. Gillard, Thos. Kilvington, Robt. Evans, J. J. Mason, J. W. Gage, R. D. Bensley, James Gibson, George F. Lewis, T. A. Walker, James Barclay, James McCormick, W. H. Brooking, T. Wardell, F. Miller, William Stock, Charles Sealey, Richard Carey.

## MR. P. T. H. ERMATINGER,

Montreal, has our sincere sympathy in the sore affliction of losing his wife at the early age of 27 years.

## POULTRY

## THE GOLDEN PHEASANT.

## W. B. HINSDALE, M. D.

This pheasant twenty years ago was a great rarity in America, within a few years it has become more common. Admirers of birds have found that they are not so difficult to keep and breed as to make them unprofitable. Being smaller than the silver pheasant, they are in proportion more tender when young and difficult to rear. When well developed they are as easily kept, and all we said in our recent article relative to the silver pheasant in regard to yarding, housing, feeding and general management, applies to this variety. The remarks we made in reference to tending and nursing the young are good directions to follow in rearing gold pheasants. The foster mother is the great thing to rely upon in pheasant breeding. A kind, tame, feathery, small-sized com-

mon hen makes as good a hatcher and breeder for pheasants as can be obtained.

We have used for foster mother's, hens of all sizes and dispositions, but when we have a small motherly hen that will not wean her brood until the brood dismisses her, come off the nest with a little flock of pheasants of whatever variety, we consider that we are going to bring to maturity a large percentage of them. We have found Pekin Bantams to be about the thing for gold pheasants, and small dunghills well mixed with Plymouth Rock blood for the larger kinds.

A Golden pheasant cock in plumage need only to be seen to be admired. With his breast of brilliant red, his crest of the richest golden yellow, his back of metallic green, and long whiptail of black, mottled with rich brown, he shows off one of the great Creators most beautiful productions.

The female is trim, tidy in habits, and not an unworthy companion of so noble a lord. Her plumage is dark brown, barred with brown of a light shade. A male and five or six female golden pheasants make a most beautiful attraction for a lawn or park.

Pheasants are good flyers, and it alarmed are apt to take wing and fly away. From this fact it is best to keep them in aviaries that may be made to add to the attractiveness of the birds.

## THE AMERICAN LANGSHAN CLUB.

At the annual meeting of the American Langshan Club held in Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 17th, 1889. The following officers were elected:—President, P. H. Jacobs, Hammonton, N. J.; Vice Presidents: W. A. Dakin, Toledo, O.; E. P. Kirby, East Chatham, N. Y.; J. Stewart Kennedy, Kingston, Ont.; R. G. Davis, Providence, R. I.; H. G. Keesling, San Jose, Cal.; Sec'y & Treas., A. A. Halladay, Bellows Falls, Vt.; Executive,