

(Get Ready.)

We will soon be engaged in getting our birds ready for the shows, and preparing our hampers to transport them, and a few general hints at the present time may be of use to beginners. The coops should be as light as possible, but strong. Substitute canvas for wood when it can be done. A coop for a pair of large fowls should not exceed eight pounds, and when a large number are to be shipped and the distances short, considerable can be saved by making hampers that will accommodate several pairs. Put some light absorbant such as oat hulls or dry saw dust in the bottom, fix a place for feed in a corner so high that the droppings cannot get into it. Sprinkle all well with diluted carbolic acid, one part acid to about forty of water. Members of receiving committees say they know our hampers by the smell of the acid; leading us to believe that few others use it. We have found that it enables our fowl to stand the shows better, and they always have returned in better health since we have adopted it. Make your entries within the time specified in the rules. It is not only a source of annoyance and trouble to the Secretary and other officers, but it spoils the orderly appearance of a show, having to find accommodation for a number of fowl after it was supposed all arrangements were complete.

It is very gratifying to us to find the great interest our old friends and brother fanciers are taking in our journal. They are not satisfied with sending us their own names and dollars, but are working up clubs with a will. We feel like shaking hands with them all round. Although very busy, we will find time to attend to their communications.

We promised our readers in first number that in this, the second, they would see a decided improvement. We have not yet been able to do all we intended, but think an improvement is evident. It is our intention next month to refit our advertising columns with new cuts, and would be glad to receive a few more patrons in that department. Our terms are very low, and our circulation large, both in the Dominion and the United States.

The *American Poultry Yard* is the title of a new weekly poultry journal, published at Hartford, Connecticut, by H. H. Stoddard. It is neatly printed, and will be vigorously conducted. We have also to thank Mr. Stoddard for three of the *World's* chromos. They are very fine.

Get two of your neighbors to join you and take the REVIEW. Three copies one year for \$2.25.

Ontario at the Saginaw Valley Association's Show.

Just before going to press we received a list of the prizes awarded at this Show, and being unable at present to give it in full, will give a list of the winnings of our Canadian Fanciers:—

WRIGHT AND BUTTERFIELD.

The choicest and most valuable collection of Poultry, entered and owned by one person or firm.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Special on cockerel, 3rd on fowls, 1st on chicks.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Special on hen, special on pullet, 2nd on fowls, 1st on chicks.

BUFF COCHINS.—Special on cock, special on hen, 1st on fowl.

WHITE COCHINS.—1st on chicks.

SILVER SPANGLED HAMBURGS.—Special on cock, special on hen, 1st on fowls.

GOLD PENCILED HAMBURGS.—Special on cock, do. on hen, do. on cockerel, do. on pullet, 1st and 2nd on fowls, 1st and 2nd on chicks, specials on cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, 1st on fowls, and 1st on chicks.

BLACK HAMBURGS.—Special on cockerel and pullet, 2nd on chicks.

WM. M. SMITH, FAIRFIELD PLAINS.

AMERICAN DOMINIQUE.—2nd on fowls.

BLACK HAMBURGS.—1st on chicks.

GOLDEN POLISH.—1st on fowls, 1st on chicks.

LA FLECHE.—Special on hen, 1st on fowls.

PEKIN DUCKS.—2nd on young, 1st on Call and Cayuga. White Muscovy, 2nd on young. Colored Muscovy, 1st on young. Aylesbury, 2nd on old. 15 pairs entered.

W. & J. R. CLARK, SANDWICH.

BUFF COCHINS.—2nd on fowls, 1st on chicks.

BLACK SPANISH.—Special on cock and cockerel. 2nd on fowls, 1st on chicks.

W. C. B. POLISH.—Specials on cock, cockerel and pullet, 1st on fowls, 1st and 2nd on chicks.

We are pleased to see that our old friend Mark Hagle, of Metamora, Michigan, was a very successful exhibitor.

We are in receipt of "The New Illustrated Poultry Book," by "Gallinaculturist." It is addressed particularly to the farmer, and contains much practical information regarding the rearing and management of fowls on the farm. "Gallinaculturist" knows whereof he writes, having reared in two years nearly three thousand head of poultry. Price 25c., postage paid. For sale at this office.

Persons out of employment can make money by getting subscribers for the REVIEW. Our commissions are large, and paid in cash. After the first, 25c. can be retained on each name sent.