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"CHUMS"

DO you know what it is to have a friend who is a poultry chum? If not, one of the keenest pleasures in life is wanting with you. It was our good fortune to spend a day or so last week with our old friend and "chicken chum," Mr. R. E. Bingham, of Stayner, an old and enthusiastic fancier. When we sat down to partake of the good things provided by the amiable lady of the house, and as the fragrance of "the cup that cheers, but not inebriates," filled the atmosphere, our spirits rose to the sublime heights of an old time chicken talk—reviewing the past, plans for the future, new breeds, old breeds, new claimants for our affection, and the loves of the past (in chickendom only if you please), these were topics to keep us long at the cup. But when the mystic words "come and see the stock," were uttered, we went out only to renew our subject with increased fervor. Friend B. is on the eve of moving into his handsome new residence, and *then*, we may look out, far more extended poultry operations from him. We saw four of the prettiest P. R. cockerels it was ever our lot to set eyes on, well grown, and fine shape, some fine pullets too, not so old; some of the pretty saucy, white crested Black Polish chicks, about ten weeks old, these are so very beautiful that we wonder the variety is so seldom seen; White Wyandottes, fine indeed, but

young; L. Brahmas, nicely forward, a few Game Bantams complete the list of the early birds. Before leaving, Mr. Bingham informed us of his intention of purchasing two fine trios of his old favorites, the Houdans; from a noted American breeder. It is his intention to make a speciality of Houdans and Barred Plymouth Rocks. There seems to us to be a good opening for these varieties, especially as he is an old hand at breeding both kinds. We cordially wish him success, and trust he will come out more as an exhibitor when he is in shape. "Good luck" Bro. B., "go in and win," there is lots of room at the top yet.

We regret to learn that the wife of friend McKinley, of Deer Park, has been seriously ill, but is now, we are glad to hear on the road to recovery.

Going Into the Chicken Business

Continued.

YOU will remember, reader, that we were referring to the medical advts. which are so liable to mislead one who is just entering the ranks of the poultry-keepers. We do not mean to imply that all the mixtures advertised for the various disorders common to fowl are no good; far from it. Some of them are of the utmost value, and the result of years of patient experiment, undertaken for the love, and for the benefit of our ailing pets. But we do mean that they are not absolutely indispensable, and by proper care and feed, with clean quarters, a man may never need to use them. We mean too that healthy birds with good fair range are not *sure* to get sick. As an illustration we may append the following item from a friend who had imported a fine pen.