

already, and the kind wishes extended to my humble self have cheered me greatly. I am sure few know the courage a warmly expressed wish gives a man, and the glow of friendliness that fills his heart thereat. Bro. McKinley, I trust we may meet ere long, and if you can forward items of interest we shall be duly grateful.

PEOPLE TO BEWARE OF.

THE man who has the *only* good breed of fowl.

The man who has won more first prizes than any other breeder in the land—or the water either, for that matter.

The man who has paid an *immense sum* for his flock of prize birds, and is so imbued with the spirit of philanthropy that he will sell their eggs for seventy-five cents per sitting and pay express.

The man who guarantees that his eggs will hatch ninety-nine per cent. of prize birds.

The man who gives a chromo with every sitting.

The man who undervalues and belittles his brother fancier's stock on every possible occasion.

The man who had far better birds at home than those that obtained the prizes at the shows.

The man who has a hundred or so of first-class birds more than he needs, and will sell them for 50 cents after keeping them all winter.

The man who says that all a fancier cares about poultry is for the prize money he gets.

The man who tells you that every poultry man is a cheat or swindler.

The man who tells you that thoroughbred birds are not so hardy as common stock.

Get as many of these together as you can in front of a cannon and fire.

NOTE TO ADVERTISERS.

LAST issue was a very large one, and all whose advertisements were inserted therein, reached a very large constituency of readers. Our issue of May 8, will number 8,000 copies and an excellent opportunity is thereby offered those who would take advantage

of it. Our advertising rates will be found on the first page of cover, and these rates are strictly adhered to. All copy must reach us not later than the 6th inst.

KEMPENFELDT P. & P.S. ASSO.

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Crosses vs. Thoroughbreds.

MR. BARRETT in your first issue denounces the old standby of the Canadian farmer's wife, the mongrel barn door hen. I agree with him to a certain extent—mongrels are comparatively useless, but I am not altogether in love with any pure breed of fowl for farmers' use. The farmer wants a general purpose fowl—a hen that will fill the basket both with eggs and early matured chicks. Again the villager who has to keep his hens within narrow limits wants a bird that will stand confinement equally with the Brahma, but lacking the intensely motherly instincts of those birds. My fancy is a cross between the Plymouth Rock and the dark Brahma and this cross meets all the wants of farmer and villager. I have in my yard some crosses of Black Spanish and Leghorns which have out-laid both these breeds this spring. They were hatched in July and commenced laying in November and are still at it. They are small and puny in appearance but give a good egg. In England quite a trade is done in advertising