

FROM MR. BUTTERFIELD.

Editor Review :—

I NOTICED your remarks on Hamilton show, and without doubt you found things as you say. But, Sir, is that not pretty late to criticise the judging, Friday? Well, I stayed the balance of the day, and noticed several errors before I left, and had the cards put in their proper places. Mr. Wardell was my clerk, and I would not think he could favor any person in giving the prizes differently to where I said, but those poor white crested Pol- and cockerels, I see them now and think on the card was written "disqualified," and I notice one or two more errors in your printed prize list, and whether you made the mistake or not I cannot say, but my memory serves me pretty well after having gone through a show. You say in black-red Games: 1st Main, 2nd Barber; that was not so, Main's cock was first in Toronto single birds, and 2nd in Hamilton as a pair; and you have got it 1st here and 2nd at Toronto. Now, when I judged on Wednesday at Hamilton, Mr. Main showed a hen with very blue legs—good hen otherwise—and not matching in legs with cock, I placed Barber 1st and Main 2nd. Then after the awards I was looking over the show, and I found another hen with very yellowish willow legs with Main's cock, so you must not have seen the hen that was judged at the time I was judging, as she had pretty nearly blue legs. I did withhold a great many prizes this year at Hamilton, and awarded several seconds and thirds, and withheld first prize in a good many classes, and I may have awarded first prize to a blue legged Pekin Bantam cock, but if that was so, I must confess I did not see the legs. I am often charged at a show with seeing too much, but in this case I did not see enough. I was disappointed myself this year at Hamilton, for last year they had a good show of good

birds, and this year it was quite slim; how to account for it I cannot say, unless that it was our old friend of Wm. McNeil stopped in London this year. Of course we all know that wherever he shows (if the classes are not full, whatever class he shows in) there are birds good enough to win 1st prize, anyway. I was sorry to see our old friend Bogue so far behind this year. So long as I have known him he always turned up in good shape, but how to account for it I don't know, unless he is in love—I think that's what's the matter, he's been going to see the girl instead of going to feed the chickens. S. BUTTERFIELD.

[We are glad to hear from Mr. Butterfield, and glad to see that he takes our remarks so kindly. With two shows on in one week one must necessarily be visited before the other, and the awards as indicated by the prize tickets were just as we stated.—ED.]

DISEASE AMONG TURKEYS.

Field.

I SHOULD be much obliged by you or any correspondent giving me their experience of what is known here as swelled head among turkeys. My birds did well for three months, when I noticed that some of their heads began to swell, and that there was a discharge from the eye and nostrils. Many of the birds go blind and die after a week or fortnight's suffering. To begin with, I feed with egg and boiled rice for a month, then with rice alone for another three weeks, then with pollard (fine bran) and small wheat. They have quite 100 acres to run over, and roost in a clean shed, which is open to the south. I have also lost several from gapes, or red worm. I should be exceedingly glad for a remedy for either disease.—W. J. D.

[The swollen head in young turkeys is analogous to "cold in the head" in ourselves; but as the secretion cannot escape, the head swells and the birds die. The stronger escape, except is

very wet seasons; the weaker, those suffering from a bad system of feeding, &c., die. No system of feeding could be more likely to predispose to the disease than that above mentioned. Feeding young turkeys only a month old on boiled rice is most injurious; if they had not had a free range, so as to get vegetable food, none would have been reared. The proper food is egg and milk at first, followed by sweet meal, with milk, and abundance of milky lettuces. Gapes can only be effectually prevented by rearing on fresh ground.—ED.]

DOCTORING POULTRY

[M. K. Boyer in Germantown Telegraph]

It does not pay to doctor poultry. The poultry fraternity seem to agree upon this. There is some sense in attending to slight ailments, and "a heap" of good sense in using prevention. But when the time is counted and the danger looked at in our endeavors to cure contagion, we make a grand mistake. What is a rousy fowl, for instance, after from outward appearance it has been cured? Nothing more than a weakly-constituted bird. It is unfit for breeding purposes, and liable at the least exposure to return to its old complaint. Far better it is to chop off the head and deeply bury the fowl at some tree down in the orchard away from where the other fowl get.

It is much wiser to kill off a dozen such fowls than to expose the entire flock to the danger that it puts them in, and perhaps in the end lose double the fowls that were apparently cured. We have ever maintained, and we see no way in which it can be contradicted, that a disease once rooted in the system of a fowl can never be entirely eradicated. We have often read of how this and that remedy had cured birds of disease when they were near death's door, and how they are now well and laying. But are they cured? Appearances are decidedly