

Our British Columbia friends don't make the use of REVIEW they might. Why not send us your experience.

There is a small matter in connection with cross-bred fowl at our Ontario show I would like to speak of. I think the understanding at the outset was to have each competitor state when sending entry what cross was used when birds were hatched, what they were fed on, and their weight at different ages from one month old onward, or something of that kind, but in the annual report I have never noticed anything about them more than to say who won. I may be wrong, it may have been given but I never saw it. There is no doubt but it would be useful to those desiring to use crosses, for market perhaps. Our worthy Secretary can explain the conditions under which such prizes were given for the cross breeds. Respectfully yours,

S. M. CLEMO, Galt.

Mr. Clemo is quite right and we are sure Mr. Browne needs but to have his attention drawn to the omission. But if the breeders don't give the information, how is Mr. Browne to supply it to readers of his report? A rule might be made rejecting all entries in connection with which the desired information is not given. It is important that it be supplied, if cross-breeding is continued, which is a doubtful blessing. With one cross we have tried this year, so far the pure breeds (buff Plymouth Rocks) have jumped right ahead of the cross (black Minorca—buff Plymouth Rocks).

I have some fine young Dorking chicks hatched from eggs bought of Abbott Bros., England. They deserve great praise for the excellent way in which they pack and ship eggs, my lot having arrived in perfect condition. All my young stock is doing well—have had the best of success with them this season.

JOSEPH KINSEY.

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#### POPULAR POULTRY TALKS BY PRACTICAL BREEDERS.

**U**NDER the above heading it is the purpose of the REVIEW to discuss one leading question in each issue of 1896, and we would ask you to lay your views on each question as concisely as may be before our readers. Kindly answer each question on a separate slip. Do not fear to write because your spelling or grammar may not be quite up to date. We will gladly see that all errors of this kind are corrected before being printed.

#### QUESTION.

if you exhibit at the fall shows, give method of preparation, extra feeding to gain size and any other item that may occur to you.

#### ANSWERS.

*By Joseph Kinsey, Doon, Ont.*

I only exhibit at the county fairs and, therefore, have not a very wide experience. I feed for extra weight green corn cut from cob and wheat. I have found that buckwheat gives the fowls a rich and glossy plumage. I do not keep them housed, as they do better running out. It is also desirable to have early hatched chicks.

*By G. Anthony Pearson, Brown's Corners.*

I exhibit at some of the fall shows, but my preparation is little more than the other stock get, as I think some people ruin poultry by feeding them too much, to make them grow, as they think, large. I always let my pullets run outside and feed with the other pullets, but I keep my cockerels in to prevent them from being discolored by the sun.

*By A. A. Whitteker, Morrisburg.*

I do not exhibit, my business is such that I cannot get away.

*By S. M. Clemo, Galt.*

I usually exhibit at fall shows, but cannot give any particular method of preparation, only to give the fowl good care, wholesome food and avoid over-feeding during warm weather. If the birds you propose to show have lobes they will do best in a rather dark, cool place, with plenty of fresh air. Usually the birds we expect or would like to be in the best condition are in the worst at the time required for a certain show. For a number of years I have noticed that chicks hatched rather late moult earlier the following year and make the best birds for early fall shows. I have some white Rocks hatched the beginning of July '95 that now appear as though they would be in good fit for the Industrial. I find barley a splendid grain to feed when you desire to retard moult. Some force birds to moult by feeding stimulants and oily food, but such treatment must surely weaken the constitution. Compare a forced moult with one where nature has taken its course, and you will at once decide in favor of letting nature take its course, as it is impossible to obtain the same brilliancy of plumage by the forcing process. While writing I would like to tell you of an experience I had this season with two of our male birds, one a white Plymouth Rock, the other a black Minorca. Toward the close of the breeding season I noticed the Rock looking very pale and going light but very vigorous. Finally he