

## EARLY LAYING.

*Editor Review:*

I HAVE been informed that there was a local in one of the Port Hope papers that some gentlemen in Port Hope had some pullets laying at the age of four and one half months old and that it was a very rare thing for pullets to be laying less than five months. Well I might say that I purchased a setting of black Leghorn eggs last spring, 13 eggs, I set them, and the chickens were hatched on April 4th, and one of the pullets commenced laying on Aug. 4th. I got 11 chickens out of 13 eggs and several more of the pullets commenced laying the following week and they were all laying before they were four and one-half months old. I write these few lines to you as I have been informed that it is a very rare thing for pullets to be laying at the age of four months and seven days as my pullets are doing. If it is the case I thought it would be some news for the paper you publish and no harm done.

Yours truly,

WM. FOY.

Whitby, Sept. 5, 1894.

P.S.—The pullet I speak about has not missed one day since she started which was on Aug. 11, 1894.

## QUERIES AND ANSWERS.

WILL you kindly let me know 1. What the standard weight of black-red and brown-red Game fowl is. 2. Also if not up to standard weight can they be disqualified.

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1. There is no standard weight for Game, extra large birds are not desirable.

2. No.

If it is in accordance with your rules, will you kindly inform me in your REVIEW as to the following:

1. At the recent Exhibition, in the black Minorca class, I noticed that in many cases the extremity of the ear-lobes were colored, some of them fully half an inch, not the red blotches sometimes seen throughout the lobe of poor specimens, but a clearer defined patch of a darker shade. Is this coloring considered a blemish, and if so to what extent would a judge cut therefor? Is it usually transmitted in breeding?

2. Should the toes of black Minorcas be black, horn

color or white? Many, in fact nearly all, at the Exhibition were white.

ROBT. H. ESSEX.

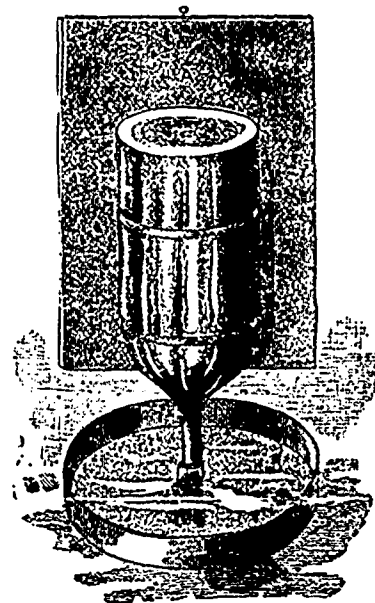
Toronto.

1. Pure white lobes are required, any discoloration is a defect and if not caused by accident would likely be transmitted. The extent of cut would depend on the judge, the size and shade of colored patch.

2. Toes should be dark slate, or nearly black. ED.

## BOTTLE DRINKING FOUNTAIN.

AN inexpensive drink-fountain may be made by fastening an ordinary quart bottle to a board, as shown in the illustration, A, being the board and B B the clamps which hold the bottle in place. A hook, or loop, at the top of the board will serve to hang the bottle to the wall of the poultry house. A piece of wire should be attached to the mouth of the bottle, to prevent the bottle from



resting on the bottom of the drinking pan underneath. Fill the bottle with water, turn it upside down in the pan, and the pressure of the atmosphere will prevent the water from flowing out of the bottle only as it is lowered by the drinking of the water by the fowls. If preferred, the clamps (B B) may be attached to a post or to the wall, and the bottle removed from the clamps when filled. The design is from Mr. A. G. Richard, 12 East 69th St., New York City.—*Poultry Keeper.*