

Some breeders keep grain before them all the time, and claim that in this way less is used, but as this is quite likely to be due to disgust, it is rather a sign of evil than of good. Food that lies about much is apt to get sour and to bait rats and mice to the spot.

Times.—The last meal should be given at night, just before the fowls go to roost; that is particularly important in winter, so as to secure during the night that warmth that accompanies the consumption of the food in the system. This is the best time also to give whole grain, as it is slower of digestion. In the morning, before feeding, ascertain if the crops are empty. If not, do not feed, the water they will now drink is all that they need. The morning feed should be warm and soft especially in cold weather.

Method of Feeding.—The natural manner in which wild birds find their food is well worthy of imitation, especially as experience shows bad results from violating this. Wild fowls find their food slowly, but little at a time, and as a result of considerable exercise. On the contrary, breeders too often throw down great quantities of food in such a manner that the fowl can at once obtain a full meal, and this is done all the more hurriedly, on account of the rivalry of the rest of the flock. In this way fowls overload the crop, drink too much water, and perhaps suffer from swelled crop, or because they do not give the natural sense of satiety time to manifest itself, and are apt to eat much more than they need.

To obviate this the food should be given in such a way as to secure slow feeding. Whole grain may be buried in leaves or straw, or lightly raked into loose soil. Grains may be fed on the ear. All this will secure exercise, which is also beneficial in keeping the hens out of mischief.

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WESTERN FAIR.

LONDON.

IT must be gratifying to the Directors to know that this fair was such a success in every way, not alone in point of exhibits, but also in that of attendance, no less than 37,000 people having paid for admission on one day (Wednesday) of the show.

LIGHT BRAHMAS—Old a fair class, nothing special, 1st hen best in lot; chicks moderate. Darks were better, 1st cock good shape, color and head, neat comb, hardly in feather yet, 2nd fair, too meaty in comb; hens a moderate lot. 1st cockerel a real nice one, good color, clean and bright, good breast, neat head and comb. 2nd a large one, good leg color, well feathered legs. 1st pullet fair, too light in color. 2nd fair color, lacks cushion.

COCHINS—Good classes, old whites large in size, good leg and beak color, nice shape, not much choice between 1st and 2nd. Blacks good. 1st hen extra. Partridge fair. 1st a very easy win. 2nd smaller, not as good in shape, color or feather. Chicks in both black and white good. Buffs the best of the lot. 1st old pair excellent, large and good shape. 2nd and 3rd close up. 1st and 2nd chicks well grown, good rich color, show rather too much black, good leg color, well feathered legs and toes. 3rd pullet a rich color, a bit stiff in tail. Cockerel good. Pullet in an unnoticed pen should with time make best of lot.

LANGSHANS—A large class and good birds. 1st old pair typical, good shape, legs and color. 2nd nice, others in class well up.

POLANDS—A grand lot all round. 1st W C C B cock a beauty, grand crest, good in shape and color. 1st white pen

good, cock a trifle stained in color. Golds and silvers a grand lot and well judged.

HAMBURGS, especially blacks, good, not large classes.

DORKINGS were slim classes, good pair old whites, nice color and shape. Others well up.

PLYMOUTH ROCKS, barred, nothing special outside hen in 1st pen, the Toronto winner. Chicks away ahead of old classes. Winners good. Old whites mostly in bad shape. 1st pair ahead of anything else in class. 2nd and 3rd fair. Three excellent pairs of chicks.

SILVER WYANDOTTES a mixed lot, few good ones. 1st old pair fair. Cock in 2nd very bad tail. 1st pair chicks nice well grown pair, cockerel fails in leg color. Pullet in 2nd pen has bright legs and neat breast. Whites much better. 1st cock large, correct shape, good comb, legs and beak. 3rd, a fair pair, lack size and are rusty in color. 2nd cock a neat one on the small size. 1st chicks a well grown pair, nice shape, good color, legs and beak. Gold begin to show much improvement.

SPANISH, old winners, large in face but rough.

BLACK MINORCAS—1st cock, the Toronto winner. 2nd shows too much Leghorn type, but neat looking. 3rd a good one, comb gone over. 1st hen good, 2nd nice, fair shape and comb. Chicks good, especially pullets. In whites, 2nd cock is best of lot, typical, with good lobe and comb, hens lack size and comb, chicks the best we have seen this season.

BLACK LEGHORNS outside of 1st hen, good in shape, color, lobe, and especially leg color, contained nothing special. White old birds fair, but in