

under the name of F. Cornish, gave Cornwall the contract to print for him 55,000 large illustrated catalogues describing the gorgeous gold watches, diamond earrings and other rich jewelry which he was prepared, "in order to introduce his business," to distribute among the public at prices ranging from \$1.50 for a heavy gold necklace to \$20 for a super excellent lady's stem-winding gold watch and chain. Mr Cornwall stipulated that the transaction should be a cash one; but with the exception of about \$200 on account, no cash has yet been paid, although the contract price was about \$1,100. The enterprising jewelry dealer left New York suddenly, and after tracing him to Staunton, Mass., Cornwall happened to see one of the circulars which he had printed and upon which the address had been changed from F. Cornish, Thirty-third street and Broadway, New York, to J. A. Vail, No. 1237 Market street, Philadelphia. After satisfying himself by a personal visit that Vail and Cornish were one, Cornwall placed the matter in the hands of counsel, who received from Mr. Cornwall yesterday an extract from the *Star and News*, of Mount Joy, this State, which reads as follows: "Beware.—We would advise our readers to be somewhat careful in sending money to J. R. Vail, No. 1237 Market street, Philadelphia, whose advertisement appeared in this paper of May 11. Glowing representations are made, which may be true, but we somewhat doubt their responsibility. One thing we do know, that the advertising agent, J. Cudney & Co., No. 1267 Broadway, New York, who gave out the advertisement, are first-class frauds and dead-beats. Possibly Vail and Cudney are one and the same firm." A copias was issued at Cornwall's instance yesterday for the arrest of Vail. Judge Allison fixed the bail at \$1000.

A number of our advertisers have had communications from L. W. Lee & Co., Philadelphia, Pa., who was anxious to make large purchases of thorough-bred poultry, and "being a stranger" to each, gave J. A. Vail as reference. We know of but one case where a shipment was made to the party—after a payment of \$25 had been received—but Lee was so plausible, and his terms so reasonable it is a wonder that several did not deal with him. There is little doubt but L. W. Lee & Co. and J. A. Vail is one and the same person.

Meeting of Ontario Poultry Association.

A meeting of the Ontario Poultry Association was held last evening in the association rooms at the grounds. Mr. Kester, the President, was called to the chair, and Mr. Sanderson acted as Secretary.

Mr. W. H. Doel, being called upon to explain the object of the meeting, said that he thought it would be a good thing to bring the members of the association together in order that they might have a talk upon matters in connection with the breeding of poultry. He might mention that the books had been placed in the hands of Mr. Hill to audit, but he had not had time to do the work. He understood, however, that there was a deficit of

over \$325 from last year's show. He did not think that Toronto men would be willing to take the society with this debt hanging on its shoulders. He reminded the meeting, however, that the prize-list had been raised last year, the Toronto men not wishing to reduce it. He did not feel like accepting the responsibility of this debt, because if it were not paid at the close of the show the Toronto men would be blamed for it. Under these circumstances he had no wish to take the chair as president until this account was settled in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. Bogue explained that the deficit was due to exhibitors, who he felt satisfied would not press for payment. He was himself one of the largest holders of these due bills, and he would give his word that he would not press for payment until the association was in a position to pay him. Other gentlemen present would no doubt do the same thing. If, however, the association was put to it he had no doubt but the money could be raised easily enough. He also reminded the meeting that the deficit had been created by causes over which the Executive Committee had no control.

The President remarked that the officers were not liable personally for the debt, which could be collected only from the association.

Mr. John James said that in his opinion the officers of the association could be personally sued for the debt, and he, as treasurer-elect, did not like to place himself in such a position.

The president still contended that the association only was liable for the debt.

Mr. Doel held a very different opinion. Indeed, he knew very well that the parties who held the due bills of the association could sue him as president, if he were to act as such, and recover the amount.

Mr. McClelland was of the opinion that if the association made an effort the debt could readily be paid of. He felt satisfied that the parties holding the due bills would not press for payment.

Mr. Boddy said he knew of certain parties who would press for payment. In fact, many who held due bills would send them along as entry money with their entries, and the association would be compelled to accept them as cash. This would be equal to paying out \$350 as cash at the start. He had been told by a lawyer that the due bills could be presented by anybody holding them, and that the association would be compelled to pay them.

The president said there was no doubt but the association was liable for the payment of this debt, but he did not think the bills would be presented.

Mr. Sanderson held that the newly elected officers should either act or resign. Mr. Doel, who had been elected president, did not seem to wish