

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS ON DISEASES, BREEDING, MANAGEMENT, ETC.

Correspondents are requested to make full use of this column. The answers to enquiries as to diseases will be answered by a well-known medical man and breeder. Please read the following rules carefully.

1. Give a concise, clear and exact statement of case, always stating age, sex, and breed.
2. Enclose 3 cents stamp for reply.
3. Report result, not necessarily for publication. *This is absolute.*
4. Acute cases requiring immediate treatment to be answered by mail in the first instance, later through REVIEW for the benefit of our readers.
5. Write legibly and on one side of the paper only.
6. Answers to be to name in full, initials or *nom de plume* the first preferred.

QUE.—Please answer this question in your next and oblige as it might come good to others as well as myself. I set six duck wing Bantam eggs thoroughbred, 5 chicks was the result three were the right color, with stripes down the back, but two were pure white, and I know there was no other kind of breed around since the parents were born, by answering you will oblige.

WM. A. LOUGHERY,

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ANS.—This case is not so unusual as may be supposed, Game Bantams, (outside of black-reds) frequently come "off color," due, no doubt to the admixture of colors for breeding purposes.

QUE.—Now that the breeding season is fairly begun I would like to ask the following questions. 1st, what breed lays best in winter when well protected from cold etc., last year breeders of Brahmas, Andalusians, Minorcas, Plymouth Rocks etc. etc., assured me that their particular breed was the very best for winter laying. If I had believed all I was told I would come to the conclusion that every breed layed better in winter than summer, but as my experience has been somewhat different I would like to have your opinion as I believe you can give the best and most disinterested advice. 2nd, would you advise me to plant grass or oats in my yard.

Yours truly,

Montreal,

W. H. HILL.

ANS.—As a matter of fact there is no best breed, early hatched pullets of any kind, say April, if well fed and warmly housed in winter will lay early, the only thing to be remembered is that the large comb breeds such as Minorcas and Leghorns would be stopped in laying sooner than such varieties as Plymouth Rocks and Brahmas. We have had White P. Rocks and Black Minorca pullets hatched in May laying equally well since the middle of December, they were kept in a cool place and left run out, but had access to an open shed and an unlimited supply of dry coal ashes thrown out *warm* every morning. (2) Would advise you for quick growth and abundant green food to sow a mixture of white and red clover in your yard, of course while in its early state it would not be advisable to leave the fowls run on it

Your correspondent Science's letter in *Pigeons & Pets* on the use of Iodoform is worth a whole years subscription.

It never struck me before to use capsules, and I have on two separate occasions choked valuable fowls with castor oil in trying to administer it off a spoon, and in my ignorance never knew the cause. This won't occur again you may depend Yours truly,

J. H. C.

Being a subscriber to your bright little paper *Pigeons & Pets* as well as the old REVIEW, I read the article on Iodoform with interest as I had a Japanese Bantam cock which had fought with another through the bars of its pen and had got a bad case of cankered mouth consequent on the pecking of the other bird. I followed the directions given by "Science" dusting on the Iodoform at night, in the morning the bird presented a deplorable condition, its claws were doubled up and it stood as it were, on its knuckles, it had also apparently lost its sight. I said to myself "he is a goner, sure" but making all efforts to save the bird, being a valuable one, I brought it in near the stove, and for three whole days kept its crop well filled with warm milk administered with a syringe. On the fourth day it began to regain its sight and power of limb, and eat a little crumbled bread and drink milk of its own accord, and finally got as right as ever. The one application certainly cured the bird, but I want to know, 1st if the illness was due to the Iodoform. 2nd if not, what caused it. 3rd can Iodoform be purchased in various degrees of strength and 4th, if so could what I used have been too strong to apply in this way. I may say the druggist labelled it "poison." Would "Science" kindly reply through your columns?

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