

tion, where it may be remarked there were one hundred and sixty Plymouth Rocks in competition. The cockerel will head one of their pens this season.

MR. T. H. SMELT,

had a brief stay in Toronto on his way home from judging at Ottawa. He told us that the quality in most classes was extremely high and competition keen.

THE OTTAWA COMMITTEE

refused some sixty entries which were not sent in in time. If one or two other Associations would have the back-bone to adopt this course a few times the "late entry" nuisance would soon be a thing of the past.

AT THE LATE PHILADELPHIA SHOW

Messrs. Burn & Hansler, Tilsonburg, made the largest exhibit, 117 birds, and received many awards, especially in Dorkings, Games, Polish, Spanish, Hamburgs, &c. They won specials for best exhibit of Game, for best exhibit outside U. S., best display of Polish and best display of Dorkings.

MR. SHARP BUTTERFIELD,

our own "Sharp" who is now so deeply engaged studying French, judged Minorcas, Andalusians, white black dominique and buff Leghorns, Anconas and Polish.

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

of the Ontario Government has issued, with a special Bulletin containing a list of the meetings of Farmers' Institutes for 1892, a very thoroughly revised list of books and magazines for farmers. The REVIEW is accorded a place in the list.

OUR ILLUSTRATION.

By request we publish an engraving of a pair of white Dorkings, winners in England, and for which we are indebted to the *Stock-Keeper*. Our correspondent draws our attention to the fact that one of the pullets winning the cup at the Ontario had scarcely any breast and still was not cut on symmetry and wants to know if this is correct. We should say most decidedly not, shape of breast is a most important part in a Dorking and is well shown in our engraving.

FOUR LEGS AND TWO TAILS.

A curiosity at the Ottawa show was a well developed, healthy pullet with no less than four legs and two tails. Freaks of this kind are not infrequent but they rarely reach maturity.

MR. W. C. ROTHWELL, COLLINS BAY, ONT., writes to know if we are aware of the existence of a breed of fowls called black Astrachans. We have heard of such a variety somewhere but cannot at this moment place it. Can any of our readers oblige us?

DEATH OF MR. H. P. HARRISON.

We deeply regret having to chronicle the demise of the late Henry Pierce Harrison of Toronto, who succumbed to the ravages of typhoid fever on January 21st. Mr. Harrison was a native of Sligo, Ireland, and came to Canada some thirty years ago. He was identified with the breeding of black-red Game and had imported noted stock several times. Of late he had done no exhibiting but had a few excellent specimens in his yards. We feel that we have lost a warm personal friend, and extend our heart felt sympathy to his sorrowing wife and little ones.

POULTRY

MORTIMER'S MONTHLY MORSELS.

BY F. A. MORTIMER, POTTSVILLE, PA.

THE poultry house does not provide suitable shade for poultry in the summer season. Being low and close, with no ventilation, and the roof, walls and interior heated by the direct rays of the sun, it is too warm during the day for the fowls. If the hens are on a range where a few trees are standing, they will be amply provided for; but for hens confined in yards, that have no shade, they must not be exposed to the sun or more shade must be provided for them. A piece of muslin or calico on cross pieces or brush placed on poles, will be of assistance, but naked yards should have a few peach trees planted in them next spring.

Chicks die in the shell because you open the incubator too often. The cold air coming in contact with vaporized moisture, causes rapid evaporation killing the chicks by chilling them.

You ask what is the best food for fattening hens, ducks or turkeys. Give them all the corn they can eat. Keep it before them and allow three meals a day of any kind of mixed food, making potatoes a prominent article of the diet.

A correspondent of the *Country Gentleman* says a poultry raiser who feeds corn can get a great many more eggs if he has the time, and will take the trouble to bake it in the oven until it is slightly brown. It seems to take away fattening qualities and stimulates them to lay, and it will well pay for the labor.