

run wild, the first thing that fails is the winter supply of eggs. Fewer are produced in the spring, fewer still in summer and Autumn. The birds will scarcely pair in the winter; but you will usually see very strong small chickens produced from these birds. The hens will steal their nests, and bring back large clutches, 17, 18 and 20 being no unusual number. Now, what I would say as moral to all this is, don't force your hens too much, or the chicks will suffer from weakness of vital power in the parents. If you want to breed from extra layers give them plenty of shelling and mate them in spring with an adult male that has been separated from any hens through the winter. It is a great mistake to allow cockerels to run indiscriminately with hens as soon as they begin to show their sex. Even for the early hatch birds, a whole winter of bachelorhood is a great benefit when the breeding season commences and you want to hatch chicks sired by these birds. I would willingly pay much more for such a bird, and always keep a cockerel yard where all the best seasons cockerels are shut up with the unpaired male adults until the breeding season begins, or they are sold.

It would not pay to let fowls revert to savagedom, but much more care should be taken that in obtaining a few dozen more eggs yearly we do not sacrifice the vigor of the chicks.

MRS. E. KAMELAC.

TIMELY H'NTS.

MARCH.

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Although many chicks have already been hatched in British Columbia this season, yet this month still more will be done. To secure the best results one must use care at every step. If you trust to luck you will fail. Common sense and hard work will go a long way toward bringing success to the poultry fancier. (proper attention to the eggs you propose to set, let them be fresh and if at all dirty don't be afraid to wash them. Be sure your hen has fully made up her mind to undertake the responsibility necessary to rear a family. Give her a good nest in a good place and don't be afraid to use a rea-

sonable amount of care and gentleness in starting her on her three-week job. There is little danger of doing too much, the trouble generally is all on the other side. Your breeding stock should receive every care and be kept in the very pink of condition. If you don't have fertile eggs this month you can only blame yourself. If you are a rancher and are only looking at the commercial side remember that it is only the early chicks that pay. You must have your broilers on the market early or there will be little or nothing in it for you, except—loss. After two chicks are hatched your work has only just begun. The rearing of them is where the real work comes in. For the first twenty-four hours let them alone, nature has made all necessary provisions for their comfort. Then a hard boiled egg chopped up fine, shell and all, and mixed with cracker crumbs will furnish a good meal. Oat meal moistened with milk and chopped wheat will give variety when needed. See that there is an abundant supply of pure fresh water and have it so arranged that the little fellows can't get into it. Take all precaution to exclude vermin in all sorts. A few dollars spent in wire netting may save many a fine chicken from destruction during the age when they are particularly helpless. A covered run is easily made and will be an effectual barrier against cats and hawks that have a liking for fancy chicks. Remember you are laying the foundation now and the whole character of your future work will depend upon it.

HENRY S. BALL.

The San Francisco, Tacoma, Vancouver and Victoria poultry shows were all judged by Mr. Henry S. Ball of Shrewsbury, Mass. Mr. Ball came as an entire stranger, known only by his eastern reputation. He went away leaving his name attached to thousands of score cards which represented careful painstaking judging and with hosts of friends among the fraternity on the coast. The office of poultry judge may not be a sinecure but if a man is competent and does his work honestly it is not so hard after all. This was Mr. Ball's position exactly. To see him take up a bird and judge it inspired one with confidence and you felt, here is a man who understands his business. Mr. Ball is a typical New England gentleman, polite, courteous and with a fund of general poultry knowledge that is truly surprising. He represents the pioneer

poultry fanciers and can tell many a good story of the early days. It is to be hoped this is not Mr. Ball's last visit to the coast and he can rest assured that his careful work was fully appreciated by all real fanciers. Au revoir!!

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A QUESTION OF JUDGES.

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EDITOR B. C. FANCIER.

I wish to submit my plan of campaign for show season of '95-'96 open to suggestions from other clubs in our proposed circuit; the circuit to consist of the following clubs:—

Tacoma, Seattle, Portland, Vancouver, Nanaimo, Victoria, and if possible, the Washington State Ass'n

As the principal item in the circuit is the judge, I propose that each club submit names of say four (4) judges of national repute whom they may prefer. The four (4) names receiving the most ballots to be voted on again for one (1) judge, and the whole circuit to abide by the choice of the majority. Also in the event of making a circuit, each club to deposit a guarantee equal to each other, the whole amount of which will be sufficient to cover the judge's expenses.

Also that the guarantee be deposited not later than the first of September, 1895.

I think the first show of the circuit should be held in December, so as to get the last dates early in or before February.

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Of a mistaken philanthropist Jerrold said he was "so benevolent, so merciful a man, he would have held an umbrella over a duck in a shower of rain."

Some men hold a dime so close to their eye that they can not see a dollar. And the man who thinks he is saving by not subscribing for a first class poultry paper is undoubtedly related to this class.