

This will be a new receipt for preserving eggs.

Mr. Robert Elliott, Listowel paid us one of his periodical visits a few days since. From what he said we infer that the fancy is in rather a languishing state in that burgh at present.

Mr. F. W. Sutcliffe, Brampton, has sold his Leghorns and is at present in England.

One of the firm of L. C. Gulliford & Son, of Fairview, Penn., and Mr. Gibb and "Billy" Likens, of Franklin, Penn, will probably visit the Industrial this year.

An interesting case came up at the Police Court, Guelph, the other day. Mrs. O'Neil was the plaintiff and Mrs. Henderson the defendant. Both parties live on Grange street. Twelve ducks belonging to Mrs. O'Neil strayed into the other woman's garden, and met their death at the hands of the enraged Mrs. Henderson. Hence the prosecution. The hearing of the case elicited a controversy of a very spirited and amusing character between the two women. It was settled that Mrs. Henderson was to pay the plaintiff \$1.50 as a recompense for the loss of her ducks, and \$1.25 costs of the court.

W. Barber & Co. have received from England a trio Brown Red Games, the cockerel and one pullet being particularly fine.

We regret to announce that Mr. Wm. Brown, Toronto, owing to ill-health, has been obliged to offer his entire lot of fowls and chicks for sale. Some of the pens have been got together regardless of expense or trouble.

MR. HOPKINS' MINORCAS.

We have pleasure this month in giving an illustration of Mr. John Hopkins', Bridgewater, England, pair of Champion Black Minorcas. The illustration is not idealized in any way,

but shows the birds as they are. The following are some of the honors won by this famous pair of fowls:—Cock shown as a single bird, won silver cup and 1st prize at Crystal Palace; silver cup and two 1st prizes, Bristol; silver cup and 1st Trowbridge, silver cup and 1st Helston, special and first prize Hastings, special and 1st prize Cleckheaton, silver medal and first Tunbridge Wells; 1st prize, Birmingham; 1st prize, Devonport; 1st prize, Glossop &c., &c., &c. The hen shown as a single bird won first prize at the late Ilwinstor show, and the champion silver cup given for best adult bird in the show of any breed cock or hen, to win which she had to beat 124 pens, a feat which no Minorca ever won before. Also 1st prize at Tiverton, 1st prize at Wells, 1st prize at Southport, 1st prize at Helston, and scores of others, including first prize again at the late Bath and West of England show held at Dorchester, June 1st 1887. When shown as a pair, they were never beaten.

THE FALL FAIRS.

THE INDUSTRIAL and DOMINION, Toronto, will lead the van as usual this year, the dates being from Sept. the 5th to 17th; the poultry section of the exhibition going in on the second week, from Monday to Friday. Poultry are provided with an even hundred sections in both fowls and chicks, turkeys, geese and ducks, 20 sections for each both young and old. Ornamental have 34 sections, while pigeons are allotted 54. There are also several special prizes offered in cash and medals.

Mr. H. J. Hill, the affable Secretary and Manager, will be happy to mail a prize list to anyone applying therefor.

THE PROVINCIAL is to be held at Ottawa this year from 19th to 24th of September. We have not yet seen a list, but understand it is substantially the same as last year. Mr. Henry Wade, Toronto, is the Secretary.

Neither has the prize list of the WESTERN FAIR, whose dates clash

with above, come to hand yet; but we are led to believe the list is a good one, and particularly full. Mr. Geo. Mc-Broom is the Secretary. We shall probably receive lists before next issue in time for further notice. It is a pity the dates could not have been arranged so as not to conflict.

The next on the *tapis* is the GREAT CENTRAL, Hamilton, from Sept. 26th to 30th. The list is a good one, and will, no doubt, draw a large exhibit. Birds are all shown in pairs. Mr. Jonathan Davis acts as Secretary.

THE EASTERN TOWNSHIP'S AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION offer a really good list for their show at Sherbrooke, Quebec, Sept. 13th to 16th. Secretary-treasurer R. H. Tylee will be happy to mail list on application.

CARE OF THE SITTING HEN.

BY STANLEY SPILLET.

Permit me to give a little incident which lately came under my notice, the knowledge of which may be good to some unfortunate fancier. A half a loaf, which, says the proverb, is better than no bread.

A neighbor had a hen sitting upon a nest of eggs in rather an exposed situation. All things went on satisfactorily till within a few days of hatching, when her ladyship, one morning at day-break, quietly left for parts unknown, it is probable she had crossed that bourne from which there is no extradition. After the eggs had remained in the nest uncovered for about four hours your humble servant came upon the scene, and advised the putting of the eggs into a basket and taken to n./ place, a mile away, and put under an old L. B. which for several days had been soliciting a similar supply. This was done and the result was that half of those eggs hatched. I now recall to mind several instances in which I lost sittings of valuable eggs, and of