

pretty well known that this variety is not as its name would suggest, a message carrier, but is a fancy bird kept and bred solely for the show pen in fact. The wattles on the beak and around the eye render him incompetent for all flying purposes. Indeed it is with difficulty that they can mount even as high as a house.

Moore enumerates the principal points in the Carrier as follows:—The beak, its length, thickness and straightness. The beak wattle, its shortness from back to front, its breadth across the beak, and its being well filled up and tilted forward. The eye wattle, its breadth, evenness and its lying flat to the cheeks.

Perhaps the most important point and the one hardest to obtain is the beak wattle. In the first-place allow me to say that there are two different types of beak wattle, one called the peg top wattle from its resemblance to an ordinary peg top with the beak standing out in front for the peg. The second is termed the walnut wattle and is rounder and resembles a walnut in shape and pattern. There is, I believe no choice between them however, as regards value, both are equally hard to obtain in perfection.

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Scratching.

Have your nests so low that the hens can step in, instead of jumping in at the risk of breaking the egg some more industrious or earlier rising hen has left there. It is a good plan to make the bottom of the nest of clean sand with a little sulphur sprinkled in, with chaff or fine cut straw above.

Colds are often indicated by sneezing or coughing. The fowl suffering with a cold should be placed where it is warm, and fed warm soft food seasoned with pepper. Give in addition a teaspoonful of glycerine night and morning for a couple of days.—Fanciers Gazette

Common sense is the first requisite of a successful poultry fancier. It will stand an amateur, to a great extent, in lieu of the other requisite—experience. You can buy choice birds now, at cheaper rates than you can next spring after the flock has been wintered. Do not keep your inferior fowls, and your cockerels any longer than is necessary to get them in good condition.

COMING SHOWS.

Dunnville, Dec. 3, 4, and 5. R. H. Marshall Sec'y.

Poultry Association of Ontario, St. Catharines, Ont., January 7, 8, 9 and 10, 1890. R. Hamill, Secretary, J. C. Rykert. M. P. President.

Eureka Poultry Association Chatham Jan. 20 to 23rd, S. Butterfield judge, C. M. Baskerville, secretary, Chatham.

Milton, December 30 and 31, 1889, and Jan 1, 1890. Judges, Bicknell and Smel. John Dewar, secretary.

Bowmanville, December 31st, 1889, Jan. 1, 2, 3, 1890. S. Butterfield, judge. J. M. Hern, Secretary.

OHIO.

Central Ohio, at Mt. Gilead, Ohio, January 7th to 11, 1890. J. Y. Bickdell, Judge, W. F. Bruce, Secretary.

Cleveland, January 14th to 19th, 1890. C. C. Schellentrager, Sec., Glenville.

Fayette Association, at Washington C. H., January 14th to 10th, 1890. J. B. Collier, Sec. Union, at Cardington, Dec. 17 to 21, 1889, G. S. Singer, Secretary.

NEW YORK.

International, Buffalo, N.Y., December 11th to 18th, 1889. H. M. Fales, Sec., La Salle, N.Y.

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At first the chicken stuffed and roasted brown With apple sauce and fixings all complete, And then the fricassee, all covered o'er With thickened butter poured with lavish hand To hide the bones. And then what may be left

Is done up into pies, with pastry tops Just fitted to the dish. Last course of all Of this eventful bird is chicken soup— The general leavings and the scrapings— Of wings, legs, tails, necks, bones and everything. —New York World.

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