

Diseases are better prevented than cured. Where lice are found cholera follows, for they are caused by one and the same thing—filth. The utmost cleanliness is necessary in the houses and on the grounds. The yards should be often spaded up. If the houses and coops are kept clean the fowls will free themselves of vermin with the dust bath. Whitewash is one of the most important articles in poultry management, and it should be used freely. Light, sandy soils are best for poultry kept in confinement, as the rains carry down many impurities. —*Detroit Commercial Advertiser.*

### Our Lefroy Letter.

Editor Review,

With the Industrial the campaign of 1882 opens, and though it can be regarded only in the light of a skirmish; still the names that met the eye led to the conclusion that the engagement was somewhat general, while the quality of the stock attested to the sanguinary character of the engagement. Still I must say that, in some cases, I was disappointed; where I expected to find something pretty fine the reverse was the case.

I have not had much experience at poultry shows, not being able to get away from my business, but so far as I have I find that it happens with the regularity of a general rule, that the more a man has "boasted" the less reason there seems to have been for it, or the less he seems to have had to boast about. It does not follow that because in a certain department in an exhibition the competition is always known to be slack that a man will bring out his poorer specimens for the place. There is no doubt but he will put his big foot first, and if he wins accepts his success as an infallible proof of the superior excellence of his stock, even if he had just to "walk over the course."

Another speaks of the man who is capable of extracting pleasure out of the mere fact that he is the owner of a prize winner, having purchased it, with profound pity, and among other fine things says "that a true fancier's real source of pleasure is found in having succeeded in solving a difficult problem, or "producing his ideal," forgetting, if the above is true, how little cause he has ever had to congratulate himself upon his success. Still the public must not get that impression; it won't pay. And so we hear of "I have succeeded in producing a strain," &c., but enough of this.

Now, Sir, it is evident that the opportunity which such shows as that of Toronto affords to fanciers to meet and enjoy the pleasure and profit of a social chat over their pets, is not the least important feature in such shows. I, for one, enjoyed it greatly, and for the future would allow very few of such opportunities for pleasure and improve-

ment to pass unimproved if my business permitted of it, but, unfortunately for me it does not. Again, having a few of one's best birds on hand gives one an interest in the whole thing which otherwise one would not have.

If I may judge from so short acquaintance, it occurs to my mind that there is, or seems to be at least, an almost inexhaustible fund of suspicious circumstances connected with the career of every noted poultryman in Canada, of which every other poultry man, noted and obscure, is fully acquainted. Now this state of things is to be regretted, as it will do more to destroy the harmony and success of these shows than all the other unfavorable conditions to which they are necessarily subjected put together. These feelings of distrust and suspicion have played the principal part in destroying the usefulness of our township agricultural shows, and, in many instances have put them out of existence altogether. It is also a bad policy, serving to destroy the reputation of the whole fraternity in the mind of the public. It is, in the majority of cases uncalled for and unjust, for I have no doubt but nine out of ten of the fanciers of Ontario are business men of honor and integrity, and are known and trusted as such in their own community.

I called upon Mr. Edgar, of Lefroy, a few days ago to see some stock he had been purchasing. I found that he had just received from Ireland, from the Earl of Enniskillen, by the steamer "Brittania," by way of New York, a fine trio of Silver Grey Dorkings. These are the finest specimens of this variety I have ever seen. It is to be hoped that he will exhibit them at Toronto; though he will sell no eggs from them. He also received from the same source a pair of magnificent Rouen ducks. The express charges on the five birds from Ireland to Lefroy was \$14.04.

Shall say a few words in my next upon the desirability of having an American judge for our winter show, B. N. Pierce, for instance.

Yours fraternally,

STANLEY SPILLETT.

Lefroy, Oct. 4th, 1882.

### Doings of a Gift Jeweler and would-be Poultry Fancier.

The following clipping was sent us by one of our advertisers who had an opportunity of sending at least \$100 worth of fowls to L. W. Lee, & Co.

Charles M. Cornwall, a New York book and job printer, yesterday took legal steps which will probably put an end to a thriving business which has been conducted during the summer by J. A. Vail at No. 1237 Market street, in this city. Last spring Vail, who at that time was carrying on the jewelry business from an office at the corner of Thirty-third street and Broadway, New York,