

death or otherwise will stop from fighting. I have known them to fight for half a day, and when found both were apparently lying dead, but facing each other, and each having hold of his opponent; it took some time to revive them, and when shown to each other they went at it as fierce as ever. You can not always judge of the courage of Game fowls by their appearance, but the following plan to test it is sometimes tried: Procure a stag and an old cock,—put on the latter short steels—or shorten them to half an inch by putting on corks; then let the stag “face” the old bird until he gets pretty well “struck”; continue this every morning for a week or ten days to a fresh cock, and if he “shows” to all, it is certain he has been sufficiently tried to breed from with safety. Some prefer breeding from the brothers of birds so tried. Should you consider the above few remarks worth a place in your Chronicle, (which may success attend), you are welcome to them.

Yours,

A GAME FANCIER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CANADIAN
POULTRY CHRONICLE.

SIR,—In looking over the pithy letter of Colonel Hassard, in your able little paper, I noted the only trouble our friend had in keeping Fowls from freezing in Canada was the dipping of the wattles in the drinking water. For the benefit of brother fanciers and the public, I would state that I have brought my Spanish fowls through the winter without the least appearance of frost-bite, by using the Poultry Fountain, with a cap over the lip, so as to prevent the bird getting his wattles wet. The cap also prevents the water being fouled by the bird getting on the top of the fountain or dust falling into the cup or lip. I have been much interested in Colonel Hassard's able letters in the

different papers, and am sorry we are going to lose him from amongst us. To him the poultry cause in Canada owes much, and although the Atlantic may divide us, we hope still to hear occasionally from his able pen.

D. ALLEN, Galt.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE MALE
BIRD ON THE REPRODUCTION
OF THE SPECIES.

TO THE EDITOR CANADIAN POULTRY
CHRONICLE.

It may not be uninteresting to the readers of the POULTRY CHRONICLE to hear the experience of an amateur on the above subject, as it seems to excite a good deal of interest at present. Some time ago I had a very valuable pair of black Spanish fowls. The cock died very suddenly, the hen only having laid some four eggs previous to his death; and being desirous of setting as many of the eggs as I thought would be of any use, I set eleven of her eggs, that is, four laid before the cock's death and seven after,—I omitted to date the eggs. The result of the hatching was seven birds; now, if all the first four hatched, there would consequently have been three hatched after the death of the male bird. There were only three or four of the chickens that were strong and healthy. I leave your readers to draw their own conclusion, and remain, Mr. Editor, yours,

A CANADIAN AMATEUR.

PRACTICAL HINTS.

FLIGHT FEATHERS OF AN OWL PIGEON, should not be of the same colour as the wing bars, but of the same colour as the body of the Pigeon—thus: in Blue Owls, blue, in Silver Owls, silver, etc.

FOOD FOR GAME FOWLS.—Peas are said to be the best for hardening the flesh and feather. Barley is best for cold winter weather, as being the warmest food. For warm summer weather,