

things in the judging line, and certainly expected to see some "fine" judgment displayed, even the minutest point criticized before a prize would be awarded. But, lo! what a disappointment!! I verily think they must have went it "fast," and left the "sharp" out. Who is this great "Punchard,"—the Cochin breeder I once heard so much about? If so, for pity sake let him return to his favorite pastime. Judging with him may be a mania, but not an art. Excuse my long postscript.

[NOTE.—We will not now undertake to answer the many and pointed questions of our able correspondent. Indeed, many of them are so piquantly put as to answer themselves. As to the article on Game Fowls alluded to, we wish to remark that it simply contained the views of a noted breeder of game fowls, and was not given by us as a standard by which they should be judged. The "Standard of Excellence" is, we believe, out of print. At all events it is not to be obtained in Canada. It will, however, be found at the end of Tegetmeier's Poultry Book.—Ed.]

Literary Notices.

OUR AMERICAN EXCHANGES.

The agricultural journals of the United States are, perhaps, the most practical of that class of periodicals issued in any country in the world. Their articles are generally contributed by writers who have a practical as well as a theoretical knowledge of the subject on which they write. Their columns are not filled with dull, heavy subjects, such as we find in other periodicals of a similar character, but treat of every-day matters in a light and easy style. In almost every one of these journals is a poultry department, contributed to by persons who know something of the subject on which they write, and have always some new views to communicate or question to ask. A number of these periodicals and papers, we are glad to say, we have now on our exchange list, and we purpose mentioning them in detail.

The Poultry Bulletin.—A monthly publication exclusively devoted to poultry, pigeons, rabbits, dogs, and other minor animals, published under the management

of the New York State Agricultural Society. As a poultry paper it has no equal among our American exchanges, and we trust to see it long continued and well supported. Like ourselves it advocates the interests of a hitherto much neglected class of animals—the bipeds of our farm-yards. It is well sustained by a number of correspondents, who write on practical subjects in a practical way. Subscription \$1 per annum. Address William Simpson, Jr., Box 316, New York City.

The American Agriculturist.—The publishers of this excellent illustrated monthly spare neither pains nor expense in their endeavour to make it what it is, the king of American agricultural monthlies. It is devoted alike to the agricultural, horticultural, and live stock departments, while the kitchen and flower garden receive special attention and care. No household should be without it. Published by Orange Judd & Co., 245 Broadway, New York, at \$1.50 per annum.

The Country Gentleman.—As a weekly newspaper devoted to agricultural matters it has no equal. Its articles are all of a practical nature, very numerous and varied, written by practical men and full of useful information. A special department is devoted to poultry. Published by Luther Tucker & Son, 365 Broadway, Albany, N. Y. Annual subscription \$2.50.

The Michigan Farmer.—This is another excellent weekly newspaper devoted to agricultural interests, more particularly those of the State whose name it bears. It gives weekly a well-assorted column of poultry information well worthy of perusal. Published by Johnstone and Gibbons, Detroit. Price \$2 per annum.

The Central Union Agriculturist, and *Missouri Valley Farmer*. A monthly periodical containing many articles of a practical nature, well worthy of perusal. Among other matter are many extracts on the different breeds of fowls, which cannot but be of interest to poultry fanciers. Published by Jeremiah Behm, Omaha, Nebraska. \$2 per annum.

The Practical Farmer.—A monthly journal devoted to agricultural interests, containing much that is useful and interesting; it contains a poultry department well sustained by original and practical articles. Published by Paschal Morris, Philadelphia, at \$1.50 per annum.

American Stock Journal.—This is another monthly publication, well sustained by well written original articles, on subjects indicated by the name of the journal. The number for September now before us contains several practical articles on poultry raising. Published by N. P. Boyer & Co., Parkersburg, Chester Co., Pa. Subscription \$1 per annum.