

I ask for a gold medal last year? Simply to encourage competition. Without some inducement like I advocate, to encourage competition, it will not pay any Incubator manufacturer to go to the trouble and expense of showing what their machine will hatch. The same money put into printers ink will give ten times the return. Am I asking too much for the trouble and expense the manufacturer goes to? \$50 in hard cash would not begin to pay his expenses of showing at the Industrial Exhibition. Competition is what we want, if there is none we do not want to be there for a gold medal.

As the Poultry Committee will meet early in March, I would ask the representatives to take into their consideration how they can secure a suitable place for showing Poultry appliances. At present there is no place suitable for an exhibit. I have tried for many years to get a place suitable for such articles. It is only justice to every exhibitor to have a suitable place to show his goods in. Mr. Dilworth's description about the late contest is very nice as far as it goes. He says he did his duty well, also gives Mr. Gerred great credit for his regularity. Regular attendance is what is needed with an Incubator. What I mean by that is, what ever hour you attend to your machine the first day, every day after that should be at the same hour. The egg chamber of the machine was locked, also the door that gave admittance into the room where the machine was running, and nobody could gain admittance without the operator's knowledge. The eggs were all marked and counted by Mr. Dilworth; yet "he took jolly good care, however, to see that he neither changed the eggs, nor brought chickens in his pocket." Or in other words watched him like a cat watches a mouse. He also says that he often saw Mr. Gerred when he did not see him. "Evil to him who evil thinks." To give color to those remarks he gives the public the impression that Mr. Gerred was trying to do something wrong, as there was something he (Mr. Dilworth) said that made Mr. Gerred quite angry, but he did not care for that, fair play was what he wanted, and watched him all the more. Why not tell it out, if he did not know what it was about, how is it that he remembers he watched him all the more. As I said before, the outside door was fastened and once during Mr. Gerred's absence, some one had tampered with it, Mr. Gerred spoke to him about it and he got very angry. Of course Mr. Gerred should have known better than to doubt Mr. Dilworth's honesty. Of course he did his duty well. In the late contest we did not reach the 75 per cent., but came very near it. Mr. Gerred had no intention of showing at the late Industrial Exhibition until one of the members of the Poultry Committee told him that the Victory Incubator Co., wanted to contest the

Gerred Incubator. That was just what we wanted, competition, consequently we had to get our eggs where we could, as the time was short. They were purchased for fresh laid eggs. They may have travelled many miles which would not make them any better. They were laid by hens which were about to moult, or else they had been kept for some time, all which has the effect of weakening the vitality of the egg. Under such conditions I would consider it a great hatch for a hen to hatch 50 per cent., at any time of the year. To show you that the eggs were weakened in some way. Our machine hatched on the 21st day a fraction under 49 per cent. according to the committee's report. The hatching was going on for two days after that, until 15 more were hatched making nearly 60 per cent. If the eggs were all right they would all be out on the 21st day, some of them in 19 days. A stale egg or a weak egg always takes longer. I think any fancier will agree with me, that our machine did well, under the circumstances. Mr. Dilworth is in favor of giving a good prize to the Incubator that will hatch 75 per cent, I am glad of that and hope he will do his very best to accomplish that end, not for the Gerred Incubator Co., but for the poultry interest at large. As to the time of year the contest should be held, it is immaterial, as an Incubator should hatch any time when wanted; as to a certified engineer to run an incubator, that is not wanted. If they tried to run ours they would surely fail, as it would not be complicated enough for them. Simplicity is what you want, and simplicity is what we have. Why, Mr. Dilworth has often been astonished at the small amount of labor our machine needs and as to the regulation he says it did not vary a degree the whole time it was running at his place. Now what one man can do, surely others can do also.

Hoping Mr. Editor I am not taking up too much of your valuable space, I have tried to keep to the point, and would have liked to have said much more as the letter was in my opinion uncalled for, I would like to know (as I am in the dark yet) why Mr. Dilworth has to put himself right with the Gerred Incubator Co.?

I am, yours respectfully,

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Toronto, Feb. 22, 1893.

Of the Gerred Incubator Co.

#### Editor Review:—

A LETTER in last REVIEW under the heading, "Re Incubators" and reflecting somewhat on my ability to run an Incubator calls for an explanation from myself. Mr. Dilworth the writer of the article referred to, starts off as follows. "I took upon myself the trouble of