

pressage between the general purpose fowl and the pet Bantam it is only right that fifty per cent. of the latter ought to be placed on the former, and also a class ought to be given to every Standard breed, and in all cases where there are only entries enough to take the prizes offered fifty per cent. ought to be withheld. If this was adopted it would give every breeder the same chance of advertising his varieties, and the public would be better satisfied. Thanking you for the space in your valuable paper. Yours, etc.,

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[As a prolonged discussion of this nature is apt to generate ill-feeling all who wish to write on the subject must do so for next issue, when the Editor will have a word or two to say. We have in type another letter on the same theme which we are unable to get into this issue.—Ed.]

WHAT DOES OUR PRESENT SCORING SYSTEM AMOUNT TO ?

Editor Review :

PLEASE allow me to ask, through the columns of your valuable journal, who are we to look to for instruction along the chicken line, who are we to look up to as our guide or landmark, if not to the men we pay to do our work. The nature of my grievance is simply this, and as you, no doubt, are well posted on matters of this sort, you will very readily understand my position on the subject : At the late New Hamburg show I exhibited a W. F. B Spanish pullet that I knew would go 94 or 95 honest points, but imagine my surprise when I received only a disqualified score card for my trouble, on account of red in the face, imaginary red only, for that is something she never had at any time. I can very readily understand a judge through an oversight making a blunder, but, Sir, I happened to be there myself and, of course, drew Mr. Jarvis' attention at the time to what I knew to be a mistake, and protesting against the decision, but where I made a mistake was by not putting my protest in in the proper way by depositing the necessary fee and demanding justice and fair play. Now, Sir, allow me to be fully understood, right here, no man could be more in favor of a judge standing by his decisions than I am, for I fully realize what it means for a judge to go in among 400 or 500 birds and leave again feeling satisfied that his decisions, even if they do not meet the approval of certain fanciers, are correct and perfectly in order, according to the Standard, and right here, Mr. Editor, is where I claim Mr. Jarvis made the mistake, he did not take the Standard for his guide, and to prove what I

say to be correct, allow me to say that, feeling satisfied still that my pullet was all that I claimed her to be, and that she was still good for 94 points, even in the face of Mr. J's disqualified score card, I decided to send her to Port Hope, as I knew Mr. J. was to handle that show. So down she went and in due time reached home again, right side up this time, accompanied by a score card of 94½, with Mr. J's signature attached. Brother fanciers, of the Spanish persuasion, can you tell me where this great transformation scene actually comes in ? and all this took place just in a few days, not months or years. I would like to ask if it is possible for a W. F. B. Spanish pullet to be in possession of sufficient red, i.e. "positive" red in face, this week to disqualify and next week returned with a clean sheet and a 94½ card, or do you think it at all probable ? Now, Sir, I am no kicker, I have been in the exhibition ring here and elsewhere and have never appeared in this position in your journal before, consequently you will easily see that my disease has not become chronic as yet, but I cannot allow anything so glaring to pass unchallenged. Hoping that Mr. Jarvis will be kind enough to explain fully through REVIEW as early as possible, and at the same time thanking you for space, I am, Yours truly, SID. FOX.

Owen Sound, Feb. 12, 1895.

[1. Mr. Fox's letter was received in time for March issue, but owing to press of matter it, with a great deal more, was crowded out.

2. It is our honest opinion that no Spanish living will score 95 or even 94 honest points. Our scores are altogether too high, and it is this high scoring that is in great part ruining this system of judging.

3. Mr. Fox adduces no proof that it was the same pullet. We do not for a moment doubt Mr. Fox's word, but an assertion of this kind should be supported with positive proof of the bird's identity.

4. We see nothing at all impossible in the fact of a bird of the Spanish class being red in face one week and owing to close confinement losing a certain amount of color, enough to make the "positive" red an uncertainty. Minorcas, Spanish, and Leghorns are all liable to lose face color from confinement, and in cases where white in the face is a disqualifying point a bird may pass on the first days of a show which later in the week would very plainly be under the ban. In fact such occurrences are frequent.

5. These remarks are not at all to be taken as a defence of the judge. Mr. Jarvis is well able to look after himself, and the REVIEW will be glad to hear from him in any way he desires.—Ed.]