

the hardier bird, and are thought by many to be equally handsome. There are now some very fine specimens of them shown in Canada, as well as the States. During the last three or four years there have been several fine pens imported from England, by Canadian breeders, as well as breeders in the States, which has very much improved our home bred stock.

### *Diseases of Canaries.*

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EPILEPSY is commonly the result of a delicate mode of treatment pursued with a bird of enfeebled or weak constitution. If suddenly alarmed, or excited, or agitated in any way, the bird so attacked, will drop from its perch, as if dead. The moment you observe this, plunge the bird in a bath of cold water, if the weather be not too cold, and as soon as it begins to recover, drop a little sherry wine down its throat. Repeat the sherry wine for a few mornings, until it seems to be somewhat strengthened, and put two or three drops of nitre into its water.

MOULTING SICKNESS.—This is an annual visitation, which no care or attention can prevent or retard, and which comes on about the month of September. At this period the birds begin to lose or shed their old feathers, and acquire new ones; and during the whole process, which lasts from three to six weeks, according to the strength of the bird, the state of the weather, or other circumstances, they will be more or less indisposed. Watch your birds when this annual change approaches, and as soon as you observe any one of them being to lose his sprightliness and drop

his feathers, remove his cage into a warmer situation, or, if not convenient so to do, muffle the sides with dark coloured paper or baize, to keep off all draught and disturbing sights and sounds. Give now, bread and milk, just warm, with occasionally a little raw lean beef, finely shred; boiled yolk of eggs, a morsel of sponge cake, and some ripe chick-weed. Put a small rusty nail in its water and now and then a clove, a shed or two of saffron or a small piece of refined liquorice. With all birds, however, moulting is a critical season, and with weak ones especially so. Then it is that coarse sand or gravel at the bottom of their cages is more than ever essential. Now when birds are over moulting and in good health and song, again remove them into a cooler situation, where there is very little heat.

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### *The Centennial Exhibition.*

I am in receipt of the Ontario Poultry Society's circular, calling for entries of birds for the above Exhibition, which, taken in conjunction with a few hints I have heard from time to time, somewhat surprises many breeders, besides your humble correspondent. I was told, sometime last year, that the Government, or the Advisory Board, had delegated our Society to see to the getting up of the Ontario show of Poultry, &c., for that important Exhibition; and expecting to hear the matter discussed at the annual meeting, in March last, others, as well as myself, went to Guelph, partly to hear the arrangements that might be made. Nothing, however, was said on the matter. It was only the other day I learned that the Cen-