

his birds to take a pleasure in discussing the merits and habits of his pets, also systems of keeping, feeding, &c., is not any too likely to raise desirable stock. I know there are exceptions to every rule, and that there are to this I know, but this one will be found as little subject to modifications in this respect as most of general rules.

But as I promised to cut it short this month, I shall not say anything to my farming friends this time, but shall conclude by offering a few remarks upon yourself—if you will permit a few remarks upon your late attempt at a "blow." Now, sir, if you call that blow I am afraid your readers will be led to confound bluff with logic. Euclid has not built up a single proposition or problem more solidly upon his elements than your blow is built upon strong and substantial facts. It may be that this is an orthodox blow. If so, there are a great many in poultry journals which are something else; but I am afraid you have the majority against you, and that yours is not pure-bred.

"The Review ahead in Canada;" and this said in a bluff! My astonishment is so profound that I find myself inclined to express it in interjections only. And are we to receive or suppose this as inflation? Sir, every reader of the Review will tell you it is contraction rather. And what you are going to do! why it is not a zephyr.

But, after all, to speak seriously, I am convinced that every reader of the Review—friend Lambing included—will not think any the less of it on account of its adhering to solid facts in its attempt to repeat the fable of the frog. No fear of the same result in this case.

Friend Ward, of *Chicago Poultry Journal*, lays it down as a condition of fitness for the position of editor of a poultry journal that he be a successful breeder of one variety at least, and have a fair knowledge of the rest. Now, sir, I have often wondered why you, whose success with every variety you have adopted has been so marked, have never told us about them—of course they have spoken for themselves a few times—but since reading your hurricane I have ceased wondering.

Hoping I have not taken undue liberty,

I am yours fraternally,

GALLINÆ.

Lefroy, Nov. 27th, 1879.

Delaware.

Editor Review,

DEAR SIR,—I think what will suit you best for me for your December No. will be \$1 for my coming year's subscription, so please find it enclosed.

Am glad to see by the last REVIEW that you have taken a stand that will compel those wishing to read and advertise in your valuable journal to pay

for the privilege. That is as it should be. This credit business has ruined many a good and useful undertaking. I hope you will stick to your text, and should you lose a few subscribers and advertisers by doing so, you will be money in pocket by losing them.

Below you will find a few general notes from Delaware, that may be of interest to some of your many readers.

E. R. Grant and myself had a poultry sale in Dover, Delaware, on the 15th of November. Bidding was lively but low; the prices realized were from \$2 to \$3 per pair. Quite an interest was shown for fancy poultry, and we are bound to cultivate it.

Richardson & Robbins, canners, in Dover, on Tuesday, 25th November, bought thirteen tons of poultry. They paid out during the week to the farmers \$6,700 for poultry alone. On Tuesday there was a line of wagons, unbroken from 9 a. m. until 3 p. m., waiting their turn in front of the factory to be unloaded. And for every pair of chickens that weighed ten pounds, live weight, the owner would pocket \$1; and for every pair of turkeys weighing thirty pounds they would pocket \$3.30. Of course they bought little and big at same rates, 10 cents per pound for chickens, and 11 cents for turkeys, geese and ducks. On the same day, Tuesday, 25th, there was over a ton sold to another party, making over fourteen tons in one day, and it keeps up like that as long as the supply lasts, which will be until about the 1st of March.

What are all the Canadian poultry breeders about that they do not come down here and make a fortune out of poultry in a few years? It can be done. One farmer sold \$90 worth of turkeys, all of his own raising, on one day. The editor of the *State Sentinel* says that the poultry in this state is worth as much money as the corn crop, and I believe he is not far from the mark. There is no rump with poultry here; I have not seen a case of it since I came down.

THOMAS.

Camden, Del., Dec. 1st.

Notes from Waterloo.

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The return of cold weather and snow reminds us that our fowls are to be confined in a small space for the next three or four months, and if this place has not already been made suitable, no further time should be lost in making it so, as the proper wintering of fowls in this climate is a difficult and important matter. I am frequently asked, "are your buildings frost proof?" does water freeze in them?" Now, if we used no fires, how many of our dwellings would be actually frost proof? The only frost proof buildings are those made with