

The orchard is the place for fowls—not the garden. One old hen in a garden will in two hours destroy more than she is worth, while in the orchard she pays for her keep every day by destroying bugs and insects.

Some of the poultry journals especially in England are strongly urging the advantages to be derived from cross breeding, such as crossing Dorkings with Cochins, Leghorns, Brahmas, etc. Our advice is don't do it. We freely admit that some advantages are to be derived from the practice, but not many. It is throwing away good blood for mongrels. You cannot tell what you will get. You cannot at best estimate the product except by the pound, for the table, and you can get all this by breeding a desirable table variety. Breed but one variety—a good combined variety if you prefer it, and breed *up* each year by killing all males and poorest half or three-fourths of the females and mate the remaining females to a better male of your own chosen variety. You thus get chicks that will sell as well or better for broilers and your better specimens will in the fall and winter command at least double the ordinary market price. Do not cross breed. Do not throw away the very points you or others have been working for. Do not disgrace your farm by the presence of a lot of non-descripts.—*National Stockman and Farmer.*

The black African Bantams possess many good qualities. They are very hardy, easily raised, bear confinement well, and are not so difficult to breed to feather and other points as some Bantams. Bantam eggs can be set late in the fall. Some of the most successful fanciers set them in September and October, and claim that is the proper time.

Poultry houses should be white-washed, inside and out, two or three times a year. Into the whitewash for the inside of the house put a little glue or a teacupful of soft boiled rice to a pail of whitewash, and also add ten or twelve drops of crude carbolic acid, as a safeguard against vermin.

In buying birds or eggs go to some reliable breeder who has his reputation at stake. You may have to pay a little more for birds, but you can depend on what you get. Culls are not cheap at any price.

We still have great faith in curing roup by fumigating the premises and smoking the diseased birds with sulphur. A common bee-smoker with the sulphur rolled among cotton rags is the best way of getting the desired effect. With a smoker thus charged you can soon have all the birds on your premises sneezing as though they were "up to snuff."

"He prayeth well, who loveth well  
Both man and bird and beast."—*Coleridge.*

#### MR. HAMILL EXPLAINS.

*Editor Review:*—

**I** NOTICED in May number an item from Wm. McCloud, pleading ignorance as to the amount of two dollars being charged to him by the Ontario. This amount is balance of entry fees, due from the first show held in St. Catharines, in '89. Mr. McCloud wrote me during the show. I received his letter Wednesday noon containing entries to the amount of seven dollars with cash five dollars, saying he would pay the balance when he arrived with his birds, and during the show and until after the premiums were paid, being busy, the amount was

never thought of by me, this is the reason he received the full amount of his premiums.

I didn't write him at the time, thinking that he would exhibit at the next show, and then I would deduct the amount from his premiums. But when the time for the next show arrived, friend McCloud was an exhibitor at Detroit. I then wrote him three times calling his attention to the item of two dollars due the Ontario, but he ignored me altogether, not deeming it advisable for some cause to favor me with a reply.

During my four years experience as Secretary of Poultry Exhibitions, I found the hardest job was to keep straight with the exhibitors and not let them run me short of any entry fees. Let any Association owe two dollars in premiums and I will guarantee that it will be advertised from one end of the Province to the other.

Friend McCloud wasn't satisfied by my taking his entries during the middle of the week, after the show was in operation, but had to keep back two dollars in fees. This ignorance dodge won't work. It was published in the Ontario's report for '89 in REVIEW, why didn't he enquire then as to the cause of his indebtedness? Come William, it is not much by itself, but every little counts when the Association is in debt.

Yours, etc.,  
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Ex-Sec. P.A. of Ont.

#### THE COCHIN CLUB.

**"B**ROADAXE" a correspondent of *Fancier's Journal* goes for the "Cochin Club" at a lively rate in a recent number of that journal. I agree with him that any effort to lower the standard requirements for a breed is damag-