

through the columns of your journal, what is the cause of sore eyes? It first swells and runs a watery substance and then it forms a white curd over the eye and then begins to rot, and looses the eye. This disease only effects one eye. If you could give me any information or a cure for the same you would oblige me very much.

Yours truly,
WM. T. CAST,
Stratford, Ont.

(Your bird evidently has roup in one of its forms. See this month's REVIEW.—ED.)

Editor Review :—

I am living within a few hundred yards of a *Fort* where a gun is fired daily at noon, and I have never yet had a good percentage from the eggs placed under hens for hatching. Several people say the above is the cause of it.
J. M.

(We have had no experience in such a case, though we could never see any ill effects on eggs from a thunder storm. If the report caused much *vibration* it is quite possible that this would so shake the contents of the eggs as to destroy or dislodge the germ. Have any of our readers had such an experience?—ED.)

Editor Review :—

Seeing that you intend to make "roup" a special subject in your June number, I take the liberty of asking you for information about a Bronze Turkey Gobbler that I purchased in November last. The third day after I received him I noticed a swelling under his left eye about an inch long, and as large, or a little larger, than a common lead pencil. It has stayed there ever since, getting no larger or smaller, and does not affect him in any way. On cold or damp days there comes froth on the other eye. He is a valuable bird and I would be thankful if you could tell me any way to get it (the lump) off, as I think it would disqualify him at the shows.

Please let me know if there are rose comb black Leghorns, and who breeds them.

Yours respectfully,
W. J. BELL,
Banda, Ont.

(We are afraid the case is of too long standing to do much good now, though hot water bathing (the lump only) might bring it to an issue. There are no rose-comb black Leghorns.—ED.)

THE GAME FOWL IN CANADA AND THE OTHER SIDE.

Editor Review :—

Since my arrival upon these shores I have been questioned by a number o. game fanciers as to my opinion about the game fowl as compared with those in Great Britian, and in as brief a manner as possible I may say that I have visited a great many yards and have seen very useful breeding stock which, if properly mated, will turn their owners something good to look at, but so far I have not seen any real good stuff yet. A great mistake has crept into the heads of old country fanciers of late years in trying to get their birds as large as possible. The same mistake has taken hold of fanciers on this side of the ocean, and in getting size and style, I am sorry to say they are loosing some of the grandest qualities, such as *purity of blood*, color and shortness of feather. I have only seen one really good colored black-breasted red bird since coming into Canada, and he, I learnt, was an old imported one. There is no bird so popular in the old country, and none will be so popular here when once taken hold of in earnest, and I may say that to any fancier taking up the breed there is a very good future before him, and one that will pay well for the trouble and expense he may bestow upon it. But let me beg of breeders not to get beyond 7 pounds in your old birds, for beyond that they begin to show signs of the heavy eye brow,

which ought to be stamped out, together with the flat shin, in its earliest stages.

Having been a breeder of game for 18 years I think I may be excused for making the above remarks, in a future number I will say more on the subject, and whilst here, time permitting, I shall touch upon other breeds that will interest and pay the fanciers in this part of the world.

Yours truly,
ELI WARD.

Toronto, May 24th, 1888.

(Late of Sheffield, England.)



THE ENGLISH OWL.

BY "WOLVERHAMPTON."

This breed of Fancy Pigeons is (when good), one of the grandest looking of all breeds, they should be of considerable size to show up their good qualities. The main properties of this breed lie in the head being as round in every direction as possible, with no flat, let alone hollow places in its profile or circumference, the beak should be short, hooky, and thick, with enough wattle to fill it up nicely and look even, but by no means, should it look rough and heavily jewed, the next point of excellence is the gullet, which should be full and show well, some prefer them with clean cut gullets, but the majority prefer them with the full, open gullet. Next in order comes the frill or rose, which should be short and round opening from one point in the centre and spreading in all directions to resemble a rose, I have seen a few with almost perfect roses but these are *very* few, the flights and tail should be moderately short and the legs and feet small, clean and red, with no sprouts on the shanks or toes, the leg should show little or no thigh, but I have seen good headed