

to my brother fanciers. Not so long ago I sought an appetite for supper by hunting the chickens at eventide down from the trees at the point of a fishing-rod, and driving them into little stuffy houses their own good sense taught them to avoid. Not so long ago I was a good customer of the patent roup curing physic; now I am tired of popping pills down throats night and morning, and squeezing nostrils and wiping beaks with red, white, or blue fluids, so I let the chicks go to roost up in the trees if they feel so inclined, exercising, at the same time, a certain oversight that their choice is likely to be attended with due security. Have you not told us a good lock and key is desirable on the fowl-house doors as a protection against thieves? True; but it is easier to steal your chickens from a roost than from trees, for they generally select weak branches, and any disturbance makes them scatter in all directions, whereas if a man once gets into a house the inmates are at his mercy. Have you not told us to avoid early morning damp? True again, Oh reader; but the chickens get acclimatized sleeping in the open air; they grow up hardy, and can laugh at a dew which gives my house-roosting chickens the snuffles. Have you not advised the chickens should have perches? True once more; but then those roosting in trees have ample room to steer a safe, slanting descent earthwards, but the cockerel perched six feet high in an eight-feet-square house has to jump down almost straight, and then often on to a hard, unyielding surface.

I know how enticing and fascinating it is to see your chickens nicely arranged night by night in neat, pretty little houses, each little party, after due handling and feather worship, safely locked up by its own neatly labelled key; and on the other hand, I know how irritating it is only to be able to admire your pets (!)—wild as hawks—at a distance, and never to be able to touch them; but so sure am I of the advantage of rearing chickens, when they have arrived at a fitting age, in this hardy, rough, but natural manner, that I earnestly commend the method to those who may have suitable surroundings.—*The Feathered World*.

GOOD NEWS FOR EXHIBITORS AT "THE INDUSTRIAL," TORONTO.

WE are able to announce a large increase in the number of medals offered for competition by the Industrial this year. The medals too, though not as large as the regular Association medals offered, will be

unique in that, they will be specially designed in honor of Her Majesty's Jubilee year.

The local members of the poultry committee met on July 10th, those present being Messrs. Dilworth, (Chairman), Barber, Essex, and Collins, Mr. Donovan acting as Secretary.

In addition to the medals already offered in the printed schedule it was decided to offer a silver medal for the best collection of one color of one breed in each of the following sections: Asiatics, American, Mediterranean, Dorkings, Hamburgs, Polish, French, Game, Game Bantams and Ornamental Bantams.

It was also decided to offer a silver medal for the best cockerel in each of the above sections, in all an addition of twenty medals.

CANARIES.

In the Canary classes bronze medals will be offered for the best individual specimen in Scotch Fancy, Norwich plain head, crest (any variety), Yorkshire, Lizard, cinnamon.

PIGEONS.

Pigeons are provided for with silver medals for best collection Pouters, do. Carriers, do. Fantails, do. Jacobins. Bronze medals for best collection of Barbs and do. Turbits.

ORNAMENTAL.

A silver medal will be given the best lop-ear rabbit and a silver medal to the best Belgian hare. Any age or sex.

THE HAMBURG.

AMONGST the many handsome varieties of the poultry world, there is none more beautiful and more gracious than the Hamburg. Years ago, before our time, Hamburgs were quite as great favourites in many of the Yorkshire Dales as they are at the present time, although at that time they were not so perfect in markings and characteristics as they are to day, but to such old breeders as Mr. Henry Beldon, Mr. Teebay, who have long since departed, and to Mr. Job Rawnsley, and other well known breeders who are still with us, we owe much of the success that has been attained in the Hamburg. As a fancy fowl, the Hamburg, be it spangled, pencilled or black, stands out from all other varieties as a thing of beauty. The variety of markings in the spangles, the fine pencilling in the pencilled and the lustrous beetle green sheen in the blacks, are unequalled in any other variety of the poultry yard, whilst their laying powers are equal to many other of the less beautiful varieties. Although the varieties differ in color, the