

ply of nutritious food to keep her from losing flesh.

In very cold weather no other grain equals corn for the evening feed, as it keeps the digestive organs active for a long time, and the circulation brisk. The animal warmth may be kept up in the coldest weather in day time by compelling the fowls to be active in the search for small grain scattered among chaff, but a full crop of whole grain is needed to keep them comfortable through the long cold nights of winter.

When it is necessary to mate a cockerel not fully matured with hens, he should be liberally supplied with corn, often when it would not be well that his mates should have it. This can be arranged by placing the food in a box above the reach of the hens, but only so high that he, with his greater reach, can get it. Cockerels may be fed all the corn they will eat.

At the present time few old hens are laying. They are just nicely over moult, and getting into good condition to commence laying, or to take on fat. If you want lots of eggs, and eggs that will hatch and produce strong chickens, the hens must not be allowed to become fat. As corn is one of the most fattening grains we have, judgment must be used in feeding it.

### Communications

#### Editor Review.

Can you, or some of your many correspondents, kindly give me a little information, which I have no doubt will be gladly received by others as well as myself, for I find others are asking the same question in other publications. The disease seems to be like consumption, a wasting away until the subject becomes a mere skeleton, and finally dies. I have a very fine Brahma hen so affected just now that I am very anxious to save. I find the disease takes different forms, sometimes accompanied with a ravenous appetite, at other times eating very little, accompanied with a greenish discharge, but the result is the same in either case—death. T. C.

Montreal, Nov. 18th, 1883.

#### Editor Review.

As the season for poultry and pet stock shows is now approaching, cannot you, through the medium of your all powerful journal, induce the different associations throughout the Dominion to make a place in their prize-lists for singing and fancy birds. I am a lover of poultry, but like many others, I have a specialty, and that is at present Canaries. There would be no department of a pet stock show more attractive than that devoted to our golden songsters, and from a financial point there should be a place made for them.

There are a large number of bird fanciers throughout Canada and across the line who would gladly place their birds on exhibition were an opportunity offered, and by this means the ranks of fanciers would rapidly increase. You treat us every month to some beautiful cuts of a particular breed of fowl or pigeon or both. Now, sir, let us have a Scotch Fancy or Belgian Canary for a change, and tell us something about the points in each to be required in a show bird. There is a great difference of opinion in regard to the points of a Scotch Fancy among fanciers, and we want you to settle the matter.

Yours truly,

P. WILLIAMS.

Kingston, Nov. 21st, 1883.

We agree with our correspondent that the pet stock departments of our exhibitions are not sufficiently encouraged, and also in the opinion that a collection of high class Canaries and other song birds would prove a great attraction to visitors. We have no doubt but that the editor of our Pet Stock Department will comply with his request and give the desired information.—Ed.

#### Editor Review.

In my ramble in Scotland this summer I saw a very large egg, the smallest of seven laid by a Silver Dorking hen, the property of Mr. James Canning, of Burnbank Mill, Hamilton, Glasgow; the weight was 9½ ounces. Can we beat it in Canada?

CHARLES GOODCHILD, Toronto.

### Montreal Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association.

The regular quarterly meeting of the above society was held in the Mechanics' Hall this evening. Thos. Costin, Esq., 1st Vice-President, in the chair. The committee reported that "January 22nd, 23rd and 24th had been fixed for the exhibition. I. K. Felch, Esq., has been secured to judge the poultry. All exhibitors must become members. Member's fee, \$1.00." The report was adopted.

The feeling is general that this will be one of the best shows held by the society, as the quality of birds bred in Lower Canada has been improving every year and now they cannot be excelled in the Dominion.

JAMES H. CAYFORD, Sec'y.

Montreal, P. Q., Dec. 6th, 1888.

The New York Fanciers' Club is preparing to hold an exhibition of poultry, pigeons and pet stock early in February. The exact date to be announced when the place of holding is secured. All communications in relation to the show should be addressed to Charles R. Harker, 62 Cortlandt St., New York.