

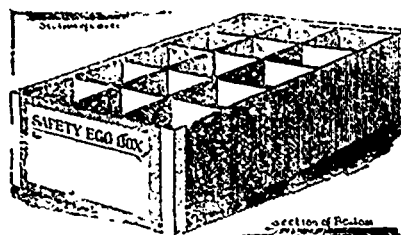
cockerels, which had been imported from China, were sold at Cave's Repository in Birmingham. These were introduced into Cochin yards. The Langshan was the Chinaman's type of Shanghae or Cochia, bred by him for table and egg-laying purposes. These five Langshan cockerels were used in English yards for crossing with black Cochins, and soon led to the production of black-legged black Cochins in abundance. Miss Croad's claim was that the Langshan was a pure breed and had never been crossed. Mr. Ludlow did not question the "purity;" he, however, was in possession of evidence which proved that, like all other breeds, pure or otherwise, they threw colored feathers. He possessed a letter from the late Major Croad, which proved the point. Many years ago when he was contributing articles to the American papers, he wrote to Major Croad, asking him if could send him a live specimen of a Langshan, for the purpose of making an illustration. Major Croad very kindly sent him two birds, together with a letter, explaining that one of the birds, although an imported bird, was simply sent as the proper form, shape, carriage, and symmetry, the other for color—viz., proper green black. Strange to say, the one sent for shape, &c., had a colored hackle, many red feathers in it, in fact a bronzy hackle and a purple sheen, which effectually disposed of the persistent assertion of absolute freedom of any colored feathers or tendency thereto in the ever superior, over vaunted "Croad Langshan."

A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, proposed by Mr. Keey, and seconded by Mr. Turner, was passed and an appreciative reply from Mr. Ludlow brought the proceedings to a close, the lecture throughout having been listened to with the closest attention by a large audience of members and their friends.—Poultry.

POULTRY IN THE FAR EAST

is receiving more attention than heretofore, and not before it was needed. The farmers and small holders are seeing the importance of the industry and the ready cash sale there is for the best eggs and best poultry. The fancy is also naturally growing there rapidly and our own subscription lists are a good gauge in this way.

A NEW EGG CARRIER.



R. C. J. Daniels has shown us an egg carrier which he is now selling, about the best of the kind we have ever seen.

It is made to hold fifteen eggs, is light and strong. It is made from heavy straw board, the sides, top and bottom being padded with fluted stuff of the same material. The cut shows the shape fairly well, but the box must be seen to be appreciated.

HOW I PREVENT INBREEDING.

BY GEO. H. NORTHUP, RACEVILLE, N. Y.

I CREDIT my success in keeping my Minorcas steadily advancing in quality from year to year, to my method of introducing new blood, more than any other one thing beside. I have been breeding from twelve pens of single comb black Minorcas, and the chicks from each pen have been marked as soon as taken from incubators and nests. A record of each mating has been kept from year to year. In making a pen I select females all of the same breeding and I keep that pen filled with females which are their direct descendants, year after year. In selecting males to mate with these I preserve a regular system so that a male is always several generations removed from the pen to which he is mated. To do this it is sometimes necessary to keep the same birds, both male and female, in the same pen for two consecutive years, and often a male breeder is kept the second season to breed from in another pen to which he is not related, and finally when a pen must be mated with a male whose lineage traces back to it, as the male elect can claim only one of the hens that were in that pen five or six years before, as his grandmother (and she as many times removed) the progeny of the pen have not suffered from the relationship of their parents. By following this course, I have never been obliged to buy a bird for new blood. But I am always glad to buy one that excels in the qualities for which I am breeding if I know it is backed up with a line of desirable ancestors and therefore will not undo what I have already accomplished by breeding.