

used that the man of common education could not understand; and yet it is a book that the man of education is perfectly satisfied with; it was not an easy task to accomplish, but the success of the work among all classes of poultrymen is a sign of its adaptation to their needs. Lewis Wright's book of Poultry, is a great authority, but the price places it beyond the reach of many. You will find it a great help to subscribe for, and read carefully some of the excellent poultry journals; you will find in them a fund of information from men of practical and wide experience. And the methods adopted by them in raising and caring for poultry stock cannot fail to be of value to you. I would strongly advise you to attend some of the forthcoming exhibition and get talking to the breeders. If you intend going in for fancy stock get a Standard and study it.

For the Poultry Weekly

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This month is to the poultry fancier one of many pleasures and also many cares. Those who have paid attention to their pets during the winter and early spring, looking to their several, and I might almost say individual comforts, are reaping their well earned reward not only in the show room but also in the grand flock of young birds coming more and more near the standard of perfection as each year rolls on, this to all ardent fanciers is even more than the much coveted prize ticket. I can fancy I see many who have labored and studied for best results, standing among their birds and looking with pride and satisfaction on the success attained by their efforts shown in the symmetry, plumage &c., of the flocks before them, and right well do they deserve their success, and those who capture the Reds and Blues at the several agricultural and industrial shows feel that they are rewarded for all their trouble.

This is the bright and gratifying side or portion of the month, but now comes the work and it is work that cannot be neglected, the culling must be done, and done severely, if not much of the perfection gained may be lost next season. Every little thing must now be kept in order for the winter, that will soon be upon us. Cracks that during the extreme hot weather did not so much matter perhaps, should now be seen to and closed so as to prevent any draught, for there is no telling when a cold spell or north wind may come. Dugout boxes

should all be got into place and filled with good dry road dust or sand gathered during the hot dry weather. A board or two placed on the top will prevent them being fouled, the house should be sprayed with a solution of carbolic acid, if possible, say two tablespoonfuls to a pail of water; if preferred lime wash can be used. All perches, nests, and dropping boards should be carefully and thoroughly cleansed, so that when the birds go into winter quarters everything about the house will be clean and wholesome. The runs could be spaded up and if the birds can be kept off them it would be desirable to seed them down, so that in the early spring, as soon almost as the snow goes, they will have fresh green food, young, and tender, which is an absolute necessity for the success of getting early fertile eggs, which means as a rule strong and vigorous early chicks. These few hints may perhaps remind us of how the year is rapidly passing, and that the time to do these several jobs is at hand.

ONLOOKER.

Irish Gray Games.

THE accompanying cut represents a pair of Irish Gray Game fowls as bred by Mr. C. D. Smith, Fort Plain, New York, and is a faithful representation of this grand breed being drawn from a pair now owned by him. Mr. Smith is making a specialty of game fowls and his card will be found in this issue of the JOURNAL and we would advise our readers, one and all, to send for his large illustrated circular which will be sent free to all mentioning this paper.

Why Fear Disease?

THE great bug-bear that prevents many farmers and cottagers from raising pure-bred fowls is so-called "cholera." But it is as general among hogs. Do farmers quit breeding hogs? But cholera is not a concomitant of fowls. It is not even to be feared where fowls are bred on the same village lots for years and years, and much less on the farm. I know this to be true, and I can prove it. People say to me: "I don't wonder your fowls on farms are healthy, but those on the village lots, occupied every year, in all reason ought to die of cholera." I say to them; "You ought to be surprised that my fowls on farms are free from disease when yours on your farm are dying every year. Go and see my breeders on their farms and notice how they care for them."

"They go to a deal of trouble?"

"No. They clean the horse barns and cow