

breeds? There is not one that bases its foundation of prosperity on mongrel stock. There are on the contrary hundreds of poultry farms, prospering by the breeding of thoroughbreds, whether for fancy, market fowls, or eggs. There is a charm in it that enforces your attention, engages your mind and chains your powers of observation to the subject under consideration. The mongrel breeder has no intense desire to accomplish a certain point in breeding for plumage, etc. He don't know and he don't care what his chicks will be like; he has a shrewd notion of what the full grown carcass will weigh, after a little experience on that point and there the interest ends. Why talk about a "kiss without a moustache" being like "an egg without salt," poultry keeping without thoroughbreds is "wuss and wuss." Never do it "mi sweet friend." And look to it that you get your head set level on one variety, to commence the business of a poultry fancier. But if you can be content with one for any length of time, you must be "uncommon hard sot when you are sot," like the old buff hen. We often notice articles from various breeders counselling their fellows to keep strictly to one variety, and when we turn to their usually great advertisement we are inclined to wonder which kind is their one variety.

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#### Industrial Exhibition.

GRAND NEW POULTRY BUILDING—ROOM FOR 3,000 BIRDS.

THE Industrial Exhibition Association have at length decided to erect new poultry buildings, some particulars of which we are enabled to give. The main building will run east and west 125 feet long by 32 feet in width, with a wing at either end running south, 50 by 32. In addition to this which will be devoted to the larger varieties, a building 70 by 24 will be allotted to Bantams, pigeons, incubators, poultry appliances, &c. This will also contain the superintendent's office and feed bins, and can be entered either from the main building or from the outside.

All the buildings will be very lofty, well ventilated, and lighted both from sides and roof.

The sizes of the pens will be for Asiatics 3 ft. high, 3 ft. 6 in. wide and 3 ft. deep. For other varieties such as Spanish, 2 ft. 6 in. high, 2 ft. 6 in. wide and 2 ft. deep, with others of like pro-

portions. Better and more complete arrangements will be made for the water and feed cups which are to be newly furnished throughout. Ample room will be allowed for 3,000 birds, but many more can be accommodated if necessary. Chairman Dilworth and his committee are to be congratulated on the fruits of their labor in this direction.—Review.

Yes! We should think so! Chairman Dilworth and his committee had no ordinary task to perform; but we had anticipated this grand result from a few remarks in a private letter received a few weeks ago. We rejoice to think the hope has materialized; the poultry fraternity may well join in a hearty "three times three" for all concerned in bringing this much desired business to such a highly successful termination. We enjoy the pleasures of anticipation. It will be a wonderful show this year and worth the whole expense to see the birds and building alone. There is no doubt that the inconveniences experienced in the past will be a grand guide to those interested to the most desirable plan for the building, water vessels, and feed arrangements.

For the Poultry Weekly.

#### The Advance made in Poultry Matters.

THINK I am safe in saying that in no other department of the farm has there been such a sudden awakening, within the past two years in this section, as in the poultry yards. One reason is, that in no other department has there been so much neglect and shiftlessness, and another is that there has been going around among the farmers, in fact the people in general, a disease commonly called the hen fever, the result of which has been to give the hen a higher place in the minds of farmers. It has been a common idea for years that poultry needed but little care, an idea that has been very disastrous. Any one could breed fowls, no need of books, papers, etc., on this subject. The awkward, long legged, ill-shaped, scrawney, never-laying fowl, which used to, and does yet, disgrace our yards, was the result of this notion. Where a person has an unlimited range, and wants to raise a few for eggs and his own table without regard to blood, etc., it is easy enough to breed poultry, such as it is. But more attention is now given to this long neglected part of the farm, people are getting harder to please. They want fine poultry, good layers, large and fine fowls, knowing they