

Indianapolis show, Jany. 1880, scoring higher than any other Plymouth Rock in the show.

To show that "Chicago 1st" is not a mere chance hit, but one of a really fine family, we may state that Mr. Keefer, at the Rock River Valley Poultry Show, won 1st and 2nd on fowls, 1st and 2nd on chicks, 1st and special on breeding pen, specials for best cock, hen, cockerel, and pullet. At the Central Iowa show, Dec. '79, 1st, 2nd and 3rd on fowls, 2nd on chicks, special for best cockerel, and special for best three pairs. At the great Indianapolis show, 1st on cock, 3rd on hen, 3rd on cockerel and 3rd on pullet. At the Ontario Poultry Show, Guelph, Canada, 1st and 2nd on hens, (only birds he exhibited.)

Besides the above he has won over 300 prizes on his Plymouth Rocks, Brown Leghorns and Games at the leading shows of the West.

It is probable that Mr. Keefer will again exhibit at the show of the Ontario Poultry Association this winter, when many of our readers may have an opportunity of seeing this magnificent bird.

Poultry in Small Runs.

Editor Review,

The question is often asked, can fancy poultry be successfully kept in small runs or yards, and if so, how small? Now this is a question of very great importance to many who live in towns and cities, and which prevents hundreds from keeping a few choice pure-bred fowls, because so many think that poultry will not thrive or do well without a large farm run. Now I wish to answer the above question by saying that *any variety* of fancy or pure bred fowls can be successfully kept in *very small* enclosures, and that those who feel disposed, either in country or town, can keep a few profitable pets in the shape of fancy poultry, even without a yard or run at all, provided they have any old out building, such as wood-shed, horse-barn, cow-house, work-shop, or any place under cover where they can place a few boxes, say four feet square, which will accommodate a trio of any of the large breeds, and where, with a little extra care, they can be kept in fine condition from year to year, and where they will produce nearly as many eggs, in fact more eggs, during the long cold Canadian winters than if allowed to run at large and look for a roosting place in some tree, or on a fence, as is often the case on farm runs in the country. All that is required to keep a trio of fowls healthy in a box four feet square the year round is to provide them with plenty of food, but only just what they will eat up readily, plenty of pure water every day, give them some kind of green food every week, such as onions, cabbage, turnips, apples, or a small bunch of clover hay tied up tight and hung up in

one corner of their box, they will enjoy it very much and spend one-half their time picking at it. Their box must be kept clean and well supplied with dry coarse sand. A few boxes of poultry kept in this way will well repay their owners in fresh eggs for the table, besides it being a pastime and pleasure to look after them and provide them with their little wants, and one is never annoyed by their scratching up their flower seeds in the garden, roosting on the dash of the carriage, or up over the feed box, on the harness pin etc. Perhaps some may say: That all looks very nice on paper, but has Thomas ever tried it? Yes, Thomas has tried it for years, and with the best results, as hundreds can testify that have visited my yards while breeding poultry in Canada, where I usually had from twenty to thirty trios so confined in boxes side by side in a building built expressly for that purpose. Besides the boxes containing trios I have had as many as fifty small boxes two feet square in which I kept single cock birds and extra hens intended for exhibition.

THOMAS.

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(To be continued.)

A National Poultry Society.

FRIEND FULLERTON,—It seems to me that if anything is to be done in the organization of a national poultry society, that the present is the best time to get to work. This is the time of the year when fanciers are brought together at the various exhibitions, and if the already existing societies would each make one of these great shows a place of meeting, and extend an invitation to all interested in this matter to attend and aid in discussing it, something might be done. The final step of organization might be left off till the Brantford show, but in the meanwhile at the lesser shows much might be done in arranging preliminaries, so that at Brantford all would be in readiness for a united effort.

That obstacles will present themselves there is no doubt, and probably the most formidable one has already shown itself in the indifference of the leading fanciers about the matter. There seems to be some influence prevailing more strongly as we go westward, which has a tendency to lull into inactivity those fanciers who are unfortunate enough to be placed in that part of our glorious Dominion. Is it some atmospheric influence which, acting upon the nervous centres, incapacitates for active exertion, or is it a protentious silence in which the great tidal wave of inexpressed opinion has been obstructed by the-rocks and bays of business, only to rush with tremendous force upon the fancy? The latter, it is to be hoped, is the case, and that the rush will soon take place is also desirable.