

HARDINESS OF THE INDIAN GAMES.

We found 700 Indian Games, in *new* poultry houses (which are nearly always damp for awhile), and snow on the ground. The birds were allowed to go in or out at will, and received no other attention than is necessarily required, yet we never saw so many birds that appeared as healthy. When first brought over from England, Mr. O. K. Sharpe informed us that a few of the delicate ones would be sick for awhile until acclimated, but the American hatched birds asked no favors in regard to hardiness, and could compare in that respect, with any breed.

THE PRIZE BIRDS OF ENGLAND.

Imagine a bird weighing 14½ pounds for a cock and a hen weighing nine pounds, for such is the weight some of them have attained. Mr. O. K. Sharpe has recently returned from England, and he secured birds from every breeder of note from whom he could procure choice Games, which will be mated with his own well known "Agitator" strain. From the yards of Frayne, Whitfield, Hawkey, Fry, Brent, Brooks, Radford and others, he secured stock, some of them being Crystal Palace winners. Mr. Sharpe himself showed four birds at the recent Crystal Palace show, where he won first and fourth on pullet, and third and fourth on cockerel, and there were 4000 birds, of all breeds, entered.

THE SHOW RECORDS.

At the great show held in New York last year, they won every prize on both Indian Games and Red Caps, and at the recent Charleston show won every first prize on Indian Games, and all but one prize on Red Caps. They also won all on Andalusians. So far they have not been beaten wherever shown, and have sent a large number to the great New York show for this year, the report of which we will give.—*Poultry Keeper*.

LACED WYANDOTTES.

HAVING read with interest the remarks of Messrs. Meyer, Scott and others *re* laced Wyandottes, in the REVIEW and as a breeder and admirer of the beautiful and useful birds, I am tempted to give my experience of them to the readers of your valuable journal. Unlike Mr. Meyer, I have never owned what I

considered a perfect laced Wyandotte, nor have I ever seen one, the nearest approach to my ideal laced Wyandotte was a silver pullet exhibited by Mr. W. C. G. Peter at the Industrial Exhibition 1890, her lacing throughout was a solid black and the white centers remarkably clear and evenly shaped, but her legs not the rich deep yellow which is so much admired. My experience has been that one must specially select and mate his birds to procure good results, breeding solid colored birds is one thing and breeding laced birds another, and without a guide to go by it will take considerable time, patience, and judicious mating to find out from which matings one will get the best results. I have bred the laced varieties for four years, I have followed as near as possible Mr. I. K. Felch's directions *re* mating laced Wyandottes in his "Poultry Culture" a copy of which I am the happy owner, and the testimonials of many patrons, proves if my birds are not perfect, they are good, but they are not perfect by any means, if they were I should be the only breeder of perfect laced Wyandottes in the world. Made up as they are from the most difficult varieties to breed true to color, it is no wonder they are hard to get correctly marked themselves, and nothing but judicious mating can ever perfect them. Mr. Scott's remarks in last number of REVIEW are most timely, the Wyandottes are too useful a variety, and too largely bred, to be doubled up at our poultry shows, the golden and silver laced, and white varieties, are surely deserving of separate classes. The Wyandotte in my opinion is the very best variety of thorough-bred fowls for our cold Canadian winters, their low rose combs and hardy mixture are particularly adapted to the low temperature experienced in Canada five or six months in each year and for that reason and their many good qualities they should receive every encouragement.

But why should not a perfect laced Wyandotte be obtained as well as any other perfect variety? There are several other varieties of fowls that do not breed true to color, and I feel sure that if the laced Wyandottes were carefully mated and taken up by some energetic breeders it would not be long before the breed would reach as good a percentage of perfect birds as any other variety. And to get for the Wyandottes the honor they deserve, I would like to see a Canadian Wyandotte Club formed, and a good sized special given for the best pairs of each variety, at our leading poultry shows, this would stimulate breeders, and I feel sure, Mr. Editor, before many years you would not wonder, or wander over the country with a telescope in your hand looking for laced Wyandottes.

I would like to give you some items of interest which I have noted during my acquaintance with the breed but feeling I have said more than my share in their defence I will close, hoping to hear from other fancier's what they think of the Club scheme.

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SILVER WYANDOTTES.

Editor Review:—

NOT "meyerly" joking Mr. Editor, not at all. I was in down-right earnest when I wrote and fully intended that you should see more silver laced Wyandottes at the Ontario than you did, but you know well that we have many disappointments, and that even our feathered pets sometimes "go back" on us. I was determined that none but the very choicest specimens I have been able to breed should go to Bowmanville. Not having a hundred birds that I considered good enough to suit your eye, and some of those I have dis-