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## NOTES AND COMMENTS

### PHEASANT RAISING.

A CORRESPONDENT in a private letter advises us to "incubate eggs in nests on the ground, and take care when birds are hatched that they do not run away from the nest."

### MR. F. A. MORTIMER,

who is well known to our readers as the writer of "Mortimer's Monthly Morsels," is, we regret to learn, again very ill, but we hope that it may not be long before he is his wonted self again.

### THE INDIAN GAME CLUB.

Mr. O. K. Sharp writes us to "urge all to join the Club. We want 100 new members before end of '90 when new Standard will be made. We want Canada well represented, they ought to push an English bird always, they are now behind."

### MR. E. WARD,

of Sheffield, England, who visited Canada some time ago is now at home again and desires to be remembered to all Canadian fanciers whom he met during his stay in the Dominion.

### THE WESTERN FAIR.

The poultry committee has added to the list, golden-faced Wyandottes, Red Caps, buff-faced Polands, white-bearded Polands, and any other variety Bantams. The order of the varieties has also been re-arranged.

### MR. R. B. SMITH

has had the misfortune to again be burned out, this being the second time within a year; in consequence of this mishap he has been obliged to move from Owen Sound to Belleville, Ont.

### MR. C. W. ECKHARDT

Unionville, paid us a flying visit on the 9th ulto, he was on his way to his new residence at Niagara Falls, Ont.

### MR. R. H. TRIMBLE,

Belleville, was in Toronto on the 7th ulto.

### FROM THE AUTHOR

Mr. Wm. Willis—Harris Warnham, Sussex, we have received a neat little hand book, entitled, "The Turkey, How to breed and rear successfully." It contains some seventy pages, comprising hints on incubation, rearing chicks, breeding and general management, fattening, etc., etc., and is a good shillings-worth.

### THE ENGLISH STOCK-KEEPER

records the transformation of a colored Dorking cockerel into a pure white bird

Have any of our readers ever heard of a similar case, or can they account for the change? We must confess it is a complete enigma to us.

## POULTRY

### THE SITTING HEN.

(A paper read before the Montreal Poultry, Pig and Pet Stock Association, by Professor Wesley Mills, M.D.)

### MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN:

IN paving the way for a discussion of this subject it may be well to treat it systematically. Allow me to say at the outset that I am at a loss to understand why the term "setting" hen should be used as it seems to me to be incorrect English, and that it should be abandoned at once for the correct adjective "sitting."

### THE CHOICE OF THE HEN.

While it is true that the ordinary mongrel hen, when left very much to herself, will do better than any of the pure breeds, it does not follow that she should be chosen in all cases or even generally. When a number of hens are to be set in a comparatively small space, the mongrel is both less manageable and more pugnacious. I have tried both and prefer the Cochins, Brahma, Wyandotte and P. Rock to the mongrel hen.

My own experience endorses much that has been so long taught that it has become almost axiomatic, such as