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FOREST City, Iowa, is to have a poultry show on the 26 and 27th Feby. This is the first attempt of the kind for the place and it is to be hoped it will be successful. The association is composed of the leading men of the city.

J. E. Lawrence, of St. Catharines, writes:—Please note in next issue that W. H. Crowie, Treas. O. P. A. has given the required bond endorsed by William Chase and J. E. Lawrence, saving the Association \$12 or \$15 premium.

In the Milton prize list two errors occurred. Jas. Main took 1st, 2nd and 3d on Game Pullets, 97 each; the score of R B Smith's B.B.R. cock was 96, not 90 as in list, and Mr. Smith remarks, "I don't want the fanciers to think I ever exhibited a cock scoring 90."

W. J. Mohr, Quebec, has found our plan of nests answer well. He says:

As a cure for egg eating I find them perfect, no need to cut the heads off a hundred valuable fowls. I believe that darkness is all that is wanted, give this with the right kind of food, then we can sell the eggs or eat them ourselves.

Yes, you are right there, and it is a lot easier than filling eggs with cayenne, mustard, or the like, for the hen that does the mischief is not always the one that gets the nasty dose that is set to cure her.

Exhibition vs. Breeding Pens.

WRITING us concerning his liberal special cash prize of \$10 to Barrie fall exhibition for breeding pens, any variety, Mr. Stedman says: "I am glad our Association appreciated my small endeavor to bring about a greater competition in "breeding pens." I may say that I shall want them judged to the full meaning of the word "breeding-pen," that is to say, a cock or cockerel, and three hens or pullets that have the proper markings for the breeding season. I am sure you have often noticed in the breeding-pens exhibited at our shows, matings that you would not start the season with. There are also many high scoring birds that are not fit for the breeding pen."

"True, O King!" It is, as now practised, simply exhibition breeding pens that are shown, and truer still that often the first prize, or highest scoring birds are useless as a means of begetting the same. And that is where the skill of the breeder is most particularly shown. The veteran breeder is not the man that runs after the highest scoring birds to be procured, and not often will he pay the fabulous sums these specimens demand; but if he can let his