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The Fancier and the Market Poulterer.

IT is well to consider now and then the relation that each of these bear to the one interest, viz: poultry culture. It is common for the market poulterer to denounce the fancier as one who only cares for the feathers of his birds, and if those are the requisite color and marking the utility points are thought to be considered of no interest to him. He is told every week in the year that fanciers only look at feathers etc. On the other hand, the breeder of fine poultry is often heard to disparage the taste of the man who only cares for "pot" stock, yet really the two are quite necessary to carry on the work.

A good market poulterer is just the man to give the best price for the culls that every fancier has to dispose of, and the market man's best ally is the earnest fancier. Those who handle the market stock are seldom interested enough in

the life of poultry to do anything to advance the superiority of their produce. All that market poultry has gained in size, flesh and quality to make it more excellent for the table is due to the work of the fancier though this fact is not generally credited to him. And notwithstanding the cry that feathers is the fanciers first thought, do we ever see such magnificent specimens for the table, as most of the birds at the fanciers shows would be if they would only kill and dress them for that purpose. We venture to say, never! So that it is time the reproach of "non-utility man" should be taken from the shoulders of the fancier for he alone deserves the praise that is due to improvement in poultry in both table and show stock.

To his efforts we are indebted for the different races of fowls of superior laying qualities that of late years have made poultry keeping return us two-thirds more profit, and last though not least; for the beautiful birds that fill our exhibition rooms every season. The market poulterer and the fancier cannot afford to "talk back" to each other; they are treading useful through diverse roads that have a common end. And the greatest mistake that can possibly be made is to imagine that the fancier of fine poultry and breeder of exhibition stock cares only for fine feathers and the prizes he wins. That he is proud of these trophies we will allow but not more so than breeders of other stock are of similar rewards of toil and trouble, and anyone who knows what patience he has exercised in seeking to improve and keep his stock up to the times, will not begrudge him the "joy unspeakable" that he feels when looking at, and displaying his hard earned laurels in the field of poultry culture.

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