

further this time, but if you desire it I will give you some more of my experience in the future.

Just one question. Can 50 hens be kept as profitably in a pen 20 x 30 as half the number in half the space?

Yours very truly,

J. J. WALKER.

Moncton, N.B., 20th Oct., 1887.

[Shall be pleased to hear from you any time. As to your question, we should say no, our experience has led us to believe that the smaller the colonies are, the better they do. Divide into two flocks of 25 each by all means.—Ed.]

FROM ACROSS THE POND.

Editor Review :—

We note Mr. Hopkins's letter in REVIEW (August), *re* Andalusian Hen winner of 1st and special at Bridgwater, etc. On first reading his letter we considered it not worth answering, however on a second reading of his letter we thought we would give him a few facts, then your readers may see that the 1st and special Bridgwater Andalusian hen is the best ever bred in England.

1st. The 1st and special Bridgwater Andalusian hen was hatched from a setting of eggs we sold.

2nd. This Andalusian hen took 1st and special Bridgwater, beating 1st and 2nd Crystal Palace winners.

3rd. This Andalusian hen also beat Hopkins' Cup Watford bird at Bridgwater.

4th. All the English Poultry Journals said this was the best Andalusian hen yet seen.

5th. The 1st and special Bridgwater hen beat Hopkins' Birmingham winner of 1885.

6th. We have proof of this last fact in writing.

7th. The Andalusian hen was never beaten while in Mr. Green's hands.

8th. We fail to find any proof in Mr. H.'s advertisement, *re* Bagshot Show

in fact there is no proof in it "why there are only Mr. H's own words for it."

9th. The 1st and special Bridgwater Andalusian hen appears by Mr. H's last letter to only have become a 3rd rate hen after getting into his hands, but we and all the English fanciers know better than that, as she beat all Mr. H's birds on his own door step, viz. Bridgwater, and we are of opinion she beat all his crack birds at other shows. However we will leave your readers to draw their own conclusions.

We still say it is open to doubt about the Birmingham winner, and only want a little more evidence and will have the £100.

Mr. Hopkins contradicts himself strangely in his (REVIEW) letter, he says he claimed the 1st and special Andalusian hen at Bridgwater "simply for the name." In a letter to us a week after the Bridgwater show, he says: I do not wish to sell the 1st and special hen, as I bought her to make up one of my breeding pens. Which is correct?

He further says that plenty of hens could have beaten the hen in question had they been over moult. Why all his crack birds ought to have been over moult in February! The simple fact is, they are not good enough.

We are afraid Mr. Editor you and your readers will be tired of reading this long letter so we must draw to a close.

Our agent in Toronto holds two letters which will throw a little light on the above controversy, we do not wish to have them published this time.

Mr. H. seems full of money, so we will make him a challenge, that we will show 100 B. Minorcas, 100 W. Minorcas and 100 Andalusians against the same number of his birds for £100, and we will send them over to Toronto to be judged. If Mr. H. wishes for more facts we will give him them

strong in our next letter, we will give him both hearsay and written evidence.

Yours etc.

ABBOTT BROS.

Norfolk, England.

[We have been obliged to considerably curtail Messrs. Abbott Bros.' letter, where they had strayed from the point at issue.—Ed.]

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Editor Review :—

1. Could you please tell me what the caretaker puts on hens' combs to make them red at the exhibitions?
2. And what is the best way of packing eggs for hatching?
3. What is the best sort of a coop for shipping in winter?

Yours, etc.,

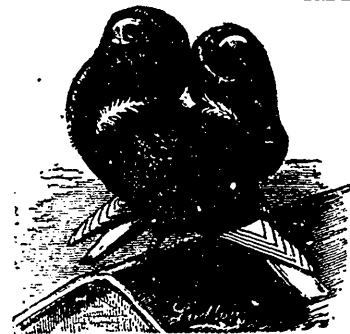
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J. O'LEARY.

ANSWERS.

1. Nothing. Exhibitors often rub on a little brandy or whiskey.
2. Do you mean for shipping to a distance? Pack in grape baskets, using bran or chopped hay for filling, and twisting stiff paper round each egg.
3. Canvas stretched on a light wooden frame covered either inside or out with strong brown paper.

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