

It was important to so open and examine the body that every system of organs be systematically examined, otherwise the real cause of death might escape notice. The bird should be plucked over the body at least. The only instruments really needed were a pair of strong scissors to cut bones, a pair of smaller pointed scissors (sharp) to open intestines; heart etc., though a knife was also useful. It was important to avoid cutting veins and to note whether the heart was full of blood or small and empty, when very full and dark looking this denoted death by suffocation. The appearance (color) of all organs was to be noted and the presence of any ulcers or unnatural growths or tubercles noted. The latter were little nodules, light in color which might be either soft or hard. Before one could recognize whether a bird was diseased he must know the natural appearance of one killed by bleeding and another without bleeding. When this knowledge had been gained, which was easy, then any unnatural appearances might be observed and recorded even if it required an expert to interpret them. Redness and fullness of vessels denote inflammation, parasites, worms, lice were also to be looked for in all cases. In suspected apoplexy, indeed in any case, it was well to open the brain. It helps greatly to open up organs, as the intestines in water. Prof. MILLS promised to report some post-mortems he had lately made at the next meeting, if agreeable.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

1. Are pens 6 x 11 feet large enough for a breeding pen of say 8 or 10 Light Brahmas?
2. How is the best way in building a poultry house to make it warm?
3. What is the best way to cure rough legs on Brahmas the scales seem to lift up and are very loose as if something were under them?
4. Is a Light Brahma Cock a good

cross on dark Light Brahma pullets?

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1. Scarcely. Should be at least 8 x 12.
2. Line with tar paper or building felt and batten well outside.
3. Apply an ointment of sulphur and lard, as much sulphur as the lard will absorb.
4. We hardly follow you in this. Do you intend to say a *light* Light Brahma Cock? If so you are correct in matching other properties being right.—ED.

#### CANKER.

*Editor Review:*—

It may be of some interest to you many amateur readers to know my experience with an aggravated case of canker. The treatment which I adopted was, viz.: I got one of those cross stylographic pen-fillers, with which I gave the patient warmed milk, in the meantime swabbing her throat with an equal mixture of chlorate of potash and alum, every day, at the same time removing the canker with a pointed piece of stick.

The case was a "stayer," and lasted for about a month, the hen being a valuable one I was loath to use the hatchet.

Faithfully yours,

J. C. MARKLE.

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#### LONDON POULTRY AND PET STOCK ASSOCIATION.

The last regular meeting of this society was held in their rooms, Albion Block on Tuesday Oct. 30th, 1888. President McNeil in the chair. The minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed, a discussion then arose as to whether or not it would be advisable for this Association to offer prizes to be competed for at our meetings, a competent judge to be appointed from amongst the members. It was thought it would tend to bring out a

a greater number of members and be both instructive and entertaining to all. It was agreed on motion of Mr. G. G. McCormick that we take up one variety at each of our meetings and offer two cash prizes 1st and 2nd, male and female, young and old, to compete (single birds.) We expect to have ten or a dozen Brown Leghorns competing (Brown Leghorns being the variety chosen for our first attempt) at our next meeting. The balance of the evening was exhausted in scoring two game Bantams the property of Mr. A. Cook, Duckwing Pullet and Pile Cockerel, Mr. McNeil scored the former and R. Oke the latter 92½ and 51 respectively, the explanation given for cutting on the several points was considered satisfactory by the balance of the members. We have had a folding wire coop made for scoring the fowls in. At our last meeting we had quite a joke with one of our members. He had driven in one and a half miles and when he had pulled up at the Association Room there were two hens roosting on the reach of his buggy ur' nown to him, having held their grip all that distance. It is needless to say when they were removed from their perilous position they sang out away up in G. much to the disgust of their owner and amusement of the passers by.

R. Oke Sec.

(We congratulate the London Association on this step, and would like to see all the Societies do likewise nothing so much tends to keep the interest up in fancy stock of any kind, as the exhibition and criticism of individual specimens.—ED.)

#### MONTREAL POULTRY PIGEON AND PET STOCK ASSOCIATION.

The regular monthly meeting of the above Society was held in the Mechanics Hall on Thursday the 1st of November, 1888 at 8 p. m. Vice President Philpott in the chair. There