

Journals, as to their origin, and from whence they came; yet there is one point they agree on, namely, that they are a *good fowl*. But I must not continue this yarn any further, for I promised to give my own short experience: well here goes. In the first place I got my stock from a good reliable Breeder, who declared them to be the very fowl for the Farmer; just let me say here, that I claim a place among this hearty, robust, honest and industrious class of men. Well having tried them myself, I declare that man told the truth; for with me they have proved to be good layers of fair sized eggs; and they are not blessed with such an inclination to set as some kinds are; they are also large and square built, having a good full breast which qualifies them for the table, or the market. Now in closing I would say, that I consider them a hardy fowl, and one that will suit the barn yards of North America very well.

Yours as ever,
Burnhamthorpe. WM. H. HORNBY.

Ontario Poultry Show.

Before the March No. of the Journal reaches its readers, the Ontario Poultry Society will have held their second Exhibition, in the Town of Guelph. We are already in receipt of the Prize List, which is a *very liberal one*. We hope every Fancier in the DOMINION, will be on hand with their Birds. We should also be pleased to see American Breeders and their Birds on hand. We will vouch for their being well used and getting fair play. We would again say, let every Fancier endeavour to be present, and if they cannot fetch their Birds, come themselves and let us have

a "Big Show," as well as the States. We have got the Birds to do it with, as will be seen by the list of prizes won at Chicago: and if we cannot offer quite as many dollars in prizes, we can offer money of more value to the dollar than theirs!

Prize List and Rules to be had of Geo. Murton, Esq., Guelph. See advertisement in this number.

Cockfighting.

MESSRS EDITORS:—I will now make a few remarks on cockfighting. It has been argued, that it is a wise policy to forbid this sport, owing to its cruelties. On this principle, why not make pigeon shooting illegal? Why not legislate against hunting and fishing? In the latter amusement, what is more brutal than impaling worms on hooks or trolling with live bait to catch pike? Playing with a fine salmon on your hook is a pleasant pastime, although the victim differs in opinion. Neither is there much to be said in favour of grand baiters, where hundreds of birds and ground game escape, mutilated, to live a miserable life, or to be eaten up by rats. All these amusements must, of necessity, be cruel. But they are sanctioned by the upper classes, and the cruelty ignored. With respect to the champions of the cockpit, is it a greater boon for a young cock to be well fed and reared to fight a battle, if victorious, to be petted for the remainder of his life, with half a dozen little hens, for his comfort, or to cut his throat early in life, to satisfy the appetite of a carnivorous man? And this man, who daily is an accessory to the murder of youth in the shape of veal, lamb, and spring chickens, prides