

Geese were good, and in fine shape, but Ducks were fewer in number than last year, the winners were well placed.

We think it would be advisable to apply for an addition to the poultry house for next year, and would suggest a double tier down the centre raised from the floor, for the lighter breeds and Bantams, which would save the large coops for heavier varieties. Unfortunately the weather was very disagreeable, and on the last day rain fell heavily at intervals. It is a great proof of the popularity and excellence of the Stayner show, that the people were out in such numbers, braving the cold winds and heavy storms. It was the general opinion that another day might have been added, no one seemed to have had enough. It was hard work to get the main building exhibits removed, as with every clearance in the weather, fresh arrivals were coming in. The entire show was a grand success, and we hope will prove such financially.

In connection with the Poultry department we must not forget to mention the name of R. E. Bingham, who afforded the exhibitors such ready and efficient help in cooping and placing the birds in classes. In fact they would not have been ready till night, but for his help and experience in placing the exhibit. No one else seemed to know what to do with the birds, and as the number kept increasing beyond the capacity of the house we heard an officer say, "Why here's a lot more of the blamed things coming yet."

PRIZE WINNERS.

Light Brahmas—W C G Peter, R E Bingham. Dark Brahmas—W J Bell. Langhans—W J Bell. Dorkings—T Barret. Wyandottes—W C G Peter, T Barret. B B B Games—R E Bingham, W Anderson. Games, A O V—John Bricknell, J Bricknell. Black Hamburgs—R Bingham 1 & 2. Hamburgs, A O V—W Anderson, A Ronsier. W Leghorns—W C G Peter 1 and 2. Leghorns, A Q V—W C G Peter, John Bricknell. Houdans—R E Bingham 1 and 2. W C B Polands—R E Bingham 1 and 2. Polands, A O V—John Bricknell 1 and 2. Game Bantams A O V—W C G Peter. Guinea Fowl—I Shell. Turkeys, Bronze—W G Bell, Wm Brewster. Toulon Geese—J Smith, D Sinclair. Pekin Ducks—Hy Bulmer, Wm Young. Aylesbury Duck—T F Burrows. Ducks, A O V—F Maiden, G Spearin.

CHICKENS AND PIGEONS.

Light Brahmas—W Peter 1 and 2. Dark Brahmas—W J Bell 1 and 2. Cochins—T Barret. Langhans—Thos Barret 1 and 2. Plymouth Rocks—R E Bingham 1 and 2. Dorkings—T Barret 1 and 2. Wyandottes—W Peters, T Basset. Games, A O V—John Bricknell. Blk Hamburgs—R E Bingham 1 and 2. Hamburgs A O V—R E Bingham, W Anderson. White Leghorns—W Peter 1 and 2. Leghorns,

A O V—W Peter 1 and 2. Houdans—R E Bingham 1 and 2. W C B Polands—I Schell, R E Bingham. Game Bantams—J Bricknell, W Peter. A O V W not mentioned—R E Bingham 1 and 2. Fantail Pigeons—W Anderson. Breeding Pen—J Schell.

A Good Word for the Bantams.

WHY should it not be spoken? Are they not the pets of the the poultry yard? Do not the most valuable articles come in the smallest packages? Is not a diamond that glitters in the necklace of a belle worth many tons of coal, and are not diamonds and coal made from the same material? Is not beauty of value? Must everything be measured by dollars and cents? But even measured in this way, are not Bantams worth raising?

Mr. J.—These are genuine cases though we suppress names—has a flock of seven Bantams a cross between a Game and a Sebright. They are yielding him five eggs a day. Mr. W. has a flock of ten Black Red Game Bantams—he is getting ten eggs a day. Mr. B. has a large number of fowls about one-fourth of which are Bantams, and he gets fully one-third of his eggs from the Bantams. Don't they pay?

But the eggs are small. Yes, they are small, but the fowls are small, and the food for three Bantams is not more than enough for one ordinary fowl of the middle sized class. And the eggs are large in proportion to the size of the fowls. We have seen Bantams that laid eggs nearly as large as the first litter of eggs from Plymouth Rock Pullets.

Oh! they pay, Mr. Hardcash. They do pay. If you give your boy a pair of Bantams you will find that you have made him a gift which will return you more than its first cost. You have provided him with a perennial pleasure that will return him a profit. You have done him a good turn and will be rewarded for doing it.

But they don't pay as well as larger fowls. Perhaps not,—we never said they did, but it will not do to bank on that until expenses are reckoned up and receipts credited. It may be found, after all, that they do pay better than one imagines. We do not think they pay as well as the larger fowls—we know that their eggs are not a marketable product, except such as are sold for hatching—we are aware that one who breeds for practical purposes has no use for Bantams—but all the same Bantams have their use, in limited quarters, for home supply, and for the pleasure and profit they produce.

Here is our good word for Bantams. We vouch for them as beautiful pets and profitable fowls. May their race increase.—American Poultry Yard.