

who will give all necessary information. The services of that well known judge Henry S. Ball of Shrewsbury, Mass., have been secured which will give satisfaction to every intending exhibitor. C. H. Currier has been secured for the pigeons and G. C. Philpott for the pets. No less than six valuable cups are open for competition in addition to the Lady Aberdeen perpetual challenge medal. Great interest centres round the cups, especially that of the Wyandotte association silver cup for a breeding pen of any variety, as Mr. G. C. Howison, of Brockville, Ont., has won it twice and only needs one more win to become the envied possessor. In addition to the regular money prizes for 1st and 2nd single birds and breeding pen, the Society offer \$10 first and \$5 second for incubators and the Association prize of \$10 for first and \$5 for second to the largest exhibit shipped by express from any point outside the city of Montreal. We would suggest to intending exhibitors to be very careful as to the date for closing entries, as last year over two hundred birds had to be refused.

YOUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

### OUR QUESTION BOX.

Sir,—Here's something that puzzles me and that is I had a hen during the summer that got taken with a crook in the neck, as it walked its head was pointing nearly towards its tail. I tried for a day or two to cure but to no purpose so I thought best to kill it. Some friends of mine in a town near by had hens the same way. Could you please tell me the cause and the cure so that I can be able to doctor such a complaint better another time.

Napanee Mills, Ont.

W. H. RIXEN.

Ans.—This is evidently megrims probably caused by sunstroke and we have never found, or heard of its being curable. The only treatment we would advise would be to isolate in a rather dark pen. The brain is affected in cases of this kind. Ed.

Dear Sir,—Would you kindly answer these questions for me. 1. If you were building a henhouse would you have a stone foundation under it, if so how high would you build the stone foundation above the ground. 2. How would it be to have single windows and storm windows made of boards to close on cold nights instead of having double windows. 3. Would you have ventilators in a poultry house. 4. If I was going to build a hen house with two thicknesses of boards and the same of tarred paper and have a two-inch space between the walls, where would you put the tarred paper on. 5. What would you have the roof made of. 6. Which way

would you have the roof slant if it faced the south. I would be very much obliged if you would answer any time soon when you are not busy.

Brown's Corners, Ont.

G. A. PEARSON.

Ans.—1. Stone foundation is unnecessary but if it can be cheaply put in is desirable. Build 12 to 18 inches clear of the ground. 2. Storm shutters are good but need attention early in the morning; double sashes are much better as the days are often cold as well as nights. 3. Ventilate by sash and door. 4. Put up studding, lay tarred felt (not building paper which dries and cracks) on both sides and board up. 5. Shingles over tarred felt; double lap felt at ridge. 6. Drop roof to south if possible. Ed.

### VICTORY FOR POULTRY MEN AND INCUBATOR MANUFACTURERS.

#### Editor Review:

As promised some time ago, I desire to place before the readers of your valuable journal my experience with an Insurance Company. Our dwelling house was burned the 18th of last April, the fire occurred in the early morning, about 2 or 2.30 o'clock, when we were awakened by the hired girl, who gave the alarm; the house was then in flames and beyond redemption. We made our exit from the house in our night clothes just as we left our beds; the hired man was got out just about three minutes before the part of the house in which he slept collapsed.

The origin of the fire is unknown, and not "from a defective Incubator lamp," as stated by the Canadian correspondent of the *Reliable Poultry Journal*, as we had no such thing about the place as a defective incubator lamp.

We had six incubators in the cellar and these were all carried out through an outside door when the house could not be entered, these were all unharmed and no fire near them in the cellar. We had also placed a brooder with some valuable chicks in a back kitchen which adjoined the house for a few days till the sand would be thoroughly dried in our new brooder house, the outside doors of this back kitchen where bolted from the inside, and the inside door could not safely be reached on account of the fire, and because none of us saw the brooder after the fire had started, the company very wisely concluded that the fire must have originated from the brooder, although every indication pointed to the contrary, such as the direction of the wind, the part of the building burning when first seen, etc.

Before proceeding any further I will introduce the insurance company, "The North Dumfries and South Waterloo