

the champions of each place, but in different years. Oh for a show room in which all the champions are gathered from the north, south, east and west, and then let the feathers fly! Then, and then only, will we know on whose banner the laurel wreaths should be hung. With Pierce, Felch or Brown to sit in judgment on the merits of the mighty prodigies of the poultry yards, some one might possibly find out to their amazement that there were other birds as good—or a little better—than they expected to find.

It has been frequently intimated of late that some birds making their home in the west never enter themselves in a show where standard weights are demanded. This is probably uncharitable, but such things unfortunately have weight unless they are disproved.

Then, another thing: how is it that advertisements are kept running year in and year out, giving the scores of birds that won prizes at Atlanta and other places, when the birds have been sold, the money spent and forgotten. It is not legitimate, and is done to catch the unwary—throwing a little fresh salt on the birds' tails, as it were. How is it, anyway? I am sure all we little fishes would be perfectly delighted if some bright luminary from the galaxy of stars which enlighten "chickendom" would enlighten us on these and kindred subjects. If you will, you will earn the everlasting gratitude of your

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There is more truth than poetry in the above which we clip from the *Fanciers Gazette*. In advertising prizes won, it is only right that the breeder should have the bird referred to or one as good in the breeding pen. Borrowing birds to "copper" the shows is another illegal practice, and one that no honorable man will condescend to.

QUERY * DEPARTMENT.

TO INCITE BROODINESS.

MR. EDITOR.—You tell us how to break up a broody biddy, can you tell me how to get one broody? I haven't a chick yet and its the 24th of May. Can't borrow a sitter and am in despair. Hens have laid since February.

Truro, N.S.

A NOVA SCOTIAN.

I cannot give you any certain plan. If I knew that great secret I could easily make a fortune. But you might try with a hen that is not laying and has just left off, as follows:—Make a nest with a door to close and put a few eggs in. Shut the hen in and it may hasten her broodiness; do not let her off more than once daily, and only for ten minutes to feed. If she is content to sit you can give the eggs to be hatched in a few days, but in most cases you will find her like the Dutchman's hen, "sitting sthanded up." A laying hen or one just ready to lay cannot be made to sit.

EGG OR TONIC POWDER.

Can you give me a recipe for a "general condition powder" for my fowls. I live in a town and my birds are cooped up in a small run continually. I see many preparations advertised and wish to use one, the ingredients of which are not a mystery.

J. L. A.

Mount Forest.

A fine mixture for condition and egg powder is made as follows:—Take four pounds of ground meat (dry), two pounds of bone meal, one of each ground oyster shell, and fenugreek, half pound salt half pound ginger; mix all these thoroughly.

In another dish mix one oz each of sulphur, copperas, carbonate soda, salt-petre, hypo-sulphite of soda and red pepper. When these are all well mixed add to the above and mix it well.

Parch two pounds each of ground oats and cracked corn, mix, add all together and mix well. This will make about fifteen pounds of good powder and will only cost about 30c. A desert spoonful to each adult bird daily, mixed with their food. You can use the "Spratts patent foods" which are specially prepared for poultry and thoroughly reliable. These can be procured of Mr. H. B. Donovan, Toronto, their agent for this district.

FITTING FOR FALL SHOWS.

I have some fine chicks, early May hatch, which I want to fit for the fall shows. I am told now is the time to begin. Tell me what to do if you please. I have Brahmas, Houdans, and Rocks. Do the fanciers practise any tricks to make the plumage look glossy?

Mrs. M. T. B.

Eramosa tp.