

to provide outdoor runs or yards for them during the summer months. Give them free access to these yards whenever the weather will permit. The most economical form, everything considered, for a poultry yard, is one much longer than wide. Two rods wide and 8 rods long is sufficient for fifty fowls. Whenever a poultry plant of considerable size is to be established it will be found most economical to arrange the yards side by side, with one end at the poultry house. The fences which enclose these yards may be made of poultry netting or pickets, and should be at least 7 feet high. In either case it is best to have a board at the bottom, for sometimes it will be desirable to give quite young chickens the run of these yards. If the poultry yards are constructed as described, there is sufficient room for a row of fruit trees down the centre of the yard, and still leave ample room for horse cultivation on either side, either with one or two horses.

These yards are to be kept thoroughly cultivated. If thought best, grain may be sown before cultivation to furnish part of the green food for the fowls. Of all fruit trees, probably there are none that are more suitable for the poultry yard than the plum. The droppings of the fowls will manure the trees, and the fowls as insect destroyers perform a great office in protecting plums from the curculio. After the trees are once well established, a crop of plums should be secured nearly every year. These, too, will require no extra cultivation. The plum trees perform a valuable service in providing shade for the fowls. Where trees are not available, sunflowers may be used for this purpose with a considerable degree of satisfaction. However, some protection must be given the plants until they are well established, and even then many plants will be destroyed unless the fowls have an abundance of green food all the time.

(To be continued).

#### LIGHT BRAHMAS AT THE INDUSTRIAL.

As a rule we prefer not to interfere with matters which appear in other journals, but at Mr. Butterfield's request we print the following explanation of his awards in the hen class, which should prove interesting to the owners of the birds in question and to others interested in the breed. Our own brief report of the first prize hen was "a big one, good in color," which fairly describes her:

"I would like to say a few words as to Mr. T. A. Duff's criticism on light Brahma hens at the Industrial. I have not got the REVIEW (not the REVIEW, Mr. B.—ED.) before me, but if my memory serves me right, he says second hen should have been first. I like to see good honest criticism, but Mr. Duff is probably not aware why the prizes were placed as they were. First hen had much the best wing in color, and had a long way the best tail coverts, and the neck was much glossier, three of the most essential points in light Brahmas. The second and third prize hens were grand in shape and style, and a little larger than first prize hen, but they were much behind her in that which constitutes a first-class light Brahma, whether it be male or female. I happen to be one of those who cannot see much in a light Brahma when three of the grandest parts are not there, parts which make them valuable, either as exhibition birds or fit for breeding birds—and a light Brahma without a good dark wing and good glossy black coverts around her tail, and a rich glossy neck, don't count of much worth to prominent light Brahma breeders, and rob a light Brahma of those three essential points and there is not much left to attract the eye of any man who has got an eye for a thing of beauty. I noticed in London second and third prize Toronto hens were

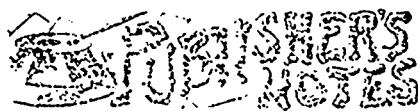
there, and if my memory serves me right I reversed the Toronto judging. Third prize hen in Toronto looked as if they had been washing her back, and her tail coverts were terribly mussed—at London they had become straightened out, hence the change of positions. Third hen was a shade better in flights, and was when at London showing better tail coverts than second prize hen at Toronto. I just mention this so that Mr. Duff can see that I have no objection to criticism, and I had much rather give my views why I awarded the prizes as I did than have any breeder labor over any misapprehension as to the awards. Sometimes when breeders of birds criticised have the misfortune of not being able to be at the show, they by criticism may think they did not get what they were fairly entitled to, hence my explanations."

#### WINNIPEG SHOW.

The annual exhibition of the Manitoba Poultry Association will be held 14th to 18th Feb. next. Things are looking well here and we expect a good show.

Yours truly,

ED. MARSTON, Sec.



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