

a hard one to beat. 3rd a smaller bird but very neat indeed; might have exchanged place with 2nd only for a hump foot; Hens a nice class. All the winners were very neat but were moulting. Cockerels, 1st a splendid bird of good color; fair comb; good face; fair lobes; 2nd and 3rd both very good and well shown. Pullets, 1st an easy win and hard to beat at this season of the year anywhere; 2nd younger but hardly as good a type, 3rd a very nice young one. Pens, 1st and 2nd were beauties indeed and won well.

WYANDOTTES.—Were large classes. Perhaps the most improvement was shown in the Blacks and also in the Silver chicks.

GAMES.—Were very large classes and some good birds shown. The Black Reds were particularly fine.

POLANDS and HAMBURGS.—Were of excellent quality. How could they be otherwise when such exhibitors as McNeil, Bogue and Oke get together at one show?

BANTAMS.—Were out in force and some excellent specimens were shown.

TURKEYS, GEESE and DUCKS.—The largest seen in years. The exhibit of Rouen Ducks here would make New York or the World's Fair feel sad. Pekins numbered about forty-five and were of the best quality yet seen in Canada.

LEGHORNS.—Very large classes of typical birds. It was a very close run for first honors in both White and Brown Cocks and resulted in a saw-off. All were of the highest quality.

JAPANESE.—Were quite a show, all the winning birds being excellent. Quite an improvement over former years was noticed.

The competition for the Silver Medals was a very close and interesting race. Messrs. T. A. Duff & Co., Toronto, (one of our advertisers) captured the medal for the largest and best exhibit in the Mediterranean Class with their Minorcas.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

We present our readers this month with a cut of "Columbus" and "Isabella," White Plymouth Rocks owned by Rev. John Hughes of the Edgewood Poultry Yards, Table Grove, Ill. Mr. Hughes has bred this variety for many years and under his skillful management they are rapidly approaching perfection. His stock is well known in this province

and the prize winners at the shows of late years have been from his yards or their direct descendants. The two birds shown in the cut are the winners of many prizes and give one a good idea of this splendid breed of general purpose fowls.

HINTS ON HAPPINESS IN THE POULTRY YARD.

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The less we interfere with a hen's natural habits the more successful will the season's results be. Of course poultry are now so domesticated that they need artificial shelter and human care if they are to produce more than one or at the most two settings of eggs, all that in a state of nature are necessary to perpetuate their kind. Selection of the best layers, and constantly removing the eggs have greatly lengthened the laying period. But in spite of all the years the fowls have been an accessory of domesticated man, there yet remains a great deal of the primitive distrust of man and shyness in their natures. "Scratch the Chinaman and you find a Tartar" to parody a once famous saying, and so when you wish to commence on friendly terms with the hen, although she may be your own bought-property, absolutely and entirely yours for disposal in life and in death, you yet will find that her views on the subject do not square with yours and that her individuality, although in a much smaller frame, is just as intense as your own. How many fanciers are always interfering in the pet projects of their proteges! A hen likes to jump off the perch the first thing before it is even light and moon around with her beak close to the ground until it is light enough to find something to put in the aforesaid beak. Very idiotic pronounces the fancier, and straightway his hens are enclosed in an air-tight house waiting his convenience each morning to let them out. Old stagers reach at last the phase of resignation, a word that is almost incompatible with intense boiling-over human health and spirits, and is just as much so in the poultry world. Could the fancier see how his precious pets, the lively sprightly young pullets rebel at this interference with their liberty, he would do his best to allow them an open house, draught-screened of course, but so that they could come in and out at their pleasure. A small house, water-

tight, well chunked, with a dry sandy floor, and the door always ajar is much more to the taste of our feathered pets than is the most costly structure where their liberty is restricted.

If possible in summer during the dry season they should roost in an open shed. Such fowls keep far more healthy than do those that are shut up all the year around. You can do with less house accommodation, which is an expensive item, and have far healthier fowls. But wild animals! and hawks? Well wild animals can be kept at a decent distance with a couple of good vermin dogs, and even if you do close your houses you will find, without dogs around, they will get in. Hawks come in the day time when fowls are out anyhow, and a gun properly aimed is the only remedy for them. The happier you can make your birds, with plenty of space for exercise, good food, and the least interference possible the greater will be your satisfaction with your balance sheet and the fowls' satisfaction with their master or mistress as the case may be. We have all heard people say "Don't play with that Kitten, it will never make a mouser." Just the same if people are always fussing and interfering with their fowls they will never get good results. Watch their funny little ways at a distance; be polite and retire, if you go to take eggs and find a hen on the nest, and go quietly as if you had not noticed her, so you will appease her doubts and she will neither be injured from a fright whilst laying, which often happens, nor will she leave the nest for another where perhaps you would not find it. Sympathy in the French sense of the word is a fine thing alike in the world and in the poultry yard. It means consulting others' feelings and tastes, and so the fancier should treat his pets.

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