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We receive a great number of letters, and even postal cards, requiring answers to questions without the slightest interest to us; we have replied to all such in the past, at considerable pecuniary loss, but in future must insist on a stamp being enclosed for reply.

The first number of the *Poultry Gazette* to hand; it is published at Reading, Michigan, by J. A. French, an experienced breeder of fancy poultry. It looks well. Success to it.

FLYING MATCH.—Should the weather prove favorable on the 15th a race will be flown between Toronto and St. Catharines by the Homing Antwerps of Mr. Chas. Goodchilds, of the former city, and Mr. A. W. Bessey, of the latter. Toronto birds will be tossed from Mr. Bessey's house; his birds from Toronto. The prize to be flown for is a cup, value \$50. Fast time is expected to be made as both these gentlemen have good birds.

Circulars Received.

J. G. Jones, Forest, Ont.—Black Spanish, Yellow Duckwings, B. B. R. Game Bantams, and Partridge Cochins.

E. E. Harding, & Co., Scotia, New York.—Light and Dark Brahmas, Partridge, Buff and White Cochins, Houdans, S. S. and B. Hamburgs, White and Brown Leghorns, Creve Coeurs, LaFleche, W. and G. Dorkings, and Game fowls.

W. K. Rice, Pittsfield, Mass., Black Leghorns Colored Dorkings, New American Seabrights, Bantams and Fancy Pigeons.

Poultry at the Provincial Exhibition.

The large reduction in the amount offered as prizes on poultry at the forthcoming Provincial Exhibition, has justly caused great surprise and disappointment among breeders throughout the Province. The amount in 1877, was none too large, only \$522, but this year it has been reduced fully one third, making it only \$346. We are not aware on what reasons the Council of the Association acted in doing so much to discourage the poultry interest of Ontario; indeed all the reasons of which we have any knowledge should lead them to advance in the very opposite direction. What makes this the more remarkable is that the prizes on fruit have been very largely increased, for while in 1877 the total in this class was only about \$740, it has been raised this year to nearly \$1,100.

Why should the gentlemen in charge of our Provincial show take a step which can not be regarded as otherwise than retrograde? It is a fact for which there is ample proof that the business in poultry and eggs is, year after year, rapidly increasing. They are now largely exported, thus constituting an important source of wealth to our people. We find, from the Trade and Navigation Returns, that for the year ending June 30th, 1877, there were exported from Ontario, fowls, value \$22,425; eggs, value \$349,842; and from the Dominion, fowls, \$4² 23; eggs, over 5,000,000 dozen, value \$534,891. The business is capable of wonderful extension, and has the advantage of being open to almost every household, both in town and country. But, in addition to this, few classes of exhibits present greater attractions, or draw more visitors to our shows, than the poultry.

A comparison of many of the prizes on poultry and fruit, shows clearly that there has been a lack of judgement, to say the least, in their distribution. For instance, the prize on a single variety of grapes is larger than on most varieties of fowls. Will any one undertake to say that such a distribution is founded on reason or justice? The cost and trouble of producing a bunch of grapes is utterly insignificant in comparison with the expense of putting on exhibition a pair of thorough-bred fowls. It often happens that the breeder has to raise a flock of twenty pairs of chicks to get one pair fit to represent the breed at the show; and even when he does get a suitable pair, the cost of putting them on exhibition is very great. Hampers are required to ship in, and express charges are double first class, unless special arrangements can be made. Then there is great risk in placing fowls on exhibition in the fall season, from unsuitable buildings and possible inclemency of the weather. The cost of placing on exhibition, if shipped from London, would be at least \$2. Compared with this the risk