

you won't find some poor as well as good layers? But why not select them and keep only the splendid layers? As for winter layers, I think that the writer of said article must have a very poor house or he does not feed them properly. As to their not being "a saleable food for eating purposes." I think that the writer makes a big mistake. I can not say whether it is in New England or old England, or any other country, the fowl with a good plump round white skinned breast will have the preference over a yellow legged, yellow skinned fowl with scarcely any breast at all. If the crest is so very large that the bird cannot see, (which it seldom is), why not cut part of it away?

Now Houdans are my favorites, for these reasons: They are splendid layers of large white eggs; the eggs are very seldom unfertile. The young chicks are very pretty, (prettier in fact than any other chicks that I have seen), they are very strong and active, feather very quickly, and are easily raised. When full grown they are very handsome birds, and non setters. For market purposes they cannot be beaten; they are so plump, white and clean looking that they take the eye (as the saying is) of intending purchasers, and for flavor I don't think they can be excelled.

I will write you a letter before long giving some experiments that have been made with this breed, "What they were in the past, and what they will be in the future."

Yours, etc.,

ALEX. DELAPORTE.

Toronto, June 20th, 1886.

G. H. PUGSLEY.

Editor Review:—Being a subscriber to the REVIEW I take great interest in its reading matter and advertisements monthly, and am a new beginner in the poultry business.—

I was about to write something to this effect, when I came across Mr. A. H. Bennett's letter exactly expressing

my ideas on Mr. P. as a fraud. I am sorry to say I have been caught a little worse than Mr. B., as the sum he holds of mine is a great deal more than \$2. Having written him since he moved to Lockport, I received the following answer: "I will ship you three or four sittings of my best eggs the coming week from birds as you desire, and will return balance or give you stock. Please excuse my delay as we have been so very busy moving and getting things in shape, and I have neglected all business this spring, with thanks."

Now, Mr. Editor, that week came and more since, and not one word more from him. What would you call a man like that? Wishing the REVIEW every success, I remain yours &c.,

W. H. FORDE.

Pembroke, June 17th, '86.

Editor Review:—Will you kindly grant me space in JULY REVIEW, to acknowledge the receipt this day of \$2.00 from G. H. Pugsley. This is the \$2.00 complained of in the June No.

Yours thankfully,

A. H. BENNETT,

Barrie, June 10th, '86.

OUR COLORED PLATE.

We present in this number a colored plate of the Andalusian cockerel the property of Mr. J. Dilworth, Springhurst, Parkdale, Ont. Mr. Dilworth's career as an Andalusian breeder is well known, for the last ten years he has been an ardent admirer and breeder of this valuable and beautiful fowl, as well as an enthusiastic fancier and breeder of many other varieties. We understand that Mr. Dilworth exhibited the first pair of Andalusians shown at the Industrial Exhibition, Toronto, some years ago, which called forth the admiration of all lovers of poultry. We would also add that he has very recently purchased a valuable property in Parkdale, and we have no doubt when the time comes he will give a

good account of himself, as the situation of Springhurst is particularly well adapted for raising poultry, magnificent shade trees and orchards abound on all sides.

He says that no one can deny the fact that six or seven Andalusian eggs will weigh a pound, whereas in nearly all other varieties it takes eight or nine. As far as the year's record is concerned he defies competition, not barring any breed.

THEIR CUTS WILL KILL THEM.

If the Wyandotte breeders persist in their cut making, or perhaps I should say group illustrations, they will kill the reputation of the breed.

It is safe to say that of many cuts claiming to be photos of breeding pens, none are true to life and the originals could not be recognized by their pictures.

We admire Bro. Bicknell's Mottled Java pictures, also his frank admission that he nor any body else ever saw such a bird but it is what he would like to see. Now after such an explanation you know that friend Bicknell or any other breeder of Mottled Javas have no such birds, but that the cut is simply used to draw attention to Mr. B's advertisement and if you order expecting to get such birds and are disappointed you have but yourself to thank for that disappointment.

But of late the Wyandotte breeders are acting foolishly. The past three years they have mated to light colored males and low scoring birds have been the result. Now once having discovered the cause they are flocking to the other extreme and the consequence is these cuts representing very dark birds, which if bred together, as represented will result in coal black females, and we will have some clamorers wishing to make room for them in the Standard as a new breed, just as we have the Black Javas and Plymouth Rocks and now