

times daily, and about once a week add a little Douglas' mixture. Let me say, in conclusion, do not forget to subscribe for, pay for, and read the REVIEW. Now, Mr. Editor, you may assign this harangue to the waste basket, or any place you may deem fittest.

### THE KIND OF LETTER WE LIKE TO READ.

#### *Editor Review :—*

Enclosed find one dollar for four thirty word coupon advertisements ; two of which please insert in November REVIEW. Enclosed find advertisements to insert. This is my first venture in advertising, and I have every confidence in the REVIEW to bring me buyers ; and I might add that I think the REVIEW is improving every issue, and can't imagine why fanciers take American journals when we have such a superior article printed and edited at home. I have only been a subscriber to the REVIEW about a year, but in that short time I have noticed a very decided improvement, which I am sure all your subscribers fully appreciate. I regret that I am located in a town that is completely indifferent to the fancy ; but since I came here, two years ago, I have boomed fancy poultry for all I was worth—and at our fall exhibition (a little better than friend Whittaker's) I had the satisfaction of seeing about double the number on exhibition. I am now working hard to establish a winter fair here, and have every confidence in succeeding, but most likely will not be able to get it open until next winter, when I hope we will give such liberal prizes that all the largest breeders will be induced to come and see us. But more anon on this subject.

R. B. SMITH.

Perth, Oct. 12, 1887.

[We shall be pleased to hear that our correspondent has succeeded in the formation of an association, and he may depend on the support of the REVIEW

wherever and whenever required in a legitimate manner.—ED.]

### GOOD FOR A BEGINNING.

#### *Editor Review :—*

I would like to say a few words on poultry for profit. I bought, in October a year ago, six hens and a cock. I built a house for them, 6 x 6, costing \$3.50, and a run cost \$2.00, feed \$2.40, total \$7.90. Thus leaving me a profit of \$6.50, and I have now on hand 12 fowls. My stock is brown and white Leghorns, I am only a beginner in the business but your valuable paper gives me good advice. Success to it.

By inserting the above you will oblige, yours truly.

JAMES PITHOUSE.

St. Catharines, Oct. 15th, 1887.

### DOWN BY THE SEA.

#### *Editor Review :—*

Thanks for the information contained in your last issue in reply to my letter. I would say in answer to your enquiry that the color of shell is not considered by the purchasers in this market, they simply ask for a dozen eggs, of course they expect them fresh, but the people do not seem to be very particular even in this respect, the question asked is, "have you any eggs?"

I will breed next season large flocks of white, brown, and black Leghorns, or black Minorcas, and I know I will then have the cream of egg producers.

Let me tell you of my good luck in obtaining a breeding pen of whites the other day. A woman living near me had to move suddenly, and knowing that I kept fowls, sent for me and told me that in her new home she would have no place for her fowls, and offered to sell me her white Leghorns. I saw they were good, and was willing to take them, I therefore purchased as fine a

lot at 25 cents each, as I would have paid at least \$3.00 for from a fancy breeder. I have also been fortunate in securing a very handsome brown cockerel, very cheap, and with the hens I have will have some fine stock next summer.

I will import black stock later, as there is none to be had around here. I suppose some of your readers will think that because I got my fowls cheap they don't amount to much, but the fact is few people, outside the fancier, know the value of good stock, and are willing to sell all alike at so much a head. Let me give you now a little experience in purchasing at big prices from *celebrated* breeders.

Last summer I purchased a sitting of Plymouth Rock eggs, from a noted breeder, paid \$3.00 for them and 50 cents express charges, out of 10 chicks 6 were cockerels, 5 of them very poor, I kept the best one and was disappointed in him after he had matured, body not bad, but a great deal of white in tail. Of the 4 pullets, one was such a sickly thing that I killed her, another was small and a dark dirty color, the one that gave the most promise matured with a great many black feathers in her, and the other is only an ordinary looking hen. I tried to raise some stock from them this last summer but most of the chicks died from sheer weakness, and the pullets that lived were almost black, some of the cockerels do not look badly. So much for that purchase.

I imported a sitting of 14 eggs, Partridge Cochins, from a *celebrated* New York breeder 8 were broken on arrival, and at the end of 21 days sitting, 5 were sweet, and the faintest sign of a chick in the other one. I reported the result to the man, but "when he delivered to the express company his liability ceased," was his reply. What do you think of that?

I will not trespass on your space any