

was my old Andalusian hen, which had also won there the two previous years.

MESSRS ABBOTT BROS. replied May 2, '87, as follows. "From what *I have seen*, and from information received from a few fanciers in Bridgwater, that the 1st Prize Hen at Birmingham is the *same* hen that won 1st and special at Bridgwater."

Now, Mr. Editor, the Andalusian fanciers in Bridgwater well know the hen 1st and special Bridgwater was in a gore of moult, and could not possibly go to Birmingham, and I did not believe any fancier could have given MESSRS ABBOTT BROS. such false information unless done out of pure malice against myself. I at once wrote to Messrs Abbott Bros. asking them to please give me the names and addresses of the few fanciers in Bridgwater who had given them such false information. On May 11th, 1887, Messrs Abbott Bros. replied, "Now, as for telling you the names of my informers I shall not do it, for all the solicitors you have in Bridgwater; I will not betray my informers for any one."

To this, Mr. Editor, I did not reply. I am making private enquiries respecting the same, and most probably your readers will hear more of this matter later on. In the meantime I will leave you and your readers to come to their own conclusion in this matter.

It is perfectly true that I purchased the hen winner of 1st and special at Bridgwater for £4.4.0. (not £5), but simply for the name, as several birds in the class could have beaten her had they been over moult and in condition, which they have since done. As a proof I enclose you a copy of an advertisement of mine in to-day's issue of *Bazaar*, you will see for yourself I showed three Andalusian hens at Bagshot show last week, to prove to your readers that I was not depending on 1st and special Bridgwater hen to do my winning, I there took 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes with them, again beating the 1st and special Bridgwater. My

1st Prize Andalusian hen won also the Cup over the section, beating 26 single birds, cocks or hens, both Black Minorcas and Blue Andalusians, and judged by R. FOWLER, Esq., appointed by the Andalusian and Plymouth Rock Club.

Just one word in reply to Messrs Abbott Bros'. last remark, viz., "We must say it is open to doubt."

Now, Mr. Editor, to prove there is no doubt in this matter, I will deposit with you £100, provided Messrs Abbott Bros. will deposit £20 with you, and if they can prove (or any one else) that the hen winner 1st and special at Bridgwater was ever inside the Dairy, Crystal Palace, or Birmingham shows, they shall have my £100. On the other hand, if they cannot do so, you shall have their £20, and give to any charitable institution you like to name. "Facts are stubborn things," imagination, supposition, —hearsay evidence, etc., is not worth hearing.

I am Sir, Yours truly,
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Bridgwater, Somerset, England.

THAT WYANDOTTE PULLET (?) AGAIN

Editor Review:—

MR. J. S. KENNEDY in his letter of June 12th styles my letter in May REVIEW as a malicious attack upon him and without reason. I did not intend it as an attack on MR. KENNEDY any further than his sayings and writings have been brought before the public. But if MR. KENNEDY wishes to so construe my letter of course I cannot help it, and as for the reason, we will leave that for readers of the REVIEW to decide. It is with regret that I have to take exception to some of my friend KENNEDY's statements. He admits his experience with Wyandottes to be as I stated but he says that one chick was the sole result of two settings of eggs sold by me. Now that statement is not true and MR. KENNEDY knows it, or else his memory must be sadly defective. The facts are these. I sold DR. LANDER, April 29th, one sitting

Wyandotte eggs which he sent to Montreal where they were hatched. Sometime the last of May the Doctor came into my office and said he wanted another sitting of Wyandotte eggs if I could spare them. I asked what results he had from the others and he said four chicks hatched but cats had killed two, and he would like to try again. I said to him that my Wyandotte eggs did not seem to be hatching well and I would give him another sitting which I did on the third day of June. Those eggs were given to MR. KENNEDY and hatched under one of his hens. The DR. says there were four chicks from that clutch but the hen killed three before leaving the nest. This makes eight chicks instead of one only, from two sittings as MR. KENNEDY represents, and those chicks could not possibly have left the shell before June 24th, making a difference in age according to MR. KENNEDY's reckoning of at least sixteen days between the Wyandottes and his youngest Langshans.

Sometime in early fall MR. KENNEDY said to me he was not sure whether that chick was a cockerel or pullet, said it was very backward and slow in feathering and asked me if they were usually so. I told him that cockerels were sometimes slow in getting their plumage but pullets feathered quickly. He said then this must be a cockerel. And DR. LANDER who is an old poultry fancier, and a good judge of birds, said it was a cockerel and he should leave it with MR. KENNEDY as he did not want it on that account.

Now if that little cockerel in the last of January had minute eggs starting to form, I say if, there is certainly fair grounds for the supposition that Wyandotte cockerels can be bred that may lay eggs.

I can recollect in the dim past of having read of a man who being placed in peculiar and trying circumstances performed the functions of a wet nurse with a certain amount of success. And in more modern times I recollect of a