

Figures for 1875.

Dark Brahmas—sold 12 for \$38; highest pair, \$10; eggs, \$20. Light Brahmas, 10 for \$56; highest pair, \$20; eggs, \$36. Buff Cochins—14 for \$65, highest pair, \$20; eggs, \$36. Partridge Cochins—14 for \$42; highest pair, \$10; eggs, \$31. White Cochins—6 for \$15; highest pair, \$8, eggs \$24. Black Cochins—2 for \$6; eggs, \$12. Colored Dorkings—7 for \$25; highest pair, \$10; eggs, \$12. White Dorkings—3 for \$8; highest pair, \$5; eggs, \$3. Black Spanish—5 for \$13; highest pair, \$7; eggs \$13. White Leghorns—10 for \$30; highest pair \$8; eggs, \$22. Golden Spangled Hamburgs—5 for \$10; highest pair, \$4; eggs, \$5. Silver Spangled Hamburgs—4 for \$12; highest pair, \$5; eggs, \$6. Gold Pencilled Hamburgs—2 for \$5; eggs, \$9. Silver Pencilled Hamburgs—2 for \$4; eggs, \$3. Golden Polands—12 for \$50; highest pair, \$12; eggs, \$14. Silver Polands—10 for \$40; highest pair, \$15; eggs, \$8. White Polands—7 for \$17; highest pair, \$5; eggs, \$5. White-crested Polands—8 for \$30; highest pair, \$8; eggs, \$12. Houdans—6 for \$20; highest pair, \$10; eggs, \$5. Creves—2 for \$5; eggs, \$3. La Fleche—2 for \$6; eggs, \$3. Black red Games—7 for \$18; highest pair, \$10; eggs, \$43. Golden Duckwing Games, 5 for \$15; highest pair, \$8; eggs, \$11.

Total for fowls sold, \$539; a decrease from 1874 of \$113. Total for eggs sold, \$346; a decrease in eggs sold of \$45. Prize money during the year, \$330; a decrease from 1874 of \$140. Total amount received during 1875, \$1,298; a decrease in whole amount this year of \$185. Balance again in favor of Buff Cochins, \$25.

THOMAS.

Camden, Del., Aug. 1st.

A PEN WORTH RECOMMENDING.—We have been favored with samples of the celebrated Spencerian Double Elastic Steel Pens, and after trying them feel justified in highly commending them to our readers. They are made of the best steel, and by the most expert workmen in England, and have a national reputation for certain desirable qualities which no other pens have attained in so great perfection, among which are uniform evenness of point, durability, flexibility, and quill action. It is thus quite natural that the Spencerian should be preferred and used by professional penman, in business colleges, counting-rooms, government offices, public schools, and largely throughout the country. Indeed, so popular have they become, that of the "Number One" alone, as many as eight millions are sold annually in the United States. The Spencerian Pens may be had, as a rule, from any dealer; but when not thus obtainable, the agents, Messrs. Alexander Buntin & Co., 355 St. Paul Street, Montreal, will send for trial, samples of each of the twenty numbers, on receipt of twenty cents.

Notes from Waterloo.

No. 9.

A visit to a brother fancier's place is always a source both of pleasure and profit to me. Social and friendly intercourse with those who have kindred feelings on poultry matters, and the comparison of plans and experiments in feeding or breeding, with all the minutiae so important to success, can be much better explained and understood by verbal than written communications.

It was therefore exceedingly pleasing when a few days ago I dropped in on friend Stahlshmidt, at Preston, and saw his splendid stock of White and Brown Leghorns. Besides being a sociable and friendly gentleman, Mr. S. is an experienced and enthusiastic fancier, who, for a number of years, has made a specialty of breeding Leghorns, and has made his mark not only at Canadian but also at American exhibitions. In introducing fresh blood Mr. S. was satisfied with nothing but the very best stock from established strains, and the result, as might be expected, is highly satisfactory; such stock as he has, both old and young, is a credit to his skill and management. His houses are convenient and comfortable, with roomy yards, well shaded with sheds and fruit trees. He experiences one drawback: the soil in and around Preston is strongly impregnated with lime, which bleaches the legs of fowls causing them to turn white; but when taken to ground free from lime they regain their former yellow color. I was pleased to learn that he was doing a good business, and his customers report good success in hatching eggssent out by him last spring.

I next called at Galt, and found the genial R. McMillan lively and jolly as ever. And what a treat to walk around his poultry houses and runs, and admire his magnificent Black Spanish fowls, unequalled on the continent. It is certainly highly creditable to any one, more especially to a young man like Mac, to know that in a few years he has succeeded in establishing the McMillan strain of Black Spanish, and carried off all the honors in this class at the best shows in Canada and the United States, completely sweeping everything before him, and to all appearance he is likely to do the same thing over again, as the chicks of this season are perfect beauties, healthy and strong; and besides those at home several farmers in the neighborhood are raising chicks for him. Although the Black Spanish are ahead both in numbers and record of prizes, still his Hamburg pens contain many prize-winners at Chicago, Buffalo and other places. He also keeps Games, Plymouth Rocks, and several different kinds of Bantams, but after seeing so many magnificent Spanish and Hamburgs even good specimens of the others fail to please. His