

be had recourse to. Large numbers of valuable poultry are lost yearly from anæmia, and yet I know of no condition so easily obviated and remedied.

MR. MAIN ON HIS "TRAVELS."

Editor Review.—

MR. JAMES MAIN, of Canada, is here in England and seems to be making good use of his time amongst the various breeders of Game Fowls and Ducks in this country. He is about the best judge of these varieties I have had the pleasure of meeting. Amongst the lot of birds he has purchased at very long figures I noticed that grand Game cock which secured first prize in his class at the Crystal Palace Show 1892, also Cup for best old Game cock in the show of any variety. Also the hen 3rd Birmingham 1892. Some of the young Game seem very likely at the present of lowering the colors of the old birds, whilst the pullets seem even now far and away in front of the Birmingham hen. His ducks and drakes are evidently the pick of the English fanciers' stock. I understand Mr. Main intends showing them at the World's Fair and I would not be surprised to see him come out a deck sweeper, anyhow whatever beats him must be "clinkers." I trust they will all arrive in America in good condition when I feel Old England's birds will not be disgraced.

Yours faithfully,

T. T. STONE.

Bath, July 3rd, 1893.

P.S.—Running away from "feather" Mr. Main has gone in very strongly for sheep, he having secured nearly all the winners of the different varieties at all our large shows.

[Mr. Stone is an old correspondent of ours and an extensive breeder of long-face Tumblers, indeed some of his stock is in our lofts now. We are glad to hear of "Grandpa" Main meeting with such a genuine fancier. It forms another link between the fanciers in Canada and those in the Mother-land.—ED.]

"ARE YOU READY FOR IT?"

Editor Review.—

WOULD you kindly insert the subjoined article from the *Fanciers Gazette*, edited by that veteran judge, B. N. Pierce, Esq., for the benefit of those fanciers who are doing all they can to try and discredit the system of score-card judging.

Wingham, July 22nd, '93.

R. ELLIOTT.

The ultimate aim of some men seems to be to tear down every effort at advancement without seeking to substitute something superior, to gratify a wilful disposition, or to immortalize themselves by proving their ability to overthrow the wishes and works of the many. All around us we see men of this sort assailing systems, institutions and principles, be they religious, political or scientific, with the manifest purpose of uprooting and ruining them.

In order that poultrymen may better understand what constitutes a thoroughbred fowl, a Standard has been compiled declaring what has been found, after years of careful and patient study and observation, to be the nearest approach to perfection, and it is evident that it is nearly correct. Still, there are those who would destroy or subvert its purpose by following no guide at all. They do not offer a reasonably good substitute, but simply demand some other plan, and what is more unreasonable, they ask that the quality of thoroughbred fowls shall be rated and fixed without a rule or guide. The result of such a course can at once be foreseen. The breeder places himself and all of his labors in the hands of others to be dealt with in the most despotic fashion, and without explanation or excuse he is forced to submit to such defeat and discouragement on the one hand, or victory and encouragement on the other, as may be meted out to him. This is the position that standard and comparison judging stands in to-day.

We advise all poultrymen to act conscientiously, henceforth, in this matter, and not to surrender their opinions and long established system of score-card judging without due consideration and thorough conviction. Let them bear in mind that several of the leading lights, who have thrust the comparison system of judging into the show room, have retired from the business already, and others have never been in the business only as hucksters or dealers, of course some of them are breeders, but as a lot they do not represent the one-hundredth part of the thoroughbred poultry interest of the country.

Agitation creates rebellion to constitutional laws, and where great numbers of exhibitions are continually being held, there are many dissatisfied competitors; these are worked upon, and it is from this element comparison leaders have gained their chief support. Are you ready to surrender? if not, stand by the Standard and its system, and be very thoroughly convinced before accepting material changes or alterations in the same. It is highly proper and right that changes should be made, wherever errors exist, but first let us all be sure that the errors actually do exist.

DOMINION EXPERIMENTAL FARM OTTAWA.

REPORT OF THE POULTRY MANAGER, A. G. GILBERT.

(Continued from last Month.)

CARE OF THE YOUNG CHICKS.

THE proper care of young chicks is most important and indispensable to their quick maturing, as market fowls or early layers. And yet few farmers push their young stock with the proper food and frequent feedings absolutely necessary to make plump chickens for market. It is poor economy to hatch out a number of chickens and allow them to die for want of care, proper housing