

young lady). The society offered *fourteen* shades of mounted birds as specials.

Others offered fowls for which you have no accommodation, and you wouldn't keep them if you had. You may have kept them and "got sick" of them. If you have finally settled on the Brahmas as *the* fowl, having kept almost every other kind, what would you give for a trio, or pair of Games, Polish, or Madagascar Rabbits, including expressage? Many of the above specials, not to speak of ten butter-dishes, a dozen silver casters, subscriptions to country news-papers, &c., were probably left over for next year, because not wanted. Such things don't draw like cash, though it be but a couple of dollars. Cash can be used in paying express bills and entrance fees, and the more coops a man sends to exhibition, the more he wants money and not orders for ham, meat, boots, and "traps" generally. For premiums, general or special, our motto is "Cash now, and cash forever." Then, if a premium winner has no cake basket, pickle dish or jack plane, he can buy one and choose his own style.

Solicitations for special premiums. If a man offers you half a dozen bottles of Minotaur Liniment which *he* values at \$3.00, an order for fish at \$5.00, a copper tea-kettle at \$5.00, or a baby-jumper at \$2.50, tell him you will take one third of the value of his article, according to his valuation, in cash and "call it square." Then the specials will be called for to balance accounts. Exhibitors are not mercenary as a class, but you know, reader, that they can use a dollar, and cannot use a baby jumper perhaps.

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Transporting Eggs.

Perhaps the above subject is one of interest to many; to any one especially, who may be on the point of deciding the question, (is it safe for me to buy Eggs with the idea that I can hatch them.) To any one who doubts that Eggs, if properly packed, will not hatch, I would say: My method is very simple. In the first place, I have my boxes made of board, $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch thick, of suitable size for one or more sittings. They must be nailed firmly together, so that there is no possible chance for the box to yield to any outside pressure. The next and most important step to be taken, is to select *only very fresh Eggs*. Then take common newspaper, wrap each egg in it, making a twist at the small end, and always placing the small end down in the box. Then with fine hay or sawdust, I pack each egg as firmly as if they were made of iron. In that way, there is no motion to the egg, and I am satisfied that eggs thus packed can be shipped any distance, and will hatch. Last season I packed eggs in this way, and shipped to St. Petersburg, Pa.; and it was pleasant to hear from my customer, saying that out of 13 eggs *he* had hatched 12 fine chicks! This we will call an exceptional case; but I stand ready to ship any distance, eggs packed in this way, and warrant them to hatch. I was amused a few days ago, in reading an article from a brother Fancier, who had gone into the manufacturing of an egg box, which would cost him sixty-five cents each, suitable for one sitting of eggs. All very fine, provided the buyer of the eggs makes the purchase for the sake of a fine specimen of manufacture. But: