

boom is over they will never have the reputation of the Plymouth Rock nor will they keep to the high standard of popularity enjoyed by that variety for so many years. Hoping before long to enjoy the pleasure of a chat with you and other friends, for the present we must say adieu.

### SEAFORTH NOTES.

BY JNO. FINCH.

It is a long time since the REVIEW had any notes from the Seaforth fanciers, as this is a season of the year that there is very little to report. I can't say with some fanciers that our chickens are a month earlier than last year; with the fanciers around here the hatching season was later than last year. Our early settings were a failure, not a chick could we get until the hens got out on the grass. After getting a run outside the eggs began to hatch better. We did not forget to look for the cause of our eggs not hatching better, earlier in the season. We came to the conclusion that our breeding stock was too fat for us to get an egg fertilized sufficiently to produce a healthy chick. We fanciers are apt to take too much care of our breeding stock through the winter, we let them get their grains too readily instead of making them scratch in straw, where all the grain given to them should be thrown, not forgetting a good supply of green food and other necessities to keep them in good health. If we take care of our breeding stock and feed them less through the winter I think our eggs will hatch better in the early season. I think the most of us fanciers are ambitious enough to want to get a few chicks out for the fall shows, but our hopes are often blighted, we having to be content with later hatch'd chicks, to come in for the winter shows.

One of our ardent fanciers of this town has been very unfortunate this summer with his Silver Grey Dorkings. He imported a very fine cock bird from

Scotland this spring, which was taken sick and died. He had a very fine lot of chicks from him but a disease got among them and he has lost all but a very few. We all feel very sorry for his misfortune, as he has lost two imported cock birds in two years coupled with losing his chicks this year—it is enough to make a man feel bad.

Mr. O. C. Willson has a very fine lot of Dark Brahma chicks, although a little late hatched, but will come along all right for the winter shows. Mr. C. Aetzel's P. Rocks and Game chicks are also very promising. Dr. J. G. Scott has a very fine lot of W. C. B. Poland chicks coming along which will likely be heard from this winter. Mr. A. Hendry's Golden Poland chicks are promising. This year I will have a lot of Lt. Brahma chicks for sale having now about seventy chicks growing right along. Through my advt. in REVIEW last year I sold every bird that I could spare and sold a large number of settings of eggs.

I was pleased to see in REVIEW a few numbers back the controversy that was going on relative to the stamp for a reply question. As I am one of the parties that have in my advt. "please send stamp for reply." As I was receiving so many enquiries for stock, and answering very near all of them by letter, and getting a very few orders in proportion, I came to the conclusion to ask for a stamp for reply, and I have found that I have made better sales by parties that have enclosed a stamp, because the majority that do so mean business. Wishing REVIEW success.

### SUGGESTED BY "REVIEW" OF AUGUST

BY J. STEWART KENNEDY.

After reading the August number of REVIEW, I would say, firstly; re Pugsley, *et hoc genus omne*, that the stand taken by the REVIEW is correct; but would suggest, that dealers and fanciers who have complaints to make of supposed frauds, which perhaps they could

hardly prove, would do well to report the circumstances to the editor, and it will often happen that the accumulated evidence from various sources, would warrant an exposure, while the unsupported testimony of one, would not.

I can think of no better medium for enquiry, than the paper in which I advertise, or in which I see the advertisement of another, if I wish for information, in the latter case, the editor has some trusted correspondent in the locality who can post him, and in the former most enquirers are subscribers to the paper and generally known to the editor. The majority of the fancy live in small towns and villages, and it is hard for an outsider to find out anything about them; the commonly recommended medium in small communities, (the Postmaster), may be too friendly or the reverse, for an unbiased opinion; and in larger places he is frequently unacquainted with the man's reputation.

Langshan fanciers the world over will echo your remarks on the late Mrs. Sargent; this breed has lost two of its greatest admirers and ablest defenders in the past year viz:—Mrs. S. and the late Dr. Stonebraker, of Waco, Texas, and two of my most valued correspondents; both were ready with their advice and experience, whenever appealed to by others.

Mr. Brown must stand pretty solid to tread on so many peoples' toes at once; I am afraid he will find his footing shakey, still, I am inclined to stand by him for the solid colors, Yankee opinion to the contrary. As he says, look at the hold the old solid color breeds have on the public, particularly Black Spanish and Leghorn. How many go back to them after trying the new ones, and if larger fowls are wished for the Brahma, Cochin, and Langshan are each capable of improvement in many ways.

Peacomb, probably unintentionally, hits the same nail when he says, "your layers need not necessarily be of one