

but always get a large Leghorn cock and you will have no trouble to get your chicks and plenty of them.

The article on 'Fall Fairs' contains a short paragraph in which I am much interested, and I hope you will excuse me mentioning it, as it refers to one of my birds, and I do not want to be thought guilty of cheap advertising through this allusion to it. In the notice of the Wyandotte exhibit at the Industrial exhibition in Toronto occurs the following:—"We thought an unnoticed Pullet, with beautiful breast and back the best bird in the lot and an easy first." And so she was, "though I say it." There are few to equal her, and she is able to bear the closest inspection too, she certainly should have had first, her own sister took second, and though very beautiful, is very far behind her in every way. Mr. Spillett saw her in Stayner, and said to me, after a minute inspection: "I always thought you were too enthusiastic on the beauty of Wyandottes, but now I alter my opinion." Mr. Irving Crocker, of New York, who visited my yards some few weeks since, said of her: "That is one of the finest pullets you can get." Independent of these, many others have seen her and examined her and given like opinions, and I could have sold her over and over again, but I was so sure of her excellence that I kept her. I do not wish these remarks to be understood as reflecting at all on the judges of this variety; for the Wyandottes were given such ridiculously small coops at the show that this bird and her mate could not stand up straight in them, besides some were placed such a distance away from the others, that it was impossible for any man, except an expert in this variety, to bear in mind the points of each bird, having to leave one portion of the exhibit altogether before he could see the others. And but for a very strong protest, the old birds would have been obliged to occupy the same sized coops. Now the

Wyandotte and P. Rock are so nearly of a size, that it is very unfair to the former to put them in coops only large enough for pigeons, when more spacious ones are unoccupied. Let them have a fair field the same as other varieties. I heard many express astonishment at the better specimens exhibited this year and I was agreeably surprised at seeing such an improvement since last year.

"Shanghai" had better try them once more (that is if he is open to conviction, and really wants to know if there is merit in them, apart from beauty) without condemning them with such a sweeping assertion as a "fraud." Are not our American brethren to be congratulated on this result of years of labor? Say—ye Wyandotte breeders! "Shanghai" seems to imply we are merely seeking sales, by misrepresenting our favorites. I am sorry to see these assertions; of course Wyandotte breeders have birds to sell and eggs too, the same as Light Brahma fanciers; but are there not honorable men in the Wyandotte class? Yea Verily! I do not breed L. Brahma or Minorcas; but how foolish it would be in me to say all the talk on L. Brahmas, or any variety I do not fancy, is done with a view to sales, and that really they are "frauds." Jealousy of other useful breeds mars the best interests of poultry culture. Try again friend "Shanghai," get the best stock; and then give us your opinion.

Friend Davis, the hint on dusting broody hens was not for such as *thee*. The man that has got so far on in poultry management as to say "he thinks they should be kept clean all the time" has very little to learn, but oh! my dear sir, there are so many that have yet to learn the importance of cleanliness, and new beginners every season looking for information on the vermin question, hence the hint of dusting you take exception to.

Did anyone ever notice how much character may be studied at exhibitions, es-

pecially if you are mistaken for a novice or not well known. There are men who will tell you that the bird that got first, is *only* half-bred, that they know the mother or father was mongrel, &c. They will show you your own bird with a prize ticket on, and say that fellow knows the judge; but he never would get a prize anywhere else, on that bird. Look at this and the other point, and now come and look at mine. I went once and saw it was disqualified but was enjoying the fun too much to say so. Another time I was told that I had *borrowed* my first prize bird, it was fresh news so I was glad to be told of it. All these and other trifling stories are rich to hear. Still they do harm, because ignorant people may believe them and do the breeder injustice. I *non plussed* one individual, who showed me his birds that "took 1st and 2nd last year, and this year had nothing," by showing him the prize cards with my name attached, for the very prizes he claimed to have received." "Well now, I thought I took those prizes, but I guess it was some other variety," was his cool reply. I have had things told me of my stock that has almost made me believe I was an impostor, and other stock too that I know well, now these things are born of the petty spirit of jealousy, and till that is banished from the mind, no one will see a good bird except *he owns it*. This letter is all gossip you will say. Breeders warm the grain for the morning meal this damp cold weather, also give a few chopped onions and baked potatoes and fix all things tight and weather proof.

INCUBATORS AND BROODERS.

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In October issue of REVIEW Mr. Davis of Stratford gives his experience with incubators and brooders and in common with some, I may say many, others, seem to think it best to put the eggs in the incubators until partially