

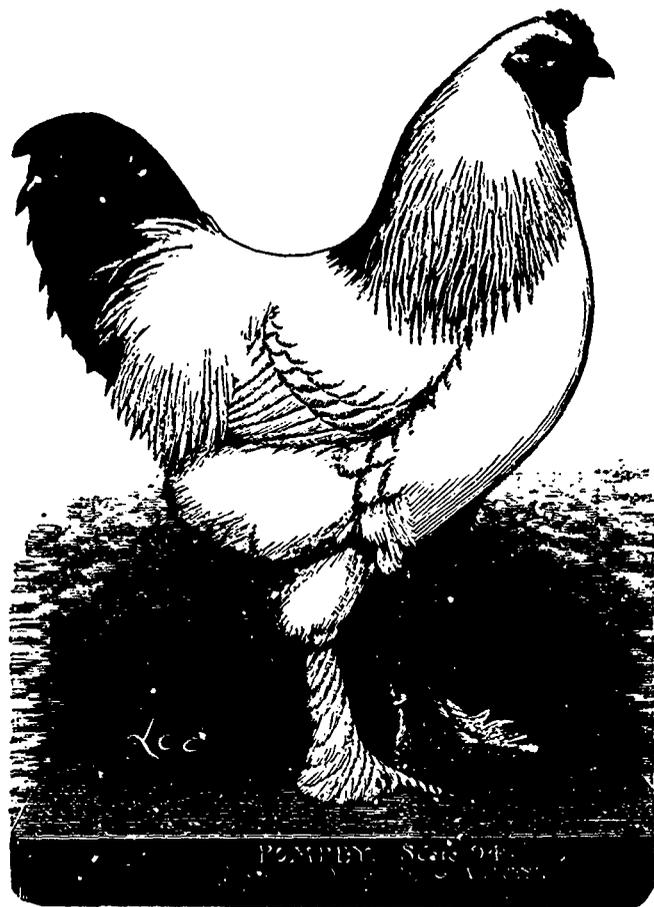
too concave. In the one case the eggs get chilled by rolling away into obscure corners, and in the other they get crushed and broken by the outer ones rolling over on those in the centre, and of course the weight of the hen will, in this case, break both upper and lower. A *cracked egg*, if none of the contents have escaped and the inner skin is not broken, will hatch if a piece of gum paper (the selvage of postage stamps answers well) be placed on the fracture. A good deal has been said as to sprinkling the eggs, and no doubt this is quite necessary in a dry season, or when the nest is placed in a dry location. We have adopted a plan of moistening the eggs which has proved admirable. Instead of sprinkling the eggs, we procure a basin of tepid water and a sponge and gently moisten (not wet) the breast of the hen, the eggs in this manner receive the necessary moisture at the proper temperature (*almost* that of the hens body) and are not so likely to get chilled as in the old way when the hen is sometimes off the nest for ten or fifteen minutes after the water has come in contact with the eggs.

As this paper has reached rather longer proportions than I anticipated I must reserve a few further remarks on the subject for a future occasion.

#### KEMPENFELDT POULTRY, PIGEON & PET STOCK ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting of the above Association was held on Wednesday evening March 12th at their rooms Duke of York Orange Hall, Barrie, Ont.

Mr. Peter of Angus, the President, took the chair and called the meeting to order, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. There being no communications or applications for membership, the reports of committees were taken.



LIGHT BRAHMA COCKEREL.

Geo. H. Carley reported that favorable terms could be received from the Orange Lodge in regard to the meeting rooms. There was a discussion on "Feeding Poultry in winter" but no particular method was decided on as the best, each speaker having his own ideas. At this time of the meeting the judging on B. B. R. Game Bants was performed by Mr. Thomas Baines and Geo. H. Carley which resulted as follows: 1st prize was carried off by a pair owned by Mr. H. Barr, and second prize by a pair owned by Mr. Brown.

The judging on Tumbler pigeons resulted in a tie between a good pair of splashed flying birds and a pair of black parlor performers, the former owned

by Mr. H. N. Hughes, and the latter by Geo. H. Carley, and on this account the President kindly gave a special prize. There were two grand pairs of Fans shown by Mr. E. G. Bingham, one pair being white-crested which he lately imported at a good figure. They were perfect beauties and were admired by all. This is without doubt the finest pair of Fans that has been shown in Barrie of late.

There was no competition in the Fan class although this was the second time they were brought up.

The meeting then adjourned till the second week in April.

GEO. H. CARLEY, Sec'y.

Barrie, March 14th 1890.