

months, Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, Langshans, Dorkings and Javas, 8 months, Dominiques, 7 months, Leghorns, Hamburgs and Minorcas, 6 months. As we stated, we have allowed plenty of time in the above, but the pullets may lay sooner. They ought to be laying at the above ages.

Sifted coal ashes make a good material for a dust bath.

Have the roof light and the floor high to afford thorough drainage.

Never let your fowls suffer for a plentiful supply of clean fresh water. It is a cheap beverage.

The turkey has no name in the ancient language, the Spaniards named it "Indian cock" and pea-cock respectively, and the French contracted the name "bird of India" to Dindon.

Collect the eggs often and wash all dirty ones at once, that they may look well when sent to market or sold for hatching.

Turkeys, guineas, ducks and geese should never be allowed to hatch too early, as their young will, in a majority of cases, perish.

It must not be forgotten that if we expect our fowls in early spring to have full vigor and be productive that the necessary articles of food must be provided.

It is said that the average hen lays one egg in every three days, but it is surprising how the average blocks fall below the average record.

Get out your rearing coops, and clean them thoroughly; any that are not good and wholesome make a bonfire of.

Solomon: "He that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich," and "The drunkard and glutton shall come to poverty, and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags."

**BUFF WYANDOTTES AND CORN.**

DISCUSSED BY BLACK WYANDOT.

"THE corn question" is being done up by Mr. Drevenstedt and Mr. M. K. Boyer. The latter is decidedly "forinst" corn as a food for growing or laying fowls, but we opine that Bro. Drevenstedt is not far wrong in giving corn a high place when judiciously fed. Corn is not only a fattening food but it is a growing food, and is the very best thing to feed chicks once a day after they have reached an age that justifies feeding whole grain. Corn bread is yet to be beaten as a food for young chicks and scalded meal is equally (or nearly) as good. The latter can be greatly improved by adding equal parts of bran and shorts and giving the mess a good sprinkling of "animal meal," "blood and bone" or any good meat and green bone meal. This plan gives several kinds of food at one feeding. The report of the New York experiment station shows results very favorable to corn as an egg producing food as compared with results obtained from fowls fed strictly on nitrogenous rations. This does not mean that corn is good as an exclusive diet as it is entirely too fattening to be used so with good results but as an occasional feed for Asiatics and a once-a-day feed for smaller breeds it is excellent.

Buff is the fad just now in fowls. Certainly no color is more attractive when bred in its purity. The next buff breed to make a stir will be the buff Wyandotte and it is safe to predict that it will make a much wider ripple than the buff Leghorn is now creating. The buff Wyandotte is the offspring of a breed already popular, (the golden Wyandotte) and has the qualities that make a fowl popular in America, viz., golden yellow shanks, skin and beak, good size, plump bodies, high quality of flesh, and great laying qualities. In fact they are a superb all-purpose fowl with the added attraction of a color at once beautiful and stylish. The breed is, of course, as yet in its infancy and will require the careful handling of fanciers to bring it to a correct type. As even the old established buff Cochins are hard to breed to perfect color, too much must not be expected of a brand new breed.

**CHALLENGE.**

IF Mr. C. E. Jackson still has that twenty dollars to bet on his light Brahmas, let him send it, (or as much as he likes) to REVIEW, and I will post a like amount that I have a light Brahma cockerel which will beat "Silver King." I will meet him at Hamilton and loser pay expenses, or will send birds direct to Judge S. Butterfield at Windsor, or to Judge Jarvis if preferred.

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**GALT SHOW.**

Editor Review:—

NOTICE that in last month's number, in prize-list of Galt show you credit all prizes on W. Wyandottes to W. or B. Hamburgs. Please correct this mistake, and oblige,

Yours etc.,

Guelph.

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