

France, as a correspondent to the *Field* had seen it personally, altho' they did not feed exclusively on horse flesh as M. de Sora was credited with having done.

So four copies of Reaumeur's work are in existence. Well, I am glad to hear it; I was not aware of more than two, namely, in the British Museum and in my possession. The work is of great interest and I think would prove acceptable to the public to have it re-printed and widely circulated. Wonder if they ever thought of raising a monument to his memory in France. Pity we have not a noble spirited patron like he had in the Duc de Orleans, who assisted him with ample funds to carry out his experiments.

Ancient the "monster poultry farm." Mr. Halsted's countryman, Mr. Stoddard, (of the *Poultry World*), was my authority. The account was published in the issue of the *American Poultry Yard* for the 17th April, this year. It certainly stated that Mr. C. Baker was the proprietor, and that he made it a commercial success. It would perhaps have been fairer to his readers to have said that the concern had changed hands, and that Mr. Baker could not make it pay, as Mr. Halsted states. I sent the communication to other papers in Canada besides the *POULTRY REVIEW*.

Yours, Mr. Editor, very truly,
WILL. H. THICK.

A Few Words in answer to "P. Cock."

FRIEND FULLERTON,—I notice that "P. Cock," whose letters in *REVIEW* have been read by me, and I doubt not by the whole fraternity, with great pleasure, manifests a desire in his last letter to discount mine of August at about one hundred per cent. Now friend P. Cock, I admit your right to do so, and shall try and meet you fair and square, with a perfect absence of spleen. In the first place, I think the discount too high. Why, really my dear fellow I can't afford it. The most inveterate enemy of the "Rag Baby" never prophesied anything so disastrous as this for it. But let us look the urchin over carefully; it may be that it is not so bad as this. Now, in the first place you have begun its name from the wrong end, and a name is important sometimes. It was not what a fancier can afford to sell his chicks at, but what kind of chicks can and does he afford to sell at those reduced prices? Therefore the little innocent concedes to you the right to exercise your own judgement in the disposal of your stock; yet it does mean to assert that if you dispose of your stock at those reduced prices, and your "profit and loss" account still show a balance on the right side, it is no proof that your stock is first-class, but, rather, a strong proof to the contrary. Again, has

not the claim to respectability been overlooked? It was not that it cost so much in the first place as that it is the product of skilled labor, and that even the most expert fail to produce only a very small per cent. of the desired article; and these few are responsible for all expense over and above what would be necessary to raise poultry for food. A glance at these will, it seems to me, convince the most sceptical that if a good bird is wanted a good price must be paid. What with extra houses and care, runways and yards, education and experience, and cost of specimens used in acquiring this education, then, and not till then, stock to breed from for sale, and extra specimens to maintain physical stamina of flocks—and here see experience of "X Roads," in last *Review*—advertising and exhibiting, and then, last, and not least, after the culling is done, only a few with which to foot the bill. And even these culls have necessarily been receiving care and attention altogether unnecessary to fit them for all they are good for—the pot.

With respect to national society: no one would be more pleased to see it established than I, but I do not pretend to set myself up either as the champion or apologist of the fanciers of Ontario. No one has been more surprised than I at the silence persevered in by them, not only towards this but many other matters in which, it seems to me, they ought to be interested. But, my friend, if you had quoted from my letter a little further, and then take into consideration the word *Canada*, for which you have used Ontario, you will be convinced, I think, that my poor excuse did not apply to the fanciers of Ontario exclusively, but to a class, of which you no doubt have some in Nova Scotia: who do not write for the simple reason they can't; and I have no doubt that if those who can and do write would only arrange the preliminaries, that they or many of them rich in experience would come forward to its aid just at the critical time—for I have found that it is not always the most difficult part of the business to start, but to keep a-going after starting.

I am yours fraternally,

Lefroy, Aug. 5th, 1880.

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Poultry in Small Runs.

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Editor *Review*,

As I stated in my last article, I had a building erected expressly for the purpose of keeping my best exhibition birds in. It was arranged with three rows of coops or boxes, one above the other, and on all four sides of the building, which was sixteen feet square, with a six feet square window in the south side, and ventilated up into the loft or chambers. In this building, and in boxes four