

with the other to such an extent that the coin would hardly be noticeable. There is no color in the standard that has more different shades of living representatives than buff.

There is possibly no club which has been and is doing more beneficial work for its own varieties than the American Cochon Club. and by comparing the colored plate of their last report you will understand what is meant by "buff." In this report they do not give any preference to the first three colors over one another, but as near as I can understand No. 10 is the color of the birds that have been winning at New York and Boston. As a guide to color I have feathers from the best colored buff Cochon at Boston, '96, and would ask you to have these colors firmly fixed in your mind. Have endeavored to make this as practical as possible, and for this purpose have brought for your examination what I consider as near Standard buff as I have seen and at the same time that evenness of color which is so necessary not only in the show but also in the breeding pen. Speaking of the show pen recalls our late Ontario show at Guelph. I endeavored to the best of my ability to follow the different judges in their scoring of the buff fowls, and there was opportunity sufficient, for one had the buff Rocks, one buff Leghorns and the third the buff Cochons.

The judges are supposed to enlighten we younger members of the fraternity, but comparing the score cards as given by each judge on these different varieties, there were among them as many opinions as to what constitutes "buff" as there were judges, as one wanted a cinnamon, another another shade, whilst the third wanted the light.

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CORNWALL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the Cornwall Poultry and Pet Stock Association the following officers were elected:— President, C. W. Young; Vice-President, W. H. Armstrong; Secretary, Wm. H. Clark; Treasurer, R. J. Graveley; Executive Committee, Wm. Gallinger, J. K. McDonald, W. Roberts, W. D. Wood. It is altogether likely that the Eastern Ontario Poultry Association will hold their annual show here. The association has started in on its third year with a strong determination too eclipse all its former efforts to advance the interest of poultry, and all true breeders, we hope will give a helping hand to advance the same.

WM. H. CLARK,

Cornwall, March 27, 1897.

Secretary.

A REMARKABLE HATCH.

I NOTICED in March REVIEW that a gentleman gave some pointers in regard to the hatching of eggs, and said that feather-legged fowl should not be used as sitters, as they were too clumsy. He may be correct, but permit me to give you my experience with one of my light Brahma hens. As a rule I give them seventeen eggs as a setting but as they are so large I thought they ought to cover more, so on one occasion I gave Biddy twenty-one eggs. My friends advised me to divide the setting with another hen, else the whole lot would be spoilt; however I let her keep them. On the tenth day I tested the eggs and found two clear ones, these I removed, leaving her nineteen still. Two days before the hatch was due I perceived a strong odour around the nest and upon examination, found that one egg was broken with a fully developed chick in it. I removed this one, and washed some of the eggs that got a little soiled and two days later she brought out a batch of eighteen strong healthy chicks. I doubt very much if an unfeathered legged Biddy could surpass my Brahma. Having met such success, I contemplate trying a hen with twenty five eggs this spring.

Montreal, Que.

E. L. GNAEDINGER.

FREE EXHIBITIONS? REVISION OF THE STANDARD.

Editor Review:

I WAS much interested in the letter in your January issue signed "Backwoodsman" especially as the points treated have several times been the subject of discussion between myself and one of the honorary vice-presidents of the Eastern Ontario Association. I have for some time past been an advocate for either free exhibitions or a reduction of the admission fee to an extent that will enable everyone to visit these shows without inconvenience. When I advocated free shows at a meeting of the association I was met with the objection that this would result in such numbers visiting the show that it would be impossible to secure the safety of the valuable birds on exhibition and that moreover many of the visitors would be of a very undesirable class. The present charge of twenty-five cents is, I think, altogether too high. For instance a farmer desires to bring his wife and daughter, this means seventy-five cents and very few farmers can, or if they can, will afford this, and the man who can't and the man who won't are the two men that the associations want above all others to reach. In the one case you want to teach the man how by properly look-