

**"JUDGING AT GUELPH, 1886."***Editor Review :*

In your February issue I was much interested with a communication from J. C. McKay under the above heading. His experience at the hands of Mr. Jarvis was very similar to my own, as the following statement will show.

In December last, at the Toronto show, I exhibited a Black Spanish cockerel, which Mr. I. K. Felch scored  $90\frac{1}{2}$ ; the same bird the following month, at the Guelph show, was disqualified by Mr. Jarvis for eyesight. At Bowmanville show this month Mr. J. Y. Bicknell, of Buffalo, scored the same bird  $94\frac{1}{2}$ , and which with the pullet scoring 97, won the first prize for best pair of chicks. Also a pullet scoring by Mr. Felch 96, Mr. Jarvis did not consider good enough to score.

If Mr. McKay expresses surprise at Mr. Jarvis disqualifying his bird that scored 94 points, it is doubtless in order for me to be more than surprised to learn that my bird that scored 96 by Mr. Felch should be deemed by Mr. Jarvis as not good enough to be worth scoring.

If this style of judging should become general amongst our Canadian Judges it will have a very disastrous effect on our Exhibitions, and little value will be attached to the scoring of our judges: it therefore behoves every member of our Poultry Association to see that in future no judge shall be appointed unless thoroughly qualified for the position.

I therefore with Mr. McKay raise my protest as a member of the O. P. Association of Mr. Jarvis ever being appointed again.

A. F. BANKS.

Toronto, Feb. 24th, 1886.

*Editor Review, —*

Kindly allow me to express my opinion relative to Mr. McKay's letter in February number of this paper, and in defense of, and justice to Mr. Jarvis. I beg to say, I think he has been un-

justly attacked by the writer of the letter referred to; so the following are a few brief facts:—1st, the pullet was not disqualified, merely omitted from the list of prize winners; 2nd, the cockerel winning first at Guelph, was not shown at Toronto; the cockerel winning 1st at Toronto, won 3rd at Guelph, score  $93\frac{1}{2}$  points. The 2nd prize cockerel at Toronto won 2nd at Guelph, scoring 96 points, making two points in weight, and one in symmetry between the two shows, and according to Mr. Felche's score, at Toronto, making him 95 at Guelph, while Mr. Jarvis made his 96. Mr. McKay's cockerel could not have scored  $95\frac{1}{2}$  at Guelph, as the 3rd prize cockerel only scored  $93\frac{1}{2}$ .

The fact of Mr. McKay's birds winning at Stratford does not prove Mr. Jarvis' so called incompetency to judge, as the birds winning at Toronto and Guelph were not shown at Stratford. Hoping I have not taken up too much of your valuable space.

Yours fraternally,

C. E. Grundy.

Caimlachie, Ont., Feb. 26th, '86.

**VALUE OF ADVERTISING.***Editor Review —*

Having noticed some time ago in your valuable paper, the advertisement of one R. H. Trimble, of Napanee, who, by the way, was an entire stranger to me. I corresponded with, and purchased from him, a breeding pen of B. B. R. Games, with which I am more than pleased, not only with the birds I received, but in the gentlemanly manner in which I have been treated by him in our business transaction.

It will pay all fanciers to read the REVIEW.

Yours &c.,

Chas. Aetzel.

Seaforth, Feb., 25th, '86.

**AN OLD HEN.**

There lives one and a-half miles south of here a farmer named John Clutton who is the owner of the oldest hen I have ever heard of. She

is of blue game extraction and will be twenty-one years old this spring, not quite soon enough to come in under the new franchise act. She was raised and kept for fourteen years by Mr. F. D. VanPatter, at present a resident of Madison, Da., who, upon his removal gave her to Mr. Clutton, on the condition that he was to keep her as long as she lived.

While in Mr. VanPatter's possession she had a very peculiar trait, never laying where other hens did, but would invariably come into the house and deposit her egg upon the sofa or some cushioned chair if she could possibly get in without being seen.

Since Mr. Clutton has had her she has always made her nest behind an old woodbox in the summer kitchen where she last season set and raised two broods of chickens. If any one has got a hen that can beat this record I should like to hear from them.

D. H. PRICE.

Aylmer, Feb. 13th, 1886.

**GALVANIZED IRON POULTRY FOUNTAINS.**

You published some useful information subscribed by Mr. Cook, but unfortunately there is one thing which is likely to prove serious if not checked. It is this: Mr. Cook states that "Most drinking fountains are made of zinc. It is much the safest to have fountains for Pigeons and Poultry made of galvanized iron; then it does not make any difference what is put in the water and it cannot have any effect one way or the other." This, Sir, I say is quite wrong, for if it is poisonous to put acid into zinc vessels, it is also poisonous to put acid into iron vessels coated with zinc, lead, &c. As facts are the best thing to prove an argument, I will state a fact which occurred recently, and trust that it will be of some use to your readers, and prevent them from acidulating any water they might put into galvanized iron vessels. This week, I sent a man to prepare some vinegar, and