

remarks, and are so fully discussed and enumerated, that, to be thoroughly understood and appreciated, the book must be read by one's self, and right well will it repay the perusal.

To the practical breeding, rearing and management for exhibition, is devoted another chapter, fraught with valuable information. To raise birds for the show pen and breeding purposes are very different as well as difficult matters, and much of the ill success at exhibitions is owing to the want of knowledge of these matters by exhibitors, and we might add, not unfrequently judges too. The many valuable hints thrown out in this chapter are well worthy a careful perusal by persons desirous of raising the exhibition standard of their fowls. And while we agree with the author, that "no written instructions can supersede the *personal study*" of fowls, yet the practical knowledge here conveyed will go far to assist to a right understanding of the general principles to be adhered to by all breeders of fancy poultry.

In the chapter devoted to the judging of Brahmas, there are many valuable suggestions made, on some of which no doubt a diversity of opinion will arise.

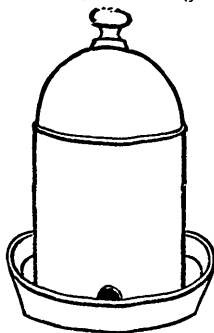
To the farmer as well as the fancier the book is equally adaptable and instructive. The best crosses with the Brahma, for general laying, as well as table purposes, are clearly demonstrated, and the advice offered well worthy the consideration of all. Prior to the perusal of Mr. Wright's book, we thought ourselves well acquainted with the points and merits of the Brahma fowl, and undertook its perusal more in a hostile than a friendly spirit; but in laying it down, gladly confess to a change of disposition, and freely admit having drawn from its pages much information of which we were heretofore in entire ignorance. As to the

habits and disposition, as well as the wants and requirements of this breed of fowls, the author has shown himself a close observer. As a standard work on the Brahma fowl, it will occupy a first place, while to the general breeder, the information it conveys will be of paramount importance. In style, the book is perspicuous, clear, lucid and intelligible, as well as forcible and attractive. It is printed on toned paper, and beautifully illustrated, and should be in the hands of all poultry breeders.

POULTRY APPLIANCES.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN.

Few breeders of poultry but have experienced the want of a convenient vessel to hold drinking water for their fowls, especially young chickens. Water placed in an ordinary open vessel, where fowls are confined within limited space, soon becomes dirtied and unfit for use, for be it remembered that pure clean drinking water is as indispensable to the health of fowls as nutritious food is to the growth of chickens. A Drinking fountain, therefore, constructed so as to prevent impurities mingling with the water, is a necessity of every poultry yard. We give below an illustration of a drinking fountain so constructed as to prevent, if placed one foot from the wall or fence, with its opening towards it, impurities of any kind being thrown into it by scratching of fowls.



A very cheap and convenient contrivance of this kind may be made out of an earthenware jar, and an ordinary glazed flower-pot saucer, by boring a small hole in the jar an inch and