

ful breeder and exhibitor of Black Spanish on the continent. His stock in other varieties is first-class also. Only by square dealing could he have obtained the high reputation he enjoys.

Charlesworth & Morley, of Toronto, are extensive breeders of Asiatics. Their exhibit at Hamilton was very fine indeed, and their Light Brahmas unsurpassed in show condition by any. An examination of the prize lists in this number of REVIEW will satisfy anyone that their stock must be good.

W. Stahschmidt, of Preston, breeds Brown and white Leghorns successfully, as the premium lists of the various exhibitions for the last two years will show.

George Hope, of Port Hope breeds 16 varieties of fowls, also fancy pigeons and canaries. He is a reliable dealer and experienced breeder.

Messrs. G. T. Simpson, of Falkland, with his mammoth Bronze Turkeys; J. Peart, of Burlington, breeder of Brahmas, Cochins, Polish, Leghorns, Hamburgs, Games, Bantams and Ducks; L. G. Jarvis, Light Brahmas and Aylesbury Ducks; P. C. Brown, of Hamilton; B. Hamburgs, W. Leghorns, P. Rocks, Dorkings, Pyle Games, and Bants; A. & D. Howkins, Woodville, Hamburgs, Cochins, Houdans, Polish, Spanish; John P. Roberts, Lapeer, Michigan, Plymouth Rocks, S. S. Hamburgs, and Pekin Ducks; Sam. Holmes, Chatham, Leghorns, Games and Pekin Ducks. These make up a list comprising all the leading varieties of fancy poultry. We can recommend the gentlemen named to all of our readers who require either fowls or eggs for hatching.

James Cox, of Strathroy, imports and breeds Scotch Collie dogs. We have seen them work, and can vouch for their sagacity. They are from the best kennels.

### Nests.

The season is now on hand in which the nests become a very important matter to the breeder, as without properly constructed nests, good hatching results need not be expected. The nests for laying hens require to be comfortable and secluded, and when kept free from vermin and clean, nearly all is done that is required; but nests for hatching purposes require greater care, both in material used and manner of construction. Three things are to be considered: 1st, sufficient moisture; 2nd, freedom from sudden changes of temperature; 3rd, convenience. Last season we used a nest which, we think, is hard to improve on, either for laying or hatching purposes. It is made as follows:—Take a smooth cheese box, connect the top and bottom by four laths, eighteen inches long, firmly nailed to the rims on the inside, with inch clout nails, leaving one space wider than the others for

the opening. Cut the rim down at this opening to within about five inches of the bottom. On the outside of this tack canvas, such as is used in packing furniture, tightly from top to bottom, leaving large space open, but having sufficient loose canvas to lap over it two or three inches. Place a loose lining of tarred paper on the inside as high as the hoop extends, and it is ready for the nest proper. Fill up about four inches with moist earth, and slightly hollow out in the centre. Cover this with about an inch of soft, short straw, dust freely with sulphur or carbolic powder, and the nest is ready for the eggs. When the hen is placed in it close the opening by drawing the canvas across and fastening on opposite side.

If the hens are allowed to lay in a nest of this kind until they become broody, they can be changed to a similar one, placed in any part of the premises, without danger of their becoming discontented with the change. When the opening is closed other fowls cannot disturb the sitting hen or lay in her nest.

After doing service during the summer as a nest, it can be used in the Fall as a shipping hamper, for which it answers admirably, after being thoroughly cleaned and having new canvas tacked on it. Try this nest for the coming hatching season.

### "Familiar Science and Fanciers' Journal."

We have received the January number of this excellent periodical, published at Springfield, Massachusetts, by Joseph M. Wade. It is one of the very best which has come under our notice, not only treating of poultry and pet stock, but of natural history in general, more especially the feathered tribes. As a scientific authority it holds a high place, the editor and his able contributors having evidently had the advantage of long and earnest study, and close observation; and at the same time any one can see at a glance its practical value to all interested in its specialties. It will always be welcome to our table.

### Show of the Ontario Poultry Society.

Arrangements for the Show are being pushed forward rapidly. The prospects are very encouraging. The prize list is out and we think will be found to offer great inducements to the fanciers. Lose no time in making your entries.

We have received the prospectus of the *Poultry Herald*, a monthly journal, to be published at Toronto, by Dr. W. H. Merry. It will appear about the 1st of March.

On account of the space required for premium lists this month, a number of interesting communications have been unavoidably crowded out.—They will appear next month.