

## Our Letter Box.

**POULTRY RUN GLAZED—(Beginner.)**—A glazed run on the south side of the poultry house will be sufficiently warm for early chickens. You need not make arrangements for heating it; the poultry house, if properly constructed, will be sufficiently warm.

**GAME COCKS FIGHTING—(J. F. D.)**—We can give no rule for preventing Game Cocks fighting. Many have tried it, none have succeeded. It is their nature. They may be separated for a time by the following process:—When two are determined to fight, let two persons take a long rod each, and at the end fasten an empty bag or pillow case. As soon as the birds are spurring closely, each person must choose one of the two cocks and buffet him well with the empty bag. They will leave off fighting, but the process must be frequently renewed.

**CREVE CŒUR'S HEAD AND EYES AFFECTED—(Fancier.)**—These birds are subject to such attacks as you mention, when they change from one place to another. We do not consider it infectious, and the convalescence is not long. While they are suffering they should have very little water. It is enough if they are allowed to drink three times a day. They should have no water within reach. Barley and oatmeal are the best food, with some whole Indian corn, once in the course of the day. Buckwheat meal is good food for them, and that on which they are principally fed in France. Potatoes are not good. They must have green food. It is not well to give them many peas. In such attacks you will find some stale bread soaked in strong ale very good food, and very beneficial.

**LADIES' PETS—(A Lover of the Country.)**—We see no reason why you should not indulge your desire for some pigeons; and if you procure some of the tamer varieties, as Fantails, Trumpeters, Jacobins, Nuns, &c., they will not be likely to leave your place, especially if you have more than one pair. Of course as pets you will provide them with comfortable board and lodging, and there is no reason to consider they would in any way prove a nuisance. Game Bantams are very pretty, and would do well in your ornamental grounds, for a proper description of which we refer you to the able articles of Mr. Entwistle published in the last two numbers of this Journal.

**COMB OF COCHIN CHINA COCK—(A. L.)** There is no fixed size for the comb of a Cochin Cock. The essential points are

that it shall be perfectly upright and correct in shape. Wherever the combs are overgrown, they show signs of turning over behind.

**PREPARING PIGEONS FOR EXHIBITION.—(Pigeon Fancier.)**—Proper food will improve the color and add to the gloss of the feathers of pigeons. Let them have a bath twice a week, but not inside their house, as the floor will become wet and dirty, and the birds will soil their wings and tails. Of course you keep your loft scrupulously clean, removing all dung, &c., daily. Blocks of wood cut from limbs of elm, a foot across, and a foot or so high, for the pigeons to roost on, is essential. Place such blocks in front each two nests, then when the birds roost, the dung drops clear of them, and when the cock sweeps his tail on the pen it does not become dirty. If after the bath your light-colored birds still look soiled, wash with soap and water, using a small sponge, and dry them in a basket littered with straw or hay by the fire.

**COLOR OF YELLOW BIRCHEN HEN—(A Subscriber,)** Newmarket says:—The true Yellow Birchen hen has yellow or daw eyes, and yellow legs like the cock. The general color of the feathers is a yellowish grey, with a strong tinge of yellowish cream color, light rather than dark; some of the margins of the feathers on the body are of a whitish cream color also. Thighs same as the breast. Tail blackish, a little marked with grey at the base. Comb and face red. Eggs of a yellowish tinge, and never white or pinkish. This is now a rare color.

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