

TO LANGSHAN BREEDERS.

THE American Langshan Club, through its executive committee, after careful discussion, takes this method (through the kindness of the press) of advising you that the club at its regular meeting the coming winter will be solicited to pass laws for its permanent advancement as the protector of the purity of the Langshan fowl, to regulate the judgment of the same, and to provide that none but highly competent persons pass on the specimens at our largest exhibitions, to the end that the purest types of the birds we breed may be preserved and advanced. It will be urged in addition that the dues of annual membership be reduced, and that the life membership fee of five dollars be permitted to remain as now, unaccompanied by annual dues; and the committee trusts that every earnest and loyal hearted Langshan breeder in America, now not a member, will at once take out a life membership in this club.

Peoria, Ill.

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THE BEST HENS FOR MOTHERS.

FOR the ordinary work of rearing chickens of the common barn-door type, almost any kind of hen will suffice; but when rearing pheasants, partridges, guinea fowls, and even turkeys, the best kind of hen is a distinct gain. The hens to be avoided are those of the Brahma, Langshan, and even the Dorking type; the two former are heavy, clumsy, and feather-legged, which is in itself an objection on account of the great danger there is in smothering the chickens while hatching. The latter, owing to their having so many claws, are not the best, for there is a danger of their trampling the chicks both in the nest and afterwards. The best form of hen is that with thin legs, few claws, and, what is of equal consequence, they should also be of a gentle and kindly disposition. Even in hens this trait varies considerably. The best kind of hens that I am acquainted with for setting are gold and silver Wyandottes, old English Game, Indian Game, and white Leghorn. Seldom, indeed, do hens of the pure breed of the last-named want to sit; when they do they make the best of mothers. Perhaps the hen to protect her young in the most resolute manner is Indian Game. The natural pugnacious tendencies of the breed are the cause, no doubt, of this trait. Now is a good time to bear in mind this hint

when disposing of pullets for one purpose or another. Those who buy hens for sitting on eggs of the kinds named, would do well to select according to the requirements of next hatching season. If I were confined to one sort of fowl as mothers, I should unhesitatingly select the golden Wyandotte, then the silver of that breed. Both of these combine all the points that go to make the best of sitters and mothers afterwards.—E. M. in *Poultry*.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

THE WESTERN FAIR,

LONDON, of which the popular Mr. "Tom" Browne is Secretary, announces in this issue the holding of next fair from September 9th to 18th. A class has been added for half-bred fowls, and four varieties of handsome pheasants have also been put on. We shall allude in detail to list, etc., in next issue.

THE TORONTO INDUSTRIAL

lists are now ready, and may be had on application to Mr. H. J. Hill, the Manager. All exhibits in the poultry department must be in by noon of Thursday, September 2nd.

MONTREAL EXHIBITION

is early this year, August 19th to 28th. The poultry go in on Monday, August 23rd. Several additions to, and changes in, the list have been made, but we regret the names of the judges are not announced, which we think a mistake. We shall likely know, however, for next issue.

CENTRAL CANADA EXHIBITION, OTTAWA,

is showing great enterprise under Mr. McMahon's management, and will this year eclipse all past efforts. Mr. Francis H. Gisborne is chairman of the poultry committee, and will see that the wants of exhibitors in this department are well supplied. We believe several additions have been made to the lists, which we propose to refer to again. Among the specials we notice a silver cup for the best exhibit of golden Wyandottes, and five dollars in cash for the best exhibit of turkeys, ducks and geese. Mr. Butterfield will judge all classes, and Mr. Benjamin, we presume, will again superintend in his usual efficient manner.