

Port Guichou, Fraser River, B.C., May 20th, 1895.  
To the CANADIAN POULTRY REVIEW, Parkdale, Ont., Can.

Gentlemen,—Wishing to subscribe for the above, but not knowing if you are still in that line, if so please send sample copy by return mail and oblige. I saw your adv. in the *Poultry-Keeper*, back number, 1887. FRITZ. BRENTZEN.

#### EGGS NOT HATCHING.

In the following letter a tale is told that we have never yet heard satisfactorily answered. Over and over again the same plaint reaches this and other journals, and though we have seen numerous "sure cures" fresh cases arise in which the sure cure does not apply:

"Can you enlighten me a little on a point that I am stuck on, that is an incubator. Three weeks ago I started up my incubator (of course I tried it first before putting eggs in it) and when the three weeks were up I only got six chickens out of about seventy eggs. I let the machine run two or three days longer and then broke a good many of the eggs and found that in nearly every case chickens were in every egg. That is where I am stuck. How is it that the chick should come to maturity and not break the egg? I have also set hens this spring and have had good luck with them. I kept the heat in egg chamber at 103 as near as possible, and otherwise followed instructions of book minutely. If, Sir, you could help me out of my difficulty, I should be very thankful to you, for I hate to give up the machine just yet. Yours truly, W. H. RIXEN."

It is quite impossible to put this down to any particular cause without knowing fuller particulars. Failure to break the shell may be due to: 1. Too little moisture. 2. Too much moisture. 3. Variable degree of heat, i.e., possibly lower at night. 4. Interfering with the machine when eggs are due to hatch, thus allowing temperature to run too low and causing chill, etc., etc. Anyone who has successfully overcome the difficulty would greatly oblige us by giving particulars.

#### MR. LENTON SAYS "MR. STEPHENSON DID IT."

In last REVIEW we commented on a libellous report circulated by Mr. J. J. Lenton, of Oshawa, against Mr. J. F. Brown, of Port Hope. Reference to the last issue will show the libel in question. Mr. Brown entered suit against Mr. Lenton, and we understand the case has been settled by the latter paying costs incurred and tendering an ample apology. The following communication has reached us from the defendant:

"Oshawa, June 10th, 1895.

#### Editor Review:

Dear Sir,—By a paragraph in your May issue your read-

ers were told I was in a "pickle." Well, it was hardly a "pickle," I just got slightly "tangled." It was this way: Mr. W. J. Stephenson of this place was in Port Hope, and when he came back he told me that which I wrote. He said he had it on good authority and stated it was a positive fact. According to what Stephenson said I did not doubt the truth of his statements, and I thought that in the interests of the poultry fraternity such things ought to be stopped, so without searching for further information I had it published. If I had looked for further information I would never have published such a yarn. By believing and publishing Stephenson's yarn I did Mr. Brown a great injury and entangled myself. We are very sorry to have placed Mr. Brown in such a light and entirely withdraw our statements which we published in the *Reliable Poultry Journal* and in the *Poultry Monthly*. By publishing these few lines in the REVIEW it may greatly help Mr. Brown and also show your readers our position. Wishing you success, I am, yours fraternally, JNO. J. LENTON."

#### INTERNATIONAL MINORCA CLUB.

#### Editor Review:

I WOULD suggest that an attempt be made to form a Minorca Club without any further delay. There are enough breeders in Canada to set the ball rolling, and doubtless our American friends will come in and join us. We could christen it "The International Minorca Club," and the Canadian members could meet at the Industrial Exhibition and discuss the standard, agree upon a type, and appoint a representative or two to carry out their wishes at a meeting to be held of the whole club at some place to be appointed, which, in all probability would be New York.

My suggestion is that those desirous of joining should send in their names to you accompanied with \$1 membership fee, and that you act as Secretary *pro tem*. You may place my name on the list, as well as that of the following gentlemen:—F. A. Gillespie, Denver, Colorado; George O. Morris, Malden, Illinois; C. W. Jerome & Co., Fabius, N.Y.; W. E. Ladd, Stockton, California; R. A. Smith, London, Ont.; Rev. W. E. Scott, Ridgeway, Ont.; Robert Durston, Toronto, Ont.; L. G. Jarvis, Guelph, Ont. and John Fletcher, Toronto, Ont.

Now let all the Minorca breeders come forward with their names and dollars and set the ball rolling. You will, I am sure, publish the names of all who join. We can then have a meeting at the Industrial Exhibition.

Yours, etc., THOMAS A. DUFF.

Toronto, June 27th, 1895.

[We heartily endorse all Mr. Duff says and will be glad to act as Secretary *pro tem*. ED.]