

the present exhibition of dead poultry at Leadenhall Market has never been equalled in this country before for quality and weight. It is also the opinion of Mr. HOWARD'S salesmen that they never saw finer specimens of Dorking capons than have been sent up this year. Mr. A. GLOVER of Lingfield has sent twelve that there is hardly a pick between, weighing 13 lbs. each, and all that is asked for these fowls is 10s. each. Such fowls in Paris at the exhibition would easily command 30s. each, ordinary times in the Paris market a guinea each. Next comes Mr. E. LEWRY of Bolney, Sussex, who has sent up 250 capons, running from 9 lbs. to 13 lbs each, splendid birds, but not so beautifully prepared as Mr. GLOVER'S twelve. His brother, Mr. JOS. LEWRY, has also sent to this market 180 capons, running up to similar weights, all of the Dorking type. There is no doubt that if these had been manipulated in the way the French dressers adopt, such a sight would never have been seen in France at any show. Speaking generally, the turkeys this year in the markets are of a very fine quality, and very well prepared for market.

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of the greatest importance, as large growers of hay object to so small a stack as 20 feet square, and many more would have tried the system if ordinary sized stacks could have been used. I consider 30 feet square stacks must be square or round) perfectly safe, and should not fear building one even larger; it could be worked equally well, but would take considerably more time. No one who has taken the trouble to inquire into this system of drying hay can doubt its success if carried out with ordinary care; and I fully believe it will be even more useful for corn, especially oats, as it can be carried before being thoroughly dry, and thus save the great loss in shattering.

This matter is so important to my brother farmers, that I consider no trouble too great to extend the use of the fan; anyone can therefore see it here, who will kindly give me notice of their intended visit, naming day and hour (not later than 12 o'clock when possible), when I or my bailiff will explain all the details. Wednesdays will not be convenient.—JAMES NORRIS, *Cattle Hill, Blechingley, Surrey.*

THE HAY HARVEST.

I have put in operation to-day one of the Neilson fans for



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HAY-DRYING.

One great difficulty connected with the Neilson system of drying hay having been got over by the introduction of fans worked by hand, I have tried to obviate the only remaining one, viz., the smallness of the stacks which were considered necessary. I felt that much larger stacks might safely be built but did not like to recommend anyone to try them till I had made the experiment. I have just carried 40 loads of hay from a 24-acre meadow, which has been put on a stack 27 feet square, and on which I intend to put about 12 loads more. Twelve loads were carried on Monday, 17 on Tuesday, and 11 on Wednesday. Three thermometers were placed on different sides and elevations of the stack; this morning (June 15) they registered 100°, 120°, and 130°, the difference being caused partly by the high wind last night, and partly by the length of the thermometer cases. One of Marriage's fans was worked for sixteen minutes, and reduced the heat, as shown by the different thermometers, by 9°, 16°, and 9°. This difference I again attribute to the distance the thermometers were placed in the stack, as, of course, the middle was not so quickly cooled as the outsides.

The increase in size of stacks which can be operated on is

harvesting hay. The grass is a very heavy crop—over 2 ton to the acre—and was mown and carried during the bad weather of the last few days. At the time the machine was put into operation, the temperature of the rick, inside, was over 140° Fahr.; the fan had only been in work a few moments when steam was issuing from the mouth of the machine almost as strong as if it were the exhaust pipe of a steam boiler. This system is likely to be of such incalculable value to the farmer, that I think it is the duty of everyone to make it as widely known as possible. I shall be very pleased to show it to anyone interested who may come.—G. Mander Allender, *Member Council Royal Agricultural Society, Solna, Rochampton, S. W., June 15, in the "Standard."*

HAY-DRYING.

This is the subject of the month. It must be done somehow, and if sun and wind should fail us, as latterly they have done, we must look to artificial aid; and Mr. Neilson's method, in which the necessary heat is obtained not from purchased fuel but from the heating hay itself, will no doubt be largely tried. Mr. Allender already reports his success, and our readers will find his letter, and one from Mr. Norris in another page.

The plan to be adopted is to put the hay together in round