

enor General and Lady Aberdeen, at which we had the honor to be present. Mr. Barber and Mr. Daniels were the other exhibitors in the poultry section present, and amongst others were Mr. J. S. Lake, Canadian Commissioner, Mr. N. Awrey, M.P.P., Ontario Commissioner, Mr. Cockburn, M.P., Mr. Wade, Mr. Jones, &c. Lord Aberdeen spoke in flattering terms of the gratifying success Canadian exhibitors had met with in all departments and was sure the energy displayed would give an immense impetus to our outside trade and commerce.

EXHIBITORS TO RECEIVE RECOGNITION.

At the luncheon afterwards in the course of a brief patriotic speech Mr. Lark informed those exhibitors present that he was now devising some plan by which their efforts would be rewarded by the Government, but at present was not prepared to go further into details.

JAPANESE BANTAMS FROM JAPAN.

Amongst the contents of the Japanese exhibit in the Agricultural Building at Chicago were several stands of poultry neatly mounted. We noticed two pairs of Japanese Bantams one pair white the other black tailed, seemingly very low on the leg and with good tails and heads; some long tailed fowls, Shinawaratas, the cocks of which had tails ten and a half feet in length and one or two pairs of fair Indian Games.

MR. BROWNE ON THE SICK LIST.

We are sorry to hear that since Mr. Thos. A. Browne's return from Chicago he has been confined to his room through cold. We hope soon to hear of his complete recovery.

SEVENTY-TWO DOLLARS IN ONE MONTH, AND STILL COMING.

The following unsolicited testimonial from Mr. Wagner speaks for itself:

MIMICO, Oct. 31st, 1893.

Editor Review:—

I enclose some fresh advertisements which you will please insert under the heading of "For Sale." From the last ad. I had in your valuable number of Oct. I made cash sales to the amount of \$72. I must say I never anticipated anything like it. I had letters from all directions and still they come.

Yours truly,

CHAS. F. WAGNER,
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POULTRY

LIGHT BRAHMA BREEDING.

BY H. S. BABCOCK.

MR. Chas. W. Adams in the *Poultry Monthly* speaks of some light Brahma chickens which were nearly black when first hatched, he had five, four of which he raised, three pullets and a cockerel. He says of them "They are nice chicks every way, but are so dark in under color as to give them a bluish-gray appearance and the cockerel has black ticks in nearly all of the saddle feathers, some of them an inch long; he has very black wings and the leg and toe-feathering is mostly black." He asks "Should I consider them as culls, or as valuable to mate with good birds that lack in color of wings, tails and hackles?"

I wish to use the above as a text upon breeding light Brahmas.

The beauty of this breed is greatly enhanced by the brilliant black in the hackles and in the tail, contrasting with the white edging of the hackles and the coverts of the tail. There is a strong tendency in the breed to lose the brilliancy of these black markings, so strong in fact that by taking advantage of it and using only the birds which have the least black in them, in a few generations pure white Brahmas can be bred, as they have been. The problem of the breeder, then, is how he shall keep up this brilliancy in the black markings and at the same time prevent the black from creeping up into the web of the feathers of the back, showing on the surface where it should be pure white and disqualifying the specimen. And this problem is solved by using one sex with dark undercolor. Just such birds as Mr. Adams describes, though apparently now too dark for exhibition purposes, mated to the opposite sex with pure white undercolor and weak in flights and hackles, will produce admirable results. Such birds are not to be regarded as culls, but as of great value to the breeder whose stock is failing in color.

A few years ago I judged the fowls at Augusta, Georgia, a gentleman there showed some beautiful light Brahma pullets, so far as surface color was concerned, but they failed badly in the flights, and the hackles were short of the desired amount of black. He told me that it was impossible,