

grey parasite commonly known as the hen louse. These vermin are very small, sometimes so small as to escape a casual examination; but any one who has ever been so unfortunate as to get these mites on his hands or body, can testify to the exquisite torture produced by these little fiends, and how much more must they torment the little helpless chick, whose skin is so tender that we can hardly handle without bruising it!

A good supply of dry earth and fine gravel will be found a great convenience during the breeding season. The gravel supply should not be neglected until the creeks are running full of water and it is impossible to get it.

Diarrhoea in young chicks prevails to a great extent in the summer months. Those suffering with it should be examined, and if necessary the flabby feathers about the seat should be clipped off with a pair of scissors. They should be fed on food that is not laxative, and a little prepared chalk might be mixed in their food with safety, and would undoubtedly produce good results.

Those who sneer and make light of our Standard bred birds encourage a retrograde movement. It took years of perseverance and skill to bring them to their present state of perfection.

"Cracklings" are only fit for fattening. They have no egg properties, and supply in a measure the want of insects.

SHOW GAMES.

**WOULD** any sane man not influenced by a fancy for the monstrous ever discover any attraction in the exhibition Game

fowls now shown as the cream of the product of our best game yards? The show Game fowl of to-day is a living monument of the wonderful possibilities of scientific breeding. By scientific breeding all that was beautiful in the old Game fowl has been destroyed and in their place we have a fowl that would haunt the mighty dreams of any man unaccustomed to the sight of nature in her terrifying moods. The old Game fowl was a thing of beauty, and some of the pit strains of to-day still preserve that attractive type, but the snaky show Games now shown are such an exaggeration of "station" and "style" that nothing but station and style remains. The practical points have been destroyed in attaining the much-sought for long legs, long necks, extreme close feathering, and whip tails.

Mr. Editor, I would like to know if the best interests of Game breeders would not be subserved by a return to the old type or something near it?

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NOTES.

BY BLACK WYANDOT.

**T**HE egg trade is not what it once was. People have learned a good lesson by experience and prefer buying fowls to buying eggs. In this they are wise. The purchaser of eggs is buying a "pig in a poke," while the purchaser of fowls is buying actual value. Every breeding pen no matter how well mated or well bred will throw more or less culls. Just as like as not the purchaser of eggs gets the culls and he naturally kicks.

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Buy fowls and buy the best,—that is the best advice that can be given a beginner. Ten dollars invested in a

trio of fowls is a more profitable investment than ten dollars invested in eggs because the purchaser of the trio gets twice ten dollars worth of eggs from them and has the trio left, and not much depreciated in value either. The writer has bred fine fowls for many years and finds the egg trade decreasing and the trade in fowls increasing from year to year.

EASTERN ONTARIO POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

**R**EGULAR monthly meeting of above Association was held in the office of the Central Canada Exhibition Association, on Monday, May 2nd. The attendance was not as large as usual owing to the fact that a number of other attractions were going on the same night.

The minutes of former meeting were read and approved.

Mr. E. H. Benjamin read a paper entitled, "Poultry Associations, who do they benefit most, the Fancier or the Farmer?" and at the conclusion received a hearty vote of thanks.

The question of judges at the County and Township Fairs was discussed at some length, and it was decided to take some steps to try and have proper persons appointed to judge at these fairs.

Mr. Gilbert of the Experimental Farm made a lengthy speech, in which he referred to the good the Association had done, and hoped that the practice of reading papers at the monthly meetings would be continued, he also referred to the judges at the local fairs, as being in most cases very incompetent, often being persons who did not know one breed from another, and thought that some steps should be taken by the Association in the matter.

After a few small accounts being passed the meeting adjourned.

ALFRED GEDDES,

Secretary.

[Mr. Benjamin's very interesting paper will be found in this issue. — Ed.]