

7. The membership fee shall be one (\$1) dollar and the annual dues one (\$1) per year.

8. The annual dues shall be due and payable on the first day of January of each and every year, and upon failure to pay within three months thereafter, and after receiving due notice thereof, such member in arrear shall be dropped, and his or her name erased from the register of members which register shall be kept by the Secretary, and shall be a record of the membership of the Club.

9. All moneys received for dues and initiation fees, after defraying the expenses of the Club, shall be set apart for the purchase of cups and such other prizes as may be offered by the Executive Committee.

10. A certificate of membership, signed by the President and Secretary, shall be issued to each member.

11. That members in good standing only shall be eligible to compete for Club prizes.

12. That members wishing to compete for Club prizes do enter their names and pay their fees through the Secretary, who shall keep a record of all entries, scores of competing birds and prizes won.

13. That the Secretary shall issue to each member winning a Club prize a certificate to that effect.

14. That one meeting be held yearly at the Club show, for the election of officers, auditing of accounts, reading papers of interest to Cochin breeders, etc.

15. That the place of holding the Club show be determined by the votes of the entire membership of the Club.

16. That no alteration shall be made in any rule of the Club except at the annual meeting.

17. That a report of all the meetings and proceedings of the Club be prepared by the Secretary and sent to the poultry papers for publication.

BLACK MINORCAS.

Editor Review :

IT is most amusing to see how one's defence can be misconstrued.

Mr. Duff in your last issue of REVIEW has gone to a great deal of trouble in trying to prove that I am not a beginner in breeding black Minorca, but he has made a vain attempt as he acknowledges it with his own pen. I admitted my ignorance from the start, hence my reason for asking so many questions. His proof that I did exhibit Minorcas in 1891 only goes to show how little interest I took in them. I have forgotten and I cannot recollect what birds they were, at any rate I was not a breeder at that

date. Even if I had kept Minorcas for ten years I would only consider myself a beginner.

I will endeavor to explain to Mr. Duff that I did not infer that the comb of his ideal Minorca head hung too closely to the neck but just the reverse, it is too high up off the back of the neck, a point Mr. Duff claims to be of so great importance. Mr. Duff says "the English breeders have seen the folly of having such large combs on birds as were shown in 1888," one would not think so from Mr. Pitts' letter on page 107 in last issue.

As for the cut signed by C.F.W., del. Is it not generally understood that colored plates cannot be reproduced in black and white without being redrawn first? I don't think the artist of the original colored plate would thank me for putting his name to it. In my previous explanation I told your readers how those titles came to be underneath those illustrations of mine and Mr. Editor you are responsible for that part. As I have said before I do not pretend to have any ideal Minorca but I take the English standard for my guide and I think if a few more would do the same they would not have two ideals. Mr. Duff claims it was at my request he gave his views on the black Minorca type, perhaps it was, but it seemed to me to be sarcastic. What did it matter to him whether I was a beginner or not? That had nothing whatever to do with the discussion on the type of the black Minorca. His criticism of my illustration was in order but his sarcasm was quite out of place.

Thanking your readers and yourself Mr. Editor, for your patience.

I am yours truly,

CHAS. F. WAGNER.

Toronto, July 26, 1895.

AGE OF FERTILITY.

Editor Review :

WOULD you kindly let me know in the next issue of REVIEW to what age a prize hen's eggs are fertile. I have a hen about seven or eight years and I would like to get a strain from her. Some say the eggs will hatch, others not. Kindly oblige me with the correct information.

FROM A NEW BEGINNER AND

Toronto, July 27, '95.

READER OF REVIEW.

[There is no reason why eggs from this hen—if she can be got to lay—should not prove fertile, especially if mated to a young vigorous male. Ed.]