

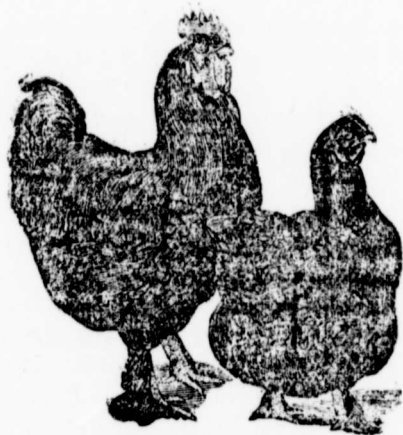
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Buff Cochins.

The Buff Cochin Fowl, which the above cut represents, is the oldest variety of the Cochins ever bred in Canada; and they have always, and do up to this day, stand high in the estimation of Fanciers.

We find them very hardy, and very good winter layers: and they are not as hard to breed to feather as the Brahmans. Still, I do not consider them quite as good for Farmers, as the Brahmans, as

they are not as good foragers; consequently need more care.

With that exception, they are one of the finest varieties of the Asiatic Class.

During the last five or six years, there have been a good many fine Buff Cochins, imported from England, which has very much improved our stock in Canada: and there can now be found, at all our large Shows, as fine specimens of Buff Cochins as can be found in America.

Farmers and Poultry.

As a rule farmers take very little interest in Poultry; in fact they look upon their fowls only as necessary evils. They must have eggs and so they put up with their hens, yet they are very often voted a nuisance and get treated accordingly. If you speak to a farmer about his fowls, and ask him why he does not take better care of them, he will tell you he cannot be bothered with such small, puttering business. He has his fine horses, and noble cattle, and excellent sheep, to look after, (and these are things worth attending to) but he has no time to waste on things so small as fowls. It is rare for farmers to put in a good word for their hens. On the contrary you frequently hear him grumble at them; "there's no money in them," "they are always in the way," "they scratch and tear up more than they are worth," &c., &c.

Now all this is to a certain extent true enough. The farmer is often bored to death with his hens. Fifty or sixty of them will perhaps be broody at once, and wherever he goes he will find a hen sitting, in the grain boxes, in the mangers, in the hay mows,—there they are two or three perhaps sitting on one nest, and he can hardly ever start to search for anything, but he is pestered with these sitting hens. And then they get away and hide their nests; nothing is known of them, till every now and then, a hen is seen with, it maybe a large brood of little chicks, or it maybe but a solitary youngster,—and this is the way a farmer ordinarily raises his chickens. He usually allows the best season for raising chickens to go by, and will thus have to be satisfied with late chickens. Perhaps when the snow is on

the ground, and he goes out to see his stock, a hen will creep out from under the barn, with a troop of little shivering chickens "just out," and he will call her perhaps a fool, and leave her to take care of her unseasonable brood as best she may.

Now although this is all, in many cases true enough, yet it is not always the fault of the fowls. They are simply allowed to care for themselves, and to carry out the instincts of their nature, without any assistance from the reasoning powers of man, and therefore man's reason, and their stupidity must sometimes run counter.

If a farmer, troubled in the way I have mentioned, would only make the matter a little study, he could relieve himself of a great deal of difficulty, and his hens would become a pleasure to him, instead of a bore. The sitting nuisance is perhaps the worst. There comes a time in the summer when the farmer: with all his hens, gets but a very few eggs. The hens are "all sitting," and sitting every where. Now to remedy this, we would suggest to the farmer, TO KEEP NON-SITTING FOWLS. There are such fowls, and they are usually the best layers. By careful breeding, numbers of breeds have been secured, which rarely if ever sit. Such fowls are the Black Spanish, the Leghorns, the Hamburgs, the Houdans, the Polands, and so on. Any one of these breeds (except perhaps the Polands, which sometimes appear a little broody) would run around a barn yard for years, and never sit. The grain boxes, the mangers, the hay mows &c., would be unappropriated, and many an angry word would be saved the farmer. "But," he would reply to this, "how could I then have chickens? My wife thinks a great deal of having chick-

ens in the fall. When visitors come, or the thrashers are at work, she finds a great standby, are her spring chickens." The answer to that is, that if you must raise chickens, (and it is almost a necessity on the farm, that you should,) you must keep a few hens that will sit.

There are breeds noted for sitting. The Brahmas, Cochins, Dorkings, are all good sitters. A few of them will easily do all your summers sitting. There is a woman living not far from where I am now writing, who kept one unfortunate hen, sitting and bringing out chickens all the summer. As soon as one brood was hatched, she would take them away, and give the old stupid, a fresh batch to operate upon. This, of course, is unnecessary. In fact it is unfair, not to say cruel. But would it be any great trouble for a farmer to make a small hen house, and a small yard, and keep shut up in that house and yard, say, half a dozen of good sitting hens? Let them never mix with the non-sitters on the barn yard, but let them just be kept to raise chickens.

And here is where the trouble comes in. for when the chickens are raised, they will probably be mixed, and so the whole flock will be spoiled. Now THEY NEED NEVER MIX. A very simple means will prevent it. Supposing a man has 100 White Leghorns on his barnyard. They will lay for him all the time, and for 4 or 5 years, he need not raise any of this breed at all, that is if a hundred hens are enough for him. But suppose he has shut up for sitting purposes, six Dark gray Dorkings. He need not sit any eggs, but those which these Dorking hens will lay, which is an easy matter, for being shut up, their eggs can easily be kept separate from the rest.

For this purpose, of course, a good cock of the same breed should be kept shut up with the sitting hens. All the chickens that would be raised in this way, would be of a dark grey colour, and would therefore be easily distinguished from the Leghorns, which, if he kept the white variety would always be white.

Or, if he wished, at the same time to increase his stock of non-sitters, all he would have to do, would be to set his sitting hens with eggs from the barn, which would be pure, because the sitting breed is kept shut up from the rest. He would always know then, that dark grey were for the table and the white were to be saved for laying.

By this means the farmer would save himself the annoyance of being surrounded by a lot of clucking hens, and of having chickens coming out at all seasons of the year. He would also be sure of good chickens, at the same time when they would be most wanted, and would find himself an admirer of his hens, instead of a fault finder with them.

In illustrating this I have used, I think, the best varieties, which can be got for such a purpose. The Leghorns are small and easily kept, and great layers, no doubt the best in the world; and the Dorkings are, as is acknowledged on all hands, the finest fowls known for the table, and a farmer keeping these two breeds, in the way I have described above, would find Poultry keeping a pleasure and a profit to him, instead of what it often is now, an annoyance, and a necessary evil.

C. H. M.

Rabbits should be handled by the ears, supporting the rump with one hand.

Practical Hints for beginners

MESSRS EDITORS:—Seeing you wanted all to contribute to your Journal, I thought I might give a few lines of perhaps profitable matter, deduced from my own experience, and thus save beginners time and money.—

I would advise young friends to select some respectable Breeder and Dealer, from whom they could buy a pair or trio of the variety of Fowls they intend commencing with. Get the dealer they purchase from, to send birds mated for breeding, as they will thus get them cheaper than if they procure exhibition Fowls, & generally have better results in the chickens they rear.

A person can buy a pair of Light Brahma Chicks,—for example, at this season of the year, thus mated, at \$5. to \$10. while if you wanted birds to show well in the exhibition coops, you would have to pay from \$10. to \$20., and, I say if you buy from a breeder well up in the variety, the result, so far as the chicks you would raise, would probably be in favor of the birds properly mated for breeding.

If you want more hens, fill up with 5 or 6 common pullets. That will give eggs for table use, and act as mothers for your breeding next spring, and thus you will at a comparatively small outlay, gain experience for yourself.

Keep one variety only, to start with and you will save yourself expense for fencing to keep different breeds separate. Your hen house need not be expensive, so long as it is in a dry corner, free from dampness. Cleanliness in all its apartments is the great thing. The walls & ceilings should be whitewashed at least twice a year. All manure ought to

be cleared up daily if possible. By being regular in this matter, you will save being troubled with lice on your Fowls, besides their general health will be better. Another matter which tends to keep poultry in a healthy state, is, cleanliness in regard to drinking dishes.

They ought to have fresh water three times a day, and be particular and clean out the dishes thoroughly before putting the fresh water in. One bird with a cold, often communicates its disorder to the whole flock, through drinking out of the same dirty dish, which, if not attended to, will generally end in Roup.

“Prevention is better than cure.”

I intended saying more, but will reserve for another time, so if these few remarks are considered worth the Compositors time, you may hear from me again.

Yours Truly,
ALEX. FINLAYSON.

Breeding of Canaries.

In accordance with my promise of last month, I will now say a few words respecting the management and breeding of Canaries. But first perhaps, I had better give a discription of what I consider the best kind of breeding cage; and I may briefly state, that there is no cage that I have seen, so well adapted for breeding purposes, as what is called the “London Bird Cage.” This cage is two feet in length, ten inches deep, and fifteen inches high. It is made of wood with wire front. There is a partition on one side nine inches wide, by nine in height. This partition has a wire slide running from the front to the back of the cage. Many of my readers may ask why this partition is placed in the cage?

My answer is, that many times the hen bird may have built a second nest, and be sitting again by the time the first young birds leave the nest, and then they are certain to take to the nest the parent bird is sitting on, and thereby the second nest of eggs gets spoiled. The young birds should therefore be placed in the partition prepared for them immediately after leaving the nest. The male bird will then feed them through the wire slide.

The best time to put your birds together, is the end of March. Place a square box, which should be made of wood, on the top of the partition. Put into the cage some dried grass, and some cow's hair, to finish with, and you will find that your birds will readily build their own nest, and it is far better for them that they should do so in the natural manner, than have an artificial nest made for them.

The canary usually commences to sit after laying the first egg; you may therefore, look for the first young bird to make its appearance in fourteen days after the first egg is laid.

You must then feed on fine chopped egg, and a little soda biscuit; some lettuce, chickweed, plantain, or water cress. When your young birds are a week old, place a second nest-box in the cage, as the hen may require to commence a second nest. Put in plenty of materials for her to build with, otherwise, as your young birds feather, she will pluck them to make her nest, with their down.

I have always found Caraway, Rape, and Millet seed, mixed together, the best for general feeding of Canaries. A piece of mealey potato, or ripe apple is not objectionable.

If these few simple directions are followed, the young beginner will find, if he has selected a good pair of birds, no difficulty in raising young birds.

Port Hope. GEORGE HOPE.

Importations.

Since our last issue, W. M. Campbell Esq., of Brooklin, has received the following Fowls from England.

One pair Aylesbury Ducks. Two pens Black Hamburgs, one old and one young. One pen of Black Red Game Bants. One pen Brown Red Game Bants, and one pen Pile Game Bants. Among them are some grand Birds.

Also, received at the Brooklin Poultry Yards, since our last issue, one pen Dark Brahmas. One pen Golden Poles. Two pens Pile Games, one old and one young. They came in rather bad condition, being nearly one month on the road; and, although the Express Company received nearly \$50.00 for delivering the above Birds, they had evidently been sadly neglected on the voyage.

Pullets or Cockerels at will.

Editors CANADA POULTRY JOURNAL.

DEAR SIRS:—In my article entitled "Pullets or Cockerels at will," which appeared in your issue of October last, I have, in one of its paragraphs, made a transposition of words that completely changes my meaning.

Instead of—"Do you want to have Males," it should read "Do you want to have FEMALES"; and instead of—"On the contrary do you want to have females," it should read "On the contrary do you want to have MALES &c."

I would wish to have these corrections made, as the discovery mentioned in my article is of manifest interest to breeders of Poultry or Cattle, and is one that has only been made, through long and patient observation.

Yours &c.,

Hull, P. Q. E. d'ORSONNENS.

To Mr. A. F.,—Quebec.

DEAR SIR:—Your plan, quite a novel one, will prove of great advantage to poultry men in the province of Quebec, if of easy execution. I intend to try it next spring. Only one particular puzzles me. As fowls must breathe, they require, more air than plants do. How am I to contrive in order to admit enough of air, in the hot bed, during the night, without exposing, to freeze its living contents? An explanation on your part, would greatly interest and oblige.

Yours &c.,

Hull, P. Q. E. d'O.

Marking Fowls.

EDITORS CANADA POULTRY JOURNAL:

I am a breeder of some of the best Light and Dark Brahmas, and the largest in the West, having had 20 years experience in breeding large fowls; I would say to new beginners, to mark their birds for breeding, is one fine point in breeding good birds. If your pullets are light on the breast, you should use a dark breeding cock with a solid breast. If your pullets are rather dark, use a cock with a mottled breast. In breeding Light Brahmas, if your pullets are lacking of pencilling on neck, I would use a cock with a heavy pencilling. If your pullets are of a good

pencilling use a cock with a light pencilling. Do not use a cock with too heavy feathering on legs, with pullets that are the same way; as you will throw too many Vulture hocked birds; and when you order be sure and do so from some one that knows a good bird, and give the description of the bird you want to mate, for breeding; and by this careful way in mating your birds, and good care, you can be sure of good stock.

W. C. PRATT,

Rockford, Ill., Po., Box 375.

Canadian Public.

H. M. THOMAS:

DEAR SIR,—Prospectus of CANADA POULTRY JOURNAL is received. I can assure you sir it gives me pleasure to see you tackle an enterprise, that seems not to warrant even an ordinary share that such an enterprise demands at the hands of a Canadian public. However, you sir, are well posted, in Canadians seeming slow in acknowledgments of benefits, real or prospective. You will be obliged to exercise a big amount of forbearance in this fight, fighting with nature's heels, against steeled prejudices, and superstition. We Canadians are a short legged cock, sparring and fighting, over a ring with big dimensions, obliging a heap of sparring, counter hitting, dodging and feints,—claiming time for wind and rest,—a gaping crowd, ready and willing, to count you out, the first time you get your head down, or stop fighting. You will find inclosed \$1 00, the amount of yearly subscription to your POULTRY JOURNAL.

A. C. WRIGHT,

St. Catherine's, Ont.

Preparing Bees for Winter.

BY A. C. ATTWOOD.

There is no work in the Apiary of greater importance than preparing bees for winter quarters. Many think a wood-house, a drive barn, or a back stoop, is all that is necessary, and then they set their bees, and think they have done their duty. Now understand me, I do not advise to winter on the summer stands, as a rule, but rather than put your bees in such places as above referred to, leave them out just where they have stood all summer. The old idea that bees, like snakes and frogs, go into a dormant state all winter, is exploded long ago. Bees never go into a cold dormant state, but on the contrary, a thermometer thrust into the centre of the cluster, in the middle of winter, will show a summer temperature. A stock of bees will stand a wonderful amount of cold for a short time, if they are properly ventilated; and in winter, usually about every ten days, we have a fine afternoon; the sun for a few hours perhaps strikes on the hive and warms it a little; this helps the bees to move about the hive, and to collect some more honey into the centre of the cluster, and ready for another cold snap. The bees in the wood-house have no such chance, for a thermometer there will show on a cold day, just as low a temperature as out of doors. And during a few hours afternoon sun, it will not raise much if any; consequently the poor bees placed there, are as it were, in an ice house from fall till spring, and as a matter of course the comb gets frozen up, and the bees die of starvation and cold. The requisites

of a good repository for wintering bees, are, perfect darkness, dry, quiet, away from the influence of fire, and where the temperature will remain even, as near 40 degrees as possible. By all good rights, a place should be built on purpose for them. (I will describe my own repository in some future number.) A common cellar will do, but they are usually too damp. In short, wherever the above requisites can be obtained, there winter your bees; and no matter where you winter, it is of the greatest importance to ventilate the hive properly, and in doing so, while we allow all moisture to pass off, we must retain all the heat. My method is, to make for each hive a cushion, (I will call it) out of any old woolen stuff. Make it the full size of the honey board, and six inches deep, with top, bottom and sides to it, like a buggy cushion. Sew a strip three inches wide, all around the lower outside edge, so it will hang down like a sort of valance. Fill the cushion with dry chaff, or fine cut straw; then remove the honey board, and place the cushion on instead; then put on the top cover, and the valance will come between it and the bands, which will keep all bees down in the hive. Bees thus prepared, will come out strong in the spring.

FOOD FOR PIGEONS.—The usual food given to domestic pigeons that are kept in lots, is gray peas; but they will also thrive on wheat, barley, oats, buckwheat, and the smaller pulse and grain. They are less partial to rye; but a great point is to vary, or as some do, to mix their diet. Tares or vetches are mostly too dear in England to feed them with.—Sel.

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Poultry Shows for 1875 and 1876.

Official Notices of Shows Solicited.

Ontario Poultry Association. Ontario, March 1, 1876, George Murton, Guelph, Secretary.

Northwestern Pennsylvania Poultry Association. Meadville, Pa., December 22, to 25. A. McLaren, Secretary.

National Poultry Association. Chicago Ill., January 20 to 28, 1876, inclusive. Chas. P. Willard, Secretary.

Pennsylvania State Poultry Society. Philadelphia, December 6 to 11, 1875. A. F. Groves, Cor. Secretary, Chesnut Hill, Phila.

The regular Centennial Exhibition will open May 10, and close November 10, 1876.

Northwestern Ill. Poultry Association, will hold its second annual show at Polo, December 7 to 10.

Maryland State Poultry Association. Baltimore, Md., January 3 to 7, 1876.

G. O. Brown, Secretary.

Eastern Pa. Poultry Society. Doylestown, Pa., February 1, 2, 3, 4, 1876. J. Watson Case, Secretary.

Central Poultry Association, of Pennsylvania. Tamaqua, December 14 to 17, 1875. W. A. Shoemaker, Secretary.

Maine Poultry Association. Portland, Maine, January 20 to 26, inclusive. Chas. A. Eaton, Secretary.

Wisconsin State Poultry Association. Milwaukee, December 16 to 23, 1875. G. H. Spear, Secretary.

Western Pennsylvania Poultry Society. Pittsburg, Pa., January 12 to 18, 1876, inclusive. A. A. Miller, Secretary.

The Southern Tier Poultry and Pet Stock Society. Elmira, N. Y., C. S. White, Secretary.

Southern Pennsylvania Poultry Association. York, P. A., December 28, 29, 30, 1875. Chas. H. Fry, Secretary.

Bloomington (Illinois) Poultry Association. Bloomington, December 14 to 18, 1875, inclusive. J. H. Leaton, Secy.

Long Island Poultry Association. City Brooklyn, November 30th to December 3d, inclusive. Thos. Smith, Secy.

Buckeye Union Poultry Association. Springfield, Ohio. December 16 to 23, 1875. W. G. Nickols, Secretary.

A few Words to the Readers of the Journal.

Being aware of the rapidly growing interest late, in the breeding, managing, and marketing of Poultry, Pigeons, Bees and every other variety of Pet Stock, owing to the continually increasing demand, and the advancement in prices, and as nothing on these subjects is published in the Dominion, with the exception of an occasional article, in our Agricultural Journals, and believing that the importance of the business demands that a Periodical, devoted exclusively to its interests should be published, and having had repeated solicitations from several Fanciers to publish such a work, we consented to undertake it.

it was with some doubts whether Fanciers would give a helping hand, sufficient to enable us to furnish a respectable Journal, without a loss. But we are pleased to say, that although it is costing us much more than we anticipated, the prospects thus far, are all we could reasonably expect. Subscriptions and advertisements are every day coming in from all parts of Canada, and the States. Also very many encouraging letters, giving us to understand that they are determined to support the Journal. We sincerely thank all those who have so promptly stepped forward and aided us, by sending in their own subscriptions, as well as many others, and also contributing freely valuable matter for our columns, as well as advertisements, and we hope very soon to see our subscription list second to no other Journal of the kind in America. We would further say, that so long as we may be connected with the Journal, no favoritism shall be shown to any particular Breeder or Fancier; but all shall stand upon equal footing as far as this Journal is concerned, and it shall be its proprietors aim to work for the interests of all.

Each subscriber shall receive the Journal until the full term of subscription expires; as it shall never be suspended while in our hands, owing any subscriber one cent. So that Fanciers need not hesitate to send on their subscriptions at once.

Knowing as we do, from having been ourselves victimized, that there are some parties here as well as in the old country, who are not altogether reliable, it shall be the aim of this Journal, to guard its patrons against fraud of any kind, or dishonest dealing in any form.

Our columns will be open to all parties, to discuss freely, all matters appertaining to the interests of Fanciers. All necessary space in each number, will be devoted to correspondents; and also a portion for questions and answers, Receipts, Importations, etc., etc., which of itself, will be of great advantage to amateurs.

All space required for advertisements, will also be provided, and if necessary the Journal will be enlarged for that purpose. Therefore, advertisers, and parties having articles or stock to dispose of, will find this Journal one of the best advertising mediums, as it will have a wide spread circulation both in Canada and the United States.

Advertisements to appear in any number, should be sent in not later than the fifth of the month.

Communications on Poultry, Pigeons, Bees and other pet Animals invited. Also accounts of Importations, questions and answers, Receipts, accounts of success with Imported Eggs, Poultry Shows to occur, Lists of prizes awarded, &c., &c., all of which, should be mailed to reach us by the first of each month.

All letters and communications should be addressed to either

H. M. THOMAS, OR, E. R. GRANT,
Brooklin, Ont. Port Hope Ont.

Provincial Exhibition.

Poultry at the Provincial Show, held at Ottawa, Sept., 21st to 29th, was not as well represented, as usual, owing, no doubt, to its being held this season, so far east that some of our largest Fanciers, west, thought it too far to take fowls. Still, there was a very fair show of Birds, and of very good quality. The judging, at this show, with two or three exceptions, gave good satisfaction. Below will be found the list of awards.

Class 25--Dorkings, Polands, Game, &c.

Dorkings, white, 1st H. M. Thomas, Brooklin, 2d W. M. Smith, Fairfield Plains, 3d J. Heron, Gloucester. Dorkings, coloured, 1st H. M. Thomas, 2d J. S. Smedley, Nepean, 3d W. M. Smith. Polands, white crested black, 1st H. M. Thomas. Polands, golden, 1st H. M. Thomas, 2d Thos. Stormer, Gloucester, 3d Arthur Nicols, Cataragui. Polands, silver, 1st H. M. Thomas, 2d H. M. Thomas, 3d W. McLean, Ormond. Game, reds (black, blue or brown) 1st A. Fraser, Quebec, 2d Joseph Hickson, Montreal, 3d Wm. Barber, Ottawa. Game, Duckwing, 1st H. M. Thomas, 2d A. Nicol. Game, pile, white or blue, 1st W. M. Smith, 2d W. M. Smith. Spanish, black, (white faced) H. M. Thomas, 2d F. Sturdy, Guelph, 3d Thos. Starmer. Leghorn, white, 1st H. M. Thomas, 2d J. W. Buck, 3d W. M. M. Smith. Hamburg, golden pencilled 1st H. M. Thomas, 2d Jas. Main, Trafalgar, 3d Jos. Hickson. Hamburgs, silver pencilled, Wright & Butterfield, Sandwich, 2d H. M. Thomas, 3d Jas. Main. Hamburgs, golden spangled, 1st F. Sturdy, 2d F. Sturdy, 3d A. Terrill, Wolfer. Hamburgs, silver spangled, 1st

F. Sturdy, 2d H. M. Thomas, 3d Jos. Hickson. Crevecoeur, 1st W. M. Smith, 2d H. M. Thomas. La Fieche, 1st W. M. Smith, 2d H. M. Thomas, 3d W. M. Smith. Houdans, 1st H. M. Thomas, 2d W. M. Smith. Bantams game, black red, 1st A. Fraser, Quebec, 2d A. Nicol. Bantams, game, (duck-wing) 1st Joseph Hickson. Bantams, Sebright, James Main, 2d do., Bantams, white feathered legs, 1st J. B. Patterson, 2d Thomas Stormer. Pigeons, carrier, pouter and tumbler, 1st A. Nicol, 2d W. Barber. Do., Jacobins, fantails, barbs, and trumpeters, 1st A. Nicol. Do., any other variety, 1st A. Nicol, 2d W. Barber.

Chickens of 1875.

Dorkings, white, 1st H. M. Thomas, 2d W. M. Smith, 3d George Horon, Gloucester. Dorkings, colored, 1st H. M. Thomas, 2d A. Terrill, 3d Thomas Irving. Houdans, 1st W. M. Smith, 2d A. Nicol, 3d Jos. Hickson. Hamburgs, silver or golden spangled, 1st F. Sturdy, 2d W. M. Smith, 3d Jos Hickson. Do. silver or golden pencilled, 1st Wright & Butterfield, 2d do., 3d Jos Hickson. Polands, white-crested black, 1st H. M. Thomas, 2d A. Nicol. Do., silver or golden, Thos. Storer, 2d A. Nicol, 3d W. McLean. Game, reds, (black, brown or blue), 1st F. Sturdy, 2d Wright & Butterfield, 3d A. Fraser. Do., Duck-wing, Jas. Givens.

Class 26--Asiatic Fowls, Turkeys, &c.

Cochins, cinnamon or buff, 1st H. M. Thomas, 2d Wright & Butterfield, 3d J. Buck, Brantford. Cochins, partridge, 2st Wm. Barber, 2d F. Sturdy, 3d Wm. Barber. Cochins, white or black, 1st H. M. Thomas, 2d Do., 3d A. Nicol. Brahmas, light, 1st J. W. Buck, 2d Wright & Butterfield, 3d F. Sturdy. Brahmas, dark, 1st H. M. Thomas, 2d

F. Sturdy, 3d R. Johnston, Gloucester. Turkeys, bronzed, 1st Thos Foster, East Flamboro, 2d Jos. Mulligan, 3d Joseph Hickson. Turkeys, black or grey, 1st Jas. Mulligan, 2d Robt Johnston. Turkeys, white or yellow, Platt Hinman, Grafton. Turkey cock, best and heaviest, 1st Chas. Foster, 2d Platt Hinman, 3d Robt. Johnston. Geese, common, 1st A. Terrill, 2d Jas. Main, 3d A. Terrill, Geese, China, 1st Geo. Somerville, Clarke. Ducks, Aylesbury, 1st. F. Sturdy, 2d A. Nicol, 3d do. Ducks, Rouen, 1st & 2d F. Sturdy, 3d A. Nicol. Ducks, Muscovy, 1st W. M. Smith, 2d Jas. Main, 3d Platt Hinman. Ducks any other variety, 1st Jas. Stuckley, 2d W. M. Smith, 3d Jas. Mulligan. Guinea Fowl, 1st W. M. Smith, 2d A. Terrill, 3d W. M. Smith. Pea Fowl, M. T. de Ranzy, Ottawa, 2d Platt Hinman. Any variety of fowl not specially classified, 1st Wright & Butterfield, 2d Jas. Smedley, Nepean.

Chickens and Ducklings of 1875.

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In the article headed "Necessary to Success," in our last issue, in the fourth line from the bottom, "interest profit," should read "indirect profit."

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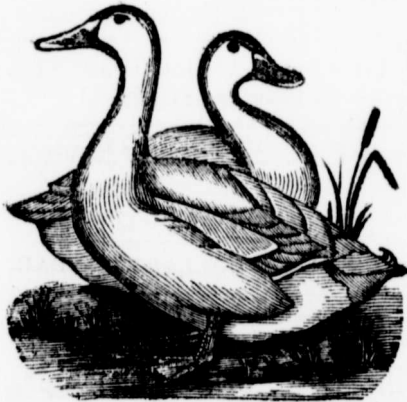
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