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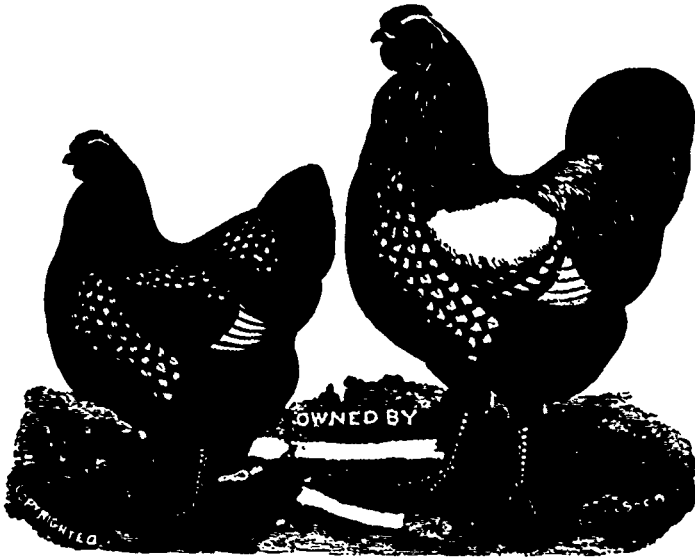
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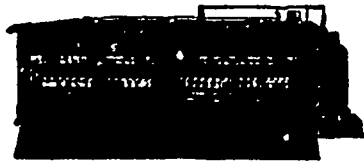
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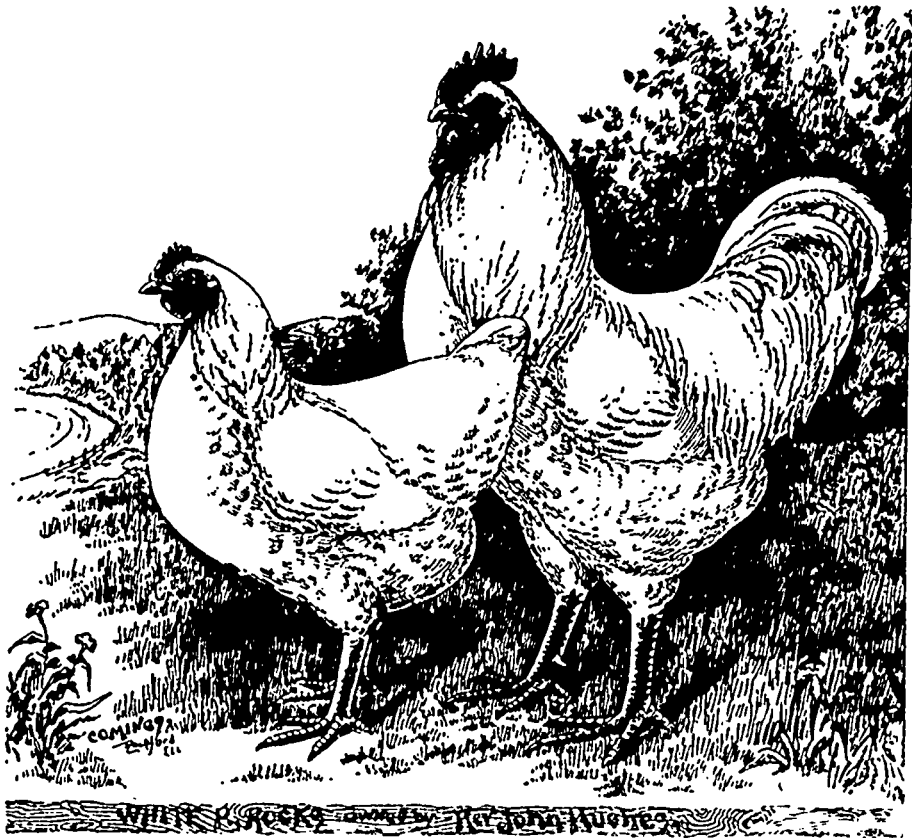
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## TORONTO INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

SPECIAL REPORT FOR D. C. FANCIER.

The poultry exhibit at the above Exhibition was a grand success. Notwithstanding the fact that many large exhibitors, who had been in the habit of exhibiting here, were exhibiting at the Provincial Exhibition at Quebec, more birds were cooped this year than at any previous show held by the Association. The competition in most of the classes was of the keenest possible kind. This was especially so in Barred Plymouth Rocks, White Plymouth Rocks, and Minorcas, the latter being beyond all question the premier exhibit of the whole exhibition. Over one hundred Minorcas were in line and they were of the very highest quality.

Some 2500 birds were cooped. The old Superintendent, Mr. C. J. Daniels, was on hand with an able staff of assistants and not one word of complaint was heard in regard to the manner in which the birds were cared for.

The Judges were Messrs. L. G. Jarvis, London; Sharp Butterfield, Windsor; Thomas H. Smelt, Woodstock; for Poultry. I. B. Johnson, Toronto, was Judge of Pigeons. Apparently all discharged their duties to the satisfaction of the exhibition as the man who sometimes endeavors to surpass the mule in its kicking exhibitions was conspicuous by his absence.

The Exhibition was visited by a large number of visitors, probably 100,000 people going through the poultry building alone during the week. The total number of visitors during the Fair was 286,000. Messrs. A. E. Blunck, Johnson, N. Y., Hammersmith, Richmond, and many other well-known American fanciers were present.

Sales of stock were numerous, many of the exhibitors selling over \$100 worth, while two or three sold birds amounting in all to over \$200.

A short description of some of the winners in the largest classes may not be out of place:—

**LIGHT BRAHMAS**—1st cock a nice bird in good shape, dark tail, poor comb; second not in as good show shape, has good head points; third an excellent bird; good legs, but in poor shape. First hen an old winner in nice trim, neat head with good legs and toes; second is a small hen, but is good; third, a fair bird. First cockerel wins easy, good color, splendid legs; second a

smaller one not yet developed; may be heard from later on; third, a fair bird but not shown in good condition. Pullets, first a real nice bird, shown in first class condition, splendid hackle; second, was much smaller but will make a good bird. Pens were very good indeed, the winning pen especially.

**DARK BRAHMAS**.—Not very large numbers. In old birds the winners were very good. Owned by one exhibitor. Chicks were also good, especially first cockerel and pullet.

**BUFF COCHINS**.—There is always a grand lot here. Cock, first a grand bird shown in the pink of condition, good head, splendid color, buff to skin, grand legs and feet; second not nearly so well shown but a good bird; third, a good bird, good color, but falls away in breast. Hens, first good color throughout, poor head points, any quantity of feathers; second and third hens were much smaller and faded in color. Chicks were not so fully matured as we have seen but were very promising. Pens exceptionally good. It was a close thing between 1st and 2nd.

**BLACK LANGSHANS**.—A splendid lot. Cock, 1st a grand big fellow with splendid color, good shape; 2nd a large bird but moulting; third not so large as first and second but a neat one; Hens, 1st a large bird of good color, poor comb; 2nd a bit smaller and neater; 3rd a big hen. Cockerels were very fair, the 1st and 2nd birds being especially good; Pullets, 1st and 2nd both owned by one exhibitor, large and of good color; 3rd younger bird of great promise. She will be heard from later. Pens were excellent. The class all through was a very creditable one.

**BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS**.—Cock only a fair class. First, wins well, but had poor comb and some black in hackle. Otherwise color is very good; 2nd a very large bird, poor comb but of excellent color throughout; too much of the Cochin type; 3rd a splendid shaped bird with good comb; not yet moulted or might have been higher up. Hens, 1st the pick of the lot, shown in grand condition, good color throughout; 2nd another good one but a bit small; markings were excellent; 3rd fair. Cockerels, 1st an easy win, a good bird all over; 2nd has the best shape of any but has a very poor breast; 3rd a good bird. Many cockerels were left out which were no disgrace to their owners. Pullets, 1st a large well developed bird of good color, well barred all over, an easy

win; 2nd and 3rd good birds well show Pens made a large class in themselves 1st a grand lot indeed, pullets well barred all over with good legs and beak. The cockerel was quite a youngster but promises to be a remarkably good bird when matured; certainly the best colored and barred bird in the whole class 2nd a good lot and run first close.

**WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS**.—very large class of good quality. The winning chicks would be hard to beat anywhere.

**BLACK MINORCAS**.—Certainly the largest and best class in the show. They made an exhibit of themselves and were the admired of the admired. It is questionable if as fine a collection ever got together before in America. Cocks, 1st, very large bird with a first-class comb, bright red face, large pure white lobes, immense breast, good color throughout. 2nd cock another grand colored bird, not so large as winner; good evenly serrated comb, a little too high off head at back; runs first close; 3rd a smaller bird and hardly in same class with 1st and 2nd; Hens, 1st a large bird of good color; good comb, an easy win; 2nd much smaller but neat; 3rd only fair. Cockerels a grand lot indeed; 1st an immense big fellow with grand evenly serrated comb, good face with a large white lobes; good body, low tail; a bit weak in color; 2nd a younger one of beautiful color, fair comb, good face and lobes; 3rd another good young bird. Pullets; 1st a walk over; "unquestionable the finest pullet seen in America" was the opinion of the Judges and of all fanciers; immense large bird with true Minorca shape; grand color; good comb, bright red face and smooth white lobes; legs as black as a coal from thigh to nails; well spread tail; a perfect gem. 2nd a very good bird indeed, good color and well grown; 3rd a younger bird but of good promise. Fifteen or twenty pullets left which would win almost anywhere; Pens a fine lot. 1st contained a very large cock of grand shape and color; fine large evenly serrated comb; was a winner in England; 2nd not in it with winners, but a fair lot of birds.

**WHITE MINORCAS**.—The largest class of this variety recently seen in Canada. Cocks, 1st an old winner, fair comb, good color throughout, still held red face, fair lobes, good shape; 2nd an English winner, fair comb, grand face and lobes; completely out of condition; very large bird; high on legs; may make

a hard one to beat. 3rd a smaller bird but very neat indeed; might have exchanged placed with 2nd only for a hump foot; Hens a nice class. All the winners were very neat but were moulting. Cockerels, 1st a splendid bird of good color; fair comb; good face; fair lobes; 2nd and 3rd both very good and well shown. Pullets, 1st an easy win and hard to beat at this season of the year anywhere; 2nd younger but hardly as good a type, 3rd a very nice young one. Pens, 1st and 2nd were beauties indeed and won well.

**WYANDOTTES.**—Were large classes. Perhaps the most improvement was shown in the Blacks and also in the Silver chicks.

**GAMES.**—Were very large classes and some good birds shown. The Black Reds were particularly fine.

**POLANDS and HAMBURGS.**—Were of excellent quality. How could they be otherwise when such exhibitors as McNeil, Bogue and Oke get together at one show?

**BANTAMS.**—Were out in force and some excellent specimens were shown.

**TURKEYS, GEESE and DUCKS.**—The largest seen in years. The exhibit of Rouen Ducks here would make New York or the World's Fair feel sad. Pekins numbered about forty-five and were of the best quality yet seen in Canada.

**LEGHORNS.**—Very large classes of typical birds. It was a very close run for first honors in both White and Brown Cocks and resulted in a saw-off. All were of the highest quality.

**JAPANESE.**—Were quite a show, all the winning birds being excellent. Quite an improvement over former years was noticed.

The competition for the Silver Medals was a very close and interesting race. Messrs. T. A. Duff & Co., Toronto, (one of our advertisers) captured the medal for the largest and best exhibit in the Mediterranean Class with their Minorcas.

### WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

We present our readers this month with a cut of "Columbus" and "Isabella," White Plymouth Rocks owned by Rev. John Hughes of the Edgewood Poultry Yards, Table Grove, Ill. Mr. Hughes has bred this variety for many years and under his skillful management they are rapidly approaching perfection. His stock is well known in this province

and the prize winners at the shows of late years have been from his yards or their direct descendants. The two birds shown in the cut are the winners of many prizes and give one a good idea of this splendid breed of general purpose fowls.

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### HINTS ON HAPPINESS IN THE POULTRY YARD.

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WRITTEN FOR B. C. FANCIER BY  
MRS. E. KRIBBLAC.

The less we interfere with a hen's natural habits the more successful will the season's results be. Of course poultry are now so domesticated that they need artificial shelter and human care if they are to produce more than one or at the most two settings of eggs, all that in a state of nature are necessary to perpetuate their kind. Selection of the best layers, and constantly removing the eggs have greatly lengthened the laying period. But in spite of all the years the fowls have been an accessory of domesticated man, there yet remains a great deal of the primitive distrust of man and shyness in their natures. "Scratch the Chinaman and you find a Tartar" to parody a once famous saying, and so when you wish to commence on friendly terms with the hen, although she may be your own bought-property, absolutely and entirely yours for disposal in life and in death, you yet will find that her views on the subject do not square with yours and that her individuality, although in a much smaller frame, is just as intense as your own. How many fanciers are always interfering in the pet projects of their proteges! A hen likes to jump off the perch the first thing before it is even light and moon around with her beak close to the ground until it is light enough to find something to put in the aforesaid beak. Very idiotic pronounces the fancier, and straightway his hens are enclosed in an air-tight house waiting his convenience each morning to let them out. Old stagers reach at last the phase of resignation, a word that is almost incompatible with intense boiling-over human health and spirits, and is just as much so in the poultry world. Could the fancier see how his precious pets, the lively sprightly young pullets rebel at this interference with their liberty, he would do his best to allow them an open house, draught-screened of course, but so that they could come in and out at their pleasure. A small house, water-

tight, well chunked, with a dry sandy floor, and the door always ajar is much more to the taste of our feathered pets than is the most costly structure where their liberty is restricted.

If possible in summer during the dry season they should roost in an open shed. Such fowls keep far more healthy than do those that are shut up all the year around. You can do with less house accommodation, which is an expensive item, and have far healthier fowls. But wild animals! and hawks? Well wild animals can be kept at a decent distance with a couple of good vermin dogs, and even if you do close your houses you will find, without dogs around, they will get in. Hawks come in the day time when fowls are out anyhow, and a gun properly aimed is the only remedy for them. The happier you can make your birds, with plenty of space for exercise, good food, and the least interference possible the greater will be your satisfaction with your balance sheet and the fowls' satisfaction with their master or mistress as the case may be. We have all heard people say "Don't play with that Kitten, it will never make a mouster." Just the same if people are always fussing and interfering with their fowls they will never get good results. Watch their funny little ways at a distance; be polite and retire, if you go to take eggs and find a hen on the nest, and go quietly as if you had not noticed her, so you will appease her doubts and she will neither be injured from a fright whilst laying, which often happens, nor will she leave the nest for another where perhaps you would not find it. Sympathy in the French sense of the word is a fine thing alike in the world and in the poultry yard. It means consulting others' feelings and tastes, and so the fancier should treat his pets.

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## TESTING EGGS.

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While the majority of persons who have good incubators make good hatches, there are some who would make decidedly better ones if they would just post up a little on a few important points which are easily learned by practice of simple and inexpensive experiments.

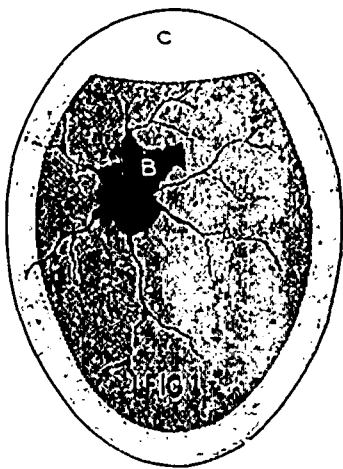
Few persons understand testing eggs properly. Some have a very imperfect tester; some are unable to detect the fertile eggs closely—they cannot distinguish a dead germ from a live one, nor a weak from a strong one.

All eggs should be tested on the fifth or sixth day; at this test all clear or unfertile eggs should be removed.

To become expert in testing eggs during incubation, it is necessary to have a good tester.

By the use of a good egg-tester and the engravings shown here, any person can, with a little practice learn to test eggs rapidly and accurately, the engravings show exactly how the eggs look in the tester.

To become an adept at testing eggs for hatching one has only to use a good tester, his eyes and a little judgment. Break in separate saucers (carefully) one which you suppose to be a good, strong, fertile egg, one which seems to be fertile, but weak, one that is doubtful—that is, one which you cannot decide whether it is fertile or unfertile, and one that seems decidedly unfertile. Break one at a time, and examine it carefully, making note of it. This should be done on the fifth day, or at the first test.



A strong, fertile egg will, on the fifth day, (temperature having been kept at 102°, or 104°) show a dark spot which

will float and show veins running from it, looking somewhat like a spider; a weaker one will show a spot but is cloudy looking and muddled. The above are supposed to be fertile. Those which look clear are *unfertile*. Do not mistake the yolk for the germ or chick. All unfertile eggs are not perfectly clear. By breaking a few tested eggs and studying their contents, carrying in your mind's eye (so to speak) the appearance presented through the shell prior to the breaking; having broken an egg, any of the strong fertile ones, select another from the unbroken eggs, and see how it compares with the former. Then having opened a fertile but weak egg select another from the unbroken ones and see how well you can match the germ before you. Then break a few apparently clear and unfertile ones, and you will be surprised to find some fertile eggs among them if your tester is inferior, or you are careless. You will also be surprised to find how easy it is to train the eye to detect and classify minute things by a little systematic practice.

There is decided economy in this egg-breaking business, for it will save eggs and chicks in the end.

Do not blame the sitting hen or the incubator, unless you know that your eggs are *fresh as well as fertile*. I would not have eggs for hatching that are over eight days old at any price—I would not use them if given to me. I prefer them not over five days old, and would like them still better at or under two days old.

It is not hard to remember that *fresh eggs from healthy hens, fertilized by vigorous cocks, MUST be used* if we are to hatch a large percentage of strong, healthy chickens.

FIG. 1. Shows a strong fertile egg as seen in the tester on the fifth or sixth day. B, the dark spot, is the live germ, AA are the blood vessels extending out from it. This Germ B, is seen by placing the egg against the aperture of the tester, and revolving it between the thumb and finger until the side on which the germ has formed comes nearest the eye. The spot B, will be seen plainly, often surrounded by a small cloud, as shown, the germ at this time is quite lively, and can be seen to move up and down. This is a strong, fertile egg, and should hatch under a good hen or in a good incubator. In a well fertilized egg the blood vessels should show plainly, but the germ is not always seen as plainly, varying with the color and thickness of the shell and the power

of the tester used. C, shows about the average air bulb in an egg on the fifth or sixth day of incubation, though it may vary according to the freshness of the egg, and some eggs have larger air bulbs than others.

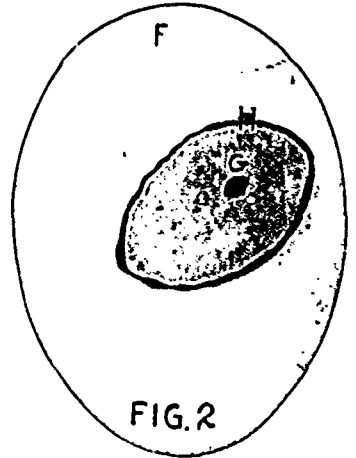


FIG. 2. Shows a weak or imperfectly fertilized egg as seen in the tester on the fifth or sixth day. H is an oblong or circular blood vessel which has started, but nothing more, there is no heart, nor any part of a chick started. This egg will not hatch, but will decay if left in the hatcher. G shows a small dark spot, a weak germ, without blood vessels, only partially fertilized, it has died, after a start, and of course will not hatch. Both H and G may sometimes be seen in the same egg. It will not hatch. F, the air bulb, may be seen in the same egg. The egg may be comparatively fresh, and yet show both H and G. See following notes which explain why such eggs are found.

[To be continued]

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### AMERICAN POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

At the annual meeting of the above association held at Kansas City last month the following officers were elected—President, James Forsyth, Owego, N. Y.; Vice President M. L. Andrews, Sedalia, Mo.; Secretary, Theodore Hewes, Trenton, Mo.; Executive Committee F. B. Glover, Kansas City, Adam Thompson, Amity, Mo.; Mrs. E. A. Creel, Carrollton, Mo. Among those elected to membership were: Mrs. R. A. Jacob, Decatur, Ill.; Mrs. E. A. Creel, Carrollton, Mo.; Mrs. Nannie Todd, Richards, Mo.; Mrs. Alice Mason, Grant City, Mich. Secretary Hewes is well known up here and his British Columbia friends extend congratulations.

## ANOTHER VIEW.

## H. H. Collier, as a Poultry Judge.

There are some very narrow minded men connected with the poultry industry and evidently one or two of them have found their way into the Pacific Northwest. It seems to wear on their nerves if they see a brother fancier making progress. Their own advance is generally slow and they want everyone else to follow suit. As an illustration of this we noted an article recently in which Mr. H. H. Collier the well known Tacoma fancier and Secretary of the Tacoma Poultry Association was severely censured because he had dared to act as judge at the Washington State Fair. Let us have a look and see just what Mr. Collier's offense was. First he is charged with "not being a poultry judge and not an authority on scoring;" second the statement is made that, "Premiums awarded by an incompetent judge are valueless." In the first place as to Mr. Collier's not being a poultry judge. We wonder how that interesting fact was discovered and upon whose authority it stands. Who has the right to determine who are poultry judges and who are not? Evidently the men who selected the judge thought different and if they were satisfied that was the main thing. We have never seen any claim made by Mr. Collier relative to great ability along this line but we know for a fact that he has bred poultry for the last sixteen years, has made a careful study of poultry literature, was superintendent at the Alabama fair, and since coming to the Northwest has been closely identified with poultry matters, and in all fairness we can not see the slightest reason why he is to be belashed because at the request of a company of fanciers he judges birds at a show. As to scoring, he did not score a single bird; the judging was done by comparison and we presume well done too, despite any disgruntled people to the contrary. As to the statement that "premiums awarded by an incompetent judge are worthless" that of course is all right, but assertion is far from proof in this case, and until it is proved as applied to Mr. Collier it should have no weight with breeders. It is extremely doubtful if Mr. Collier would for a moment claim to equal the leading judges of this country but he may fairly claim the right to enter a show room at the request of the officials and judge by comparison or score card

every bird present and no one has any right to object until they can offer some proof of inefficiency. Even then Mr. Collier could point to the severe criticism that is often made against the awards of even the men with a "national reputation." We have closely watched the different papers Mr. Collier writes for but so far have seen no reference to the matter, he seems to prefer a dignified silence conscious that he is entirely right and quite within the bounds of all recognized poultry etiquette. He may not thank us for thus referring to the matter but it is only fair that poultrymen of the Northwest should see the other side.



## WHAT IS THE MATTER?

## DO YOUR HENS PAY?

EDITOR B. C. FANCIER:—The October number of B. C. FANCIER having been handed to me by my friend Mr. T. A. Duff of this city and having carefully perused its pages I desire in the first place to express my admiration of its excellent typographical appearance, and secondly of the good taste and enterprising spirit of its editor and promoters as manifest by the many good things with which it is brimming.

In answer to the query in October No. "What is the matter?" I feel constrained to say that in the opinion of your humble servant there is nothing the matter with the B. C. FANCIER at any rate, although there is doubtless something wrong with the "malecontent henman" who asserts in all seriousness that "there is no money in hens"—with eggs at forty cents a dozen; the verdict of such men would doubtless be the same if eggs were eighty cents per dozen. There is no sand in such men, they give up at the first obstacle that blocks their path, and their first failure is a complete Waterloo for them; *this* in the opinion of the writer is *what is the matter*.

In reply to the second query—"Do your hens pay?" I desire to say without vainglory that mine generally do, but am not unmindful of days gone by when the apparent multifarious intricacies of poultry breeding at times sorely tried my patience, and on some occasions loss instead of profit accrued at the end of the season, but being a believer in the old phrase "*labor omnia vincit*" and being withal of a somewhat obstinate disposition I have stuck to it for about twelve years with varying success; there have been disappoint-

ments and subsequent gratification, and that which at one time seemed complex and unfathomable is now as clear as day. That poultry raising is a profitable pursuit I am firmly convinced, when properly conducted by a man who puts his heart and I was going to say his soul in the work (the writer has cared for a feathered family of fifteen hundred members and knows whereof he speaks); and on the other hand I am equally certain that a man can lose all the money that he can put in it, unless he is a practical man, and not a mere theorist, and possessed of some originality and perseverance (lots of the latter), and puts the same vim into his work that would be expected in a successful man in commercial or professional pursuits. Poultry raising when conducted on a sufficiently large scale to be termed a *business*, requires unremitting attention. Statutory holidays are practically unknown to the market poultryman, but then if he is of the right stuff he does not mind that; he performs the thousand and one duties incumbent upon him during the hours of daylight and when old Sol retires for the day he secures his feathered wards against midnight marauders, and then seeks the companionship of a brother breeder and "talkshop" all the evening with a vivacity that simply astonishes the laity. The topic never becomes stale or threadbare; with him it is an inexhaustible subject. Such is a practical "dyed in the wool" poultryman. That such devotees make poultry pay is unquestionable, many are doing so today and many more will do so in days to come.

At some future time I may have something further to say on the subject.

Fraternally yours,

T. A. WILLIAMS.

Toronto, Ont.



## CHANGE OF DATE.

The Nanaimo Society have changed their date to Feb. 12-14. Sharp Butterfield the well-known Canadian judge has been secured, and that fact alone will go far toward making the exhibition a success. Last year's record will be another big help. Next month's FANCIER will have full particulars.

At the last exhibition of the New England Light Brahma Club held in Boston, Mass., Mr. G. V. Fletcher the owner of the first prize hen refused many offers made for her, the highest of which was \$150.



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5 "	6.00	11.00	14.00	17.00
6 "	7.00	13.00	16.00	19.00
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The BRITISH COLUMBIAN FANCIER first made its appearance, June, 1894. Since that time but three issues have been printed. This was due to circumstances which no one connected with the paper could control. Difficulties of a most unexpected character arose and a desperate struggle for existence commenced at the very outset. The paper was not started with the expectation that any one was going to get rich, the desire was that Northwest poultrymen might have a clean newsy sheet to represent them; also at the same time convenient means of communication. That this desire on the part of the FANCIER was appreciated is shown by reference to the pages devoted to advertising. Enough of the obstacles have been surmounted to enable us to announce that hereafter the FANCIER will appear regularly on the first of each month. No pains will be spared to make our columns first class in every respect. The list of writers for the coming year is being made up and includes several of America's leading fanciers, who will give our readers the benefit of their long and varied experience. To our many friends who have stood by and assisted in every way possible we extend our hearty thanks and shall bear in mind their kindness. To our other friends who kindly printed obituary notices of the FANCIER and helped on the report that it had gone forever we only say, you

were wrong and made the same mistake even better men have made before.

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Victoria, Nanaimo and Vancouver are all hard at work getting ready for their poultry shows. The fanciers in each place have made up their mind to have an exhibition that will be a credit to all concerned. We have yet to hear of a single instance where anything but the greatest harmony prevails. This applies not only to the various cities but to the three Associations in their relation to each other. The advancement of the poultry industry in our Province seems to be the watchword. And personal feeling, if there be any, is entirely laid aside. The FANCIER enters into the matter in the same spirit and will do all it can to advance the common end. Full reports will be given of each exhibition and in that way fanciers throughout the country will know where we stand as breeders of high class poultry.

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Every fancier in the West should feel a real genuine interest in the great Midcontinental Poultry and Pet Stock Show which is being held as we write this, (Dec. 18-26) in Kansas City, Mo. We are sure it will be a success. From the very first the idea has seemed to "take." It is western in all its workings and will be a big help to the poultry industry in the West. Let her go Zip, Rah, BOOM.

We are informed that an attempt is being made to run the Victoria Show on a sort of co-operative basis. A certain number of fanciers are being asked to put up a guarantee fund to be drawn on in case of a deficit. If there is a surplus it will be divided among them. If this plan is carried out it will be watched with interest.

THE BEST BREED.

BY THE EDITOR.

It is very doubtful if the farmers of British Columbia have been guided in any particular way as to selecting the breed of poultry best adapted to their locality. It has been a matter of chance more than anything else. It is interesting to see what breeds they have hit upon under these conditions. One of the questions in the circular sent out by the Dept. of Agriculture was, "State what in your estimation are the best breeds of poultry in your district?" Three hundred and forty-two answers were received reporting on twelve varieties of standard fowls. Leghorns are an easy first with 140 answers to their credit or 41% of the whole. Plymouth Rocks come second with 119 or 35%. Black Spanish come next with 32, a big drop. From this it can readily be seen that our farmers are not far out of the way for 76% of the birds kept are from two breeds recognized the world over for their superior qualities. Fresh eggs always bring a good price here and if

any variety of fowls can be relied upon to produce them it is Leghorns. Their reputation as egg machines is world wide. Plymouth Rocks have a well proved title namely "general purpose fowls" and when eggs and meat are considered together they are always well to the front. Any farmer who has either one or both of these varieties and gives them proper care and attention is sure of good results. A table is given below which gives the figures for the whole lot. It is worth a little attention.

VARIETY.	UPPER COUNTRY.	LOWER MAINLAND.	VANCOUVER AND OTHER ISLANDS.	TOTAL.
Leghorn.....	20	66	54	140
Plymouth Rock.....	30	60	29	119
Black Spanish.....	12	10	10	32
Brahma.....	7	7	5	14
Wyandotte.....	3	8	2	13
Minorca.....	.....	4	1	5
Langshans.....	.....	3	.....	3
Hamburgs.....	1	2	.....	3
Cochin.....	.....	1	.....	1
Houdan.....	1	.....	.....	1
Dorking.....	1	.....	.....	1
Mexican Game.....	.....	.....	1	1
TOTALS.....	69	164	109	342

On account of unavoidable difficulties, Oregon will not have a poultry show this year. Her fanciers are standing well together and will be heard from later.

As old geese are better layers and mothers than young ones and young geese are always in demand in the market, a poultryman finds it will pay to keep the old ones, as they are prolific for twenty years.

BOOK REVIEW.

Joseph Wallace, Associate Editor of *Poultry Monthly*, and the Ferris Publishing Co. of Albany are responsible for two valuable additions to the current poultry literature of today. The first is, "Barred and White Plymouth Rocks: Their History, Characteristics and Standard Points: How to Mate and Rear them for Exhibition and Commercial Purposes." There is a chapter on Management, Care and Feeding, also one on Diseases and Treatment. The second book treats of Wyandottes, Silver, Golden, Black and White, under the same heads. Typographically the books are all that could be desired. The colored cuts are by Sewell and show the birds true to life. The price is fifty cents each. Another book issued by the same company and written by W. W. Richardson is, "The Rabbit, How to Select and Manage the Rabbit for Pleasure or Profit." This little book is a gem in its line. The information is boiled down and put in such shape as to be quickly understood even by the amateur. Price twenty-five cents.

"The A. B. C. of Poultry Culture" from the pen of J. H. Davis and the *Fanciers' Review* press is a book that will surely commend itself to every thinking breeder as it deals with poultry matters in a plain straightforward manner. It contains several illustrations that add to its general value. Price twenty-five cents.

"All about Broilers," and "Capons and Caponizing" are old enough to have proved their value and need no recommendations. They appeared as the first two of De Puy's Popular Poultry Books and have had a tremendous sale. Price twenty-five cents each.

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Croley's Egg Record is a simple little register in which the fancier or farmer can keep a clear and concise record of the number of eggs laid, number sold, amount received, amount paid for feed and net profit or loss. Price ten cents.

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Any of these books can be sent from the FANCIER Office, Victoria, B. C., on receipt of price and five cents extra to cover duty. If you are interested in any of the subjects treated you cannot afford to be without the books.

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#### FARMERS' ADVOCATE.

The *Farmers' Advocate*, published at London, Ont., and Winnipeg, Man., is undoubtedly the agricultural paper of Canada. Every department is under the management of a specialist thus insuring careful consideration of all subjects treated. Every thing of interest to farmers receives attention. It is published semi-monthly, and each issue contains the cut of some variety of thoroughbred stock, which is alone worth the subscription price. A specialty is made of introducing new varieties of grain and vegetables and of stimulating the improvement of live stock in every way. The day has passed when a farmer can hope to be successful unless he keeps up with the times and to do that he must take, and read the journals which bear particularly on his work. The price of the *Advocate* is one dollar per year, the price of the FANCIER is fifty cents per year. Anyone sending one dollar and twenty-five cents to the FANCIER office, Victoria, will receive the two publications for one year. This is a special offer and should be attended to at once.

#### THE ADVERTISING MAN.



If at the foot  
And want to rise—  
    Advertise!  
If top of heap  
You would keep—  
    Advertise!  
Where'er on earth  
Your dwelling place,  
If you would win  
Successe's race—  
    Advertise!

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The above bit of poetry is not original, I read it in that fine little paper called Printers' Ink. It cost them some money but I get it free by taking it second hand—See!

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Oh! how I wish all the poultry breeders of the Northwest would learn that little rhyme by heart and then act accordingly. I know it is a new thing to have a poultry paper in the Northwest but now that there is one and it has come to stay local breeders should take advantage of it. Don't you see how quick the eastern men get their "ads" in? Three thousand miles has no terrors for them. They know the FANCIER will be read and they want their names to be read at the same time.

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Now let me give you some of my ideas about advertising. Of course you are not obliged to accept them. First, have something worth advertising; and by that I mean let the article be A. 1. in every respect. If it is any kind of live stock let it be just what you represent it. Keep your record clean from the very outset. Never misrepresent for the sake of a few dollars. Second, select the proper medium to advertise in. For instance if you have poultry to sell the FANCIER should be the best paper in the Northwest to

help you sell it simply because it reaches, and is read by people interested in that sort of thing, in British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and California. Third, make your advertisement itself attractive. This is important for some "ads" are not worth anything simply because they are not built right. I can show what I mean best by an illustration.

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Yours,

THE ADVERTISING MAN.

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The subscription list, good-will, &c., of *The Pigeon World* (formerly *The Fancier*), heretofore published at Baltimore, has been purchased by Mr. Jas. E. Warner, who will merge the same with his POULTRY AND PIGEONS, continuing the publication office at New York. While the latter publication gains a firm hold on the Fancy, the subscribers of the *Pigeon World* are fortunate in that they will be supplied with so good a

substitute as POULTRY AND PIGEONS, which is among the best of the publications devoted to the Fancy.



**FRIENDLY WORDS.**

**Chilliwhack Progress.**

We have received the October number of "The British Columbian Fancier," published at Nanaimo, B. C., "A practical poultry journal of to-day," F. W. Teague is the editor and manager, and to him can be ascribed much credit for this very interesting and much needed journal. It is published monthly at the remarkably low subscription price of 50 cents a year. No poultry fancier should be without it.

**American Fancier.**

About the neatest new monthly poultry paper we ever saw, comes from far off British Columbia. It is called the *British Columbian Fancier*. The cover is a model of good taste and the excellent typography and paper it encloses are fine samples of a printer's art. But it does not stop there, for the reading matter is fully up to the mechanical make-up. We congratulate our new contemporary and trust it will meet with the success it deserves. It costs but 50 cents a year, which is remarkably cheap, considering the size and quality of the *British Columbian Fancier*.

**Colorado Poultry Journal.**

The British Columbian Fancier of Nanaimo, B. C., is certainly a credit to the far Northwest, and should be well supported.

**Interstate Poultryman.**

We have received No 3, of the *British Columbian Fancier*, Nanaimo, B. C. It is a very good journal and we hope the fanciers will give it their support.

**MANITOBA POULTRY ASSOCIATION.**

The first Annual Report of the Manitoba Poultry Association has been received. It gives the constitution and by-laws of the Association, the Secretary's report, the financial statement and prize list of the last show. Mr. Rumball, the Secretary, is certainly to be congratulated on the neat and business like appearance of the whole report.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**

**RECEIPTS.**

Balance from last year (membership fees).....	\$32 00
Legislative grant.....	300 00
Membership fees (additional)...	15 00
Entrance fees to Exhibition.....	317 00
Donations.....	403 90
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1067 90</b>

**EXPENDITURE.**

Prizes at last Exhibition.....	\$642 60
Rent and lighting.....	32 60
Advertising, postage and prize list .....	28 70
Salaries .....	84 50
Judge's expenses.....	158 00
Miscellaneous.....	85 35
Discount on note.....	50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1032 25</b>
Balance carried forward.....	35 65
	<b>\$1067 90</b>

Audited and found correct, Oct. 17th, '94. SAMUEL LING. SAMUEL WISE.

**PROGRAMME.**

The following is the programme which this Association proposes to carry out during the ensuing year:

1. The holding of a Winter Show, date for which should be fixed as soon as possible, and thoroughly advertised, so as to enable fanciers at outside points to fit their birds in good time.

2. The holding of a poultry institute or convention one afternoon or evening during the show, at which addresses will be delivered, and subjects relating to the poultry industry discussed, a complete report of which should be embodied in our annual report.

3. That properly classified prize lists be prepared, one suitable to the small country fairs, one to the larger fairs, and one for the Industrial Exhibitions, and that these lists be submitted to the various Fair Boards with requests for their adoption.

4. That men competent to judge poultry be named and these names submitted to the different Fair Boards throughout the country.

5. That monthly meetings of the Association be held in a suitable place for the practice of scoring birds, and the discussion of poultry matters generally.

6. That the importance of the poultry industry be brought before the notice of the Manitoba Central Farmer's Institute with suggestions that wherever possible, lectures be given on this topic.

7. That this Association will be pleased to co-operate with other breeders' Associations for the general good.

I have the honor to be, sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
A. H. RUMBALL, Secretary.



**JUST FOR FUN.**

At the County Fair.—"Among other attractive features of this great fair there will be highly amusing horse, donkey, and pig races. Competition in these three contests open to citizens of the county only."

Man was ever thus.—*Bumpus*: "It's no use! I can't sleep with that dog of Van Smith's barking all night." *Mrs. Bumpus*: "That isn't Van Smith's dog; it's our dog, my dear." *Bumpus*: "Are you sure it is our dog?" *Mrs. Bumpus*: "Yes, I'm positive it is our dog." *Bumpus*: "Well—er—all right—good night."

There are two kinds of dogs: the good kind which belongs to yourself, and the worthless cur that is kept by your neighbor.

A BOY'S ESSAY ON HENS.—Here is a boy's funny essay on hens:—"Hens is curious animals. They don't have no nose, nor no teeth, nor no ears. They swallow their vittles whole, and chew it up in their crops inside of 'em. The outside of hens is generally put into pillers and feather dusters. The inside of hens is sometimes filled up with marbles and shirt buttons and sich. A hen is very much smaller than a good many other animals, but they'll dig up more tomato plants than anything that ain't a hen. Hens is very useful to lay eggs for plum pudding. I like plum pudding. Hens has got wings and can fly when they are scart. I cut my Uncle William's hen's neck off with a hatchet, and it scart her to death. Hens sometimes make very fine spring chickens."

## Answered.

The director of this department has resolved himself into a large interrogation point, and will undertake to answer any questions our readers may choose to ask from time to time. If you are in difficulty along any line, let us know, and we will do our best to help you.

MR. EDITOR:—Please tell me how much it would cost to start the poultry business in B. C. so as to pay?

R. E. C.

Toronto, Ont.

The above question is so broad that to answer it here is almost impossible. Several inquiries of a like nature have been received. We have arranged for four articles as follows: Price of a Poultry Ranch. Price of a Poultry House. Price of Market Poultry and Eggs. Price of Success. They will cover all the ground. The first will appear next month.

MR. EDITOR:—I would be glad if you would tell me how much the duty is on thoroughbred fowls and eggs from the United States.

E. C. W.

Kaslo.

Thoroughbred fowls are entitled to enter free provided they are accompanied with a certificate reading something as follows: I hereby certify that I have this day shipped to John Jones of Kaslo six pure bred White Leghorn fowls per express for breeding purposes only.

John Smith,

Shipper.

Eggs will be subject to the regular duty of five cents per dozen. You must be careful about the certificate or it will make you a lot of bother.

MR. EDITOR:—As editor of a public poultry journal I would like you to write me a letter on Incubators.

I. S. C.

Victoria.

Oh! what a temptation!! A request to write a letter on Incubators. Surely the field presented is large enough to satisfy any one. But I refrain, for I remember having read, "That fools rush in where angels fear to tread" and I have no desire to earn for myself any great and exalted position by informing a long waiting public "what Incubator is best and Why." Write our advertisers, they will tell you all about it.

## TACOMA LETTER.

In my last I said something in regard to running an incubator, and promised a letter on broilers. It is now time to begin to set your machines for the early spring broilers, as they will pay better during the months of February, March and April than at any other time during the year.

When the little fellows hatch they should be left in the incubator until they are quite dry and then removed carefully to the brooder, care being taken that they do not get chilled in the transit. Have the brooder heated to ninety degrees—no account have it too hot. The proper temperature at which to maintain it is as near ninety degrees as possible.

Before putting the chicks in the brooder spread over the floor a layer of bran to the depth of about an inch. This is nice for them to pick in for the first few days. Clean it out about the third or fourth day and replace it with finely cut hay—clover is best.

Do not attempt to feed until the chicks are twenty-four or even thirty-six hours old, then for their first feed give them bread crumbs mixed with a hard boiled egg—one egg to every dozen chicks. Place grit and fresh water before them and keep them supplied from the very first. If you have milk, either sweet or sour, they relish it immensely, and it is most excellent for them. Have the drinking vessel of such a form that they cannot get any more than their bills into it. They should never be allowed to get their feet wet.

The diet of bread and eggs should be kept up for a week, feeding every two hours, and then a little green food and finely chopped lean beef should be added to the bill of fare. These two latter items should not be fed too liberally for the first few days as they are apt to cause diarrhoea—which is one of the most common diseases with which chicks have to contend.

After they are a week old their diet should consist of boiled vegetables, mashed and mixed with corn meal, every two hours during the forenoon, and cracked corn, wheat and steel cut oats after noon. Young chicks should never have anything soft after noon, but they should have grains and green food, such as chopped lettuce, cabbage, clover, etc.

When they are three weeks old they can be fed whole wheat and for a change boiled whole wheat makes a splendid

morning ration. Feed it warm and add enough bran and corn meal to absorb all the moisture.

Feed every two hours all they will eat up clean until they are three weeks old and then four times a day will be often enough.

At three weeks the temperature of the brooder should begin to be gradually decreased until the chicks are removed at six weeks.

The brooder should be kept scrupulously clean as nothing is more detrimental than foul odors to the health of the chicks. A good way is to have two pieces of oil cloth just the size of the brooder and when one is taken out to be cleaned and dried the other can be put in. This saves both time and trouble.

Our Poultry Show is now booming and we expect to have the largest show of the season. We will get out our Catalogue December 25th and if any of our friends will send us their advertisements we will appreciate it. Our rates are \$5.00 per page, \$3.00 per half page and \$1.75 per quarter page.

So many shows being held on the Coast this winter should cause a decided boom in everything in the poultry line. First we have the great San Francisco Show, Jan. 2nd to 9th, then Tacoma January 15th to 19th, Seattle 14th to 19th, Vancouver January 21st to 26th, to be followed by Nanaimo and Victoria. Mr. H. S. Ball, of Shrewsbury, Mass., a Judge of national reputation will place the ribbons for San Francisco, Tacoma and Vancouver and the chances are even that he will be at Victoria and Nanaimo.

Yours truly,

HARRY H. COLLIER,

Sec'y Tacoma Poultry Ass'n.



## EXHIBITION DATES.

Season 1894-5.

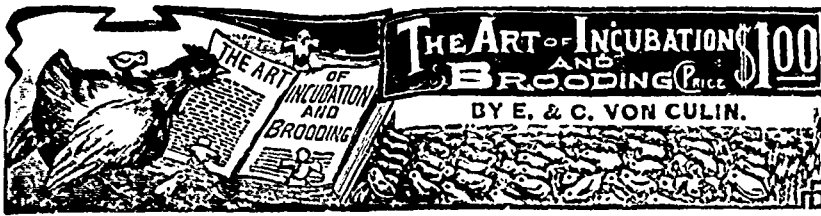
PACIFIC COAST.

Nanaimo, B. C.—Second Annual Show Nanaimo Poultry Society, Feb. 12-14th, Nanaimo, B. C.

Vancouver, B. C.—First Annual Show Vancouver Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Jan. 23-26th, C. Spice, Secretary.

Tacoma, Wash.—First Annual Show Tacoma Poultry Association, Jan. 15-19, H. H. Collier, Secretary, Tacoma, Wash.

Victoria, B. C.—Seventh Annual Show British Columbia Poultry, Dog and Pet Stock Association, January 1895, W. S. Chambers, Secretary, Victoria, B. C.



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**TACOMA SHOW.**

**First Annual.**

**Four hundred Birds on Exhibition.**

The first annual show of the Tacoma Poultry Association was held in that city Jan. 15-19. The various officials had worked hard to make the affair a success and they were well rewarded for their effort. All standard varieties were represented, some of the specimens being of high merit. The show room 918 Pacific Avenue was easily accessible and many of Tacoma's "four hundred" were in attendance. It is needless to say that all poultry fanciers were on hand.

Among the principal exhibitors were H. A. Dur, Tacoma, Barred and Buff Plymouth Rocks; Thos. Robinson, Light Brahmas; G. M. Calligan, Everett, Barred Plymouth Rocks, Brown and White Leghorns; A. Hale, McMillan, Black Langshans; S. Holbrook, Black Minorcas; Mrs. Dur, Pekin Ducks; T. Cushing, Spokane, Bronze Turkeys; E. W. Sanderson, of San Jose, Cal., showed a trio of Buff Leghorns which were much admired by all present. The cockerel, which has extra good blood behind him, was a special favorite and deserved all the attention he received. Mr. Sanderson is to be commended for his interest in poultry matters in this section and it will be surprising if he does not profit by it. Mr. T. Robinson of Tacoma showed a nice string of Lt. Brahmas, 20 in number. He also had an English Buff Cochin, "Lord Idylwyld" which was for "exhibition only." This bird from an English stand point was only a fair specimen; the feathering not being heavy enough. The general color although uniform was too light, the wings

and tail being both deficient in this respect. Messrs M. J. and F. S. Meeker of Puyallup made a fine display of pigeons, all Homers from long distance stock. Mr. W. E. Coates of Puyallup showed two pair of nice Tumblers.

The Association premiums consisted of diplomas and were awarded as follows.—

*Barred Plymouth Rock, Cock.*

1. A. G. Wooster
2. H. H. Collier.
3. J. E. Bounell.
4. G. M. Calligan.
5. H. A. Dur.

*Cockerel.*

1. H. Drum.
2. R. Haddow.
3. G. M. Calligan.
4. W. H. Vesey.
5. H. A. Dur.

*Hen.*

1. H. H. Collier.
2. A. G. Wooster.
3. H. H. Collier.
4. H. A. Dur.
5. H. A. Dur.

*Pullet.*

1. G. M. Calligan.
2. " "
3. " "
4. " "
5. A. G. Wooster.

*White Plymouth Rock, Pullet, 1st, A. D. Hale; Hen, 1st, A. D. Hale.*

*Buff Plymouth Rock, Cockerels, 1st, H. H. Collier, 2nd, H. A. Dur, 3rd, H. Drum; Pullets, 1st, H. Drum, 2nd, H. Drum, 3rd, H. H. Collier, 4th, H. A. Dur.*

*Silver Wyandottes, Cockerels, 1st, F. J. Hunt, 2nd, F. S. Bull, 3rd, W. W. Sprague, 4th, W. M. Shepherd; Pullets, 1st, W. M. Shepherd, 2nd, F. S. Bull, 3rd, F. J. Hunt, 4th, W. M. Shepherd, 5th, F. J. Hunt; Hens, 1st, F. S. Bull.*

*White Wyandottes, Cockerels, 1st, L. J. Jones, 2nd, J. K. Roath, Pullets, 1st, J. K. Roath.*

*Buff Wyandottes, H. A. Dur.*

*Light Brahma, Cocks, 1st, T. Robinson, 2nd, T. Robinson, 3rd, J. T. Black-*

*burne, Hens, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, T. Robinson, Cockerels, 1st, T. Robinson, 2nd, J. R. Boyd, 3rd, T. Robinson, 4th, J. R. Boyd; Pullets, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, J. R. Boyd, 4th, 5th, T. Robinson.*

*Buff Cochin, Cocks, 1st, T. Robinson, 2nd, Mrs. T. Burke; Cockerel, 1st, R. Haddow.*

*Buff Brahma, Cockerel, 1st, H. A. Dur; Hen, H. A. Dur.*

*Dark Brahma, 1st, F. A. Rowsell.*

*Black Langshan, Hen, 1st, Hunt Bros. Greenwood, Ill., 2nd, A. D. Hale; Pullet, 1st, A. D. Hale.*

*Buff Leghorns, Cock, 1st, E. W. Sanderson, San Jose, Cal.; Hen, 1st, E. W. Sanderson; Pullet, E. W. Sanderson.*

*Black Spanish, Cock, 1st, H. A. Dur; Hens, 1st, 2nd, H. A. Dur; Cockerels, 1st, S. M. Gross, 2nd, Mrs. J. M. Barry, 3rd, S. M. Gross, 4th, S. M. Gross, 5th, S. M. Gross; Pullets, 1st and 2nd, Mrs. J. M. Barry.*

*Black Minorca, Cockerel, 1st, Beckley; Hens, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, Beckley; Pullets, 1st, A. D. Hale, 2nd, A. Lister, 3rd, Geo. Flekter, 4th, A. D. Hale, 5th, S. Holdbrook.*

*Andalusians, Cockerel, 1st, L. J. Jones; Hen, 1st, L. J. Jones; Pullet, 1st, L. J. Jones.*

*Golden Polish, Cockerel, 1st, H. A. Dur; Pullet, 1st and 2nd, H. A. Dur; Black Polish, Pullet, 1st, H. A. Dur.*

*S. S. Hamburgs, Cock, 1st, J. W. Kenney; Cockerel, 1st, E. M. Brochaster.*

*Golden S. Hamburgs, Pullets, 1st, T. Robinson, 2nd, T. Robinson.*

*Red Caps, 1st and 2nd, L. J. Jones.*

*Indian Game, Cock, Hen and Pullet, Kain & Cunningham.*

*Black Red Bantam, Cockerels, 1st, F. E. Murray, 2nd, F. E. Murray, 3rd, Geo. Tinto; Pullets, 1st, A. G. Wooster, 2nd, Geo. Tinto, 3rd, 4th and 5th, F. Murray.*

**SEATTLE SHOW.****A Fine Display.**

Rialto Hall, Seattle, presented a fine appearance at the First Annual Show of the Puget Sound Poultry Club, Jan. 14-19. Thoroughbred fowls of every class posed proudly in their new coops waiting their turn to go to the judge. The only and original American Eagle was also on deck and of course won "hands down." Mr. S. Tyler of Pasadena, Cal., scored the birds using the decimal card which gave universal satisfaction. These are the leading prize winners:

**Specials.**

Best display for breeders outside of state, gold medal, Puget Sound Poultry Club, E. Hodgson, of Nanaimo. As this was merely a display, no points are given.

Best incubator, silver cup, Puget Sound Poultry club, Queen City Co.

Best pen, any class, bone mill, Webster & Hannum, Joel Docking, 186½.

Best female, gold medal, Puget Sound Poultry Club, Joel Docking, S. S. Hamburg, 94.

Best display by lady exhibitor, palm plant, Woodland Floral Co., basket of flowers, J. & W. Hopkins, Mrs. E. Kabellea, Brown Leghorns.

**American Class.**

Best pen, silver cup, Puget Sound Poultry Club, J. H. Broulette, S. L. Wyandotte, 183¾.

Best Pen, C. W. Bloxham, 93½.

Best pullet, J. H. Broulette, Wyandotte, 92½.

Best Wyandotte pullet, J. H. Broulette, 92½.

Best Plymouth Rock pullet, A. F. Bigford, 92.

Best barred Plymouth Rock pullet, A. F. Bigford, 92.

Best White Plymouth Rock pullet, G. W. Bloxham.

Best barred Plymouth Rock cockerel, W. J. Alexander, 91.

Best Wyandotte cockerel, J. H. Broulette, 92.

Best male in class, J. H. Broulette, 92.

**Asiatic Class.**

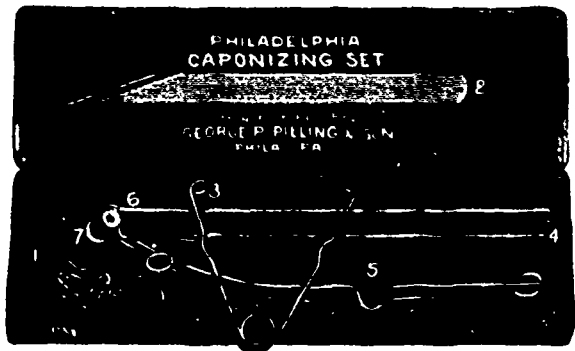
Best pen, silver cup, Puget Sound Poultry Club, M. S. Stewart.

Light Brahma pullet, Mrs. Hubbard.

Langshan pullet, A. W. Knighton, 92.

Langshan cockerel, A. W. Knighton, 93.

Light Brahma cockerel, Mrs. Hubbard.



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have arranged with Geo. Pilling & Son of Philadelphia to supply us with their caponizing sets. Send \$3 to the FANCIER office and you will receive one, also their book, "Complete Guide to Caponizing," which contains full directions.

Buff Cochon pullet, Dr. M. Stewart, 92.  
Partridge Cochon cockerel, Mrs. Craven, 92.

Best male in class, A. W. Knighton, 93.

Best male in class, Dr. M. Stewart.

**Mediterranean Class.**

Best pen, silver cup, Puget Sound Poultry Club, H. Platt, 185½.

White-faced black Spanish cockerel, W. J. Alexander, 90.

Hen, H. Platt, 93½.

Pullet, Joel Docking, 93½.

Leghorn pullet, Joel Docking, 92½.

Brown Leghorn: Hen, first prize, Joel Docking, 93½; pullet, Joel Docking, 92.

R. C. Brown Leghorn cockerel, J. H. Broulette, 90½.

S. C. White Leghorn cockerel, E. McAlpine, 91.

Black Minorca cockerel, M. Cooper, 91.

Buff Leghorn, male, F. T. Palmer, 92.

W. F. B. Spanish pullet, W. J. Alexander, 92.

S. C. Brown Leghorn cockerel, J. A. Kirby, 91½.

**French Class.**

Best pen, silver cup, J. A. Kirby, 183¾.

Hen, J. A. Kirby, 92.

Pullet, J. A. Kirby, 93½.

Male, J. A. Kirby, 91.

**Polish Class.**

Best pen, silver cup, Thomas Moore, 183½.

Hen, Thomas Moore, 91½

Pullet, Thomas Moore, 93.

**Hamburg Class.**

Best pen, silver cup, Joel Docking, 186½.

Hen, Joel Docking, 93.

Pullet, Joel Docking, 94.

**Game Class.**

Best pen, silver cup, O. H. Smith.

Hen, C. Campbell.

Pullet, Edwin Auld.

Male, O. H. Smith.

Cockerel, C. Campbell.

**Bantam Class.**

Best Pen, Joel Docking, 93.

Male, Joel Docking, 94.

Pullet, E. Hodgson, Nanaimo, 92.

**Ducks.**

Best display, silver cup, Thomas Moore.

Duck, Pekin, Thomas Moore.

Drake, Pekin, Toulouse gander, Thomas Moore.

Drake, Pekin, Thomas Moore.

**Pigeons.**

Best display, silver cup, F. S. Meeker.

Male, F. S. Meeker.

**Turkeys.**

Best display, T. P. Dutton.

**Geese.**

Best male, W. J. Alexander.

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**OKANAGAN AND SPALLUMCHEEN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

The Okanagan and Spallumcheen agricultural Society held their 4th annual exhibition at Vernon on October 9-10-11, 1894. The poultry department was a most attractive feature. The entries were numerous and of a very superior quality.

Among the most worthy of mention are 1st pair Turkeys, 1st pair Geese (Toulouse), 1st pair Light Brahmas, 1st pair Buff Cochins, 1st pen Indian Game and Pair Silver Duck-wing Game Bantams all of which were fine standard bred fowls and some of them were par excellence.

The *Vernon News* in speaking of the exhibition says,—“The poultry show was the best of the series, many of the varieties being well represented, and some of the fowls were of a description to delight the heart of a bird fancier.”

The prizes were small owing to the large expense the Society underwent with their new exhibition grounds and commodious buildings. The judging was performed (very satisfactory) by Mr. Middleton of the Aberdeen Ranch, who was formerly manager of Lord Aberdeen's farm in Scotland, and Mr. Driscoll, Vernon.

**PRIZE LIST.**

- Class 1. Pair Turkeys (Bronze or Black), 1st Thos. Ellis, Pent-icton, 2nd Price Ellison, Ver-non.
- Class 3. Pair Geese (Gray), 1st G. G. Henderson, Vernon, 2nd A. L. Fortune, Enderby.
- Class 4. Pair Geese (White China) 1st L. Girouard, Vernon.
- Class 5. Pair Ducks (Pekin), 1st E. R. Birnie, Vernon, 2nd L. Giro-nard.
- Class 7. Pair Light Brahmas, 1st E. R. Birnie, 2nd Capt. W. E. May, Vernon.
- Class 8. Pair Buff Cochins, 1st E. R. Birnie.
- Class 18. Pair Black Minorcas, 1st W. E. May, 2nd T. N. Hayes, Armstrong.

- Class 28. Pair Cornish Indian Games, 1st G. G. Henderson.
- Class 32. Pair Bantams (Silver Duck-wing Game), E. R. Birnie.  
CHICKENS OF '94.
- Class 35. Pair L. Brahmas, 1st E. R. Birnie.
- Class 39. Pair B. Langshaus, 1st E. R. Birnie.
- Class 42. Pair Silver Wyandottes, 1st E. R. Birnie.
- Class 46. Pair Black Minorcas, 1st W. E. May.
- Class 48. Pair B. C. Brown Leghorns, 1st E. R. Birnie.
- Class 49. Pair B. C. White Leghorns, 1st E. R. Birnie.
- Class 51. Pair R. C. White Leghorns, 1st E. R. Birnie.
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- Class 55. Pair Black Sumatra Game, 1st G. G. Henderson.
- Class 56. Pair Cornish Indian Game, 1st G. G. Henderson.
- Class 59. Pair P. G. Dorkings, 1st E. R. Birnie.
- Class 60. Pair Bantams (B. B. R. Game) 1st E. R. Birnie.

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**First one next Month,**

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**What is in store for Fancier Readers.**

**March:**

Price of a Poultry Ranch,  
 Mr. A. B. FRASER, Victoria.

**April:**

Price of a Poultry House,  
 Mr. C. W. RILEY, Vancouver.

**May:**

Price of Eggs and Market Poultry.

**June:**

Price of Success.

THE EDITOR.

*Bits of Grit.*

READ the advertisements. They are interesting.

MR. J. E. GARDNER recently sold a number of his fine Leghorns to A. Urquhart of Comox.

NEXT month we shall give our readers a cut of Mrs. Franklane L. Sewell's Belgian Hare Rabbits.

MR. S. Tyler of Pasadena, Cal., who judged at Victoria last year judged at the Seattle Show Jan. 14-19. The decimal score card was used.

THE December number of the *Fanciers' Monthly* has a cut of the poultry house of C. W. Riley, Vancouver. It's a dandy; we have been in it and know and we vote that he be awarded "First Prize."

THAT Kansas City Exhibition must have been a hummer, \$4,000 in cash prizes is a neat little sum for competition. Sharp Butterfield, F. W. Hitchcock and Theo. Hewes were among the judges.

THROUGH the courtesy of C. J. Daniels Canadian Agent of the Van Culin Incubator Co., we are enabled to give our readers an illustrated article on "Testing Eggs." It is well worth the price of the *FANCIER* for a year.

THE illustrated catalogue of the Des Moines Incubator Co. is a very neat little pamphlet. The cuts used being particularly good. There is considerable information of value in the book. Send to Des Moines, In., for it and see for yourself.

A LADY fancier writing from Deunau Island tells us of a certain class of poultry thief of which we had not heard before namely, screech owls. Our country readers will do well to have a sharp lookout for these birds and try a little shot gun practice on them.

MR. E. W. SANDERSON of San Jose, Cal., has a fine stock of Buff Leghorns. He has Joker which was "First" at Worlds Fair and has lately added two hens from Dr. Wiants and four of Mrs. Wheeler's (Geneva, N. Y.) best pullets. Our readers should see his "ad" in another column.

A TOO confiding hen, the property of Mr. Forlong, walked through the open doorway of a shack on Monday. The door was promptly closed and a convulsive clucking noise, succeeded shortly by the appearance of some fresh



feathers thrown outside the door, indicated that chicken would form the principal item of the next bill of fare at that particular shanty - *Steveston Enter prize.*

**EDITOR HARKLER** of the *Fanciers' Monthly* amuses himself in the Dec. number of that excellent paper at the expense of the editor of the *Seattle Poultry Journal*, who got excited because the assertion was made that the *Fanciers' Monthly* had more readers in the Pacific Northwest than any other paper of its class. The joke is a good one and is appreciated even in British Columbia.

**THE** Premium List of the Nebraska State Poultry Association is at hand and to use their own words is "Designed to attract the attention of those breeders who are fearless of competition and who understand the value of a score card." The Association held its 11th annual at Lincoln Jan. 16-19. They pay substantial prizes as will be seen by the following: First prize on pen \$6., second \$4., third \$2., on single birds it is, first prize \$3., second \$2., third \$1.

If one can't go to California and see those feathered beauties that live there the next best thing is to have a picture of them. Mr. J. W. Ferguson of Santa Cruz has remembered the **FANCIER** with a fine photograph of his yards. The whole thing is well arranged and indicates lots of push. The Barred Rocks, Brown Leghorns, Black Minorcas and Pekin ducks are happy there we are sure. Mr. Ferguson is a new man on the Coast, but we could do with lots more just like him.

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### SPECIAL PRIZES.

WRITTEN FOR B. C. FANCIER.

To anyone who exhibits much, or peruses many prize lists, it must occur, that the list of specials often has peculiar features. But in nearly every case a *reason* exists for these seeming peculiarities. Let us enumerate some of them. First there is the special donated by Moses White "for the best Buff Cochin," so stated by Moses because "he always thought the Buff Cochin was a fine hen." That settles special No. 1 very acceptably to all concerned, and Moses who hasn't owned a chicken for years, renews his interest at the show, as he points out to his friends the "proper beauty" that has won his special-prize.

Next comes the special given by Mr.

Browne, an enthusiastic breeder and fancier of Brown Leghorns. "For the best display of Brown Leghorns," he himself competing for same, and either winning or losing it, according to what opposition he meets. Now the trouble begins. If Mr. Browne is beaten, all right he gets the laugh, but if he wins it all *wrong*, for he is charged with having schemed for a prize he knew he felt sure of winning. If he wants to encourage the breed, but is afraid of criticism, and abstains from the contest for the principal special, it falls to his chief rival perhaps, who advertises his victory widely, to the detriment of poor Mr. Browne who not only *gave* the special, but had the birds on hand to *win* it easily, if he were not too thin-skinned to live up to his rights.

Fanciers often arrange these things among themselves on the "back-scratching" principle, by each agreeing to offer a special of a certain value, on the variety named by the other. And Specialty Clubs extend the principle in one way, by generalizing the donor, and limit it in another way, by excluding exhibitors who are not club members. But the basis of *right*, upon which Special No. 2 really rests, may be stated thus—If Mr. Browne chooses to offer a special, say \$10. in gold, for the best display of Brown Leghorns, *open to all*," and competes for it himself, it must be regarded as though Mr. Browne was willing, for several reasons, to wager \$10. *to nothing* that he would have the best display of those birds at that show. That is the *worst* light to which it can be looked upon, and if he wins it, the beaten competitors should have nothing to say, unless they would like to apologize for having competed in a sweepstake to which they didn't contribute.

However, if a man should offer a special on such restricted terms that either he, or any other exhibitor was known to be sure of winning it, it is plainly the Society's duty to decline it in that form, So much for special No. 2.

The third species is the special, donated by a "Friend of the Society," and his name fortunately is Legion, with a capital L. for the Society can't do without him. Special No. 3, is for instance the amount which, *the Prize Committee says*, Mr. Numerous has donated "for the highest scoring Black Langshan cockerel," Mr. Numerous, as a matter of fact, having had, by his own desire, *nothing to do with it* but to furnish the funds. Now, it is the duty of the prize Committee, in justice to all con-

cerned, to allot all such specials in such a way as will place the best awards on the largest classes, according to an estimate of entries which they ought to be capable of making, accurately enough for this purpose. If therefore you find that there is a \$5. special for best Barred Rock, same for best Black Minorca, same for best Andalusian, and nothing for best Wyandotte, look through the prize list for an advertisement of "Andalusians exclusively," smile very guardedly, and say to yourself "That gentleman must be on the Prize Committee of *this here show*." NEMO.

## BARGAIN COLUMN.

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