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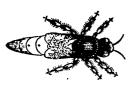
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QUEEN.





WORKER.

FIRST LESSONS IN BEE-KEEPING.

(Continued.)

Having purchased a hive of bees, as we instruct- sting like the workers there is no danger. The contains comb of two kinds, namely, drone and ally stored around the edges of the comb, with a cell here and there filled with pollen; and the large, black, or rather dark brown spot in the centre is the brood chamber, in which the bees are hatched. But what are those long things like an acorn, hanging from the side of the comb? This is the cell from which the "qu'en" or mother bee was hatched.

But I had forgott in that I had told you nothing about the differ int kinds of bees the hive contains. There are three, drones, queen, and workers; but at this season there are only two kinds, queen and workers. We give you above cuts of the different inhabitants of the hive. The drone, or male bee, is not very often seen in the hive in Canada until about the end of May or early part of June. They

ed in our last number, we trust you have also got less of these we can raise the better, and I would a good mov able-frame hive, as without this you advise all young bec-keepers to keep the drone will be unable to see the inside of your hive. This come well cut out. The cells are easily known, being much larger, and can be cut out with a sharp worker; and comb contains honey, pollen, or knife at any time. I would not leave more than bee-bread, and brood eggs. The hon y is gener- about two inches square of drone comb in the hive. I have found that this is planty, but many of our readers may not agree with me on this point,-if not, let us hear from them. Well, to return to our subject: you ask, What good is the drone to the colony? This we answer very shortly: only to fertilize the queen. And we are told by many prominent bee-keepers that having mated with a queen the drone dies at once. As soon as the store of honey seems to be getting scarce, about the end of August of 1st or S. ptember, you may see the workers dragging Kem out by scores, and killing the poor fellows without mercy. It is an amusing sight to see the little worker turning a drone three times her size over and over, till she has got him clear of the hive.

Having thus given you a description of the do no work at hon y-gathering, but seem to have drone, we will pass on to the most important of all, the best of life while it lasts, feeding on the hard-the "queen." The queen, or mother bee, as she is carned stores of the hive, and having a good time sometimes called, is not so casily scen as the drone, generally. You can tell them very easily, as they generally being among the workers, and hard at are nearly three tim s the size of the workers, and work laying. I have found it very difficult at have a very peculiar hum when flying. You can times to find the queen in a black hive, as she is catch them with your fingers by the score on a so shy that you can rarely ever get a good chance warm day at the entrance of the hive; having no to examine her. She is about an inch long, a red-

dish-brown in color, with bands of bright red or yellow round the abdomen, and a most beautifully tapcring, graceful shape. From her the whole hive have their existence. She goes over every cell in the brood chamber, and where there is an empty cell there deposits an egg, from which, in a few weeks, comes a bee. But how does the queen have her existence? some will ask, A worker egg is taken and put into the acorn-shaped cell you saw on the card of comb, and given a good supply of "royal jelley"-which we will describe at same future time. It is then sealed up, and in a few days becomes a quien. She then, after a few days more flies out and meets the drone; comes back to the hive and in eight days begins to lay.' She is provided with a sting but very seldom uses it. except when fighting with another queen or a fertile worker. The Italian queen is far easier to find, as she is not nearly so shy nor so dark in color, being nearly always a bright brownish-yellow, and may be seen by taking out the frame, going on with her work as though nothing unusual had happened. This is a sight that every young bee-keeper ought to see, as it affords many a pleasant hour's study.

We now come to the last, but not least, the " workers." They are all females, and do the work of gathering honey, pollen, &c., and are the smallest of all in the hive, though not the best to handle at all times. She is provided with a sting, which she occasionally uses much to the discomfort of the bcc-keeper, who is thus brought in mind of the proverb: "There is no pleasure that has not its sting." These little workers have to guard the hive from the attacks of enemies, and do all the work. They work very hard while they live, and store up for those who are to come after them : for we are told by many of the men who have spent their lives in studying the habits of the bee, that the worker only lives about six weeks in the honey season. P.H.G.

To be continued.

There is a man named Thomas, I think, in Delaware, U. S., an old bee-keeper, and one who has taken many prizes on honey at our exhibitions; will he not send us something about the bees.

P.H.G.

CRIPPLED BEES.—Crippled and disabled workers are not tolerated in the bee commonwealth. They are at once condemned and ejected by the community, as not only useless, but injurious members, for whom no compassion is felt, and no mercy is in store. Crippled queens are reserved and cherished, though when they become superannuated and unproductive they, too, are discarded.

In winter we enjoy the fruits of the little honey bee's labor during the summer.

Wax and the Honey-Comb.

Comb is made of wax, and when new is very white, and pure wax. The wax is a secretion of the body of the bee, and formed only when the bee is richly provided with food, like fat in the higher order of animals, but with this difference, that while fat grows upon the animals without their knowing it, the production of wax is entirely optional with the bee.

It is fully in the power of the bee to make wax, or not to make any. But if they are put into a new hive without any comb, before they can store away any honey, in order to produce wax the worker-bee takes in considerable more pollen and honey, both of which constitute their food, than is necessary to appease hunger. These materials are thoroughly digested and pass into the blood, from which it is secreted as wax, in the form of thin white scales, between the segments of the abdomen. As soon as the secretion of the wax has commenced, the bees begin at once to use the wax flakes for the construction of comb. This comb-building always begins at the top of the hive in the centre of the clustre of bees. and if it be a frame hive, they will commence at the top-bar, and if they are supplied with guide combs they will usually build the comb straight in the frame.

Now if this swarm of be, s is supplied with readymade comb in frames it will not build any, but only clean out the old comb and repair it, and commence filling it immediately with honey, pollen, and brood. By supplying them with old comb, you assist them very much, and they will fill their hives in a short time.

It takes about twenty pounds of honey to make one pound of wax, and according to this rule wax ought to be worth \$5 a pound when honey is worth 25 cents. But wax only sells for 30 cents a pound. I have sold in five years more than 2,000 pounds of honey, and during the same time butten pounds of wax.

I save all the comb I can and give it back to the bees; if it is white comb I stick it in the boxes. If it is worker brood comb, I fix it in the frames; if it is comb which I cannot use in the boxes or in the frames, I put it in a shallow box and set in the sunshine, and as the sun melts the wax the bees carry it back to the hive, and I have every reason to believe that they use it again for comb-building.

To clean old combs, place them in some vessel that will hold water, laying them flat, one on the other, until the vessel is full, lay on a board and a stone to keep ther1 from floating. Now fill the vessel with water and slacked lime. Let them soak twenty-four hours, then take out one at a time and with a fine broom, brush lightly but thorough-

ly on each side. Next put them into the extractor the pigcons, organized by the Colombophilic Soand throw out the water. Rainse them in clean ciety of Belgium. water, and use the extractor each time. Then stand them up singly in the shade to dry. Two or three days will not be too long to dry them. Then cut out all the drone comb and patch them up with worker comb, and they are ready for the bees.-Farmer's Home Journal.

Eggs of the Bee-Moth.

The eggs of the bee-moth are entirely round and very small, being only about the eighth of a line in diameter. In the oviducts they are ranged together something in the form of a rosary. They are not developed successively like those of the queen bee, but are found fully formed in the ducts, a few days after the moth emerges from her cocoon. The female deposits them in small parcels or clusters on the combs. If any one wishes to witness the discharge of eggs, he need only sieze by the head a female two or three days old, holding it between the finger and thumb. She will instantly protrude her ovipositor, and the eggs may be seen passing along the semi-transparent duct.

That the moth does not deposit her eggs in the pollen of flowers, as some imagine, but on the combs in the hive, is very certain. I have repeatedly found little clusters of eggs on combs which I removed out of hives .- Dr. Donhoff.

Homing Antwerp Stations.

The following gentlemen have kindly offered to receive, properly care for, and liberate as instructed, any Antwerps intrusted to their care :---

St Catharines, Ont.-A. W. Bessey.

Paris, Ont.-J. A. Chase.

Freeman, Ont.-J. Peart.

Strathrov, Ont.-Jas. Fullerton.

This list will appear each month, and we hope to receive the names of all who are interested in this fancy, and can can attend to the duties set forth above.

For the Canadian Poultry Review. Homing Antwerps.

BY J. VAN OPSTAL, 4, LEWIS ST. NEW YORK. (Continued.)

See how the Italian paper, L Esercite, of June the 26th, announced the preparations of this remarkable prize race-remarkable for the reason of the considerable number of pigeons that took part in it, and the enormous distance that the birds had to fly, over regions where the highest mountains of Laurent Delmelle, of Enges ; the same day, at 11:05, Europe are situated :

"Yesterday morning at 5 o'clock, upon the Place of Independence, took place the great tossing of bird owned by Mr. Gubelman, of Spa, &c."

"A tossing of this kind is not without a procedent; but it is the first time that such a considerable number of pigeons took part in such a race.

"Before their departure from Belgium the birds were marked with red ink, between the numbers 1100 and 2167; they were countermarked at Rome with a second number in blue ink, from number 1 to 1116."

After having described how the birds left Brussells with bands of music, and in the midst of an enthusiastic multitude singing the national airs, and after narrating the incidents of the voyage, the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung finishes as follows in the number of the 28th of July :

"The King of Italy, with his retinuc, came to assist, during one hour, the countermarking of the birds. This operation did not last less than ten hours, and the large room where it took place was continually full of spectators.

" As the tossing had to take place at the Place of Independence, twenty express wagons had been engaged to transport the baskets to the designated place. I'wenty men that had been selected to perform the letting loose of the birds, were instructed to open the lids of the baskets at a given command. At 5 o'clock, a. m., precisely, the command resounded; all the lids were opened together. The birds came rushing out with great noise; and in a second they were all in the air. They formed in several groups, and took the direction of the northeast. The Belgian representative, and a number army officers, General Sonnaz included, and a great number of the public assisted at the letting loose. The Society of Aux la Chappelle had taken part in the race with 48 birds. They were liberated on the 23rd of June, at 5 o'clock, a. m., also, and, as previously related, one of the number arrived at his coop on the 2nd of July, at 12:35 p.m., being the first to arrive home of the birds that were set free at Rome. The 2nd of the German pigeons came home to his coop on the 13th of July in the afternoon, and belonged to Mr. Barmen. The first of the Belgian birds came home at 12:40 p. m. It belonged to Mr. Rey, of Underlecht, near Brussels. When the bird was brought to the seat of the society, all the members that were present falicitated Mr. Rey, and all the competitors in this prize race were apprised by telegraph of the arrival of the first bird. Ihe Belgian pigeons that arrived later came in the following order: The 6th of July, at 9:56, a. m.—this pigcon belonged to Mr. a. m., a bird belonging to Mr. Godelsine, of Flcmelle Grandes; the 7th of July, at 9:10, a. m., a

Germany thus won the victory over Belgium, the country and home of the Carrier pigeon.

When the birds were set free at Rome the weather seemed very favorable for their early return. and hopes were entertained that they could make the distance in four or five days. This hope was not realized, as the first pigeon, the German one, only arrived back to his coop ten days atter his liberation. This slowness is attribut d to the dry, north-eastern wind, which during this time had blown with great severity in Belgium. France and Italy.

The Society Columbia, to which the honor fell, if one of the most important societies of Germany. We must also mention with pride the two societies of Berlin, La Fleche et la Berolina, which will measure their strength shortly in a race between B unswick and Berlin, with their young birds. All these societies have annually several races, and in each race the government offers several prizes to be distributed among the winners. The first race with old birds had to take place on the 7th of July (a National Zeitung gives an account of the race in the number of 11th July:

"On Sunday, July the 7th, the 51 pigeons that had to participate in the race, arrived at Magdelburg. They were marked with a special mark, and the hampers in which they were shipped had been closed with lead seals. At 8 o'clock, a. m., in presence of a great number of spectators, the letting loose took place at the depot of Magdelburg. This city is 142 kilometres (106 miles) from Berlin. The weather was very unfavorable ; the air was covered with haziness, and the sun could hardly cut through the clouds. An eastern wind blew sometimes with great violence. As soon as the hampers were opened the birds took their bearings directly for Berlin, without any one keeping behind, and two minutes after their tossing they had all disappeared. At 11 o'clock the first bird arrived at his loft, having taken three hours to make the distance. It was a blue chequer belonging to Mr. Scheer, of Annestrasse. The 2nd bird arrived at 12:06; the 3rd at 12:07, the 4th at 12:10. The three first received gold medals, and the fourth a silver medal."

The second concourse for old birds took place between Hanover and Berlin. This race offered particular interest for the reason that a gold medal of elaborate finish and of great value was offered to the winner by the Emperor. The Nord Deutsche Allgemeene Zeitung gives the following account of the result of the race :

"On the afternoon of Saturday, July 20th, Mr. Wagenfuhr, president of the society, left for Hanover by the 3:50 morning train, taking with him the 20 birds that had to take part in this race. The day after (Sunday), at 8:43, a. m., a telegraph was mended, Rose, J N Dodge, Detroit. Puppies, from

received at the seat of the society, sent from Hanoer, announcing that a heavy fog was hanging over the city since four o'clock in the morning, and that in these conditions the birds could not be liberated. At 11 o'clock another despatch was received saying that the birds were liberated at 8:50, with a southeast wind and very clear weather, and in two minutes time after tossing all the birds were out of sight."

The city of Hanover is 288 kilometres and 800 metres (217 miles) from Berlin. The ground they had to fly over is very uneven, there being forests, rivers, meadows, hill, &c. The gold medal offered by the Emperor was to be given to the owner of the first winning bird, and the four following would win silver and bronze medals, given by the Secretaries of War and Commerce.

To be continued.

For the Review.

Detroit Dog Show.

No fancy on this continent has made more rarid Sunday.) The fly was from Magdelburg. The strides during the last few years than that for sporting dogs. It is only a few years since a fine bred dog was not to be had; and as to his pedigree, it was a thing never asked for. It is quite different now. Let a sporting dog be ever so good, the first thing asked is, What is his pedigree? The American and Canadian sportsmen have been so careless in the past in breeding their dogs that they had become so mongrelized that in thousands of individuals it was impossible to tell what breed they belonged to, but this state of things is rapidly becoming changed. Very fine bred dogs have been imported from England at high prices, and many of our sportsmen are now just as particular as to what they breed to and from as are their English cousins. Any one attending the Detroit show in January, 1875, and again this one, could not help but notice the difference and improvement in the character of the sporting dogs; showing clearly that in dogs, as well as all other domestic animals, " .ood will tell."

> This show was a grand success, both as to numbers, quality of the dogs, and in the attendance of visitors. The sporting dogs were well judged; we are sorry to that we cannot say the same about the non-sporting classes.

The following is the list of awards :

IMPORTED ENGLISH SETTERS.—1st, Druid, owned by Arnold Burges, Hillsdale ; 2nd, Leicester, owned by L H Smith, Strathroy, Ont. Mr Smith's Temple Bar was very highly commended; J J Snellenburg's Thunder, and LF Whitman's Rattler and Sport were highly commended. Bitches. -1st, Queen Mab, Arnold Burges ; 2nd, Clip, L H Very highly commended-Star, Wm B Smith. Wells, Chatham, Ont; Nilsson, A Burges. Highly commended-Lass O'Gowrie, L H Smith. Com-

imported stock —1st, Mark, W B Wells, Jr., Chatham, Ont; very highly commended, Dido, W B Wells; highly commended, Cash, J N Dodge; commended, Brush, T W Jackson, Chatham.

ENGLISH SETTERS--NATIVES - 1st, Royal Ben, T T Sawyer, Jr, Boston; 2nd, Don, A P Fellows, Hudson, Mich. Highly commended, Jack, H W Sampson, Ypsilanti, Mich. Commended, Bruno, J R cooper, Linden, Genesee Co., Mich.; Bruno, Henry W Lord, Detroit. Bitches.--1st, Nell, L F Whitnan, Detroit; 2nd, Katic, Mrs M E Gibson, D arborn, Mich. Very highly commended, Belle, J C. Wyckoff, Hudson, Mich. Commended, B lle, John Thompson, Detroit. Puppies.--1st, Brussels, F G Sheldon, Hudson, Mich.

IMPORTED IRISH SETTERS.—1st, Race, E C Waller, Chicago; 2nd. Elcho, St Louis Kennel Club; very highly commended, Sting, St Louis Kennel Club; highly commended, Don, Toledo Kennel Club; Bitches—1st, Duck, St Louis Kennel Club; 2nd, Rose, Dr Wm Jarvis, Claremont, N H; very highly commended, Nora, A E Sterling, Cleveland; commended, Mag, Marshalltown Kennel Club. Puppics.—1st, —, St. Louis Kennel Club; very highly commended, Conn, A E Sterling, Cleveland; Crenet, I Weighell, Rochester, N. Y.

NATIVE IRISH SETT.RS.—1st, Don, Captain Dick Urer, Houghton, Mich; 2nd, Crouse, S W Griffin, Windsor, Ont; very highly commended, Echo, H C Arnold, Maidstone Cross, Ont. Puppies—1st, Grousc, Robert Sharks, Windsor, Ont.

GOBION SETTERS.—1st, Grouse, Toledo Kennel Club; 2nd, Rupert, Goldsmith Kennel, Toledo; very highly commended, Judge, Toledo Kennel Club; highly commended, Grouse, John Witherspoon, Detroit. Fitches—1st, Floss, Toledo Kennel Club; 2nd, Belle, I Weighel, Rochester, N Y; very highly commended, Nell, E F Mulliken, Howell, Mich; highly commended, —, John Witherspoon, Detroit. Puppies—1st, Bob, Toledo Kennel Club; very highly commended, Gypsey, W C L Gill, London, Ont.

POINTERS.—1st, Bow, St Louis Kennel Club. Bitches —1st, Champion Belle, E M Gillespie, Columbus, Ohio. Dogs under 55 pounds, 1st, Don, L-onard & Atherton, St Paul, Minn; 2nd, Keno, Topeka Kennel Club; highly commended, Convoy, H R Gay, Detroit; commended, Dan, Frank S Springstead, Detroit. Bitches, under 50 pounds—1st, Clytie, St Louis Kennel Club; 2nd, Vic, H R Gay, Detroit; highly commended, Nell, Topeka Kennel Club. Puppies—1st, Lord Dufferin, F Howson, Wirdsor, Ont.; very highly commended, King Charlie, E M Gillespie, Columbus, Ohio.

IR.SH WATER SPANIELS.—Ist, Mike, Big Point Kennel Club, Chatham, Oht; 2nd, Bridget, same owners.

RETRIEVING SPANIELS (other than pure Irish).— 1st, Snyder, T A Howe, Chicago; 2nd, Dick, Anthony Volger, Detroit; very highly commended, Chief Rogers, C E Miller, Detroit.

COCKER SPANIELS.—1st, Gypsy, H. Brown, Hamilton. Ont.; 2nd, Floss, H C Wann, Detroit; highly commended, Floe, T Hewer, Belvedere, Ill.

FIELD SPANIELS (other than Cockers).—Ist, Duke, Col Gzowski, Toronto, Ont; 2nd, Track, J C James, Kingston, Ont; very highly commended, Train, same owner.

FOXHOUNDS (in couples).-Ist, Wellington and Dodge, Detroit; best beagle (bitch), same owner!

Wildfire, T. Hewer, Belvedere, III; 2nd, Nero and Speed, J N Dodge, Detroit.

BEAGLES.—let, Rattler, J N Dodge. Detroit; 2nd, Maud, R M Baker, Detroit; highly commended, Ringold, W D Hayes, Hastings, Mich; Ringlet, same owner; Roxy, J N Dedge.

TERNERS.—1st, young Spot, C J Fox, Delaware, O.; 2nd, Boaster, Herb. rt Brown, Hamilton, Ont; highly commended, Punch, same owner; Gypsy, C J Fox, Delaware, O.

GREYHOUNDS.--Ist, Ariel, H Brown, Hamilton, Ont; 2nd, Rex, T N Jackson, Chatham; commended, Lord Beaconsfield, J Mackay, Detroit.

NEWFOUNDLANDS.-1st, Dandy Jim, B F Ranklyn, Detroit ; 2nd, Neil, Maj Milligan, London, Ont.

SHEPHERD OR COLL E Dogs -2nd, Jack, Harvey Ballentine, Detroit,

BULL TERRIERS.—1st, Beauty, P Helber, Saline, Mich; 2nd, Jack, George W Voorhis, Hamtamek; very highly commended, Minnie, J Weighell, Rochester, N Y.

BLACK-AND-TAN TERRIERS.—1st, Gypsy, W Smith, Detroit; 2nd, Loafer, W Zuse, Detroit.

SCOTCH TERGERS.....Ist, Sandy, Herbert Brown, Hamilton, Ont; 2nd, Jerry, Mrs W Wright, Sandwich, Ont; very high y commended, Rough, R G Gourlay, Detroit; highly commended, Topsy, Miss May Folman, Detroit; Toss, Mrs W Wright, Sandwich, Ont.

Toy TERNIERS.—1st, Pinkie, Mrs C J Johnston, Detroit ; 2nd, Daisy, John H Williamson, Detroit ; very highly commended, Tiny, Miss Lizzy Horn, Detroit

Pugs.-1st, Gyp, Wm Stewart, Detroit.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Silver medals—Jack, R C Allen, Detroit ; English harrier puppies Thomas Thorley, Detroit ; Mark, James Owens, Detroit.

TRICK Dogs .- 1st, Dick, Anthony Vogel, Detroit.

SPECIAL PRZES-Best kennel of setters, L H Smith, Strathroy ; best setter stud dog, same owner, Leicester ; best English setter breeder, same owner, Pearl ; best English setter, with progeny, Rose, J N Dodge, Detroit; best native English setter dog, Royal Ben, T T Sawyer, Jr., Boston; best native English setter breeder, Nell, L F Whitman, Detroit; best native setter, female, same owner ; best English setter that has never won a first prize, Druid, Arnold Burgess, Hillsdale; best brace of English setters, Druid and Queen Mab, same owner; best Irish setter breeder, Nero, A E Starling, Cleveland; best Irish setter puppy, Conn, same owner; best Gordon setter, Grouse, Toledo Kennel Club; best Gordon setter (bitch), Floss, same owners; best pointer stud dog, Jim, F Howson, Windsor, Ont.; best pointer breeder, Fan, same owner; best brace of pointers, Champion Belle and Champion Fan, E M Gillespie, Columbus, Ohio; best brace of pointer puppies, Lord and Lady Dufferin, F How-son, Windsor, Ont., best brace of pointer puppies under six months, Lorn and Louis, same owner; best collection of pointers, E M Gillespie, Columbus, Ohio; best Irish water spaniel, Mike, Big own rs ; b st cocker, Floss, H C Wann, Detroit; best foxhound, Speed, J N Dodge, Detroit; best harrier dog, Dan, same owner; best brace of bea. gles, same owner; best beagle puppy, R M Bake; Detroit; best beagle under 111 inches high, J N

best English greyhound, Rex, T W Jackkon, Chat-inform himself of the habits of the birds he purham ; best St Rernard or Newfoundland dog, Nig, I I Grafton, Ionia; best Scotch terrier puppy, Deacon, Mis. R Wright, Sandwich; best toy terrier, Jessie, Mrs J H Worcester, Detroit, best brace of beagles, J N Dodge, Detroit.

Adaptability of the Various Breeds to Different Places and Conditions.

Editor Canadian Poultry Reciew.

DEAR SIR:

Permit me to offer a few r marks upon the adaptability of the various breeds of domestic fowls to different places and conditions, from the standpoint of general utility.

It is amusing, and confusing also, to a person who is searching for information on this point, to note the conflicting opinions expressed by corres pondents in poultry papers, as to that variety which excells in general usefuluess.

In a bundle composed of old and new journals before me, I am informed that nearly every variety is that happy combination of useful qualities, and am just as emphatically assured that each is totally wanting in them.

Now, sir, I am not willing to conclude or state that the majority of these writers were not conscientious, or that they were actuated by any selfish motive in writing disparagingly of some of our most beautiful and useful birds, but that some of them were mistaken is evident. They were dis appointed, doubtless, in some variety; yet is it that that variety is comparatively useless, or that they did not suit the conditions under which they were kept, which was the cause of the disappointment. The testimony of hundreds of breeders af ford incontestible cyldence that the latter must be the case.

As an example, let us suppose that a gentleman of Toronto, altogether ignorant of farming, is advised by his friends, who are no less ignorant than himself on this subject, to buy oxen with which to till an improved farm that he has bought. Now, if he follow the advice of his friends, he will not be long in finding out his mistake, and that horses were what he needed; and from the annoyance and delay, and expense to which he has been subjected, would it be any wonder if he jumped to the conclusion that oxen were only fit for the butcher and nothing else. Yet let him take his horses upon an unimproved farm in the backwoods to log with and he will soon discover that he has made another mistake.

kinds are not equally suitable to the same situa-more active varieties, with this difference, they ations and conditions, and this is, in my opinion, must be allowed to do it in winter when eggs are a matt r which needs most careful consideration 25c., instead of 8 and 10c. For this reason they in the commencement. Let a beginner carefully must be provided with good, warm winter quarters;

poses to keep, and consider whether they are suitable to the place and the conditions under which he means to place them. If not, he had better look for some kind that is, for in most cases it is casier to get a bird to suit the place than to make the place to suit the bird.

Poultry might by divided into classes according to the activity of their nature, and those kinds that are so tremendously active most undoubtedly require at least part of that activity to bring them to perfection, and maintain it after it has been developed.

For the same reason the red man of the prairies has never submitted to slavery, but pined away and died under that system which denied to him the free and full use of his limbs, while the negro has grown fat under it.

Therefore, to those who have unlimited range for their birds, and who wish them to pick up their own living, or a part of it, from an area of many acres, and take care of themselves at the same time, I would say, invest in any of the wide-awake kinds, Games or Leghorns, &c., but if you have previously been led to admire the magnificent proportions, and peaceful and quiet disposition of the Brahma or Cochin, and have invested in them and find they do not suit you, do not leap to the conclusion that they will suit no place or person.

On the other hand, where the range is limited to a small garden or yard—even a gaol yard—is it not reasonable that the fowl whose natural habits most nearly correspond to these conditions is best adapted to them. Now we see a place for "the great. lazy, gawky Asiatics," as a writer is pleased to call them. Another writer says that " they must be lifted upon their perch, and not unfrequently fall off'-only another proof that they are unable to fly over their fence into your neighbor's garden or fields. But here again nature has not been attended to. If they did not desire to sit up on a pole by the roof of the pen, why in the name of common sense try to compel them to. I cannot understand why they would not be as well sitting on the floor. We find that our observing brother of Waterloo has also noticed this trait of character in them, and instead of setting about to revolutionize the laws of nature, quietly permits them to do as nature prompts.

Another distinctive feature in the character of Asiatics worthy of the most careful attention of those who purpose investing in them, is their tendency to sit. Yet by fair comparison they are Therefore we may safely conclude that all the found to lay about as many eggs as many of the

and unless so provided for will continue to convince fanciers and others of their worthlessness. As to quality of flesh and their appearance, these are more matters of taste and are arbitrary, admitting of little reasonable discussion.

In conclusion, I hope you and your brother fancier's will excuse my presumption in giving my way of preparing bone-dust for my birds, and in doing so I must assue you it is from no other motive than to give useful information, if information it be, and with the wish to be set right if wrong. I first boil them, together with all r mains of vegetables, in greasy water, till every particle of meat is removed, and also the thin skin next to the bone, or the periosteum. This process, I think, also removes some of the gelatin from the bone. The bone is now burned till perfectly white, and is then easily crushed to powder. Now this white substance is the ash, and contains the inorganic or mineral part of the bone, about 63 per cent. of the whole, being mostly composed of phosphate of lime, and this, I presume, is what is principally serviceable to the fowls. The liquid can be then used in the preparation of their soft food, and will furnish animal and vegetable food.

Hoping I have not trespassed too far upon your valuable space,

> I am yours very truly, GALLINÆ.

For the Review.

Notes fom Waterloo.

No. 5.

MR. EDITOR :--- It must be satisfactory to you, and agreeable to the readers of the Review, to note the increasing interest in its specialtics as each succeeding number brings new correspondents, with varied ideas and experience-not conspicuous by elegance of language, or, perhaps, even by grammatical construction, but in plain and homely style recording the thoughts of earnest, honestthinking fanciers, willing to impart and anxious to receive information, expose fraud, humbug or sham.

In the January number "K" dissects "sharks" with a keen knife; but they a numerous species, and hard to kill. The "tobacco seed" is a thin dodge to gull the credulous and make money, just on a par with the same "shark's' advice to correspondents to cure their sick fowls by purchasing his pills, or stop their feather-cating by buying his "Poultry-Bit;" but the "bit" that is thereby dropped into his pocket is better appreciated by him and doors between the buildings, and brushing than the other "bit" can be by either the unfortunate fowl or its owner. It is somewhat strange maining dry; which proves as much as one trial that so many inquiries can only be answered by can, that if a building is close below it may be

again, friend "K," and down with humbug.

"X Roads," whose letters are always interesting, gives his views on in-breeding; and no matter how contrary to pre-conceived opinions, the principles he advocates of proper selection and breeding in line are those held and practised by the most successful breeders of all live stock.

"Gallinae" writes a good letter, and if he is a new beginner is of the right sort, and must succeed. His ideas of communicating even our disappointments and difficulties are well worth considering. as our mistakes should be lessons to ourselves, and why not to others.

Well, here are some of mine. Last spring, not having sufficient broody hens, I hired and bought what I could from my neighbors. The last clutch of the season came along very well, but when from three to four months old their legs appeared too white in color; still I did not pay much attention to them until after a little they seemed to be stift and clumsy in walking, and on closer examination I found they had sealy legs. The cure was simple : three times rubbing with lard and sulphur brought them all right. The small mites that burrow under the scales and cause the trouble came from the old hen; and never having seen them on such young chicks was the cause of their being neglected so long. The houses were regularly and thoroughly sprinkled at least once a week with diluted carbolic acid, yet that did not prevent it. This proves that we cannot be too careful in taking strange fowls into our yards.

Secondly-When the weather in the beginning of January got so very stormy and cold, I closed the ventilators in the new building, described in the "notes" for October, also the door leading to the one-and-a-half story building adjoining-the only outside door in the new building being permanently closed in winter, and having an inside door, with the space between the two packed with straw-the result was, that having so little ventilation, the moisture from the fowls' breathing condensed on the walls and ceiling, completely coating them with hoar frost; while in the old building, with the lower storey lined with brick, an upper floor of rough bcards, with plenty of openings to the half storey above, where the snow drifts in through the joint, the lower flat is perfectly dry all round; and although it is colder than the new one, the combs of Partridge Cochins in it have never been the least touched with frost, while those of Plymouth Rocks in the new building have been slightly blackened. Since opening the ventilators the frost from the walls and ceiling, they are repuffing some of his own nostrums. Have at them quite open above, and that cold air, if dry, is not

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so injurious as damp, confined air. I might, and He evidently believed in in-breeding, or, in other should, have known this, but the lessons of experience, though sometimes costly, are best remembered.

No doubt all the readers of the REVIEW will be pleased to know that the wishes expressed in friend Butterfield's last letter are likely to be realized-that we now have an amalgamation of the leading poultry societies in the province, and are promised a government grant; so that, with all the fanciers of Ontario united, (a matter long hoped for, but never before consummated) the show at Guelph must be a success; and if all work together with a will, we may have an association and annual exhibition second to none on the continent.

Waterloo, Feb. 1st, 1879.

In-Breeding.

Editor of Review.

In your int resting little work on poultry for January, there is an article on in-breeding, by X Roads, which to me is an exceedingly interesting subject, as it is, no doubt, to other breeders also. I have been endcavoring to make some advances in this very important subject for the last few ycars with various success.

My specialty and favorites being the Whitefaced Black Spanish, which I have kept for the last fifteen years, and still feel disposed to hold on to my old friends, notwithstanding they have been cast aside by so many for new aspirants to favor with the poultry fraternity.

In the first few years of my experience I adopted the universally accepted theory of crossing the flock by the introduction of a male bird from some noted breeder, only to find I had made 3 mistake . my birds turning out inferior to the previous year's breed ng-with white-tipped primaries, red feathers on the back, loss of velvety-white in the face, &c., although none of those blemishes appeared in the parents; evidently showing that in bringing the two new strains of blood together a very rad'cal change had been made, but made the wrong way.

Now all this is very annoying and vexatious, when, after a certain amount of expense and a great deal of labor, you looked for improvement and had deterioration, and had to begin again to endeavor to regain the ground you had lost.

Thus my faith in the theory of "out-crossing" was greatly shaken, as far as my own experience took me; so I thought I would try in-breecing, as my attention had been drawn to an article in an English publication, giving the name of a party who had bred the Malay fowl for thirty years without a single introduction of new blood, and was then the acknowledged champion of that variety. Steele; 3rd, Wright & Butterfield. Chicks, 1st, D

words, keeping pure blood when he had it. I must confess, Mr Editor, that I am beginning to lean that way, and if I succeed for the four year to come as I have in the four years that are past, I shall lumble over altogether. Four years ago I procured a Black Spanish cock from England, and bred him and his sons alternat. ly with my flock since, and I have to-day as fine a lot as I ever possessed. I int nd to continue this course as long as I procure first-class specim ns. Of course the selection must be wise and judicious, and a good deal of judgement exercised in the matter. There is a growing conviction on my mind that the thing can be done to a much greater extent than it is. It would necessitate the forming of three pens at least, and then breeding alternately from each pen. This method is only open to those who have much room, or keep but few varieties. I would be ...lad to see this subject ventilated by those who may have some experience in it, and for the benefit of those interested.

Now, Mr. Editor, I do not know if you will deem this, my first attempt to contribute to your columns, worthy of a place or not; if not, give it a place with the rest of the wasted efforts of aspiring scribblers.

PURE BLOOD.

Montreal, Jany. 33rd, 1879.

Exhibition of Saginaw Valley Poultry Association.

The third annual show of this association was a success; the quality of the stock and the attendance of visitors showed considerable improvement over former years.

The following is the list of awards :

For the choicest and most valuable collection of poultry, entered and owned by one person or firm, \$40 in gold, Wright & Butterfield, Sandwich Ont.; 2nd, \$10 in gold, to Curtis & Clarke, Monroe, Mich.

LIGHT BRAHMAS .-- 1st, W F George, Laporte In. ; 2nd, Wright & Butterfield, Sandwich, Ontario ; 3rd, J M Case, Lansing, Mich. Chicks, 1st, Wright & Butterfield; 2nd, Ashley & Ripley, East Saginaw; 3rd, same. Specials—cock, W F George; hen, same; cockerel, Wright and Butterfield; pullet, Ashley & Ripley.

DARK BRAHMAS .-- 1st, W I Howard, East Saginaw. Chicks, 1st, Curtis & Clarke, Munro, Mich.; 2nd, M T North, Pontiac, Mich.: 3rd, Thos Steele, East Saginaw. Specials-cock, W I Howard ; hen, S G Lapham, Northville ; cockercl, L G Woodman, Grand Rapids; pullet, C Hager, East Saginaw.

PART. IDGE CCCHINS .- 1st, Wright & Butterfield; 2nd, Georg & G Cook, East Saginaw. Chicks, 1st, W S Jones, Gwosso; 2nd, same; 3rd, Scruggs & Mc-Lennan, East Saginaw. Specials-cock, Vright & Butterfield ; hen, same ; cockerel, W S Jones ; pullet, same.

BUFF COCHINS .-- 1st. J G Lapham; 2nd, Thomas

Jon :s, Tecumsch. Mich. ; 2nd, Wright & Butter-Specials-on cock, Wright field ; 3rd, J G Lipham Specials—on cock, Wright & Butterield ; on hen Thos Steele, East Saginaw ; cockerel, Wright & Butterfield ; pullet, same.

BL ex Counss-18', Wright & Bitterfield. 1st on chicks, same. Special on ook, W F George, J K Rose; 3rd, same.

Whit's ('o' is -- 1st on fowly, 1st on chicks, spacial on hen, Special on cockerd, Wright & Butterfield; specia on pullet, Thos Steele.

GAVES. -Black-breasted reds : 1 t, Curtis & Clurke Monro, Mich. 2nd, F McGerery, East Saginaw; 3rd, Cu tis & Clarae; chicks, 1st, W F George; 2nd, Curtic & Clarke; 3rd, same; specials—cock, W F Curtis & Clarke; Ird, same; specials-cock, W F George; hen, Mark Hodgson; cockerel, W F George ; pullet, same Brown-breasted red : 1st on fowls, Curtis & Clarke, 3rd, W F George; sp cials on hen, W F G.org :; pullet, F M G. ry. Yellow Duckwings: 1st, W P G orge ; 2nd, Curtis & Clarke; 3rd, Jos Knaebl , East Saginaw ; chicks, same ; 2nd Curtis & Clarke ; 3rd, same ; spe ials—cuck, W F Georg :; hen, same; cockerel, Joe Knueble; pulles, same. Red Piles : 1st, A Ferguson, East Saginaw ; specials, cock, same ; hen, sam .; pu let, Ed Lawrene ; Eust Saginaw. Blue games : chicks, 3rd J Holson, East Saginaw ; special on pullet, F Mc-Holson, East Saginaw; special on pullet, F Mc-Gery. Silv.r Duckwing : chicks, 1st, H D Stearns, Coe Ridge, Ohio; 3rd, Curtis & Clarke; specials, cocker .1, H D Stearns. Ginger reds : 1st on chicks, Curtis & Clarke. White Piles: 1st on fowle, Curtis & Carke; special on hen, Chas Henning, East Sagi-naw. B'ack gam s: 2nd on chicks, W H Beatty, St Charles. White gunes : 1st and 2nd on fowls, special on cock, special on hen, W F George.

HANBURTS.—Golden spangled, 1st on fowle, special on cock, special on hen, Wright & Butter-field. Silver penciled: 1st, J G Ayles, East Saginaw; 2nd, Wright & Butterfield ; chicks, 1st, same; 2nd, J G Ayles, East Saginaw; sp cials, hen, same; pullet, Wright & Butterfield. Silver spangled: 1st, Wright & Butterfield; 2nd, W B Mershon, Eist Saginaw; chicks, 1st Wright & Butterfield; 2nd, CJ Dingam, Saginaw City; 3rd, same; speci-als; h m. washard, and multi-to Market & States als: hen, cockerel, and pullet, Wright & Butterfield. Golden penciled : 1st on fowls, and 1st on chicks, Wright & Butterfield. Black : 1st on fowls, 1st on chicks, same.

L GHO'NS - White: chicks, 1st, Wright & Butter-field; 2nd, F C Scofield, Leslie, Mich; 3rd, J B Peter, East Saginaw; specials: hen, F C Scofield; cock.rel, Wright & Battrfield; pullet, same. Brown; 1st. CE Heald; Midland, Mich; chicks, 1st, and 2nd, same; 3rd, E St John, Saginaw City; specials: on cockerel, and pullet, CE Heald. Dominique Leghorns : 3rd on chicks, G F Brown, St Charles.

BLACK SPANISH.--2nd on chicks, E H Nichols, Williamston.

PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—3rd on c'licks, Curtis & C'arke ; specials, cock or al, W F George ; pullet, F A Keeler, East Saginaw.

POLI H.-Golden: 2nd, Wm Hutton, East Saginaw; chicks, 1st, JQ Anderson, East Saginaw; 3rd, Whit -crested black : 1st, John Bogu , same. burn. Mich; 3rd, David Tweedy; chicks, C Hager, Curtis & Clarke. Best do., male or female, W F East Seginaw. Bearded white: chicks, 2nd J Q George. Dest pair golden Polish, J Q Anderson.

Anderson. Beard d gold n: 2nd on chicks, and special on pullet, Wm Hutton, East Saginaw.

HOUDANS.—1st, J K Ros, Saginaw City; 2nd, E H Nichols, Williamiston; 3rd, C Sonsmith, East Saginaw ; Chicks, 1st, H A Nye, East Sagmaw ; 2nd,

FRIZZEND .-- 3rd on chicks, C Sonsmith.

BANTAMS .- B B Red : 1st. Curtis & Clarke ; 2nd. same ; chicks, 1st, CS Dutton, East Saginaw ; 2nd, same ; specials, co kerel, W F G org ; pull t, C S Duiton. Yellow Duckwing, 1st, Curtis & Clarke; 2nd, J P Alison, East Saginaw ; chi ks, 1st. Curtis & Clorke ; 2nd, same. Silver Duckwing : Ashley & Ripley were awarded 1st and 2nd on fowl, 1st and 2nd on chicks, specials on cock, hen, and pullet. R.d Pile: 1st on fowl, John Hobson, East Saginaw. Gold n Seabrights ! 1st on fowls and 1st on chicks, Wright & Betterfield,

DUCKS.—Av'esburys: 1st on old, and 1st on young, John Bogue, London, Ont. Rouen: 1st, A Purchase; 2nd, E A Stinson, St Charles; young, 1st, sam: Cayuga : 1st on old, A Purchas . White Muscovy : 1st and 2nd on old, C J D'ngman. Pekin : 1st on young, F Nebmer, Saginaw City.

GEESE - Toulouse: 1st, W S Jones, Owossa. Embden : 1st on old, A Purchase. White China : st on young, same.

Wood Duck: 1st, same. Heaviest duck, C J Dingham.

PIGEONS .- Best collection of fancy pig. ons, C S Dutton, East Saginaw; best pair Carriers, Curtis & Clarke; 2nd best, C S Dutton; best pair Pouters, Curtis & Clarke; 2nd best, C S Dutton; best pair Fantails, C S Dutton ; 2nd hest, Curtis & Carke ; b st pair Trumpeters, best pair Turbits, best pair Tumblers, best pair Mooreheads, best pair Jacobins, C S Dutton : 2nd best, Curtis & Clarke ; best pair Owls best pair Nuns, b st pair Swallows, C S Dutton ; best pair Homing Antwerps, Curtis & Clarks ; 2nd best, C S Dutten ; 2nd best Runts, same ; best pair Magpics, M T North, Pontice.

CITIZENS' PREMIUMS

Best pair of Light Brahmas, Wright & Butter-Best Light Brahmas, male or female, same. Best pair Dark Brahmas, Curtis & Clarke. Best Dark Brahma, male or f. mal., J C Lapham. Best pais Partridge Cochias, W S Jones. B st pair Partridge Cochins, W S Jones, Owosso. Rest Partridge Cochin, mal. or female, same. Best 1 air Buff Cochins, D Jones. B st Buil Cocl in, male or female, Thos Steele. Best pair White Cochins, Wright & Butterfield. Best White Cachin, male or female, same. Best pair Black-breasted red Gumes, W F Georg . Best Black-breast d red Games, wal or f ma'e, same. Best pair Silver Duckwing Games, H D St arns. Best Silver Duck wing, male or female, same Best pair yellow Duckwing Games, W F George. B st yellow Duckwing, male or female, J Kn ble. Best pair red Pile Games, A F rguson. B st r.d Pile, male or female, sume. B st pair G S H amb 1rgs, Wright & Futterfield. B st do, male or fonale, same. Best pair S S Hamburgs, sam . B st do, male or same. Whit-crested black: 1st, John Bogu, Best pair S S Hamburgs, sam. Best do, male or London, Ont; 2nd, W H Stephens, Flint; 3rd, E A Gould, St Charles; chicks, 1st, W H Stephens; Rest do, male or f male, same. Best pair White specials: on cock, and hun, John Bogue. White: L ghorus, same. Best do., male or f male, same. fowls, 1st, David Tweedy, East Saginaw. Silv r fowls, 1st, David Tweedy; 2nd, A Purchase, Au-hurn Mich. 2st, David Tweedy; 2nd, A Purchase, Au-hurn Mich. 2st, David Tweedy; 2nd, M Charles, Charles, Sam. Best do., male or female, sam. Best do., where Mich. 2st, David Tweedy; 2nd, M F

Best do., male or female, Wm Hutton. Best pair silver Polish, D Tweedy. Best do., male or female, Best pair seme. Best pair Houdans, J K Rose. Best do. male or female, same. Best pair black bredsted red game Bantams, C S Dutton. Best do., male or female, came. Best pair silver duckwing game bantams, Ashley & Ripley. Best do., male or female, same. Best pair white-crested black Polish, J Bogue. Best do., male or female, same. Best foulouse goose, W S Jones.

Eor the Review.

Chicago Poultry Exhibition.

This show, which was held from January 17th to 25th, is claimed by those present to be the best ever held in the west. Over one thousand birds were placed on exhibition. The hall was large, so that by putting double rows of coops the whole of the birds were on one floor, except the bantams and pigeons. Three performances each day were given on the second floor by Signor Giovani's trained canaries. The attendance of visitors was good, as the hall is in the centre of the business part of the city, and was no doubt increased by the attraction of a brass band, which played outside during the continuance of the show. The judging was done by B. N. Pierce, of Corning. Iowa, whose awards seemed to give universal satisfaction.

Light Brahmas were, as usual, the largest class, there being about 100 entries of very fine birds. In this class there were nine breeding pens. The prizes were divided between quite 1. number of exhibitors. Some very heavy birds were shown. among them a 13 pound pullet. In Dark Rrahmas the number of entries was not as large, but there were a great many very finely marked birds; there were three breeding pens, and most of the prizes went to them. Black Cochins were a surprise to every person; the number shown was about equal to Light Brahmas, and some extra fine ones were among them, especially the 1st prize cockerel owned by Mr. Taylor, of Chicago, which was a beauty. It seems to be the opinion that the Black Cochin is the coming bird. Mostly all the male birds seemed to be devoid of that amount of fluff and leg feathering which has been bred on the Buffs, but there were hens and pullets here which would rival Buffs in every respect, and we have no doubt we will soon see the fault remedied on the male. Buffs were next to Blacks in number, but in quality were much better. There were' some fine imported birds in this class, besides some first-class ones which were home-bred. Partridges were less in number than Buffs, but we believe so many large and beautifully penciled birds were never put in competition. White Cochins were few in number, hut there were some fine birds among them. In the smaller varieties Plymouth Rocks took the lead, there being nearly 100, and five breeding pens. old reputation for large birds; he also showed ban-

Keefer, of Sterling, Illinois, took front place here, as he does everywhere, taking three first prizes out of the four, three 3rds and ten specials. His principal competitor was Pitkin, of Chicago. Brown Leghorns was also a large, fine class, and in this, as in Plymouth Rocks, Mr. Leefer was very successful, getting all the four first prizes, also six of the other regular and nine special prizes. White Leghorns were less in number than Browns, but equally as fine in quality. Hamburgs were represented by a large number in the different varieties, and made quite a fine display. Black Spanir' was an extra large and fine class, and the prizes went to quite a number of exhibitors. Houdans were represented by four breeding pens, besides a large number of single birds; among them were some of the finest we ever saw. A large number of Games of nearly all the varieties were shown on one side of the hall, and formed quite a show of themselves. Bantams, of all varieties, were a fine display ; these, with over fifty pairs of pigeons, attracted much attention on the second floor. In Polish, white crested black and silver were the only varieties shown, but the birds in each were first-class. A large number of ducks were shown, among them Pekin, Aylesbury, Rouen and Cayuga; also some very fine geese and Bronze Turkeys.

Sandwich, Jany. 30th, 1879. W. & J. B. C.

Northern New York Poultry Show.

Editor Canadian Poultry Review.

Amidst the many poultry shows of the present time, that of the Northern New York Poultry Society, held at Sandy Hill, from January 14th to 17th, was a very successful one. Although some shows may beat it in number of entries and attendance of visitors, I have not yet seen a show that could beat it in the general excellence of many of the classes. The exhibition was held in the old court house, which was completely filled, every available space being occupied, making the aisles too narrow to admit of many visitors at one time.

I unfortunately did not make any notes of individual exhibits, but can give some from memory. W. B. Clark, of Sandy Hill, took 1st and special on Light Brahmas, with birds fit to win at any show. His display of Games, particularly Black Reds, was unusually fine. Many of his birds, I understood, were sold at long prices. Mr. John H. Derby, of the Howland Manufacturing Co., the president, won all the prizes in the French classes, of which he makes a specialty, and first and special on Rouen ducks. Mr. G. D. Millington, of Vermont, showed fine Light Brahmas, Partridge Cochins, and Plymouth Rocks. Mr. VanDerveer was on hand with Bronze turkeys fully up to his

tams and other fowls, winning on everything he sent, as he only arrived at the show at 10, p. m., on Thursday, and left at 7.10 a. m., on Friday. I saw him only for an hour, and was sorry that I did not see more of him. Fleming & Payne, of Ticonderaga, showed the best Brown Leghorns I ever saw. Mr (J. M. Holly, of Glen's Falls, N. Y., show-American Dominiques and Dominique Leghorns, grand birds. Many other local breeders showed excellent fowls I cannot bring to mind now.

Of my visit to Sandy Hill, I need only say that I received the greatest courtesy and attention from every person connected with the society. I was met at the station by the President and Mr. W. B. Clarke, and driven at a 2:40 pace to Clark's Coffee House, where I was billeted until my work was done. I have seen larger hotels than this one, but a more bountifully supplied table, or more comfortable quarters, I have not seen outside of our own home.

The management are descrving of praise for the manner in which they conducted the exhibition; everything passed off in a pleasant manner, and I trust they will meet with that success which they so richly deserve.

G. T. SIMPSON.

Falkland, Jany. 30th, 1859.

Sixth Annual Meeting of American Poultry Association.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of this Association was held in the Tifft Honse, on Monday, February 4th, at 2 o'clock, p. m.; C. A. Sweet, President, in the chair; J. Y. Bicknell, Secretary-Treasurer.

After the transaction of routine business, the president said that as, according to the by-laws, the minutes of the last regular meeting, held at Portland, Me., Feby. 12th, 1878, had been printed and sent to all the members, the reading of the same would be dispensed with. As there was no objection, the minutes were approved.

J F Ferris, Albany, N Y; H A Grant, Tarrytown, N Y; S Hare, Olcan, N Y; Albert French, Oakly, Ohio, Geo M Watterman, Albion, N Y; John 1 iddleman, Albion, N Y; Hiram P Hopkins, 1.uffalo, N Y; Daniel Pickney, Onondaga, N Y; Walter Scutt, Brentwood, N Y; H L Anderson, Union Springs, N Y; James Fullerton, Strathroy, Ontario; Elbert T Eaily, Mt. Kisco, N Y: A M Halstead, Rye, N Y; Oscar Doolhtle, Adrian, Mich; H F Ross, Albion, N Y; S Ellis Briggs, Plympton Plains, N J; John R Camp, Minstek, Conn; D N Green, Scranton, Penn; James Lockie, Waterico, Ont; Orlando H Brewster, New Orl ans; James E White, Englewood. III; E L Lawrence, Bayside, L I; Alexis Brown, Mt Healthy, O; Phillip H Dioz. Cleveland; H B Thomas, Troy; J R Draper, Troy; W T Fenton, Indianapolis; H \odot Y Bat 's, Indiana-

polis; F K Pratt, Kean, N H; O H Bateman, Cincinnati; W. H. Doel, Toronto, Ontario; H. M. Cummings, Ohio.

The following judges were appointed :

J. E. Loyd, Cold Springs, Md., on Light Brahmas.

V. A. Blakeslee Winsted, Conn., on Dorkings.

R. H. Peck, Earlville. Ohio, on Brahmas, Cochins, Dorkings, Bantams and water fowls.

. A. M. Halsted, Ryc, N. Y., on nearly all varieties of fowls, pigeons and rabbits.

'The session was then merged into the sixth annual meeting of the American Poultry Association.

After a short address from the president, the reports of special committees were considered. The first taken up was that on standard weights of Asiatics: "That the allowing of any points for weight above those now given in the Asiatic class as perfect, be expunged, leaving it to read weights as now are, deducting two points per pound for any deficit from above weights." A number of letters were read asking that the weights of Asiatics remain unchanged. On motion it was resolved not to make any change in the Standard in this particular.

The committee on under color of Light Brahmas reported that they did not favor the suggested change in the Standard. Messrs. Felch, Allen, Williams and others expressed their views on the subject, when the report of the committee was adopted.

Mr. Felch offered the following resolution : That no Light Brahmas should be disqualified unless positive black appears in the web part of the feather of the back. On motion the resolution was referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs Felch, Williams, Todd, Hulick, and Lambing, with instructions to frame something to cover the point raised, and report at a future meeting. Carried.

No decided action was taken regarding a pigeon standard.

A communication was received from Mr. John E. Deihl, urging the admission of the Malay breed, and the adoption of a standard wherewith to judge them. Mr. Spaulding offered the following resolution: That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a standard for black red Malay fowls, and that when such a standard shall be perf. cted and approved unanimously by said committee, it shall be admitted into the American Standard of Excellence; but before being published in the said standard it shall be made to conform in general style to the present standard. The chair appointed Messrs. Spaulding, Allan and Deihl such committee.

A petition to have Jercey Blues admitted to the Standard was referred to a committee consisting or Messrs. Long, Hulick and Felch.

Two communications were received protesting

against the removal of the disqualification in struct d to cast the ballot for Mr. ('. A. Sweet, who partially white in their feathers. Mr. Sweet offer- year. ed a resolution that the disqualifying clause be restored. Under the rules the reso ution was laid over until the next meeting.

Mr Felch offered the following resolution :---

That all resolutions offered at this meeting be printed in a list, and the same shall be transmitted to each and every member of the association, who shall vote by written yea or nay, and return the same inside of thirty days; and if decided in the affirmative, the same to become effective from that date.

Mr. Sweet took a very decided stand against this measure, effectually showing that such a course would greatly decrease the attendance at the meetings of the society. Mr. Spaulding moved French, W T Fenton. that the resolution be laid on the table. Carried

On motion the chair appointed Mes rs. E Lamb, Allen, Aldrich, Hulick and Howlett a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. Bicknell offered a resolution that the Standard of 1876 on white Hamburgs be adopted in place of that now in force. The matter, under the rules, was laid over for a year.

Mr. Felch moved that judges in abjudicating Houdans for prizes give them a full score on carlobe until such time as the necessary change in the Standard on this point can be effected. The motion was carried on a notice being given of an intention to change the Standard.

A petition from western breeders, asking for a change in the Standard on Black Cochins, so that " the legs may be black or nearly black," etc., was laid over under rule.

A new variety, named spangled Javas, had been placed in the poultry show for exhibition, preparatory to asking their admission to the Standard.

Mr. Todd moved the appointment of a committee of three to examine these fowls and report at a future meeting. Carried. The chair appointed Messrs. Todd, Josselyn and Doolittle as such committee.

Mr. Bicknell moved that the names of new members be not printed in the published reports of the proceedings of the association until their dues are paid. Casried.

The meeting adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

February 4th.

The adjourned meeting was called to order by Vice-President Williams. The first business of the session was the election of officers. Mr. Philander Williams was elected Precsident. In a short speech. very complimentary to Mr. Sweet, he positively declined the honor. The secretary was in- to that of the lase show, but it was a matter of

Brown Leghorn cockerels, on account of white or was declared unanimously elected for the coming

On motion Messrs, Howlett, Doolittle and Amidon were appointed a committee to wait on Mr. Sweet and inform him of his re-election.

On motion of Mr Lambing, the Secretary cast ballot for the fo lowing officers :

Vic.-Presidents-A D Warren, 1 hilander Williams, H T Sperry, Daniel Allen, E L Lamb, I K Felch, S J Bestor, S 11 ; camens, R O Conant, E Gregg.

Secretary and Treasurer-Geo S Josselyn.

Executive Committee—J Y Bicknell, E S Ongley, James M Lambing, C & E bon, Mm Wright, E P Howlett, W T Rogers, E R Spaulding, M H Todd, V C Gilman, Henry T Root, L E Sinabaugh, W 11 Hulick, E ('Comey, P F Amidon, F C Ald-rich, George C (olton, 11 B Thomas, Albert

The Secretary and Treasurer's Report was read by Mr J Y Bicknel., and approved by the Association. It showed a prosp. rous condition of affairs and a surplus in the treasury of \$716-39.

The report of the committee on under color was read by Mr. Felch, and adopted. It was as follows : "Instead of under color other than white or bluish-white, we would substitute the following : 'In under color of back, black running into the web of the feather,' and to present description add, 'or slate color.'"

On motion of Mr. Felch it was resolved hereafter to print disqualifications and standard weights upon the score cards.

Messrs. Allen, Sweet, Felch, Fenton and Aldrich were appointed a committee for the purpose of devising means for examining candidates for the appointment of judgeships.

Votes of thanks were adopted to Mr. C. A Sweet, as President, and Mr. J. Y Bicknell, the retiring Secretary, to Mr. Tuthill for the accommodation furnished the Association, and to the Press for the generous and correct reports furnished by them.

An invitation was received from Mr. Fenton to hold the next annual meeting at Indianapolis, under the auspices of the local organization there

On motion of Mr. Bicknell the subject of the next meeting was referred to the Executive Committee.

The meeting then adjourned sine die.

Buffalo International Poultry Show.

The seventh annual exhibition of this society was a very successful one in every particular. The number of birds on exhibition reached fully 1,200, and all judges agree that they were of higher average excellence than at any previous show. The attendance, we understand, was not quite up

surprise to those who had not visited the previous [The Buffalo Currier says of him :--- "The gamiest shows, to see the crowd that continually thronged the rink. When we state that the door receipts for one day amounted to \$560, most of our readers will agree with us that the Buffalo people have less reason to complain on that score than the managers of many other shows. They richly deserve success, as none could work better than they did to secure it. A better man than the President, C A Sweet, could not be found to manage a show; always on hand, with a keen eye to the smallest details, and a courteous answer to all enquiries. And a more genial and pleasant countenance than that of Mr Lothridge, never graced a Secretary's desk.

The judging of such an extensive show, was a great work, and was not completed until the just day of the exhibition. The verdict of fanciers present was that the birds were generally scored too low. Some of them shown had on several previous occasions passed through the hands of critical judges, and were never figured so low as here, although they appeared in first-class condition. None of those 9 3 point birds were on hand to make the judg's' duties a mere walkthrough. Our space at this time will not allow us to particularize.

The aquarium at the front part of the room was a great attraction. Here fish s could be seen in all stages of development, from the egg to the well-grown salmon of five years. Near them were the gold and silver Chinese pheasants. More beautiful and brilliant plumage could not be imagined than that of the cocks of the golden variety. The white peacock looked very plain beside them.

little fellows come forth at the sound of their Pullet, 1st, Philander Williams; 2nd, same; 3rd, names, and do the tricks required of them.

The "Glass Hen," or Axford's Incubator, was stationed in an ante-room, and hatched out chicks during the entire time of the show. On the gallery above was Mr Halstead's Incubator and Artificial Mother. Through delay in the trains, the eggs Mr II had in readiness for his machine. were subjected to seven hours' severe cold, and consequently the hatching operation did not progress as well as he would have liked; but after all the exposure, several little fellows were induced to come out. We were much pleased with the machine; it is very simple in construction, does not occupy much space, and requires very little attention. The "Mother" would recommend itself to any breeder who desires early chicks.

Canadian exhibitors were, as we predicted, very successful. Mi Daniel Allen, of Galt, maintained his reputation as first among the "Game men." Doolittle; 3rd, F F Preston; 4th, W H Tedd

man may be found early at the Rink. A pleasant expression upon his countenance, especially as he views with profitable pride and gratification the numerous prize cards that adorn his coops А stout, robust Englishman, proud of his blue blood, and his laurels won upon many a hard fought battle field. Such is Mr. Daniel Allen, of Galt, Ont."

Mr Richard McMillan, Galt, as usual, captures nearly all the prizes in Black Spanish, followed cery closely in pullets by Mr. Banks, of Toronto. Mr Mc, also stands out pre-eminant in Pencilled Hamburgs.

Mr W J Way, of Toronto, (some wag of the press added the prefix "Rev.", was very successful in the Bantam class, and brought home with him ouite a number of the winning fowls.

Wright & Butterfield did not make a large exhibit, but won on most of their entries.

We did not hear of many sales being made. Mr Trowe, of Guelph, bought from Philander Wilhims the first premium pair of Light Brahma chicks. These will likely appear at the Guelph show, where many of our readers will have an opportunity of passing judgment upon them.

PRIZE LIST.

(Cur lists of White cochins, Duckwing Games, and Llack Spanish, have been mislaid, but will appear with balance of list next month.)

ASIATICS.

Judge, H S Bail, Shrewsbury, Mass.

Best collection in class, Philander Williams.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st, W H Todd; 2nd, Philander Williams; 3rd, W H Todd; 4th, H H Lantz, Adrian, Mich. Hen, 1st, Philander Wil-Signor Giovanni's trained canaries delighted young and old. It was truly wonderful to see the Williams; 2nd, sam ; 3rd, McKeen & Hulick, Eas-ton, Pa.; 4th, W H Todd. Cockerel, 1st, Philander Williams; 2nd and 3rd, same; 4th, W H Todd. W H Todd : 4th, Ph lander Williams.

> DARK BRA MIS-Cock, 1st, C A Sweet, Buffalo; 2nd and 3rd, same; 4th, Philander Williams, Taunton, Mass. Hen. 1st. C A Sweet: 1nd, Philander Williams; 3rd, same; 4th, W H Todd. Cockerel, 1st and 2nd, Philander Williams; 3.d, George Resseguic, Niagara Co., N Y.; 4th, W H Todd. Pullet, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, P. ilander Williams; 4th, C A Sweet

> PART. 3D"E COCH NS .- Judge, Wm H Hulick. Cock, 1st and 2nd, C H Crosby ; 3rd, Peter Adams, Jr; 4th, W H Todd. Hen, 1st and 2ud, C H Crosby; 3rd, F F Preston; 4th, C II Crosby. Cockerel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, C H Crosby; 4th. Philander Williams. Pullet, 1st, 2ad and 3rd, CH Crosby; 4th, WH Tedd.

> BUFF Coc 155 - Judge, Philander Williams, Taunton, Mass. Best display, Oscar Isoolitt e, Adrian, Mich. Cock, 1st, W II Todd, Vermillion, Ohio: 2nd, Oscar Doolittle : 3rd and th, w li Todd. Hen, 1st, Oscar Doolittle ; 2nd and 3rd, W II Todd ; 4th, Oscar Doolittle. Cocker 1, 1st and 2nd, Oscar

Pullet, 1st, Oscar Doolittle; 2nd, L'C Dodge, Ravenna, Ohio; 3rd and 4th, Oscar Doolittle.

BLACK COCHINS.—Judge, C H Crosby. Best collection, Philander Williams. Cock, 1st, Philander Williams; 2nd, W H Todd; 3rd, George Furness. Hen, 1st, John J Berry; 2nd, Philander Williams; 3rd, same; 4th, George Furness. Cockerel, 1st Philander Williams. 2nd, John J Berry; 3rd, W H Todd. Pullet, 1st and 2nd, Philander Williams; 3rd, W H Todd; 4th, John J Berry.

PEA COMB PARTRIDGE COCH:N.—Judge, Philander Williams. C H Edmunds, Milrose, Mass., takes first on cock, first and second on hen, first, second and third on cockerel and pullet.

GAMES.

Judge, C H Crosby, Danbury, Conn.

BLACK BREASTMD GAMES.—Best Collection, Daniel Allen, Galt, Ont. Cock, 1st, Daniel Allen; 2ud, C H Warren, Verona, N Y; 3rd, Daniel Allen; 2ud, th, Curtiss, Whiton & Co, Buffalo. Hen, 1st, Daniel Allen; 2ud, C H Warren; 3rd and 4th, Daniel Allen. Cockerel, 1st, Neil McIsaacs, Buffalo; 2ud, Curtiss, Whiton & Co; 3rd, Daniel Shay, London, Ont; th, Daniel Allen. Pu let, 1st, Daniel Allen; 2ud, Curtiss, Whiton & Co; 3rd, same; 4th, Neil McIsaacs.

WHITE PILE—Cockerel, 1st, W M Smith; 2nd, J J Berry. Pullet, 1st, W &W G White; 2nd, W M Smith; 3rd, J J Berry.

R D PLE.—Cock, 1st, B. nnett & Colby, Philadelphia; 2nd, W & W G White; 3rd, Bennett & Colby. Hen, 1st and 2nd, W & W G White; 3rd, J J Berry. Cockerel, 2nd, J J Berry. Pullet, 2nd, J J Berry.

BROWN BREASTED REDS.—Cock, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, E O Damon. Hen, 1st and 2nd, E O Damon; 3rd, Wm. Johnson. Cockerel, 1st, E O Damon; 2nd, Daniel Allen; 3rd, E O Damon. Pullet, 1st and 2nd. E O Damon; 3rd, Curtiss, Whiton & Co.

GINGER REDS.-Judge, E R Spaulding, Jaffrey N H. Hen, 3rd, Curtiss, Whiton & Co.

WHITE GAMES.—Cock, 3rd, George H Webb, Alba, Pa. Hen, 3rd, Curtiss, Whiton & Co.

I ORKIN S.

Judge, W H Todd, Vermillion, O.

WHITE DORK NGS.—Best collection, George Warner, New York Mills. Cock, 1st, George Warner; 3rd, W M Smith, Fairfield Plains, Ont. Hen, 1st, George Warner; 2nd, W M Smith. Cockerel, 1st, George Warner; Pullet, 1st, George Warner.

COLORED DORGINGS.—Best collection, George Warner. Cock, 1st and 2nd, George Warner; 3rd, Thomas Pellows, Petersville, Ont. Hen, 1st, Thomas 'Pellows; 2nd and 3rd, George Warner. Cockerel, 1st, Thomas Pellows; 3rd, George Warner. Pullet, 1st, George Warner; 2nd, Thomas Pellows.

SILVER GREY DORKINGS.—Best collection, George Warner. Cock, 1st, George Warner. Hen, 1st, George Warner. Cockerel, 1st, George Warner; 2nd, C H Warren. Pullet, 1st George Warner.

HAMBURGS.

Judge, Newton Adams, Utica.

GOLDEN SPANGLED.—Cock, 1st 2nd and 3rd, Ongley & Ball, Worcester, Mass. Hen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, Ongley & Ball. Cockerel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, prizes, on ten pairs of birds exhibited.

e, Ongley & Ball. Pullet, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, Ongley & Ball.

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WE have this month added four pages to the REV.EW, but still a large number of interesting contributions are crowded out; among others, from Friend Thomas, Delaware; John Fleming, Shelborne, Mass.; A. W. Bassey, St, Catharines.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.—Space will not allow us this month to give our advertisers the usual personal notices, but we give our readers the list, and hope they will peruse them all:

John Fleming, Shelborne, Mass., page, on 3rd of c ver

Ontario Poultry Association, half, outside cover. Notice, (a good chance), Box 330, Port Hope, half, outside cover.

A. M. Halstead, Rye, N. Y., Incubator and Artificial Mother.

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H. G. ('harlesworth, Toronto, and J. G. Jones, Forest, cards in Directory.

AT the late Chicago Show, Messrs. W. & J. B. Clarke, were awarded on their fowls, seven silver medals and 13 first prizes, in all twenty-eight prizes, on ten pairs of birds exhibited.

Editor Review :

I see by the late English papers that the cup pair of Aylesbury ducks at the Birmingham show weighed 22 pounds; the cup pair of Rouens 23 pounds 10 ounces; the 1st prize pair of white geese weighed 43 pounds 10 ounces; 1st prize gray geese 49 pounds. "I'll take and tell you" I would like to have that lot to show against Jim Main at Guelph. G. T. S.

We Jearn with sorrow of the death, on Feb. 3rd, of Mr. James Williamson, of Hamilton. Mr. Williamson was well known as a fancier to many of our older breeders, and was held in high estimation by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Of late years having little room, he had to dispense with his pets, but still took great interest in the fancy, and contributed largely to its success in his city.

Ontario Poultry Society.

The fanciers throughout the country will be pleased to learn that an amalgamation has taken place between the two leading poultry societies of the province, and that a grand show will be held in Guelph, from Feby. 25 to 29th A government grant and private contributions of a sufficient amount has been received to justify the Executive Committee in offering prizes to the amount of \$1,200, which, it is expected, will be paid exhibitors before the close of the show.

The prizes are offered on single birds, and on breeding pens consisting of one male and three females. This plan, though giving much more labor to the officers, is generally found most satisfactory to exhibitors.

We understand that Mr. W. H. Todd, of Vermillion, Ohio, is expected to act as judge, and we consider that a better choice could not be made. He has had long experience in breeding and judging nearly all varieties of poultry; and from our short acquaintance with him, we would conclude that the birds must win or lose on their merits when the awards are made by him. He is a man of great ability, and withal very unassuming.

It is very gratifying to find fanciers from all sections greatly interested in the success of the show; all seem to think that a bright future is before the society, and wish to do all possible to assist in promoting its prosperity. The lateness of the season will undoubtedly prevent some from exhibiting, but a large and fine show is a certainty.

The annual meeting will be held during the and for all such as do week, probably on Thursday, when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected, place of holding the next show fixed, and other important business transacted. All interested in poultry should at-

tend, and assist in such legislation as will best conduce to the prosperity of the society and the fancy at large. We hope at this meeting to see the Ontario Poultry Association established on a sound business basis, so that in future it will command the confidence of the entire community.

Intending exhibitors should carefully read the rules and regulations, so that their entries will be properly made, thus saving trouble to the officers, and prevent disappointment to themselves.

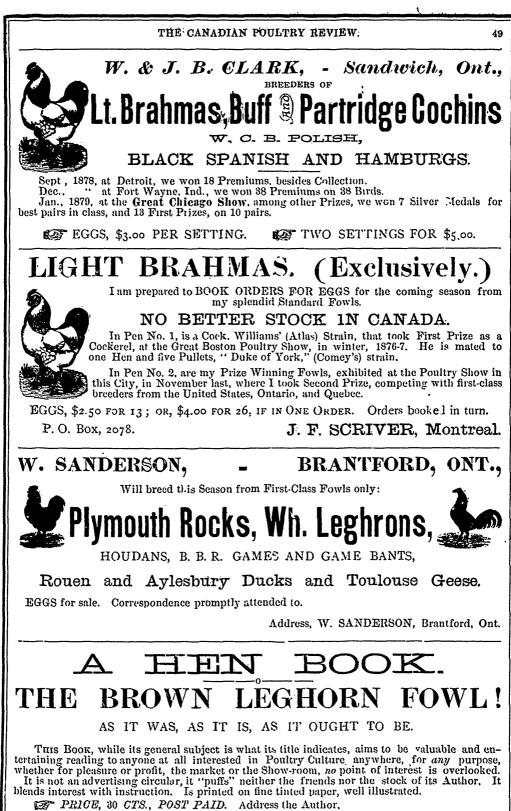
A Poultry Derby.

All colts intended to run in the Derby, we believe, are entered for that stake the same season they are foaled. There is also in England a Dog Derby, a stake which dogs are entered for when very young. The prize is contested for by them, or such of them as are by their owners considered good enough, at an age fixed by the society or association managing that interest. I think, with some little variations we could, with much ben fit to the poultry interest, and to breeders in particular, have a Poultry Derby. We would propose a plan something like the following .- Say a stake is made for different kinds of poultry, each breeder who wishes to become a subscriber to compete in any one variety, enter and pay a forfeit fee. Say we are breeders of Plymouth Rocks and Games; we wish to enter in the Derby for these particular breeds; then at our regular Provincial Poultry Show we subscribe say 50 cents forfeit fee for each kind we wish to enter for competition in the Derby at the next Annual Show. Say ten subscribe for Plymouth Rocks, at \$2 cach, with forfeits, would probably amount to \$24; divided in two prizes of \$12 each, one for the best cockerel and one for the best pullet bred that year. These birds would be known as that year's Derby winners. This, in our opinion, would become a very popular prize amongst breeders, because it would at once show the public those who have sufficient confidence in their stock and ability to raise them, and their willingness beforehand to enter against all comers. One may say he enters against all comers when he enters the regular prize lists. So he does; but when he enters in the regular prize lists he knows what he has to enter; he simply backs his birds against all comers: but in entering for the Poultry Derby he enters the produce of his stock, backed by his good management and judgment for mating and raising them It is customary in stakes of this kind, that so much is paid on entrance, say for example. 5 ' c nis forfeit, and for all such as do compete \$2, or som such amount about pro rata. Of cours many would enter, that for some reason or other, would not compete, so the forfeits go to the stakes. We are of opinion, once tried, the Poultry Derby would be

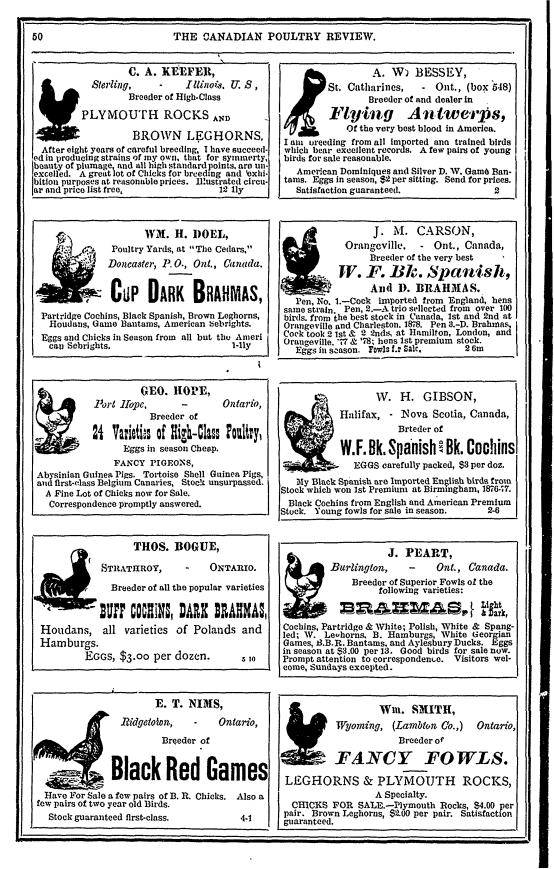


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