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LETTER POSTAGE.

It takes SIX CENTS to pre-pay a letter mailed in the United States to Canada, and vice versa.

PROFITABLE FOWLS.

A very erroneous opinion prevails, respecting the age to which fowls ought to be kept with due regard to profit. In a former issue we have stated that, for the mere production of eggs, no fowls should be kept after arriving at the age of three years, and we see no cause yet to change our opinion; after that time the annual moult comes on later in the season, rendering the birds more unfit for the severity of the winter weather. Chickens, when hatched early, will begin to lay in the fall of the same year, and if properly cared for will con-

tinue to do so during the winter, except in very severe weather. The second season these birds will moult early, and before the cold weather sets in will have on their new coat, and consequently be better able to stand the severity of the winter. With proper care they will commence laying early in the spring. Next season they moult later, and as a natural consequence their laying period is prolonged till late in the following spring, and necessarily their value as laying fowls much reduced. Mr. Wright in his new book on poultry says "The chief breeds of poultry may, for economic purposes, be classified as follows, the order of naming, representing as nearly as possible their average comparative value, though this will vary somewhat according to different circumstances. As layers: Hamburgs, Minorcas or Andalusians, Houdans, Brahmas, Leghorns, Spanish, Polish, Dominiques, Game, Cochins, La Flèche. For quality of meat; Game, La Flèche, Dorkings, Crève Cœurs, Houdans, Polish, Brahmas, Dominiques. For size and weight: Brahmas, Cochins, Dorkings, Crève Cœurs, La Flèche, Malays. For hardiness: Houdans, Brahmas, Dominiques, Cochins, Minorcas or Andalusians, Leghorns, Game. As sitters and mothers, Dorkings, Game, Dumpies, Silkies, Dominiques, Brahmas, Cochins. We might, perhaps, add, that for combination of useful qualities generally, we would name Brahmas, Houdans, and Dominiques as most worthy of attention."

LIGHT BRAHMAS.

We reproduce from the *Journal of Horticulture* a few illustrations of Light and Dark Brahma pullets, furnished by

In alluding to a former article on shape, size, and feathering, not being incompatible in the same bird, he now adds "that the foundation of all real

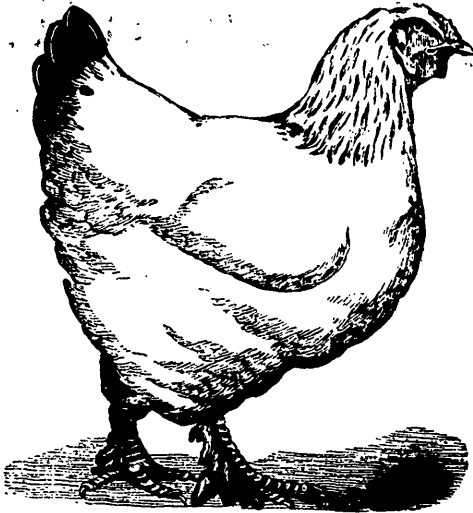


FIG. 1.

Mr. Wright, now the well-known English Poultry Writer, to that paper, and commend them to the attention of our breeders here.

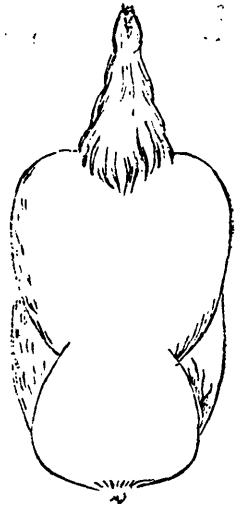


FIG. 2.

improvement must be correct shape, and hence he wished more particularly to explain what he meant by "duck shape" as contrasted with the true con-



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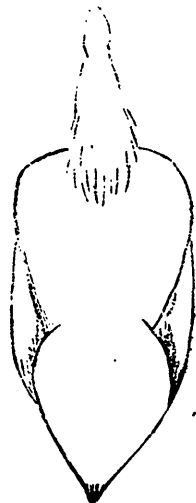


FIG. 4.

tour of the Brahma. "Pullets should have a good fluff and a broad and ample cushion—neither of course so full as in the Cochin, the Brahma being properly a much closer feathered bird; but a good cushion there should be, broad over the tail, but rising more and more to the very last, where it merges harmoniously into the line of the nearly upright tail. Such an outline is presented in the diagrams on the opposite page, figures 1 and 2, and which represent the true shape as it exists in high class birds.

"But in looking at any Light class of pullets we shall find many birds which fail utterly to conform to this type. There are Dark birds, too, which fail in it, as I freely admit; but while I myself exceedingly object to such taking prizes, it must be remembered that whenever they do there is almost always extraordinary pencilling, which catches the Judge's eye and condones the fault in shape, while the white of the other class affords no such counterbalance. Still, the fault is at least three times more general, as I carefully noted at London and Birmingham, than in the Dark classes, and the sketches (figs. 3 and 4), were made from a Palace bird, which was a fair type of about fifty single pullets in the class. In some there is literally no cushion at all, but in others, as in my sketches, it does appear to start out well over the wings. But, alas! the early promise is not kept; as it gets towards the tail it becomes narrower and narrower, so that viewed from the top the pullet appears widest across the shoulders and gradually tapers off to the tail, giving the bird a triangular instead of that square compact shape which the other type presents.

"Looked at sideways the same fault will generally be found. In place of the rising Brahma cushion and nearly upright tail, the little cushion there is

starts up too freely, and then gradually droops, the tail itself being nearly horizontal. Of course, in some cases, the fault will show from the top and not from the sides, or *vice versa*; but the two as drawn commonly go together, and are what is meant by "duck shape," being analogous to the formation of the Aylesbury Duck.

"In the cocks the same fault will be found. The saddle may start well, but gets narrower over the tail, or does not form a nice rise to it, and the whole bird is narrow behind. Broad-saddled cocks were more numerous this season, as I was glad to observe, but are still much more rare than in the Dark classes.

"In breeding Light Brahmas, then, we want to get back generally, not exceptions merely, the neat compact shape of the true breed. We want to get back the heavy leg-feather, yet with soft hocks, which so many Dark birds now have. We want to get a distinct jet-black stripe in the hackle, and we want to get all this combined with grand size, which belongs properly to the one as to the other. I need not say how it is to be done. Breeders only need to keep the desired points carefully in mind, and they will speedily procure them, and will be fully able to compete fairly and honorably with those of us who, from want of pure country air and grass, are forced to cultivate only the no less beautiful Dark breed."

BANTAMS.

In this paper we purpose saying a few words in favor of our Bantam friends; we have overlooked them too long, but as committees, judges, and reporters always place them last on their list, so we have done likewise.

Bantams are scarcely kept so generally as they ought to be and as they could be with profit; for wherever there is a small yard or garden, or wherever there

is a family, however few in number, there with the little bits and scraps that must always be on plates and dishes, according to size of premises and family, Bantams may be kept, and with profit too. Bantams we believe produce quite as much for their food as ordinary breeds, but their chief use is in the garden, where they eat many slugs and insects with very little damage. Therefore, on this account, they may be usefully and profitably kept where a separate poultry yard is found impracticable, nor is there any breed affords greater amusement and interest where there are children, and for a few of these birds the expense is *nil*, while many eggs are the return.

There are several varieties of Bantams at the present day, but in the last century there were only recognised two, the feather-legged and smooth-legged. The feather-legged, speckled Bantams of those days may be said to be extinct, but the feather-legged white are still to be found in considerable numbers. The smooth-legged were the Nankin Bantams, and were much the prettiest; they had their fair share in producing the beautiful Sebright and the modern Game Bantam. The old feather-legged and Nankin did very well in a moderate range, especially the former, who were less active. There were also smooth-legged white Bantams.

Next comes the Sebright Bantam, that elegant plumaged bird manufactured by the late Sir John Sebright, and known by his name. They were for a time a rage, and put all other Bantams to flight in the esteem of fanciers. Never was a greater triumph in feather culture than was achieved in the production of this bird. We are sorry to see that at the late leading English shows signs of decay in feathering were noted. The Sebright fancy is one which should not be suffered to go down, Bantams are especially ladies' pets, and

the Sebright, from its beautiful feathering, and the special skill ladies have in color and markings, should be the ladies' bird. When first hatched they are the most beautiful of all chickens.

Game Bantams may next be alluded to. They were a great gain to the fancy world, and in the best specimens they are the very similitude of the Game fowl—symmetry, color, legs, expression of countenance, and even attitudes, all Game. All other Bantams have rightly the thick Bantamy form; they are like the thick Shetland ponies; while the Game Bantams are like the slim racing ponies. Even the last introduced, the Japanese Bantams, have the thick shape, while they look over-combed, and resemble little men with too large hats.

Black Bantams, too, have come very quickly into fashion; they are a hardy, well-looking, and extremely intelligent breed of fowls. The cocks are as handsome as any bird that crows, with their bright rose combs, flowing hackles, and arched tails, and white deaf ears, and rich purple hues not unlike those of a barb pigeon.

Bantams, especially the two varieties we have just noticed, produce abundance of eggs, and the pullets, both of the Game and Black, are excellent winter layers. Some people object to the small size of Bantam eggs that foolish though oft-repeated objection, because it is not quite easy to eat two, three, or four, if you like. The Game Bantam ought to be dubbed like the Game Cock; the bird not being in the least degree daunted or depressed by it, shows that it does not suffer much. Cut close with stable scissors, and have the kitchen dredge-box at hand, and dust the place well with flour, and henceforth the bird cannot be taken at a disadvantage by any chance adversary. All Bantams sit well, and are good mothers.

Bantams ought never to be hatched earlier than June; if they are they will

soon cease to be Bantams; exceeding diminutiveness being their most essential point, and this can only be maintained by hatching late in the season.

Literary Notices.

THE ILLUSTRATED BOOK OF POULTRY. By L. Wright, Author of the "Practical Poultry Keeper," &c. Illustrated with Fifty Coloured Plates of celebrated Prize Birds of every Breed &c. London, Paris and New York: Cassel, Petter, & Galpin.

We have received Part I. of this Work, and substitute for our own remarks the following from the pen of WILTSHIRE RECTOR in the *Jour. of Horticulture*.

"Most heartily and sincerely do I recommend this work (Part I. of which is now before me) to our poultry-fanciers, breeders and exhibitors. The size of the number is just that of our journal—a convenient size—and when the 25 numbers are bound it will form an ornamental as well as suitable book for the drawing-room table. To speak of Mr. Wright's powers as a writer is unnecessary, but he has evidently become even clearer in description than formerly. He begins with a chapter on Houses and Accommodation, giving wood-cuts to illustrate his ideas; wood-cuts of various yards—the smaller; the larger, as Mr. Tudman's; and the largest, Lady Gwydyr's at Stoke Park. Then we have a plan of Mr. Beldon's Poultry House, once a factory. All these are large in size and well drawn. Chapter II. takes up the important subject 'The Selection of Stock.' This is a thoroughly practical chapter, and deserves being studied by those who are not feather-fanciers or exhibitors, but persons desirous of making an honest penny by poultry, and I venture to think that poultry as a food question will be more and more considered in days when all butcher's meat except pork is at famine price. Chapter III. speaks of 'Feeding and general Treatment of Fowls,' in the middle of which the number ends.

"And now a special word for the coloured illustrations. They are drawn by Mr. Ludlow, whose spirited and specially life-like and character-giving pigeon portraits have adorned our pages. I have laid the portraits of the Buff Cochins cock and hen in this No. I. side by side with every former portrait of the birds published, and it

is wonderful how superior they are. Not only the outline is accurate, but the expression of the Cochins face is given with marvellous fidelity. If all the portraits equal these two, fanciers will have accurate models up to which to breed. The type of the work is bold and clear, and the printing goes straight across the page, which is always a gain."

The book will, we feel certain, command a large sale in Canada and the United States. No poultry-fancier worthy the name should be without a copy of it. We are glad to find the illustrations so highly spoken of in the above notice are birds owned by Mr. Tomlinson, to whom special reference as a Cochins breeder was made in a former issue of this Journal. No better proof of the superiority of his birds could be adduced than their being put forward as the standard of perfection in their class for all the world to be guided by.

CATALOGUES RECEIVED.—A. H. Howard, Omro, Wisconsin,—descriptive circular of fowls and eggs, beautifully illustrated with illuminated cover.

N. B. Perkins, junr., Salem, Mass.—Price list, 1872, fowls and eggs.

Wm. H. Lockwood, Hartford, Conn.—Illustrated Catalogue of Leghorn fowls.

Special Notices.

MR. HENRY YARDLEY's name is already so well known to breeders, that it is only necessary to mention the fact, he is still prepared to supply fowls and eggs as usual to American fanciers, as may be seen by advertisement in another column. The number of prizes taken by him at English shows is the best guarantee of his being a successful breeder and judge of exhibition and breeding fowls. We commend him to those wishing to import the class of fowls he advertises for sale—as well as pigeons and eggs.

We can commend Messrs. Geo. P. Rowell & Co., of New York, to those of our patrons who may have occasion to advertise in papers beyond their immediate vicinity, as the firm have business relations with the press throughout the whole country.—Quincy (Ill.) *Whig*.

Correspondence.

PURCHASING ENGLISH FOWLS.

Editor CANADIAN POULTRY CHRONICLE.

Sir,—One is somewhat amused at the directions given by buyers of fowls from your side of the Atlantic; the descriptions are evidently copied from the book—and shall I say the price to correspond—well no—in a few instances orders say I want first-class birds, at first-class prices, but these are few—and when one knows that the book will be in hand when the fowl is looked at, one naturally feels dilident at sending anything. If there is such a thing as perfection in fowls, there must be a corresponding perfection in price—for to obtain the birds as represented in print in many cases £50 sterling would not buy them—and birds having but a small imperfection are not to be got so easily. A general good practical bird may be got, if I may use the expression, perhaps useful would be better, but it is the same as a horse; you may get as good a beast as you could wish for, but his head would be too large &c.,—and thus his price was less.—This mode of ordering fowls is most harassing to the sender. My advice is for the purchaser to say I will go so far in price, get me the best birds you can for that—now and then bargains (accidental things) may be had, but is the exception and not the rule.

There is one thing I think most breeders are wrong in—in copying the book, again they say the birds must be such and such weight. Now weight is the result of condition and fat, and if a bird is over fat, 14 days at least on board a Vessel and on Railways will not tend to its health. I think if in fair order, not less in weight than as per book, it would, in a confined basket or coop, be likely to stand the voyage better and even make up flesh, than if started on the journey at the maximum weight. You can always put the weight on, and it is more satisfactory to see birds improve than the reverse after importation. What say your readers to this?

F. C. HASSARD.

Curragh Camp, Ireland.
29th February, 1872.

FORWARDING HATCHING EGGS BY EXPRESS.

Editor CANADIAN POULTRY CHRONICLE.

Sir,—For the benefit of those who may order Hatching Eggs, I give my experience of receipts *per express* last year.

I ordered Eggs at different times last summer, and as the express goods were landed at my wharf I can give the method the Express Company adopt in forwarding. The Eggs are packed carefully in small boxes, and these are given in charge of the Express Company, who put them into their *Leather Express Bags*; these bags, when landed from the steamer &c., as the case may be, are *pitched or thrown on the wharf or platform* as if nothing but letters or papers were in them; then they are *thrown or pitched into the Express Company's Waggon*; and then again, when delivered at the Express Office, are thrown or pitched into the Office, regardless of what the contents are. I have no doubt many are the grumbles at the failure of the Eggs, and the seller is blamed when the blame ought to be on the Express Company.

I ordered last year Eggs, at three different times. I observed the Express Bags when landed were thrown on the wharf and then pitched into the Waggon. The products from the five dozen so ordered were only about 7 or 8 chickens—the Eggs only came about 60 miles. I would suggest that Eggs be forwarded in small *baskets*, and not in boxes. I have spent large sums for Hatching Eggs, and believe the fault lies with the manner of forwarding in so careless a manner, for the unsatisfactory result.

A SUFFERER.

Poultry Items.

IMPORTATIONS.

MR. W. H. TODD, Vermillion, Ohio, has just received per Steamer *Queen*, *via* New York, from J. K. Fowler, Aylesbury, England, two Toulouse geese, of mammoth proportions; two pairs of Aylesbury ducks, very large and fine; and one trio of Rouen ducks, a pair of which took 1st at Bedford and Whitby, England, last fall. The Aylesburies also won first at Ipswich and

Whitby, and Worcestershire, England. The birds had a rough voyage, but were in good condition, and are remarkably fine specimens in size and markings. Cost, including carriage, \$96.

MR. C. E. TUTTLE, Boston, Mass., recently received per Steamer *Batavia*, two trios partridge cochins, from Henry Tomlinson, Birmingham, England.

MR. C. E. SMITH, Montreal, P.Q., received per Steamer *Nestorian*, from England, one very fine dark Brahma cock, from a well-known Irish breeder.

MR. F. STURDY, Guelph, Ont., received per S. S. *Nestorian*, from J. K. Fowler, Aylesbury, England, 1 trio Aylesbury ducks, which took 1st prize at Worcester, 1st at Whitby, and 2nd at Long Sutton, (England), Shows; 1 trio Rouen ducks, 1st at Whitby, 1st at Cheltenham, 1st at Peterboro', and 2nd at Croyden Shows, and 1 trio Partridge Cochins, which took 1st at Peterboro', and 2nd at Middleton.

SALES.

MR. A. MCLEAN HOWARD, Toronto, sold to John Stone, Coatsville, Penn., one pair of Duckwing Games. Of these birds Mr. Stone says, "The cock is the *finest and handsomest I ever saw*, and I never expect to see one that fills my notion of a game cock better. I do not begrudge all the money I paid for them, and believe if I had seen the cock, would, if it had been necessary, have almost been willing to pay the price for him alone. The hen is also good. I thank you for your fair and upright dealing with me."

MR. P. BREIDING, Berlin, Ont., reports the following sales: to Mr. Phillips, Berlin, 1 grey Dorking, cockerel, 1 pair white cochins, 3 light Brahma pullets, and a pair of Houdans; to Jacob Shoo, Berlin, 2 light Brahmas; to T. Hackborn, Berlin, 2 light Brahmas; to Mr. Chalmers, Berlin, 1 light Brahma cockerel; to R. McMacken, Berlin, 1 trio Houdans; to P. Rock, Berlin, 1 light Brahma cockerel; to Jacob Oberholzer, 1 pair grey Dorkings, and 5 buff cochins; to John Aldour, Berlin, 2 Houdans and 1 dozen chickens of different breeds; to William Steine, Berlin, light Brahma pullet; to Jacob Apling, Berlin, 1 pair Dorkings and 1 pair light Brahmas; to F. Bache, Doon, 1 grey Dorking hen, 1 black Spanish cockerel, and 1 Houdan cockerel; to F. Schantz, Hawksville,

8 Houdans, 5 dark Brahmas, 1 buff cochin cockerel, and two light Brahma cockerels; to R. Patterson, Peterboro', 3 light and 1 dark Brahmas, 2 partridge cochins, 2 grey Dorkings, and 8 Houdans; to Mr. Poole, Toronto, 1 light Brahma hen; to Mr. A. Terrill, 1 buff cochin pullet, 1 trio grey Dorkings; and 1 dark Brahma pullet; to James Pearce, Mount Forest, 1 pair light Brahmas; to R. Gingarich, one light Brahma cockerel; to H. M. Thomas, Brooklin, 2 Leghorn pullets and 5 white Dorkings; to H. Zinkan, St. Jacobs, 1 dark Brahma hen.

MR. J. M. HAZEN, Mankato, Minn., reports the following sales of fine poultry made during the winter: 1 trio dark Brahmas, each to N. P. Ingals, St. Paul, P. K. Wiser, Mankato, —, Keesler, Mankato, and S. B. Hazen, Winona; 1 pair dark Brahmas, each to J. C. Wise, Mankato, and Benton Severance, Belgrade; 1 trio buff cochins, each to R. C. Fleet, Lake Crystal, Thompson Peart, Belgrade, and F. M. Bako, Mankato; 1 trio light Brahmas, to T. C. Peart, Madelia; 1 light Brahma cockerel to Clark and Payne, Kasota, all of Minnesota.

MR. HENRY J. ALLEN, Schoolcraft, Michigan, reports the sale of the following birds at the Michigan State Poultry Show, at good prices: 1 trio light Brahmas, to A. W. West Detroit; 1 pair creve cœurs to G. C. Warner, and 1 dark Brahma pullet to a person whose name is not given.

MR. C. E. TUTTLE, Boston, Mass., sold his imported trio of black red game bantams, which took first premium at the recent Boston Poultry Show, and his entire stock of this breed to Mr. D. Frank Ellis, North Cambridge, Mass.; to B. & J. Peters, Delaware, 1 dark Brahma cockerel, 1 pullet, 2 partridge cochin pullets, 1 buff cochin pullet; W. E. Chafin, 1 buff cochin cockerel, and 5 pullets, and five dark Brahma pullets; A. C. Stetson, 1 dark Brahma cockerel and 5 pullets; C. A. Foote, 1 trio each of buff cochins, dark Brahmas and partridge cochins.

MR. W. H. TODD, Vermillion, Ohio, reports the following sales for February: to S. R. Yerker, Northville, Mich., 1 dark Brahma cockerel; F. F. McGrew, Springfield, Ohio, 1 gold laced bantam cockerel; J. L. Beck, River Styx, Ohio, trio dark Brahmas; B. F. Hudson,

Montegrinea, Indiana, 1 light Brahma cockerel and one dark Brahma pullet; T. C. Williams, Salesville, Ohio, 1 pair Bremen geese; Mr. T. Sheppard & Co., Evanston, Ill., 3 pair gold laced bantams, 7 bronze turkeys; L. G. Bickford, Flint, Mich., 2 light Brahma pullets; P. N. Girordin, 1 light Brahma cockerel; L. L. Reed, Auburn, O., 1 white Leghorn cockerel and 6 pullets, 2 black breasted red game pullets; E. T. Lowell, Climax, Mich., pair bronze turkeys; J. H. Brown, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1 dark Brahma cockerel; Wm. A. Barnard, Lansing, Mich., 1 Houdan pullet; H. B. Williams, Lowell, Mich., pair Bremen geese; A. A. Fradenburgh, Cleveland, O., 1 trio buff cochins; S. E. Merry, Milan, O., 2 Houdan pullets, and trio of grey Dorkings; E. Powell, Oberlin, O., 1 buff cochin pullet; L. Markham, Oberlin, O., 1 dark Brahma pullet; W. H. Burford, Water Valley, Miss., trio gold laced bantams; S. M. Sackett, Munroe, Mich., 1 Houdan cockerel; Wm. Ransdell, Bloomingville, Ohio, 2 light Brahma cockerels; T. E. Taylor, Warren, Ohio, trio dark Brahma pullets and Houdan cock; Ransom P. Essex, Bay City, Mich., trio buff cochins, 1 trio golden spangled Hamburgs; J. M. Peuce, Nerbona, Ohio, 1 light Brahma cockerel; R. Wall, Montreal, Canada, 1 pair Rouen ducks; N. Wall, Port Huron, Mich., 1 trio dark Brahmas; H. W. Quelet, Fremont, Ohio, pair bronze turkeys; W. H. Polk, Paris, Ky., 1 trio dark Brahmas; J. Fish, Mantua, Ohio, 2 white Leghorn hens; Joseph Moffatt, Nebraska City, Neb., 1 trio Houdans; E. Lepper, Ashland, Ohio, 1 pair light Brahmas; Alex. Arismore, Elkhart, Indiana, 1 dark Brahma pullet; C. B. Allaire, Peoria, Illinois, 1 trio light Brahma; L. A. Nelrich, Springfield, Ill., 2 light Brahma pullets; at St. Louis Poultry Show, 2 trios light Brahmas, 2 pairs Houdans, 1 trio creve coeurs, 1 trio buff cochins, 1 pair white China geese; 1 pair Cayuga ducks, 2 pair Aylesbury ducks; amounting to over \$600.

Mr. H. M. THOMAS, Brooklin, Ont., sold to John Roach, Millersville, 1 pair light and one pair dark Brahmas, for \$10; to G. Miller, Markham, 1 light Brahma cock, for \$4; John Hack, Markham, Ont., pair dark Brahmas and pair light Brahmas; John McLeland, Vermont, dark Brahma cock, two light Brahmas; J. D. Yerks, Mich., 1

Partridge Cochin, hen; John Ashworth, Ottawa, Ont., silver spangled Hamburg cock, (prize bird at Provincial); Dr. Harrison, Dunnville, Ont., pair buff Cochins, (prize birds at Provincial), pair silver spangled Hamburgs; W. H. Todd, Ohio, 4 Partridge Cochin hens; J. Allen, Pickering, Ont., 1 dark Brahma cock, 1 light Brahma cock; Mr. Heighton, Millbrook, pair dark Brahmas; Mr. Briggs, Kingston, buff Cochin cock.

POULTRY SOCIETIES.

WESTERN PENN. POULTRY SOCIETY.

—At the annual meeting of this society the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President—John Kennedy, Pittsburg.

Vice-Presidents—Edward Gregg, Pittsburg; Dr. A. H. Grass, East Liberty; Frank Ardary, James Lockhart, and W. A. Reed, Pittsburg; James and L. B. Holmes, Alleghany City; and Robert Henderson, Pittsburg. *Treasurer*—C. A. Stevens, Pittsburg. *Recording Secretary*—C. B. Elben, Lock Box 303, Pittsburg.

Executive Committee—Kender Blair, William Fay and John Dyer, Pittsburg; G. W. Dulin, Baden; David Meldrum, East Liberty; G. Dunkeld, Geo. Suman and R. F. Gamble, Pittsburg.

Honorary Corresponding Secretaries.—

Philander Williams, Taunton, Mass.; J. Beston, Hartford, Conn.; William Simpson, jun., New York City; Jos. M. Wade, Philadelphia, Eastern Penn.; Geo. A. Dietz, Chambersburg, Southern Penn.; W. L. Archer, Burgettstown, Northern Penn.; Alexander Dean, Rochester, Western Penn.; W. H. Churchman, Willington, Del.; Geo. R. Tuttle, Cleveland, Ohio; M. H. Cryer, Salem, Ohio.

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THE NEW ENGLAND POULTRY SOCIETY.

The Eighth Annual Exhibition of this Society, was held at Worcester, Mass., in Horticultural Hall, March 5th, 6th and 7th.

There were about 500 entries of superior fowls, and notwithstanding the extremely cold weather it drew together large numbers of ladies and gentlemen, and was a suc ess in every way.

Among the Asiatics were fine pens of Brahmas exhibited by P. Williams, H. S. Ball, W. J. Wheeler, L. R. Rockwood, and E. Hartshorn & Son.

W. J. Wheeler and C. A. Pitkin took premiums in White Leghorns, which class was very poorly represented. We hope that people will be more careful hereafter in selecting birds for exhibitions—for a few pens of ill-shaped, badly-matched fowls almost spoil a show.

Buff, White, and Black Cochins were well represented by Fred. S. Patten, P. Williams, H. S. Ball, G. F. Champney, and others.

The Hamburgs were fine, Hibbard & Ongley of Auburn, N.Y., showing the finest trios; they were imported from the yards of Henry Baldon, England, and have taken premiums wherever shown in this country. The judging on this class was at first miserable, but the officers set everything right and awarded the premiums to the deserving specimens.

The show of Games was excellent; among the best were those exhibited by Mr. A. D. Warren, Worcester, from his late importation. O. B. Hadwen had a fine collection of Black Reds, Duckwings, &c. W. S. Ball exhibited two pens of White Georgian Games, which were winners of the 1st and 2nd prizes.

There was a large collection of fine Bantams; among the best were Black Reds by A. Parker, and F. W. Chamberlin. The best trio of Golden Sebrights were shown by Hibbard & Ongley; they were imported from the present Sir John Sebright, D. A. Uphan also exhibited a fine trio.

Very few Turkeys and Geese were shown. Ducks were very good, J. W. Wetherell entering eighteen pens of Aylesburys.

The pigeons were fine—and the varieties large—as will be seen by the following list of

PRIZES AWARDED.

SPANISH. *Black*. Cocks—1st, C. & F. Spring Newton, Lower Falls, Mass.; 2nd, H. S. Ball, Shrewsbury, Mass.; 3rd, W. C. Jewitt, Worcester. Hens—1st, H. S. Ball; 2nd and 3rd, C. & F. Spring. LEGHORN. *White*. Cocks—1st, W. J. Wheeler, Worcester, Mass.; 2nd, C. A. Pitkin, Hartford, Ct.; 3rd, E. Hartshorn & Son, Boston. Hens—1st, E. Hartshorn & Son; 2nd, S. H. Davis, Jr., Webster, Mass.; 3rd, C. A. Pitkin; 4th, W. J. Wheeler, Worcester. A splendid pair of White Leghorns belonging to W. J. Wheeler, of Worcester, were de-

serving of a 1st premium, but being out of condition on account of the severe weather, did not receive any award. *Brown*. Cocks—1st and 2nd Sweepstakes W. J. Wheeler; 2nd, F. J. Kinney, Worcester, Mass.; 3rd, W. C. Jewitt; 4th, W. J. Wheeler. Hens—1st and 4th, W. J. Wheeler; 2nd, F. J. Kinney; 3rd, W. C. Jewitt. W. J. Wheeler, of Worcester, takes Fancier's Silver Plate for the largest collection of Brown Leghorns.

SICILIANS. Cocks—1st, H. S. Ball. Hens—1st, H. S. Ball.

AMES. *Black Red*. Cocks—1st and 4th, A. D. Warren, Worcester, Mass.; 2nd, O. B. Hadwen, Worcester; 3rd, A. G. Campbell, St. Hilaire, Ca. Hens—1st and 4th, A. D. Warren; 2nd, A. G. Campbell, St. Hilaire, Ca.; 3rd, O. B. Hadwen. A. D. Warren, of Worcester, takes Special for the best collection of Games. *Duckwing*. Cocks—1st, 3rd and 4th, O. B. Hadwen; 2nd, E. E. Warren, Worcester. Hens—1st, E. E. Warren; 2nd and 3rd, O. B. Hadwen; 4th, D. J. Baker, Worcester, Mass. *White Georgian*. Cocks—1st, H. S. Ball. Hens—1st and 2nd, H. S. Ball. *Any other variety*. Cocks—1st, 2nd and Sweepstakes, L. D. Clemece, Southbridge, Mass. Hens—1st, E. E. Warren.

DORKINGS. *White*. Hens—1st, John Giles, Putnam, Ct.; 2nd, H. Bisco, Leicester, Mass. *Dorkings*. Cocks—1st, H. S. Ball, Shrewsbury, Mass.

DOMINIQUES. Cocks—1st, E. H. Hero, Milford, Mass.; 2nd, C. R. Rockwood, Worcester. Hens—1st, E. H. Hero; 2nd, C. R. Rockwood.

PLYMOUTH ROCKS. Cocks—1st, W. Y. Holman, Worcester; 2nd and 3rd, G. L. Upham, Worcester, Mass.; 4th, Wm. Eams, Worcester. Hens—1st, H. S. Ramsdell, West Thompson, Ct.; 2nd, W. Warren; 3rd, Wm. Eams; 4th, W. J. Holman.

BRAHMAS. *Light*. Cocks—1st, E. Hartshorn & Son; 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and Soc. Sweepstakes, W. J. Wheeler; 4th, H. S. Ball. Hens—1st Philander Williams, Taunton, Mass.; 2nd, H. S. Ball; 3rd, W. J. Wheeler; 4th and 5th, H. S. Ball. *Dark*. Cocks—1st, H. S. Ball; 2nd and 3rd, L. R. Rockwood; 4th, Hiram Harkell, Worcester; 5th, W. J. Wheeler. Hens—1st, Philander Williams; 2nd, H. S. Ball; 3rd, W. J. Wheeler; 4th and 5th, not awarded. W. J. Wheeler takes Fancier's Special for best collection Brahmas.

COCHINS. *Partridge*. Cocks—1st and 2nd, G. F. Champney, Taunton, Mass.; 3rd, H. S. Ball; 4th, L. R. Rockwood; 5th, H. S. Ball. Hens—1st, G. F. Champney; 2nd and 4th, E. Hartshorn & Son; 3rd, H. S. Ball; 5th, L. R. Rockwood. *Buff*. Cocks—1st and Soc. sweepstakes, F. S. Potter, No. Dartmouth, Mass.; 2nd, E. Hartshorn & Son; 3rd, W. S. Bugbee, Worcester; 4th, A. Harlow, Shrewsbury, Mass. Hens—1st, F. S. Potter; 2nd, E. Hartshorn & Son; 3rd, A. Harlow; 4th, W. S. Bugbee. *White*. Cocks—1st and 2nd, H. S. Ball. Hens—1st, Philander Williams; 2nd, H. S. Ball. *Black*. Cocks—1st, H. S. Ball. Hens—1st, Philander Williams; 2nd, William Eams; 3rd, H. S. Ball.

HAMBURG. *Gold Spangled*. Cocks—1st and Soc. Sweepstakes, Hibbard & Ongley, Auburn, N. Y.; 2nd, H. S. Ball; 3rd, Hibbard & Ongley. Hens—1st and 2nd, Hibbard & Ongley; 3rd, H. S. Ball. *Silver Spangled*. Cocks—1st, Hibbard & Ongley. Hens—1st, Hibbard & Ongley.

POLISH. *White Crested Black*. Hens—1st, E. Hartshorn & Son. *Gold Spangled*. Cocks—1st, E. Hartshorn & Son; 2nd, Piny Moore, Worcester, Mass. Hens—1st, Piny Moore; 2nd, E. Hartshorn & Son. *Silver Spangled*. Cocks—1st and 2nd, H. Bisco, Leicester, Mass. Hens—1st and 2nd, H. Bisco.

SULTANS. Cocks—1st, H. S. Ball. Hens—1st, H. S. Ball.

FRENCH FOWLS. *Houdans*. Cocks—2nd Joseph Mason, Princeton, Mass.; 3rd J. P. Clark, No. Plympton, Mass.; Hens—1st E. P. Lawrence, Worcester; 2nd, Joseph Mason; 3rd, Geo. Cruickshanks, Whitinsville, Mass. *Creve Coeurs*. Cocks—1st, C. & F. Spring. Hens—1st, C. & F. Spring.

BANTAMS.—*Black Red Game*. Cocks—1st, A. Parker, Worcester; 2nd, F. W. Chamberlin; 3rd and Soc.

ciety's Swepstakes. W. & E. Jennings, Newton Lower Falls Mass.; 4th, L. R. Rockwood, Hens—1st, A. Parker; 2nd, W. & E. Jennings; 3rd H. Woodward, Worcester 4th, L. R. Rockwood. W. & E. Jennings, takes the Painting for the best Black Red Game Cockerel. *Silver Duckwing Game.* Cock—1st, A. H. Rogers. Hens—1st, A. H. Rogers. *Golden Duckwing Game.* Cocks—1st, F. W. Chamberlin. Hens—3rd, F. W. Chamberlin. L. R. Rockwood takes Special for best collection of B. ntams. *Spangled Game.* Cocks—1st, H. S. Ball. Hens—1st, H. S. Ball. *Black.* Cocks—1st, H. S. Ball; 2nd, D. A. Upham, Wilsonville, Ct.; 3rd, H. K. French, Worcester. Hens—1st, H. S. Ball; 2nd, D. A. Upham. *Gold Laced.* Cocks—1st, Hibbard & Ongley; 2nd, D. A. Upham; 3rd, A. Parker. Hens—1st, Hibbard & Ongley; 2nd, D. A. Upham. *Silver Laced.* Cocks—1st, A. F. Stevens, Natick, Mass. Hens—1st, A. F. Stevens, Natick, Mass. *White.* Cocks—1st, A. F. Stevens; 2nd, J. T. Cummings. Hens—1st, A. F. Stevens; 2nd, J. T. Cummings.

VARIETY CLASS. Cocks—1st, H. Woodward; 2nd, W. & E. Jennings. Hens—1st, W. & E. Jennings; 2nd, J. P. Clark, No. Plympton. E. P. Lawrence, takes Fanciers' Special for best pair cross, bred Brahma and Hamburg.

TURKEYS. 1st, L. R. Rockwood.
GREENS—Bremen. 1st, H. S. Ball. *Hong Kong.* 1st, and 2nd, J. W. Wetherell, Worcester.

DUCKS. *Aylesbury.*—1st, and 2nd, J. W. Wetherell; 3rd, Wm. Eams. *Rouen.*—1st, G. L. Upham, Webster Mass.; 2nd, O. B. Hadwen.

J. W. Wetherell takes W. L. Lincoln's, special for the best collection of Aylesbury Ducks.

PIGEONS. **POUTRES.** *White.*—1st, H. S. Ball. *Red.*—1st, same. *Blue.*—1st, same. **CARRIERS.**—1st, on *Reds.* J. T. Cummings; 3rd, H. S. Ball. *Black.*—1st, same. **TUMBLERS.**—1st and 2nd, J. T. Cummings; 3rd, H. S. Ball. **JACOBS.**—1st, on *Reds.* H. S. Ball; 2nd, J. I. Cummings. 3rd, on *Black.* same. **FAN-TAILS.**—1st and 2nd, H. S. Ball. **NEWS.**—1st, same. **TURBETS.**—1st, same; 2nd, F. H. Mason; 3rd, J. T. Cummings. Any other variety.—1st, for **BLACK MAGPIES.**—J. T. Cummings; 2nd, H. S. Ball. 2nd, for **YELLOW AFRICAN.** J. T. Cummings. **BARNS.** *Yellow.*—1st, H. S. Ball. *Black.*—2nd, same. *Red.*—3rd, same. 1st, on **RED FURTS.** H. S. Ball. 1st, on **RED MAGPIES.** same. 1st, on **STARLINGS.** same. **BALD HEADS.** *Red.*—J. T. Cummings. *Blue.*—1st, same. 1st, on **BLACK PRIESTS.** same. 1st, on **RING Doves.** same.

The annual supper of the Society was given at the Tower House, Wednesday evening, and about one hundred gentlemen sat down to a bountiful repast. The address by the Pres't, O. B. Hadwen, was very ably given. Speeches were made by a number of gentlemen and discussions as to which are the best table fowls, layers, &c., &c., freely entered into, much to the advantage of those present. The party broke up at an early hour, each one seeking his home with his heart filled with best wishes for the poultry fraternity.

Wm. H. LOCKWOOD,
Hartford, Conn.

WESTERN PA. POULTRY SOCIETY EXHIBITION.

The first Exhibition of the Western Pennsylvania Poultry Society was held January 30 to February 3, 1872, and was a success, financially and otherwise.

LIST OF PRIZES AWARDED.

BRAHMS. *Light.* Fowls.—1st, Wade and Henry;

2nd, Kinder Blair; 3rd, W. A. Reed; 4th, W. W. Dunn; Special, C. B. Elben. *Chicks.*—1st, G. Myers; 2nd, C. B. Elben; 3rd, D. W. Herstine; 4th, Kinder Blair; Special, P. Williams. *Dark Fowls.*—1st, and two Special, D. W. Herstine; 2nd, A. N. Raub, 3rd, G. W. Dunn; 4th, John Dyer; Special, W. R. Elliot. *Chicks.*—1st, 2nd and Special, W. D. Herstine; 3rd, C. B. Elben; 4th, Wade and Henry; Special, dark Brahma cock, D. W. Herstine.

COCHINS. *Buff.* Fowls.—1st, and Special, D. W. Herstine; 2nd, Kennedy; 3rd, C. B. Elben; 4th, Wade and Henry. Special, Best Buff Cochin Hen, D. W. Herstine. *Chicks.*—1st and 4th, D. W. Herstine; 2nd Wade and Henry; 3rd, Brimford.

PATRIDGE. Fowls.—1st and Special, D. W. Herstine; 3rd, William Burke, junr. *Chicks.*—1st and 3rd, D. W. Herstine; 2nd and 4th, Henry Blythe. *Black.* Fowls.—1st, 2nd, and Special, G. R. Tuttle; 3rd, Wade and Henry. *Chicks.*—1st, Geo. A. Deitz. *White.* Fowls.—Special, A. C. Williams. *Chicks.*—1st, A. C. Williams; 2nd, G. A. Deitz; 3rd, Wm. Burke, junr.; 4th, D. W. Herstine.

BEST COLLECTION ASIATICS. D. W. Herstine. **BEST COLLECTION COCHINS.** 2nd, D. W. Herstine. **BEST COLLECTION IMPORTED ASIATICS.** W. R. Elliot.

DORKINGS. *Grey.*—2nd, G. A. Deitz. *Silver Grey.*—2nd A. W. Raub. *Spanish Black.*—1st and Special, D. W. Herstine; 2nd, John Owens; 3rd, J. R. Shaw.

LEGHORNS. *White.*—1st, Kinder Blair; 2nd and special, D. Meldrum; 3rd, G. A. Deitz. *Dominiques.* 1st and Special, C. B. Elben.

POLISH. *White Crested.* *Black.*—1st and 2nd, John Owens. *Golden Spangled.*—1st, Wm. Burke, junr.; 2nd Geo. A. Deitz; 3rd, James Ardry.

White.—1st, Geo. A. Deitz. **BEST COLLECTION POLISH.**—G. A. Deitz. *Sultans.*—1st, Wade and Henry. *Frisized.*—1st, John Owens.

HAMBURGS. *Golden Spangled.*—1st, John Owens; 2nd, Henry Blythe; 3rd, C. B. Elben. *Golden Pencilled.*—1st, Jos. Bramford; 2nd, M. H. Cryer & Co.; 3rd, Henry Blythe. *Silver Pencilled.*—1st, M. H. Cryer & Co.; 2nd James Ardry; 3rd, Henry Blythe.

BEST COLLECTION HAMBURGS.—2 specials, H. Blythe.

GAMES. *Black Red.*—1st, M. H. Cryer & Co. 2nd, D. W. Herstine; 3rd, James Fleming. *Brown Red.*—1st, 2nd and Special, M. H. Cryer. *Yellow Duckwing.*—1st and 2nd, M. H. Cryer & Co. *Ginger Beak.*—1st and 2nd, M. H. Cryer & Co. *Red Pale.*—1st, M. H. Cryer & Co. *White Pale.*—1st, Wm. Burke, junr.; 2nd, G. A. Deitz. *Black.*—1st, G. A. Deitz. *White Georgian.*—1st, G. A. Deitz. *Spangled.*—1st, M. H. Cryer & Co. *Earl Derby.*—1st and Special, M. H. Cryer & Co.

FRENCH FOWLS. *La Fleche.*; 1st, G. A. Deitz; 2nd, G. R. Tuttle. **BEST COLLECTION FRENCH FOWLS.**—G. A. Deitz.

BANTAMS. *Golden Sebright.*—1st and Special, Henry Blythe; 2nd, John S. Keamer; 3rd, C. B. Elben. *Silver Sebright.*—1st, H. Blythe. **BEST COLLECTION SEBRIGHT.**—Henry Blythe. *Black Red Game.*—1st, M. H. Cryer & Co.; 2nd, H. Blythe; 2nd Special, John Owens. *Black Wing Game.*—1st, Henry Blythe. *Black African.*—1st, G. K. Tuttle. *Black Game.*—1st, M. H. Cryer & Co.

TURKEYS. *Bronze.*—1st, D. W. Herstine. *Blue.*—1st, D. W. Herstine. **BEST COLLECTION TURKEYS.**—D. W. Herstine. *Wild.*—1st, D. W. Herstine. **BEST COLLECTION WILD FOWLS.**—D. W. Herstine. *White Holland.*—1st, D. W. Herstine; 2nd, J. B. Murphy.

PEA FOWLS.—1st, G. A. Deitz.

DUCKS. *Aylesbury.*—1st and Special, C. B. Elben; 2nd, D. W. Herstine; 3rd, G. A. Deitz. *Rouen.*—1st and Special, M. H. Cryer & Co.; 2nd, G. A. Deitz; 3rd, D. W. Herstine. *Cayuga.*—1st, G. A. Deitz; 2nd, D. W. Herstine. *Labrador.*—1st, M. H. Cryer & Co. *White Call.*—1st, M. H. Cryer & Co. *Grey Call.*—1st, M. H. Cryer & Co. *Poland.*—1st, G. A. Deitz.

GREENS. *Wild.*—1st, J. M. Lythe. *Bremen.*—1st, G. A. Deitz. *African.*—1st, G. A. Deitz.

California Quail.—1st and Special, Charles Park. **LARGEST AND BEST COLLECTION OF FOWLS.**—D. W. Herstine.

For Exhibition taking largest number first premium Society's Prizes.—M. H. Cryer & Co.

PIGONS. *Jacobin.*—1st, M. H. Cryer & Co. *Runt.*—1st, Wade & Henry. *Magpie.*—1st and Special, Wade & Henry; 2nd, James Blythe.

OWL.—1st, M. H. Cryer & Co. *Barb.*—1st, Wade & Henry; 2nd, M. H. Cryer & Co. *Fantail.*—1st, James Blythe; 2nd, John Dyer. *Archangels.*—1st, M. H. Cryer. *Dragon.*—1st, M. H. Cryer & Co. *Turbit.*—1st and 2nd, Wade & Henry. *Almond.*—1st, Wade & Henry; 2nd, James Blythe.

SONG BIRDS. *Belgian.*—1st and 2nd, John Owens. *German.*—2nd, John Owens. *Best English Thrush.*—1st, John M. Lytha. *Best Collection Singing Birds.*—W. R. Elliot. *Best General Collection of Birds.*—W. R. Elliot. *Best pair Lt. B. Canaries.*—John Owens. *Best pair Dk. B. Canaries.*—John Owens. *Best Pointer or Setter Dog.*—John Vandergriff. *Best Imported English Bull Terrier Dog.*—S. French. *Best Exhibition Coop.*—G. E. Cluton.

MILFORD (MASS.) POULTRY CLUB EXHIBITION.

The second annual Exhibition of this club was held at the Town Hall in Milford, January 30th and February 1st. Brahmas and cochins were the most numerously represented classes, as appears to be the case in all our Exhibitions, both in America and England.

LIST OF PREMIUMS AWARDED.

BRAHMAS. *Light.*—1st, 2nd, and 3rd, J. K. Pierce. *Dark.*—1st and 2nd, J. K. Pierce; 3rd, W. S. Hastings.

COCHINS. *Buff.*—1st, Stearns Davenport; 2nd, W. S. Hastings; 3rd, Wm. Cook. *Partridge.*—1st, H. Hemingway; 2nd, W. S. Hastings; 3rd, Wm. P. Miller. *Black.*—1st, Wm. Cook; 2nd, W. E. Jennings; 3rd, G. B. Babcock. *White.*—2nd, G. B. Babcock.

PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—1st, Madison Washburn; 2nd, Frank Holmes.

GREY DORINGS.—1st and 2nd, F. J. Dutcher. **DOMINIQUE.**—3rd, Lucius Hood.

HAMBURGS. *Golden.*—1st, Geo. Crooks; 2nd, Fred. Needham. *Silver.*—1st and 3rd, John Baker; 2nd, John Hancock.

Portugese.—2nd, Edwin H. Hero; 3rd, Frank Cushman.

POLANDS. *Silver.*—Wm. Bennet. *Golden.*—1st, Geo. Crooks; 2nd, James Igo. *White.*—1st, W. & E. Jennings.

LEGHORNS. *White.*—1st, H. N. Madden; 2nd, A. W. Jones; 3rd, Wm. P. Miller. *Brown.*—2nd, Frank Holmes; 3rd, F. J. Dutcher.

BLACK SPANISH.—1st, M. L. Nason; 2nd, A. W. Jones; 3rd, Wm. P. Miller.

HOUDANS.—1st and 3rd, Geo. P. Crooks. **CHEVE CACKERS.**—1st Wm. Cook. *Best Collection of Game Fowl.*—1st, Thomas Gallagher; 2nd, Irvin W. Brown. *Best Game Cock.*—Charles Stimson.

BANTAMS. *Game.*—1st and 3rd, W. & E. Jennings; 2nd, W. S. Hastings. *Golden Sebright.*—1st and 2nd, John Baker; 3rd, Geo. Crooks. *Black.*—1st, John Baker; 2nd, Eugene Fay; 3rd, E. H. Hero. *Silver Sebright.*—1st, John A. Foley. *Jara Fowls.*—M. L. Nason. *Bucks Co.*—Frank Holmes. *Friszles.*—M. L. Nason. *Cross-bred F wls.*—1st, E. H. Hero; 2nd, A. W. Jones.

Geese.—1st, M. L. Nason. **Decker.**—1st, M. L. Nason; 2nd, G. B. Babcock.

PIGONS. *Best Collection.* E. H. Hero. *Pouters.* *Best Pair.*—Geo. Gardiner. *Calcutta Fantails.*—Fred. Needham. *White Fantails, Mottled, Cinnamon and Brick Tumbler.*—Geo. Gardiner.

DRESSED POULTRY. *Best Pair Chickens.*—G. B. Babcock. *Turkeys.*—Bates and Knight.

For the largest and best Collection of Fowls, owned by the Exhibitor.—1st, Wm. Cook; 2nd, M. L. Nason.

PACKING HATCHING EGGS FOR CARRIAGE

—(G. E., Port Robinson, Ont.) asks us to give a good and secure method of packing eggs for hatching, a task somewhat difficult to do. Numerous writers have suggested as many different ways. We have received eggs from England, packed in fine, soft hay, with a separate piece wrapped firmly round each egg, and placed in rows in a box with the lid screwed firmly down; and yet, on their arrival, some were cracked, and others so injured, no doubt by rough handling on the way, that but few chicks came out. Others again came to us, packed in dry oat hulls, without any covering round the egg, in a moderate state of preservation, hatching out as many as eight and nine chicks from the dozen eggs. We have seen in a late number of a cotemporary a box illustrated, which the writer claimed to be unequalled for security against accidents in the carrying of hatching eggs long distances. In shape, it was a little longer than wide, the interior divided into square compartments by means of paste-board, each compartment somewhat larger than the egg to be placed in it, the space to be filled in with bran. There is, however, nothing new in this; years ago we have seen exactly similar contrivances. The plan adopted by ourselves for several years past, and which we have found to work well, is to procure boxes of sizes suitable to hold the number of eggs to be packed in it, the lid to fit tight in a groove cut in the two side boards and one of the end boards. Fill partially with bran and wrap each egg in a piece of tissue paper, placing it large end downwards and at sufficient distances from each other that the eggs don't touch. Place enough bran between the rows to prevent the eggs coming together, and, finally, fill up all the interstices between the eggs with bran, well packed in with the fingers; this keeps them in their proper position during the journey. After the lid is shoved in its place in the groove, place a screw in the end, which keeps it firm. In this way, we have sent eggs hundreds of miles without accident or breakage; and last season, after a long journey by rail, and thirty odd miles by stage on a rough road, out of a box of 16 eggs packed in this way, were hatched 15 chickens.

DARK vs. LIGHT BRAHMAS.—(Enquirer).

—The Dark is larger and more beautifully feathered bird than the Light. But in laying and other qualities we are not aware of an superiority. Strong efforts are now being made in England to increase the Light variety in size equal to if not greater than that of the Dark. Some of our best breeders in the United States have already attained this object.

BREEDING GAME FOWLS.

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It is to be observed in breeding light and dark colors together, that the cock should be of light, and the hens of the dark color, as in this case the hens being of the darker color will rule the color more than the cock. If a dark cock is used for breeding with light colored hens, the result will be few or no light colored birds, which clearly shows that the cock influences color more than the hens do as a general rule.

Some breeders object to dub their brood cocks at all, but this is a mere matter of opinion. Other breeders choose their finest "stag" to make a brood cock of, keep him undubbed, but dub all others, and put him on the best walk by himself with a few hens only, to try what sort of chickens he throws as a stag, before breeding from him as a full-grown cock at home. Many also try their best pullets in the same way before breeding from them as full-grown hens, putting them with their best stag. The old breeders used to try some of their stags by weighing them in to fight against full-grown cocks, when, if they fought well against full-grown birds, they were good, if not, they were condemned as bad. The shortest legged stags were used for this purpose, and at least three of them, as these look most like cocks, being more down on their thighs than the long-legged early-hatched stags ever are as a rule.

By mating the brood cock and brood hens about Christmas, they will become well acquainted with one another, and the hens are well attended to by the cock by the proper time for laying eggs for hatching, which is in February or March. I generally mate my brood fowls two or three days before Christmas, putting only a few of the very best shaped hens to the best shaped brood cock—never more than six hens of course; and I think this is the best way of breeding first-rate stock birds.

When a stock of Game fowls has been bred in-and-in too long, they begin to be slower in their motions, the hens and pullets do not lay so well as formerly, and they moult late, and feather badly and slowly. When this is the case they should be crossed with a strong healthy brood cock, and the progeny by him retained instead of the older birds. All birds from a first cross are most vigor-

ous if the cross is good, and best for the pit. Second, third, and following crosses less vigorous and spirited than a first cross, as the first mixture of different blood always produces most vigour. By keeping two different strains always separate, a first cross may always be had when wanted.

In breeding it must be noticed that the first-laying hens never breed the best birds—that is, hens which lay in winter are not the best to breed from, having exhausted themselves before the proper season. The best hens to breed good hard birds from, are those which do not lay (after moulting at the proper time), until the middle of February, thus laying their first clutches of eggs at the proper season for hatching.

As to the age of eggs for hatching, eggs will hatch easily, if well kept, at a month old, but this perhaps is rather too stale. My plan was to collect all the eggs ten days old, or fresher still, and to put them into a large jar full of dry bran, sticking them point downwards deep into the bran, and thus keeping them in an upright position, and then placing the jar in a cool cupboard. When eggs were required for a sitting, I chose the best shaped of these, none of which were older than ten days. All eggs kept in this way I found to hatch well and without failure.

Game fowls, if healthy, should be in full feather by November, and should moult in September or October, feathering well and quickly, as healthy birds should do; some are found too bare in moulting, such birds are not so healthy. No Game hen, if short in body, and of the proper size, can cover more than twelve eggs properly. I use eleven eggs to a sitting in cold or cool weather, and twelve in warm weather, and never more, though many give thirteen eggs. A little earth at the bottom of the nests, not too dry, assists in hatching the eggs. As with Pheasants, for nests I prefer short hay sprinkled with lime.—*Newmarket, in Jour. of Hor.*

An old woman's goose was shot by an amateur sportsman at Kishkonomy, Wis., about two years ago. She allowed the matter to lie since that time till now, when she brings suit against the despoiler of her poultry for \$80, that being the estimate she puts upon her fowl's value in flesh and feathers by the natural laws of reproduction.

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THE BLACK CAP.

Any one who prefers the amiable disposition of the Black Cap to its song, should unquestionably either choose one which has been caught before moulting time, or procure a nest of half-fledged birds. But the latter course is full of difficulties, as most of the fledglings will probably become ill and die; and it may be considered a fortunate result if one fine, healthy male bird survives out of the entire number. There is no food for these birds like fresh ants' eggs; but they must be carefully guarded from becoming mouldy or putrefied. Wheat bread alone does not agree with the birds, but may be given with the addition of milk and ants' eggs. It is much better if the old birds can be put with the young ones in a roomy cage, as they administer food in smaller portions and more frequently than attendants could do. Their care of the young birds is most touching and faithful. The male sometimes executes a tune aloud, and calls with a soft and humming piping; he holds his wings tremblingly away from his body, and gives their portions to the young ones; his love to them is, in most cases, as great as that of the female.

The birds are less liable to disease if they are well fledged before they are taken from the nest, because then they can sit on the perches and keep themselves cleaner than the helpless young nestlings can do. But we would strongly advise any one who rightly values the song of the Black Cap, never to take a young bird, as it is far inferior to one which is caught when it is old. The Black Cap taken after or during moulting time does certainly, at times, produce the clear, flute-like higher notes; but his warbling presents neither variety nor beauty. It is, therefore, much better to choose an old male bird; but even then the connoisseur may not feel satisfied if he does not find an excellent songster. The differences of song amongst Black Caps may be noticed in woods or parks where many pairs build their nests. The same differences may be observed in them as in the nightingale and thrush. If observations are made on this point at places situated only two or three miles apart, a very striking change in the ac-

cent of the tune is perceivable. The rest of the song, with the exception of some intermediate passages, is a mixture of calls which they have acquired, and of which they generally sing portions, very rarely giving the whole strophes.

The bird appears to be valuable in proportion to the distinctness and fidelity of its imitation, as well as to the variety and melody of its song. The scolding notes and calls of the thrush and the bird of prey, the tones of the lark, the finches, and the redbreast, are all imitated by good songsters. A Black Cap should be chosen for its imitative powers, and for the good execution and frequent repetition of tunes.

The Black Cap is not so easily tamed in spring as in autumn, when berries can be mixed with fresh ants' eggs, and the food be thus made more acceptable to the bird. There are, however, no great difficulties to be overcome, if the possessor of the bird does not deviate essentially from the treatment required by the nightingale and thrush. In autumn, if grated carrots, with some berries and a little boiled beef, are given to the captive, he will immediately partake of the food with great appetite. He first hastily swallows the berries, and then fills his beak with carrots, bread, and meat. Two or more male birds agree well in one cage; they urge each other to eat and call, as if they were leading their young ones. They press close to each other on the perches, and seem then to feel safer and more comfortable.

These birds are extremely fond of turnips, fruit, and berries, which they swallow greedily. No food is so good for them as fruit. To urge on their song, fresh ants' eggs are given to them as soon as possible. With such food, the Black Cap leaves the meal worms untouched; but in winter he receives a few daily. The perches in the cage must be about the thickness of the little finger. The bird likes to rest his body on the perch; whilst doing so, he bends his head down and presses his tail close to the perch. He spreads his feathers over his feet, and so has the appearance of a ball of feathers. Any disturbance makes him raise his head and look around, but still his feet remain covered, and he retains the same position. At last he gets up, and is quite lively. If he rises to eat or drink, he generally stretches out his wings and feet, one after the other; jerks

his tail in joyful anticipation, and jumps quickly towards the food. If he is surprised by any strange appearance, he raises his black feathers on the top of his head, and moves his body to and fro. He becomes gradually tame by quiet, gentle treatment, and when his cage is placed low, but above all when he is in the midst of the busy doings of a household. Most Black Caps are quiet by night, even when they have lived several years in captivity. At the time for migration, they are not nearly so excited as the nightingales; but there are great differences among Black Caps in this respect. It is not necessary to heat the room in which the Black Cap spends the winter; yet the situation of it should not be too cold. But if the possessor of the Black Cap wishes to hear the winter song of the bird, which always feels more comfortable in a warm room, he should take care to preserve a moderate degree of warmth. These birds are very highly to be recommended for the house, as, even in winter, their song is heard, though it is not quite developed. Most Black Caps begin to sing after Christmas; many do not commence till February. Many sing so loudly, even in April, that the sound is too powerful for a room. It is then advisable to place the cage in the passage, or in the entrance hall. If the weather permit, the cage should be hung outside the window. A place must be chosen where the bird is sheltered from the wind, and from unfavorable weather. In quiet, sheltered places he sings his fresh spring song, to the delight of the passers by. The duration of the Black Cap's singing time depends on individual inclination and disposition, and not, as many suppose, at the time at which moulting begins. Most Black Caps are silent for some weeks before the feathers begin to change; very few continue to sing till that time. It sometimes happens that moulting begins unusually early, and then the song is cut short. The Black Caps which have finished moulting warble in fine autumn days, and execute their tunes softly, as if dreaming.

There are few birds which require so little tending in captivity, or which remain strong and healthy for such a long time as Black Caps. They are also extremely docile and amiable when gentle and intelligent attempts are made to tame them.—*The Field.*

Pigeons.

THE ARCHANGEL.

The following description of the Archangel is from the pen of J. W. Ludlow, Secretary, Birmingham Columbarian Society, and published in the *Journal of Horticulture*.

This variety of domesticated pigeon is not one of the general favorites; indeed, there are but few who have paid special attention to its culture, consequently it is not usually seen in this country.

Archangels are not attractive either in color or habits, and from the casual observer probably no word of praise would be elicited, yet they are a meritorious breed of pigeon.

Their color is sombre and unattractive; their shape and peculiarities differ somewhat from other breeds, and in many ways they are dissimilar to others more numerous about us; they are naturally very shy and wild, and this in some degree may account for their being discarded as "pets."

It is a matter of considerable doubt and speculation when the breed was first imported into Great Britain, and from whence it came. These pigeons are supposed to be natives of Russia, and have been designated Archangel from the fact of the breed being found in great numbers at that Russian seaport. It is certain that Russia and Germany are accredited with having the Archangel in far greater numbers than ourselves, and in Russia, we believe, the breed was originally propagated.

The Archangel, as we have said, is not particularly attractive in appearance, but its beauties, as we become familiar with the bird's, and as we see them in various positions, moving about in the bright sunlight, increase our admiration of them: more and more. Archangels, in general size and outline, much resemble the Rock Dove; the head is somewhat of the same form, though the beak has not quite so much of the "spindle" character, and like the Rock Dove, the Archangel when caged displays that wild uneasy disposition so characteristic of all birds not accustomed to close confinement.

Archangels, though wild and shy naturally, are easily tamed by the common usage of the aviary or dove cote,

and when in association with many bold little companions, their retiring disposition is not then so noticeable, as they gradually adopt the habits of their fellows, although they rarely become so tractable as most others; and if proper nesting places are arranged for their use in dark secluded corners, they will thrive and breed well, rear well, and live at ease and contentment.

Few words will suffice for detailing the points and peculiarities of this breed. The birds are of moderate size, and though not possessing symmetry of form in a marked degree, still they are not at all ungraceful in appearance. Their body is usually carried in a horizontal position, though the balance is well sustained, and the head inclines a little forward. They are easy in their movements on foot, and rapid in their flight. Their wings are large, the secondary flights being more prominent than usually seen in most other varieties. The head of the bird is narrow, possessing a crest or peak, rising from the back of the skull in continuation of the line of neck, and terminating in a perfect point, inclining forwards. The beak is rather thin, dark colored, and somewhat dove-shaped. The wart, wattle, or nostril cover, is small, smooth, and rather flattened. The eye should be of a red color, but many splendid specimens have come under our notice having pearl eyes; the red, however, is far preferable, being more in unison with the general color of the bird. The upper part of the neck is narrow; the breast full, though not too prominent; the shoulders wide, but closely fitting to the body, and not outspread at their sockets. The color of the birds in a subdued light, is a sombre, unattractive, black; the head, neck, breast, and thighs, a reddish chocolate-color. But in a bright light, and under the influence of the sun's beams, this pigeon becomes all aglow; its sober garb is illumined with varied and brilliantly shining colors from head to tail, from beak to thigh. This chameleon-like peculiarity is an important feature in the breed, and is absolutely necessary in a matured and perfect bird. The head, neck, breast, belly, and thighs, as far as the vent, should be a rich, dark, coppery bronze; the back, tail, sides of wings, and flight, should be black, and enlivened by iridescent hues. It is in

a strong light that the red-color-merit of the specimen is fully realized.

The young of the Archangel, at first, are much lighter in color throughout; but as they pass through each successive moult, the richer and more conspicuous does the coloring become. A mistake too often made, is to discard young stock too soon; and this remark, fanciers of all kinds would do well to consider, therefore, our warning is, do not condemn them at an early period of their existence, see them at least through their first moult; and then, if they are not of a bluish tinge, or dappled upon their wings, do not condemn them or hasten their doom; give them time for nature to crop out.

Our Letter Box.

CANKER IN FOWLS.—(*H.M.T. Brooklyn.*)—The disease breaks out on the side of the face, or at the back of the comb, or upon the head, and is easily cured, but when it comes on the roof of the mouth or the tongue it is dangerous, and difficult to cure unless immediately seen to. Cleanse the inside of the mouth thoroughly with alum solution, after which, rub it well over with burnt alum well powdered; continue this daily until a cure is effected. If the case is very bad, give the bird a pill of tobacco and grease, which causes it to throw up much of the impurities in its crop and cleanses it. When this has worked well, give it a pill of bitter aloes about the size of a pea; this gives the bird's digestion a tone, as well as cleaning it out. Separate from the other fowls, and feed on soft food.

BRAHMA COCK, DIFFICULTY IN BREATHING.—(*J.F.P.*)—It may have arisen from cold. Give him a dose of castor oil, and before you do so put a feather down his throat. Give two pills of camphor each the size of a garden pea.

MOVING A BROODY HEN.—(*T.D., Toronto.*)—There is always difficulty in removing a broody hen, and unless much care is taken she will leave the nest. She ought to be moved in a very low box or basket with plenty of soft straw to keep her warm. Put false eggs into the basket and cover her over with a heavy cloth to keep the light out. If she intends to sit, she will, when the basket is uncovered, show unmistakable signs. If she does not, she will at once fly out, and leave her eggs. If she shows a disposition to sit close,

leave her on the dumb eggs (artificial ones if you have them) for a day or two, and then put good ones under her, keeping her well covered with a heavy cloth till she thoroughly takes to her nest.

EGG-EATING FOWLS.—(*R. H. T., Toronto.*)—Your fowls eat their eggs because they are out of condition: they require cooling food. Give plenty of green food, such as you can at this season best secure. Lettuce from a hot-bed would be too expensive, therefore, give cabbages whole, and occasionally cut up fine and mixed with soft food for their morning meal. It is difficult to cure the propensity, and at one time it was thought incurable. The practice can be discouraged by putting very hard composition eggs in all their haunts. They get tired of trying to eat them.

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