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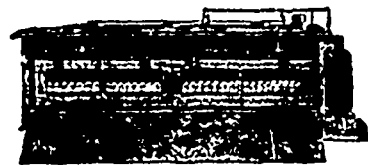
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PRICE OF A POULTRY RANCH.

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There are a large number of people annually moving to the West in search of land suitable for ranching, on which to settle with their families and from the products of the soil earn a livelihood. Attending such a trip there are always heavy outlays attached and in some cases many are disappointed when they arrive at their journeys end. Were the necessary information regarding land, its price, location and capabilities placed before the people from some reliable source to guide them, it would be the means of preventing many happy homes being broken up and prevent suffering from financial loss, when the new country fell short of their expectation. To such, a few particulars relative to small ranches may be interesting and instructive. Small fruits and chicken ranches prove the most profitable employment that a man can engage in. Before we can go far in our subject

it is necessary to find out first what are the requirements of the intending purchaser, and very many views and opinions are encountered. There are those who make distance from a market no object as long as they get cheap land, while others make the nearness to the city the first consideration regardless of the additional price. Again there are those who come prepared to clear the land, by their own labor, while others look upon stump pulling as a waste of their valuable time and would rather pay three times the price to procure a home all ready cleared for them. Consequently it will be necessary to quote prices which will be useful to all classes, and while the the figures relate to the good farming land on Vancouver Island, they will be applicable to land in almost any part of the Province at the same distance from markets. The average price for clearing, stumping and ploughing once will run from \$25 to \$75 per acre according to the size and quantity of timber to be removed. As all the land

was originally in a wild timbered state, it will be well for the reader to bear these figures in mind, which, coupled with the distance from a market and quality of soil, all go to determine the price, which sometimes they consider too high. At a distance of say two or three miles from town, good cleared land, with such improvements as fences, drains, etc., will cost from \$300 per acre up. On the other hand by moving another seven miles or say ten to twelve miles out into the country, the same land could be purchased for \$50 up to \$100 per acre. Wild land at the same distance runs from \$25 to \$50 per acre. A great deal of course depends upon the quality of the land and the way it lays. The timber need not be wasted as it is worth \$3.50 per cord delivered for firewood and the cedar can be split into fence rails or maybe disposed of to the mills at remunerative prices. There are beautiful fertile valleys throughout the Province where the land can be bought in 100 acre plots for \$5, \$10, \$15 and \$20 per

acre, but the means of access to market is so uncertain especially in winter, that the investor has to pause and consider which location is going to prove the best in the end.

To any one who has a knowledge of poultry and small fruits, there is a good living to be obtained from ten or twenty acres, as prices of the products are high. The work requires attention and in almost every case failure is the natural result of carelessness and indolence. The climate of B. C. is all that can be wished for, no extremes of heat or cold being encountered, and sufficient moisture to dispense with the necessity of irrigation which is so often found in other parts and which proves so laborious and expensive. A wise provision is, to buy for cash, as a better bargain can be made and the usual interest on deferred payments saved, thus protecting one from the anxiety of having always to provide for interest every quarter day. Further it enables the purchaser to procure his title to the land which is always advisable. With the amount of good available land there is, the imports of produce should be greatly reduced. The Minister of Agriculture will be only too pleased to have mailed to anyone the Report of the Department of Agriculture by sending name and address, which will prove very profitable reading. Much more could be said in connection with small ranches, but as the following papers are to treat on

some of the more important necessities the writer will conclude for fear of encroaching.

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SPECIAL PREMIUMS.

Gold Coin, \$50 and Dennison Medal, value \$25, for best display outside the limits prescribed by the Nanaimo Challenge Cup, Wallis & Tagart.

Gold Coin, \$20 and Sloan & Scott's Trophy to be won twice, value \$25 for second best display as above, C. W. Riley.

The Visitor's Special, \$50.00 in Gold, donated by the Nanaimo Poultry Society, Ltd., for the best display outside of the limits prescribed by the Nanaimo Challenge Cup and awarded as follows, viz. \$25—First Prize, \$15, Second Prize, \$10, Third Prize—Competitors must not enter less than fifteen birds, Wallis & Tagart, 1st; C. W. Riley, 2nd; F. Sturdy, 3rd.

The "John Rosenfeld Sons" Medal—Value \$50, Fred Cook.

Nanaimo Challenge Cup, to be won twice—Value \$50, Fred Cook.

The Morgan Medal, value \$20, eight highest Scoring birds one variety, F. Sturdy.

\$25 in Gold Coin, donated by the New Vancouver Coal Mining and Land Co. Ltd., for the best display made by any of their (acreage) tenants (freeholders or leaseholders), Fred Cook.

The "Victoria" Trophy, value \$25, won by S. W. Lobb, at the Victoria Show, 1893, redonated by him for the highest scoring Game Bantam male, Fred Cook.

\$10 in Gold Coin, for highest scoring bird in the show (Bantams Excluded), open to all, not including birds judged by comparison, F. Sturdy.

\$5 in Gold Coin, to the exhibitor of the greatest variety of breeds, Wallis & Tagart and H. T. Petersen, (tie).

\$5 in Gold Coin, for the best brood Young Chicks (with mother), Stanley Craig.

The Wellington Trophy not being entered in just the way intended by the donors, it was, on the suggestion of the judge retained for next year.

Best display in American varieties—C. W. Riley, 1st, \$5; Wallis & Tagart, 2nd, \$2.

Best display of Asiatic varieties—A. Dick, 1st, \$5; F. Cook, 2nd, \$2.

Best display of Mediterranean varieties—Wallis & Tagart, 1st, \$5; C. W. Riley, 2nd, \$2.

Best display of Polish varieties—T. Goldsworthy, 1st, \$5; no second.

Best display of Hamburg varieties—F. Sturdy, 1st, \$5; J. Leonard, 2nd, \$2.

Best display of Houdan varieties—H. E. Levy, 1st, \$5; no second.

Best display in English varieties—J. Sharp, 1st, \$5; F. Sturdy, 2nd, \$2.

Best display in Exhibition Games—Wallis & Tagart, 1st, \$5; George Barlow and Jos. Neen (tie) \$2.

Best display in Game Bantams and Bantams of all kinds—F. Cook, 1st, \$5; Jonathan Thompson, 2nd, \$2.

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Bantams—G. Duck Wing, Cock, F. Cook, 1st; Hen—F. Cook, 1st; J. Sharp, 2nd; Cockerel—F. Cook, 1st; F. Cook, 2nd; Pullet—F. Cook, 1st; F. Cook, 2nd; Breeding pen—F. Cook, 1st.

Bantams—Red Pile, Cock—A. Thompson, Jr., 1st; S. Jackman, 2nd; Hen—A. Thompson, 1st; S. Jackman, 2nd; Cockerel—Wallis & Tagart, 1st; A. Burgess, 2nd.

Black Game Bantams—Cockerel—Jonathan Thompson, 1st; Hen—Jonathan Thompson, 1st; Pullet—Jonathan Thompson, 1st and 2nd.

Golden Seabright Bantam—Pullet: Mrs. W. Mottishaw, 1st; Mrs. W. Mottishaw and Peter Acton, tie, 2nd.

Black Rose Comb Bantam—Cock—W. J. Pollock, 1st; Hen—W. J. Pollock, 1st.

Cochin Bantam—Cock—S. Jackman, 1st; Hen and Pullet—S. Jackman, 2nd.

Buff Pekin Bantam—Hen—C. W. Riley, 1st and 2nd; Pullet—C. W. Riley, 1st; Breeding pen—C. W. Riley, 1st.

W. C. W. Poland Bantam—Cockerel—J. Sharp, 1st.

White Plymouth Rocks—Cock, Wallis & Tagart, 1st; A. C. Anderson, 2nd; Hen—Wallis & Tagart, 1st; T. Haworth, 2nd; Cockerel—T. Haworth, 1st; Wallis & Tagart, 2nd; Pullet—Wallis & Tagart, 1st; A. C. Anderson, 2nd; Breeding pen—J. Leonard, 2nd.

Barred Plymouth Rocks—Cock, C. W. Riley, 1st and 2nd; Hen—W. S. Lindsay, 1st; A. Dick, W. S. Horton, C. W. Riley, tie, 2nd; Cockerel—A. Dick, 1st; C. W.

Riley, 2nd; Pullet—Wallis & Tagart, 1st; W. S. Lindsay, 2nd; Breeding pen—C. W. Riley, 2nd.

Golden Wyandottes—Cock, Henry Shepherd, 1st, Henry Shepherd, 2nd; Cockerel—E. G. Pannell, 2nd.

Silver Wyandottes—Cock, C. W. Riley, 1st; Hen—E. G. Pannell, 1st; C. W. Riley, 2nd; Cockerel—E. G. Pannell, 1st; C. W. Riley, 2nd; Pullet—E. G. Pannell, 1st; J. Leonard, 2nd; Breeding pen—C. W. Riley, 2nd.

Black Java—Hen, Wallis & Tagart, 1st, Hen—Wallis & Tagart, 2nd, Cockerel—Wallis & Tagart, 1st; J. Leonard, 2nd; Pullets—Wallis & Tagart, 1st; F. Cook, 2nd.

Dominique—Pullet, F. Cook, 2nd.

White Wyandottes—Hen, C. W. Riley, 2nd; Cockerel—C. W. Riley, 1st and 2nd; Pullet—C. W. Riley, 1st, Breeding pen—C. W. Riley, 1st.

Silver Wyandottes—Cocks, C. W. Riley, 91½, 1st; Hen—E. G. Pannell, 90½, 1st; C. W. Riley, 90, 2nd; Cockerel—E. G. Pannell, C. W. Riley, 92, 1st; C. W. Riley, 88½, 2nd; Pullet—E. G. Pannell, 93, 1st; J. Leonard, 92, 2nd; Breeding pen—C. W. Riley, 178 1-6, 2nd.

Light Brahmas—Cocks, A. Dick, 89, 2nd; C. W. Riley, 89, 2nd; Hen—A. Dick, 93, 1st; J. Leonard, 90½, 2nd; Cockerel—A. Dick, 92, 1st and 2nd; pullet—Henry Sheppard, 92½, 1st; W. S. Horton, 92, 2nd; Breeding pens—C. W. Riley, 178½, 2nd.

Dark Brahma—Cock, E. Trimble, 90, 1st; Hen—Miss E. Wigglesworth, 89½, 2nd.

White Cochin—Cock, A. Dick, 88½, 2nd; Hen—A. Dick, 92½, 1st; Cockerel—A. Dick, two, 89 points each, 2nd; Pullet—A. Dick, 90, 1st.

Buff Cochin—Cock, F. Cook, 91, 1st; Hen—F. Cook, 90½, 1st; F. Cook, 89½, 2nd; Cockerel—F. Cook, 89½, 2nd; Pullet—F. Cook, 91½, 1st; F. Cook, 91, 2nd; Breeding pen—Jas. Pargeter, Jr., 175 1-6, 2nd; F. Cook, 175 1-6, 2nd.

Partridge Cochin—Hen, A. Dick, 90½, 1st; A. Dick, 89, 2nd; Cockerel—J. W. Graham, 90½, 1st.

Black Spanish—Hen, H. T. Petersen, 92, 1st; Wallis & Tagart, 91, 2nd; Cockerel—J. Harper, 90½, 1st.

Silver Comb White Leghorns—Cock, J. Sharp, 91, 1st; C. W. Riley, 90½, 2nd; C. W. Riley, 90½, 2nd; Hen—Wallis & Tagart, 93½, 1st; J. Sharp, 92½, 2nd; Wallis & Tagart, 92½, 2nd; C. W. Riley, 92½, 2nd; Cockerel—Wallis & Tagart, 94, 1st; C. W. Riley, 93½, 2nd; C. W. Riley, 93½, 2nd; Pullet—J. Sharp, 94, 1st; Wallis

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Rose Comb, White Leghorns—Cock, C. J. Ellis, 90, 1st; F. Cook, 88, 2nd; Hen—C. J. Ellis, 88, 2nd; Cockerel—C. J. Ellis, 90, 1st; F. Cook, 89½, 2nd; Pullet—F. Cook, 92½, 1st; F. Cook, 90½, 2nd, Breeding pen—C. J. Ellis, 178½, 2nd.

Silver Comb Brown Leghorns—Cock, James Price, 91, 1st; C. W. Riley, 89½, 2nd, Hen—John Leonard, 93½, 1st, C. W. Riley, 93, 2nd, Cockerel—R. Jarvis, 92, 1st; C. W. Riley, 91, 2nd; 91, 2nd; Pullets—James Price, 92, 1st; Wallis & Tagart, 92, 2nd, 92, 2nd; Breeding pen—James Price, 181½, 1st; R. Jarvis, 181, 2nd.

Rose Comb Brown Leghorns—Pullet, Wallis & Tagart, 92, 1st; R. Jarvis, 90½, 2nd.

Buff Leghorns—Cockerel, Stanley Craig, 90½, 1st; Pullet—Thos. Craig, 91, 1st; 91, 1st.

White Minorca—Cockerel, H. T. Petersen, 89½, 2nd; Pullet—A. Dick, 92½, 1st; A. Dick, 91, 2nd; H. T. Petersen, 91, 2nd.

Black Minorcas—Cock, George Baker, 90½, 1st; H. T. Petersen, 90, 2nd; Hen—Jos. Neen, 93½, 1st; J. Leonard, 92½, 2nd; Wallis & Tagart, 92½, 2nd; Cockerel—J. Dunstal, 91, 1st; A. Dick, 90½, 2nd; Pullet—J. Leonard, 95½, 1st; Geo. Baker, 94, 2nd; Breeding pens—John Thompson, 182½, 1st; H. T. Petersen, 178½, 2nd.

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Red Caps—Cock, J. Leonard, 91, 1st; Hen—J. Leonard, 91, 1st; J. Leonard, 90½, 2nd; Cockerel—J. Leonard, 89½, 2nd; Pullet—H. T. Petersen, 88; Breeding pen—J. Leonard, 179½, 2nd.

Houdans—Cock, H. E. Levy, 88, 2nd; Breeding pen—H. E. Levy, 176½, 2nd.

Silver-Grey Dorking—Cock, J. Sharp, 92½, 1st; F. Sturdy, 89, 2nd; Hen—J. Sharp, 92½, J. Sharp, 92½, and Miss Wigglesworth, (tie), 1st; Cockerel—J. Sharp, 90, 1st, Pullet—J. Sharp, 90, 1st.

B. B. Red Game—Cock, Jonathan Thompson, 88, 2nd; Hen—Jackman, 93½, 1st, Cockerel—J. Thompson, 90, 1st; Pullet—A. Burgess, 94½, 1st; Breeding pen—J. Thompson, 178½, 2nd.

Golden Duckwing—Cock, H. T. Petersen, 93, 1st; Hen—H. T. Petersen, 92, 1st.

White Game—Hen, Wallis & Tagart, 96½, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 91½, 2nd.

White Indian Game—Cockerel, Jos. Neen, 91½, 1st; Pullet—Jos. Neen, 93½, 1st; Jos. Neen, 93, 2nd.

CLASSIFICATION.

Barred Plymouth Rocks	40
White " "	30
Golden Wyandottes	9
Silver " "	31
White " "	8
Dominique	3
Black Java	19
Light Brahma	40
Dark "	8
White Cochins	6
Buff "	25
Partridge	23
Black Spanish	12
S. C. White Leghorn	54
R. C. " "	16
Rumpless White Leghorn	1
S. C. Brown "	39
R. C. " "	12
Buff Leghorns	16
White Minorcas	5
Black Minorcas	59
Andalusians	6
White Crested Polands	4
Golden " "	11
Black Langshans	2
G. S. Hamburgs	9
S. S. " "	28
Black " "	13
Red Caps	12
Houdans	8
Silver Grey Dorkings	11
B. B. Red Game	9
Golden Duckwing	2
White Game	3
White Indian Game	3
Black Game	3
Cornish Indian Game	18
Pit Game	8

DANTAMS.

B. B. Red Game	20
Golden Duckwing	16
Red Pyle	11
Black Game	4
Golden Seabright	8
Black Rose Comb	2
Cochin	3
Buff Pekin	9
W. C. Poland	1

TURKEYS & DUCKS.

Turkeys	6
Aylesbury Ducks	4
Pekin	8
Cayngno "	2
Rouen "	10
Mallard "	3
Emden Geese	2
Guinea Fowl	2

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SUMMARY OF EXHIBITORS AND ENTRIES 1894-1895.

EXHIBITORS. ENTRIES.

	94	95	94	95
Nanaimo City & Dist. 23	35	198	334	
Gabriola Island	2	1	30	56
Departure Bay	1	1	4	8
Wellington	5	7	41	54
East Wellington	1	1	7	2
Errington	1	1	18	90
Victoria	6	4	35	39
Vancouver	2	3	86	93
Plumper Pass	1	1	36	43

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EXTRAORDINARY WINTER LAYERS vs. ORDINARY LAYERS.

WRITTEN FOR B. C. FANCIER.

"Kindness shown to birds or men is sure to flutter back again."

Everybody likes good winter layers, and nearly every fancier or keeper of common fowls has a few special pets: he will tell you "that hen is on the nest every day, she hasn't missed a day this week." I know lots of people who tell me this. Usually the hen pointed out is a rather small-built bird with large red comb and sprightly bearing.

Most of this hen's eggs are saved to set when brooding time comes round, and often and often they hatch with very poor results. Now it is natural for any one to wish to build up a good egg-laying strain, and I think it is an excellent plan to cross common fowls with the better laying varieties of pure-breds, say Leghorns, Minorcas, Houdans or Andalusian male birds, the pullets from these matings always show some extra layers. But I question

whether the chicks hatched from extraordinary layers possess the vitality that do those from hens that produce a more usual number of eggs. To begin with, these eggs so constantly produced are apt to possess thinner shells than those laid by a hen that takes a longer time to perfect her egg. Thin shelled eggs allow more rapid evaporation than do the thicker shelled eggs, they are also far more likely to be broken. Another thing, unless there are very few hens with the male bird and he unusually vigorous, many of these eggs will be infertile; extra layers running in a large flock produce very few fertile eggs compared to the other hens, and many of the fertile eggs do not possess the life germ in sufficient strength to do more than make a faint start toward existence.

Hens that have been stimulated by condition powders, pepper, and tonics to lay largely through the winter, begin their breeding season in the spring with impaired powers, at least I think so and I think all this forcing business through the winter is responsible in many cases for the many weakly chickens one sees hatched in some yards. Have you ever seen a brood of young grouse or pheasants barely a day old? If so you cannot help but compare them with the chicks hatched by hens; within a few hours of leaving the nest the little things can scramble through the brush and in a few hours can fly. Now waxy Leghorn full sized hens can fly a long distance, but chicks even from this precocious breed are absolutely incapable of motion for several hours after pipping the shell.

Why is this great difference? for we know fowls were once wild, and must have had much the same powers as pheasants or grouse to be able to hold their own in the struggle for existence. I think this is the reason: your little chick is a product of civilization, a lie selected by chance for completing from myriads of other little life, atoms that have been produced all the year round in monotonous succession by the hen. This continual breeding season, this vitality weakly distributed through hundred of eggs the year long, is a very different thing to the short breeding season of the grouse and pheasant. Just enough eggs laid to produce the nest full of young ones, and all the years vitality concentrated in two or three hatches at the most.

When fowls get poorly, fed especially those of the foraging varieties, if left to

run wild, the first thing that fails is the winter supply of eggs. Fewer are produced in the spring, fewer still in summer and Autumn. The birds will scarcely pair in the winter; but you will usually see very strong small chickens produced from these birds. The hens will steal their nests, and bring back large clutches, 17, 18 and 20 being no unusual number. Now, what I would say as moral to all this is, don't force your hens too much, or the chicks will suffer from weakness of vital power in the parents. If you want to breed from extra layers give them plenty of shelling and mate them in spring with an adult male that has been separated from any hens through the winter. It is a great mistake to allow cockerels to run indiscriminately with hens as soon as they begin to show their sex. Even for the early hatch birds, a whole winter of bachelorhood is a great benefit when the breeding season commences and you want to hatch chicks sired by these birds. I would willingly pay much more for such a bird, and always keep a cockerel yard where all the best seasons cockerels are shut up with the unpaired male adults until the breeding season begins, or they are sold.

It would not pay to let fowls revert to savagedom, but much more care should be taken that in obtaining a few dozen more eggs yearly we do not sacrifice the vigor of the chicks.

MRS. E. KABELAC.

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TIMELY H'NTS.

MARCH.

Su.	Mo.	Tu.	We.	Th.	Fr.	Sa.
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Although many chicks have already been hatched in British Columbia this season, yet this month still more will be done. To secure the best results one must use care at every step. If you trust to luck you will fail. Common sense and hard work will go a long way toward bringing success to the poultry fancier. (proper attention to the eggs you propose to set, let them be fresh and if at all dirty don't be afraid to wash them. Be sure your hen has fully made up her mind to undertake the responsibility necessary to rear a family. Give her a good nest in a good place and don't be afraid to use a reas-

onable amount of care and gentleness in starting her on her three-week job. There is little danger of doing too much, the trouble generally is all on the other side. Your breeding stock should receive every care and be kept in the very pink of condition. If you don't have fertile eggs this month you can only blame yourself. If you are a rancher and are only looking at the commercial side remember that it is only the early chicks that pay. You must have your broilers on the market early or there will be little or nothing in it for you, except—loss. After the chicks are hatched your work has only just begun. The rearing of them is where the real work comes in. For the first twenty-four hours let them alone, nature has made all necessary provisions for their comfort. Then a hard boiled egg chopped up fine, shell and all, and mixed with cracker crumbs will furnish a good meal. Oat meal moistened with milk and chopped wheat will give variety when needed. See that there is an abundant supply of pure fresh water and have it so arranged that the little fellows can't get into it. Take all precaution to exclude vermin in all sorts. A few dollars spent in wire netting may save many a fine chicken from destruction during the age when they are particularly helpless. A covered run is easily made and will be an effectual barrier against cats and hawks that have a liking for fancy chicks. Remember you are laying the foundation now and the whole character of your future work will depend upon it.

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HENRY S. BALL.

The San Francisco, Tacoma, Vancouver and Victoria poultry shows were all judged by Mr. Henry S. Ball of Shrewsbury, Mass. Mr. Ball came as an entire stranger, known only by his eastern reputation. He went away leaving his name attached to thousands of score cards which represented careful painstaking judging and with hosts of friends among the fraternity on the coast. The office of poultry judge may not be a sinecure but if a man is competent and does his work honestly it is not so hard after all. This was Mr. Ball's position exactly. To see him take up a bird and judge it inspired one with confidence and you felt, here is a man who understands his business. Mr. Ball is a typical New England gentleman, polite, courteous and with a fund of general poultry knowledge that is truly surprising. He represents the pioneer

poultry fanciers and can tell many a good story of the early days. It is to be hoped this is not Mr. Ball's last visit to the coast and he can rest assured that his careful work was fully appreciated by all real fanciers. Au revoir!!

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A QUESTION OF JUDGES.

EDITOR B. C. FANCIER.

I wish to submit my plan of campaign for show season of '95-'96 open to suggestions from other clubs in our proposed circuit; the circuit to consist of the following clubs:—

Tacoma, Seattle, Portland, Vancouver, Nanaimo, Victoria, and if possible, the Washington State Ass'n

As the principal item in the circuit is the judge, I propose that each club submit names of say four (4) judges of national repute whom they may prefer. The four (4) names receiving the most ballots to be voted on again for one (1) judge, and the whole circuit to abide by the choice of the majority. Also in the event of making a circuit, each club to deposit a guarantee equal to each other, the whole amount of which will be sufficient to cover the judge's expenses.

Also that the guarantee be deposited not later than the first of September, 1895.

I think the first show of the circuit should be held in December, so as to get the last dates early in or before February.

F. A. ROWSELL,
Sec'y Tacoma Poultry Ass'n,
819 Sprague St., Tacoma.

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Of a mistaken philanthropist Jerrold said he was "so benevolent, so merciful a man, he would have held an umbrella over a duck in a shower of rain."

Some men hold a dime so close to their eye that they can not see a dollar. And the man who thinks he is saving by not subscribing for a first class poultry paper is undoubtedly related to this class.

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So far as British Columbia is concerned Nanaimo has certainly won for herself the first place as a poultry center and a show town. Last month the Nanaimo Poultry Society held their second annual show and brought together the finest collection of thoroughbred fowls ever seen on the North Pacific coast. All the arrangements were carried out in a careful manner and but little improvement could have been made. The prize list was most attractive and included many valuable trophies. From the very inception of the Society the citizens and the press of Nanaimo have accorded it a most hearty support. In fact the names of quite a number of the most prominent citizens appear as officials and members. They have given liberally of their time and money to make the event a success. Mr. S. M. Robins superintendent of the New Vancouver Coal Co., has taken a special interest in the Society and to him they are indebted for many favors personal and otherwise. Thus by a system of hearty co-operation backed by hard work very much has been accomplished in a short time, and British Columbia is assured at least one good poultry exhibition each year.

The Society was the pioneer one in the Province and had, in its day, done good work and in some ways its end is to be regretted. Victoria has a good number of energetic poultry fanciers who we are sure will immediately take steps to provide for an organization which shall devote all its attention to their particular interests. They will never consent to be behind their sister cities in the Province in matters that have to do with thoroughbred poultry and pet stock. We are not inconsistent when we say with all reverence, "Vale British Columbia Poultry, Dog and Pet Stock Association," and then at once look forward for the new organization which is to represent Victoria poultrymen, and their interests alone. May it soon come.

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A RESPONSIBLE OFFICE.

What the Secretary of the Treasury is to the finances of the United States, and to the prosperity of the land, the Secretary of the A. P. A. is, or should be, to the success, growth, and prosperity of the poultry interests of the country. It is an important office. It requires not only a broad and solid man, but an irrepressibly energetic man. To do as well as other Secretaries have done, is not sufficient. Greater fields are now open, greater possibilities now attainable, with the immense growth and spread of the poultry business. We had not thought of Mr. Hewes in connection with the Secretaryship, but now that he has been elected, we see no reason why he will not fill the bill. We had thought of Mr. Sternberg in this connection, for his aggressive energy, and irrepressible ubiquitous-

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As will be seen in another column the British Columbia Poultry, Dog and Pet Stock Association has, after seven years of life, ceased to exist. No particular reason has been given to the public for this course of action. The officials seemed to think the best thing to do was, disband, and probably they were right. As a rule their decision has been heartily approved by Victoria fanciers.

ness, together with his disposition and willingness to work, hard, and hammer away, pointed him out as the makings of a most efficient Secretary. But we hope Mr. Hewes will surpass our expectations, and we do expect great things of him.—*Southern Fancier.*

Now Theodore rise to the occasion or we will deny we know you.

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A VICTORIA PLAN.

—
BY THE EDITOR.
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Victoria tried a new plan in connection with the judging of birds at the show recently held here. The judge and his assistants went into one of the show rooms, the door was locked the public excluded and the birds were all passed upon. They then proceeded to the next room where the operation was repeated. Was the plan a wise one, or was it not? Some roundly condemned the plan, others said, "it is just the thing." The objection to open judging seems to be that fanciers ask too many questions, or are inclined to give the judge too much assistance. They put in a word or two when their rival's birds are being scored which is supposed to influence the judge and thus help themselves. The reasons for open judging are that the breeder has an opportunity of standing beside an expert and seeing him carefully consider every point, good or bad. In this way he may learn in a few minutes lessons that will be of greatest value to him. A single question may bring an answer that is worth a good many dollars, and settles much doubt. The unanimous testimony of breeders is that such experience has been of untold value to

them. We confess to being much in favor of the open plan. The difficulties in the way of it are easily remedied and the good results sure to come are important enough to make them worth every consideration.

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AN AFTERNOON LESSON.

—
BY THE EDITOR.
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"Come out and see my place and stock" said Mr. John Bowker, Jr., to the editor one day. "I am just getting under way but you may be interested to see the ranch." Such an invitation was not to be refused, so a few days later we boarded the electric car for a short ride to Oak Bay. A few minutes walk brought us to the Oak Bay Poultry Farm where Mr. Bowker lives. Our arrival was heralded by the dogs barking which brought Mr. Bowker out of one of his poultry houses where he was at work at the time. After the usual greetings were over, we started on a tour of inspection. "I will show you my breeding yards first." These consisted of houses 8 by 15 feet divided into two pens. They were built of rustic and faced the South. The back was double boarded on account of cold North winds. Each had a half sash window and small door for the use of the fowls. The nests are in the ends and small doors outside allows the eggs to be gathered without entering the house. There are no floors, the ground being covered with several inches of gravel. The roosts are arranged on the platform system. There are two yards in connection with each house one being planted to fruit trees. "I shall breed but four varieties this year, Barred Plymouth Rocks, Brown Leghorns, Houd-

ans and White Wyandottes, my intention is to add others as I have room. Now come and see my incubator." We made our way to a substantial building which we entered. On one side was a desk and egg box and on the wall a number of cards which showed that Mr. Bowker had not been unsuccessful in the show room. After lighting a lantern he opened the door of another room which had been built inside of the building. Here we found one of Mr. Rankin's Monarchs holding 160 eggs, in full operation. "She's a dandy. This is my second season with the machine, and I have had great success with it, 75 chicks out of 90 eggs was the result of my first trial this year. These eggs are due in a short time and I am sure of a good hatch. Now we will have a look at the brooder house." With this Mr. Bowker led us to a long narrow building with sliding glass windows that came down to the floor. The yards were full of lively little chicks three weeks old that were having a glorious time running hither and thither, stopping now and then to make the gravel fly with their tiny feet in an endeavor to unearth a choice bug or worm. "How many of your 75 have you got left?" we asked. "Every one of them, not a chick has died," and as far as we could judge not one had any intention of doing so they were all in the pink of health. In the house was one long brooder, and when the top was lifted up for us to look in we could see reason number one why none had died. It was as clean and sweet as could be, in fact we were impressed from first to last with the fact that Mr. Bowker had learned

one great lesson, cleanliness. "I am just getting ready to extend thirty feet, I shall put in new brooders and make several radical changes." "What do you feed those little fellows?" "Well, they have considerable variety, bread crumbs and skim milk, boiled potatoes, meat and onions, boiled rice, and generally whole wheat at night after they are a couple of weeks old. They are broilers and of course I push them as fast as I can. They will go to market in a couple of months—see how plump they are now," and one was placed in our hands to examine. We had another thought in mind at the same time and looked for lice but there were none to be seen. Reasons number two and three for no dead chicks, good food, and no lice. We were next shown a large house where the graded laying fowls are kept. Our attention was called at the same time to a pond where some white water fowls were enjoying themselves, "Geese," we thought on account of their size, "Those are my Pekin Ducks—Rankin strain," and as they came out of the water with a cheerful quack we could not repress our admiration. "They are laying, I am going to hatch some next time I fill the incubator." I am doing quite an egg business this year, the times are hard so I have lowered my prices to meet it, \$1.50 a setting for Barred Plymouth Rock, Houdan and Brown Leghorn eggs, \$3.00 for White Wyandotte and \$1.50 for Pekin Duck eggs. My surplus stock is all sold but I shall be on hand next fall." It was time to get back to town so we said "good bye" and turned our face homeward well pleased with the afternoon

call. Visitors are welcome any time at the Oak Bay Poultry Farm, and can be assured of a pleasant time. By the way if any of our readers go out don't come away without asking Mr. Bowker to exhibit his jumping collie: "He's a circus."

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THE ADVERTISING MAN.

DEAR ADVERTISERS:

I am informed that there is no room inside for me this month, so I am out on the roof. I managed, however, to get an idea of mine on the inside of the front cover.

Have a look and see what you think of our egg!

Yours,

THE ADVERTISING MAN.

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VANCOUVER POULTRY AND PET STOCK ASSOCIATION.

—
First Annual Show.

The first poultry show on the mainland was held by the above Society in Vancouver, Jan. 23-26, and was a source of much pleasure to all concerned. The fanciers responded quickly and 600 birds were placed on exhibition. All the detail work of the show was done in a manner highly credible to the various officials. The hall although too small was well chosen for it was filled all the time with interested spectators. Among the leading fanciers were C. W. Riley, Wallis & Tagart, H. Sturdy, W. S. Lindsay, E. Trimble, Lillie & Banham, Mrs. C. Bartley, C. S. Philips, F. W. Stonehouse, W. Lowler, A. & J. Thompson, W. Robson and J. Robertson. Mr. H. S. Ball of Shrewsbury, Mass., placed the awards.

PRIZE LIST.

Barred Plymouth Rocks—Cocks, 1st, C. W. Riley, 93; 2nd, C. W. Riley, 91; 3rd, C. W. Riley, 88½; Cockerels, 1st, C. W. Riley, 91½; 2nd, C. W. Riley, 90; 3rd, Wallis & Tagart, 89½; 4th, Wallis & Tagart, 89; Hens, 1st, C. W. Riley, 90½; 2nd, J. W. Bandrith, 90; 3rd, C. W. Riley, 89½; 4th, C. W. Riley, 89; Pullets, 1st, W. S. Lindsay, 91; 2nd, W. S. Lindsay, 89½; 3rd, C. W. Riley and Wallis & Tagart, tie, 88½; 4th, C. W. Riley, 88; Breeding pens, 1st, C. W. Riley, 180; 2nd, C. C. Spice, 179; 3rd, J. W. Bandrith, 172½.

White Plymouth Rocks—Cocks, Wallis & Tagart, 92½; Cockerels, 3rd, Wallis & Tagart, 87; Hens, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 91; 2nd, Wallis & Tagart, 90½; Pullets, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 92½; 2nd, Wallis & Tagart, 92½; Breeding pen, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 181.

Silver Laced Wyandottes—Cocks, 1st, C. W. Riley, 91½; 2nd, C. W. Riley, 90½; Cockerels, 1st, C. W. Riley, 91½; 2nd, C. W. Riley, 89; Hens, 1st, C. W. Riley, 94½; 2nd, C. W. Riley, 88½; Pullets, 1st, C. W. Riley, 91½; 2nd, C. W. Riley, 90; Breeding pen, 1st, C. W. Riley, 182½;

White Wyandottes—Cockerels, 1st, C. W. Riley, 93; 2nd, C. W. Riley, 91; Hen, 1st, C. W. Riley, 81½; Pullets, 1st, C. W. Riley, 93; Breeding pen, 1st, C. W. Riley, 184.

Black Javas—Cockerel, 1st, E. Trimble, 92; Hen, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 90; Pullet, 1st, E. Trimble, 94½.

American Dominique—Cock, 3rd, E. Trimble, 89½; Hen, 2nd, E. Trimble, 87½.

Light Brahmas—Cock, 1st, C. W. Riley, 91; Cockerels, 1st, C. W. Riley, 92½; 2nd, C. W. Riley, 90; 3rd, C. W. Riley, 89½; Hens, 1st, C. Hoffman, 90; 2nd, C. Hoffman, 88½; 3rd, C. W. Riley, 87½; Pullets, 1st, C. W. Riley, 92½; 2nd, C. W. Riley, 90; 3rd, C. Hoffman, 89½; Breeding pens, 1st, C. W. Riley, 181 5-6; 2nd, W. Towler, 175 5-6.

Dark Brahmas—Cock, 1st, E. Trimble, 90½.

Single Comb White Leghorns—Cocks, 1st, C. Riley, 92½; 2nd, C. W. Riley, 91½; 3rd, Wallis & Tagart and C. W. Riley, 90½; 4th, C. W. Riley, 90; Cockerels, 1st, C. W. Riley, 93½; 2nd, Wallis & Tagart, 93; 3rd, C. W. Riley, 92½; 4th, C. W. Riley, 91½; Hens, 1st, C. W. Riley, 94½; 2nd, C. W. Riley, 93½; 3rd, C. W. Riley, 93; 4th, Wallis & Tagart, 91; Pullets, 1st, Jas. Robertson, 93½; 2nd, Jas. Robertson and C. W. Riley, tie, 93; 3rd, C. W. Riley, 92; 4th, C. W. Riley, 91½; 5th, Wallis & Tagart, 91; Breeding pens, 1st, C. W. Riley, 185¾; 2nd, C. W. Riley, 182¾; 3rd, C. W. Riley, 182; 4th, Wallis & Tagart, 179¾.

Rose Comb Brown Leghorns—Cockerel, 2nd, R. Jarvis, 89; Pullets, 1st, R. Jarvis, 91½; 2nd, R. Jarvis and Wallis & Tagart, tie, 91; 3rd, Wallis & Tagart, 89½.

Buff Leghorns—Cockerels, 1st, S. Craig, 90; 3rd, Wallis & Tagart, 87; 4th, Wallis & Tagart, 86; Pullets, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 90½; 2nd, S. Craig, 90; 3rd, S. Craig and Wallis & Tagart, tie, 89½.

Single Comb Brown Leghorns—Cockereels, 1st, C. W. Riley, 91; 2nd, C. W. Riley, 91; Hens, 1st, J. B. Jobson, 90½; 2nd, C. W. Riley and Wallis & Tagart, tie, 89½; 3rd, C. W. Riley, 88; Pullets, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 93; 2nd, C. W. Riley and J. O. LeCapplain, tie, 91½; 3rd, C. W. Riley and J. O. LeCapplain, tie, 90; 4th, M. C. McLean, 88; Breeding pen, 1st, C. W. Riley, 180 1-6.

Black Minorcas—Cock, 2nd, Wallis & Tagart, 88; Cockerel, 4th, C. J. Harding, 85½; Hens, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 90½; 2nd, H. Sturdy, 89½; 3rd, J. Armstrong, 88½; 4th, Wallis & Tagart, 88; Pullets, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 92½; 2nd, J. Stapleton, 89; 3rd, Wallis & Tagart, 88½; Breeding pen, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 172½.

White Faced Black Spanish—Hen, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 92½.

Buff Cochin—Hen, 4th, J. Stapleton, 85.

Red Caps—Hen, 2nd, Wallis & Tagart, 88½.

Black Sumatras—Breeding pen, 1st, E. Trimble.

Red Pile—Hen, 1st, Fred Steel, 92.

Silver Duck Wing Game—Pullet, 1st, Fred Steel, 92.

Golden Spangled Polish—Cock, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 91; Cockerels, 1st, M. C. McLean, 90; 2nd, M. C. McLean, 89; Hens, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 92; 2nd, Wallis & Tagart, 91½; Pullets, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 92; 2nd, M. C. McLean, 89.

White Game—Cock, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 92; Hens, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 94½; 2nd, Wallis & Tagart, 92.

Cornish Indian Game—Cock, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 92½; Cockerels, 1st, M. C. McLean, 92; 2nd, G. F. Gibson, 91½; Hens, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 92½; 2nd, Wallis & Tagart, 92; 3rd, Wallis & Tagart, 91½; 4th, Adam Thompson, 91; Pullets, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 91½; 2nd, Wallis & Tagart, 90; 3rd, G. F. Gibson, 87½; 4th, M. C. McLean, 86.

Black Game Bantam—Cockerel, 1st, J. Thompson, 93½; Hen, 1st, J. Thompson, 93; Pullets, 1st, J. Thompson, 95; 2nd, J. Thompson, 91.

B. B. Red Game Bantams—Breeding pens, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 183½; 2nd, W. Towler, 175.

Black—Red Game—Cock, 4th, Fred Steel, 84; Cockerels, 1st, J. Thompson, 91, 2nd, Fred Steel, 89½; 3rd, Fred Steel, 88; Hens, 1st, J. Thompson, 94½; 2nd, J. Thompson, 92; 3rd, Chas. Scurry, 91½; Pullets, 1st, J. Thompson, 90½; 2nd, Fred Steel, 89½; 3rd, Fred Steel, 85.

Pit Game—Cocks, 1st, Lillie & Banham; 2nd, J. B. Jopson; 3rd, W. H. Steeves; Stags, Lillie & Banham, 1st, 2nd and 3rd; Pullets, 1st, Lillie & Banham; 2nd, W. H. Steeves; 3rd, E. Trimble; Breeding pens, 1st, Lillie & Banham; 2nd, E. Trimble.

Red Pile Bantams—Cock, 1st, A. Thompson, 94; Cockerel, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 93; Hens, 1st, A. Thompson, 94½; 2nd, A. Thompson, 92; Pullet, 1st, Wallis & Tagart, 94.

Malay Game—Cockerel, W. Sander-son, 1st.

Golden Seabright Bantams—Cockerel, 1st, W. Robson, 91; Hen, 1st, W. Robson, 90.

Golden Spangled Hamburgs—Cock, 1st, H. Sturdy, 91; Cockerel, 1st, J. H. Brown, 92; Hens, 1st, H. Sturdy, 92½; 2nd, H. Sturdy, 92; Pullets, 1st, H. Sturdy, 90; 2nd, H. Sturdy, 90; Breeding pen, 1st, Mrs. C. Bartley, 184; 2nd, H. Sturdy, 180.

Silver Spangled Hamburgs—Cock, 1st, H. Sturdy, 90; Cockerel, 2nd, H. Sturdy, 88; Hens, 1st, H. Sturdy, 93½; 2nd, H. Sturdy, 92½; Pullets, 1st, H. Sturdy, 94½; 2nd, H. Sturdy, 92½; Breeding pen, 1st, H. Sturdy, 183.

Black Hamburgs—Cock, 1st, H. Sturdy, 94½; Cockerels, 1st, H. Sturdy, 92; 2nd, H. Sturdy, 89; Pullets, 1st, H. Sturdy, 93½; 2nd, H. Sturdy, 93; Breeding pen, 1st, H. Sturdy, 185½.

Silver Gray Dorkings—Cocks, 1st, H. Sturdy, 89½; 3rd, H. Sturdy, 85; Hens, 2nd, H. Sturdy, 89; 3rd, H. Sturdy, 89.

Buff Pekin Bantams—Cockerel, 1st, J. Robertson, 92; Hen, 1st, C. W. Riley, 92½; Pullet, 1st, J. Robertson, 93½; 2nd, C. W. Riley, 91½.

Pekin Ducks, 1st and 2nd W. S. Lindsay.

Rouen Ducks—Ducks, 1st and 2nd, H. Sturdy; Drakes, 1st and 2nd, H. Sturdy; 3rd, Major Twigg.

Aylesbury Duck—1st, Wallis & Tagart.

Canaries—1st, Rev. Eummuelun; 2nd Mrs. C. W. Riley.

Ornamental Birds—1st, J. Lester, 1 pair Java Sparrows.

PIGEONS.

Messrs T. W. Stonehouse of Nanaimo and C. S. Philps of Vancouver, took most all the prizes and both made a nice display. The other exhibitors in this class, and all of which showed well, were Messrs. C. W. Riley, and H. R. King (who showed a very nice string of Antwerps and Homers), Fred. Steel, Lillie & Banham, Mont. Oppenheimer and A. D. Hogg. First in display, T.

W. Stonehouse. Best display. T. W. Stonehouse, 2nd best display, C. S. Philps.

FOR DISPLAY.

Best display of fowls on Mainland, C. W. Riley, 90 birds. Best display in City Limits, E. Trimble, 17 birds. Best display outside of Mainland, Wallis & Tagart, Nanaimo; 2nd best display, H. Sturdy, Plummers Pass. Best display of Eggs, W. Towler; 2nd best display, C. W. Riley. Best display of Rabbits, C. W. Riley. Cats, long haired, 1st, H. Lee; 2nd, Mrs. Grant; short haired, 1st, Chas. Doering.

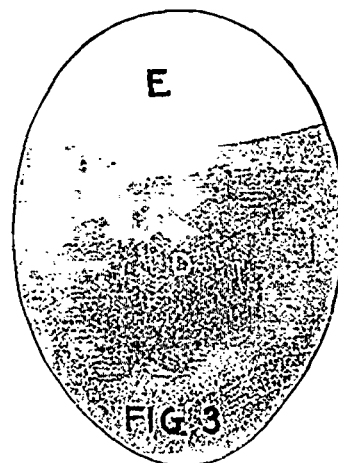


TESTING EGGS.

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FIG. 3. Shows a stale egg, a clouded egg, a doubtful egg. A stale egg is generally distinguished by the air space E being very large on the fifth or sixth day, as shown in Fig. 3, though all stale eggs do not show a very large air space; but when an egg does show it, it is very good proof the egg is stale. When an egg shows a clouded, muddled appearance as indicated by D (which generally moves about when the egg is turned before the tester) it is certainly stale, and will not hatch. Do not confound the fresh egg which is not fertile with the stale egg; in an unfertile fresh egg you can see the yolk, which will look



somewhat darker than the rest of the egg, but does not look muddled.

FIG. 4. Shows a live egg on the sixteenth day. K is the space occupied by the chick; the lines I and J show the air hull, which may be on the top or at the side, as indicated by the respective lines. This is about the average air space on the sixteenth day, but it will vary

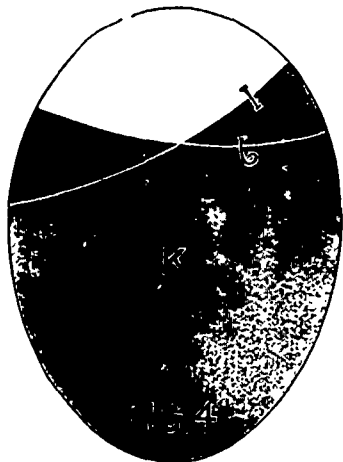
according to the thickness of shell, and age of the egg when set; then some eggs are not as full as others. At the stage of incubation (sixteenth day) a live chick darkens the egg, except the air bulb, when seen with the tester, and by watching the line I or J the chick may often be seen to move.

Eggs should be tested in a warm room, one tray at a time.

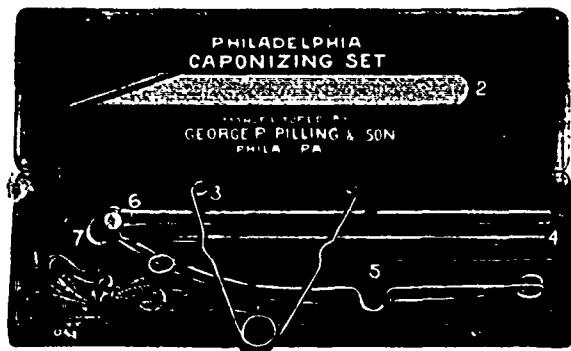
The chick is harder to see after the seventh day, because the egg becomes more clouded by the growing chick.

NOTE. In regard to G in Fig. 2, "a partially fertilized germ" means one that from one of several causes was not strong enough to live and grow. Among those causes are cocks that are too old, an insufficient proportion of male birds for the number of females; old or debilitated hens, over-fat hens, too close confinement of breeding stock, etc.

Again you may find G (Fig. 2) among eggs which you believe or know are not over a week old, and ordinarily the eggs were good and fertile. It frequently happens that an egg will remain in the nest, while several, or maybe a dozen hens lay there, and the succession of layers keep the egg warm enough to start incubation, or it may happen that some eggs may have been subjected to a heat of 100°, in some warm place, unknown or unnoticed by you. In either case, these eggs are taken from the nest or warm corner to a cooler place, and kept a few days, or over night, until a sufficient number has been accumulated to set; they become cold, and the germ dies before they are put under the hen or in an incubator.



In testing the first time, on the fifth or sixth day, a dead germ may be mistaken for a live weak germ, and if left in the incubator would decay; so it is always best to test the eggs again on the tenth



day, and remove all that have been marked doubtful and prove not good. Some persons think it is just as well to leave all of them in until hatching is finished, but this is not right, the decaying eggs generate objectionable gases, and if broken are very offensive. A dead egg or an unfertile egg, does not contain the animal heat that live ones do, and are apt to have an undesirable effect upon the egg next to it, either under the hen or in the incubator.

An unfertile egg—one which has not been impregnated, and in which life will never start or develop—is clear when shown at the tester. This egg, under the powerful lens of a first class tester, will show the yelk, which must not be mistaken for a doubtful or a fertile egg.

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VICTORIA SHOW.

Seventh Annual.

Decide to Disband.

The seventh annual show of the British Columbia Poultry, Dog and Pet Stock Association was held in market hall, Victoria, January.

H. S. Ball of Shrewsbury, Mass., acted as judge. At the annual meeting it was decided to disband and wind up the affairs of the old Association.

The prize list is given as follows.—

Leghorns—Brown cock, J. Graham 1, brown hen, Dr. Milne 1, J. Graham 2, brown cockerel, Charles Marshall 1; brown pullet, J. Gardner 1 and 2; white hen, F. Berriman 1; F. Berriman and R. Menzies (tie) 2; white pullet, R. Menzies 1; brown breeding pen, B. B. Moore 1, C. Marshall 2.

Hamburgs—G. penciled cock and hen, ———1; s. s. pullet, Wm. Dudgeon 2; black cockerel, A. Burgess 1, S. Jackman 2; breeding pen, H. E. Levy 1.

Andalusians—Cock, H. Jennings 1; hen, S. Jackman 1, H. Jennings 2; cockerel, S. Jackman 1, H. Jennings 2; pullet, S. Jackman 1, H. Jennings 2.

Games—Indian cock, E. Hodgson 1, Dr. Milne 2; hen, E. Hodgson 1 and 2; pullet, E. Hodgson 1 and 2; pit cock, J. T. Smith 1; pit hen, J. T. Smith 1; pit pullet, H. Cole 1 and 2; b. b. red hen, S. Jackman 1, Wm. Anderson 2; b. b. red cockerel, H. Cole 1 and 2; b. b. red pullet, A. Burgess 1, H. Cole 2.

Plymouth Rocks—Cock, B. B. Moore 1; cockerel, J. Graham 1; pullet, J. Graham 1, B. B. Moore 2; hen, B. B. Moore 1, J. Graham 2; breeding pen, B. B. Moore 1 and 2.

Wyandottes—Cock, Dr. Milne 2; hen, H. Hodgson 2; cockerel, B. B. Moore 1 and 2; pullet, B. B. Moore 1; Dr. Milne 2.

Brahma—Light hen, H. Hodgson 1; light pullet, H. Hodgson 2; light cockerel, H. Hodgson 2.

Minorcas—Black cock, S. M. Hartman 2; hen, W. White 1 and 2; pullet, Dr. Milne 1 and 2.

Houdans—Cock, H. E. Levy, 1, hen, H. E. Levy 1.

Spanish—Black pullet, W. B. Sylvester, 1.

Cochins—Buff pullet, H. Hodgeon 2. La Fleche—Cockerel, E. Hodgeon, 1; pullet, E. Hodgeon, 1.

Langshans—Cockerel, R. Menzies, 1; pullet, R. Menzies 1.

Bantams—Seabright game pullet, T. Howarth 1 and 2; S. g. hen, F. Shaw 1; pile game cockerel, H. E. Levy 1; p. g. cock, S. Jackman 1; p. g. hen, S. Jackman 1; d. g. pullet, H. E. Levy 1, S. Jackman 2; d. w. game pullet, A. Burgess 1; brown red gamecock, A. Caldwell 1, b. r. g. pullet, A. Burgess 1; buff cochin game breeding pen, J. R. Carmichael 1.

Turkeys—Bronze cock and hen, Mrs. McDermid 1.

Ducks—Pair Aylesburys, H. Hodgson 1, pair Rouen, A. Burgess 1, S. Jackman 2; pair Pekin, R. Menzies 1.

Pigeons—Jacobins, R. D. Stephens 2; White Fantails, R. D. Stephens 1 and 2; buff fantails, L. Goodacre 1; barb, A. Caldwell 1 and 2, tumblers, S. Jackman 1; Owls, R. D. Stephens 1.

Canaries—Belgian, Mrs. McDermid 1; cock and hen, any other breed, S. Jackman 1.

Rabbits—Silver gray, Mrs. McDermid 1; Angora, S. Jackman 1; Belgian hare, B. Pettingill 1.

Golden Pheasants—B. B. Moore 1.

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**Make Hens Sit.**

MR. EDITOR:—What can I do to make my hens sit? I want to be hatching chicks but the hens are not broody.

Can I get a small incubator cheap? Who shall I send to?

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There is nothing you can do that I know of, you will have to wait. Your second question indicates you are on the right track if you want to do much hatching get a small incubator then you will be quite independent of hens. As to where to send I must refer you to the advertisers in this paper, they will cheerfully furnish you all information.

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**Dishonest Breeders.**

MR. EDITOR:—I sent a good sum of money to a breeder in \_\_\_\_\_ state for a bird and when it arrived it was of no value. It was disqualified at a show held soon after it arrived. What can I do?

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**Fences,—Houdans.**

MR. EDITOR:—Will you please tell me how high a fence is required to keep White Plymouth Rocks?

Will you have something in the FANCIER about Houdans. I think them the best breed I ever saw.

Vancouver, B. C.

A. W. L.

A four or five foot fence will meet all requirements. Yes, there will be something on Houdans later. I should be glad to hear how yours do.

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**Hens in Town.**

MR. EDITOR:—I live in the town and only have a small amount of land at my disposal but I desire to keep a few fowls. Will you kindly answer the following questions?

How many can I keep on a lot 30 by 50?

What sort of a house shall I erect?

What are the best varieties?

P. E. B.

Victoria, B. C.

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**Broilers.**

MR. EDITOR:—Will it pay to raise broilers here in British Columbia?

How much money would it take to start?

What are the best kinds for that purpose?

How much land would it take?

E. D. L.

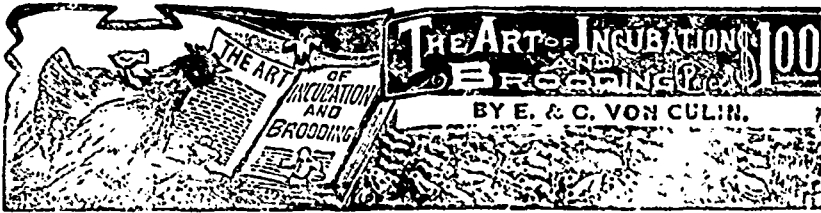
Vancouver, B. C.

1st. Yes, if you are the right sort of a man to raise them; that is if you are willing to make a study of the whole question and then use common sense. I know men who are making it pay and you can do the same provided you go at it right.

2nd. I don't know, some men will do more with \$100 than others will do with \$500. Experiment a little. Try it in a small way. Find out the cost and then you will be in position to estimate for large things. There are no big broiler plants in B. C. yet, so no one knows just what it would cost.

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MR. EDITOR:—I want to keep poultry to make money, will you please tell me what kinds I had better get. I like Langshans, Plymouth Rocks, Leghorns and Silver Spangled Hamburgs best. I would like to start right. G. N. Alberni.

I would be a little careful at the outset. Why not try one variety, or possibly two? Give them careful attention, keep an account of every dollar spent and received and soon you will know which is best—for you. Langshans and Rose Comb Leghorns would be good for a start.

## Standard Weight.

MR. EDITOR:—What weight does the Standard require for Black Minorcas? F. C. Nanaimo, B. C.

Cock, 8 lbs; Hen, 6½ lbs; Cockerel, 6½ lbs; Pullet, 5½ lbs.

## Toronto Industrial.

MR. EDITOR:—To settle a dispute will you give the regular prizes paid in the poultry department at the Toronto Industrial? FANCIER. Victoria, B. C.

Fowls and Chickens, first, \$2; second, \$1.50; third, V. H. C. Breeding Pens, first, \$3; second, \$2. Turkeys, Geese and Ducks, first, \$2.50, second, \$2, third, \$1; Turkeys, Ducks and Geese, 1894, first, \$2; second, \$1.50; third, 50c. Ornamental, first, \$2; second, \$1. Pigeons, first, \$2; second, \$1.

## Wyandottes.

MR. EDITOR:—I keep a few Wyandottes and am much pleased with them could you tell me their proper marking and how to mate them?

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## Bits of Grit.

SEVERAL articles and other interesting matter is crowned out of this number on account of the British Columbia show reports. They will appear next month.

MR. BALL, the poultry judge was tendered a reception by the Tacoma fanciers when he passed through there on his way East. A very pleasant evening was spent.

THE Manitoba Poultry Association held their second annual show in Wesley Hall, Winnipeg, March, 5-8. Mr. Sharpe Butterfield acted as judge. A complete report will be given next month.

THE officers of the Tacoma Poultry Association for 1895 are, President, H. A. Durr; Vice-President, H. H. Collier; Secretary, F. A. Rowsell; Treasurer, Chas. Swindells; Executive, H. A. Durr, F. A. Rowsell, R. Haddow, J. R. Boyd, S. Holdbrook.

AMONG the winners at the great Madison Square Show were several FANCIER advertisers, Mr. Hawkins taking prizes in the big Barred Plymouth Rock class, Mr. Williams on Brahmas, T. A. Duff & Co., on Minorcas and Wm. Ellery Bright on Brown Leghorns.

AT the Seattle show Mrs E. Kabelac made the following winnings on Brown Leghorns, Cockerel, 1st, tie, 90½; Pullet, 3rd, 89½. On Buff Leghorns, Pullet, 3rd, 91½. This latter was a six months bird and of particularly good color. These were left out of our regular report last month.

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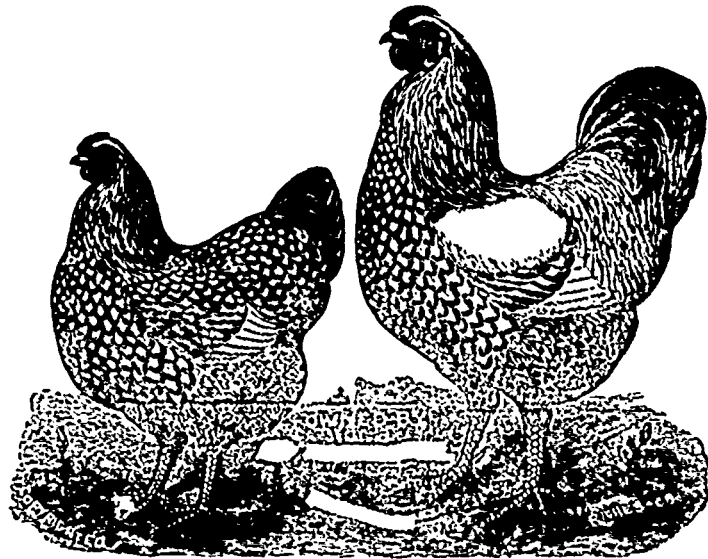
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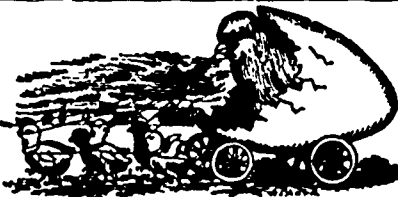
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