The family.

The Chicken's Mistake. BY PHEER CARY. A little downy chicken one day. Asked leave to go on the water,

Where she saw a duck with her brood at play, Swimming and splashing about her.

Indeed, she begun to peep and cry, When her mother would'nt let her ; " If the ducks can swim there, why can't I ; Are they any bigger or better ?"

Then the old hen answered, " Listen to me. And hush your foolish talking ; Just look at your feet, and you will see They were only made for walking."

But chicky wistfully eyed the brook, And didn't half believe her. For she seemed to say by a knowing look, " Such stories couldn't deceive her."

And as her mother was scratching the gro She muttered lower and lower,

" I know I can go there and not be drowned And so I think I'll show her."

Then she made a plunge where the stream was deep,

And saw too late her blunder ; For she hadn't hardly time to peep, Till her foolish head went under.

And now I hope her fate will show The child my story reading, That those who are older sometimes know What you will do well in heeding ;

That each content in his place should dwell, And envy not his brother ; And any part that is acted well, Is just as good as another.

For we all have our proper sphere below, And this is a truth worth knowing. You will come to grief, if you try to go Where you never were made for going ! -The Children's Hour.

overcome that nature. Social Reading in the Home Circle. This is a reading age. It is an age of generous and forbearing should we be toward are not fitted to assimilate them. There must, "steam" in book-making as well as in other others ! Judging them by ourselves, we should we think, be some mistake in all this; for we arts. There is no one that can read but can see the temptations against which they had know of a surety that fowls do eat when they and something sheep enough, or weak enough, or strong enough, to suit the purse or the taste. How shall we guard our children and house-bed circles from the purse or the them on in the right way.--Youth's Com-them on purce the purce of t

hold circles from too much story reading, and panion. induce them, cheerfully and voluntarily, to select for their principal reading the substantial and profitable in our literature-that which will give

them mental and moral sinue, muscle and bone? We can require them to read certain books, at d forbid them the perusal of others, but this

and forbid them the perusal of others, but this Of the maternal breast must ever move is not the whole of the desired end to be sought. a blest communion with her child, and fill Even heaven itself with prayers and hymns It were better far if our dear home circles could have such direction given their tastes as

to lead them to seek and love substantial aliment for their hungered minds. It requires tact and wisdom, when the influ-

ences set so strongly upon young minds towards battle with life's enemies alone—in our darkest feeding poultry, a great deal is thrown down, a diluted and purely entertaining kind of read- hours of trial and conflict, our memory recalls and the birds allowed to "peg away" at such a ing, to bring them to desire, or cordially to pur- that loved, sympathizing friend and counsellor, rate that their crop is filled far too rapidly, and sue an opposite course. For from that which mother.

the mind loves and is attracted towards, it And when the sky again brightens and our incomplete. No wonder that so many case

the confident of others, who felt sure that any- profit, the " everlasting layers " are not desira thing was safe with him. As he turned to leave ble, to the exclusion of all others. For rearing the chamber with his mother he said : chickens, you will need some hens of a gentle "You had better lock the drawer, mamma? and peaceable disposition, and not such as will

"O no," she replied, " no one uses this bu- try to kill every stray chick that happens to get au but myself." ______ into the wrong coop. Such ill-tempered hens "But the chamber girl will-look in and see are thought by some to be watchful against cats reau but myself." hem," he said. "O no, my dear ; Katy wouldn't look into chicks than the more quiet hens, for when a cat them," he said.

presents itself at the coop, and Madame Spitfire my drawers unless she were told to do so." " But I know she would, mamma," replied commences her warlike demonstrations, she is the little fellow very confidently. almost sure to drive every chick out, and that " Did you ever see her prying into drawers or is just what the attacking party wants. On the other hand. Madame Quiet retains her ' posish' trunks my son ?" asked the mother. in the far end of the coop, with her brood under "No, mamma ; but I know she does." in the far end of the coop, with her brood under "It is a very mean act you charge Katy with, her wings, as if conscious of her safety, and

my dear," said the lady, " and if false it is very if the coop is properly constructed, she is wrong in you. Now tell me how you know she safe.

In selecting breeding stock, have an eye t does such things." " I know she does," replied the young gentle- plumage, for it is an admitted fact among poulman, hanging down his head, " because-be- terers that " fine feathers cover fine flesh." Secause I would if I were a chamber girl !" . |lect also from among the early broods. To kill Now this is a very natural way of judging other people, but it is not always just. When, ones for next year is a mistake too frequently therefore, you hear a person sccusing another practiced on some farms. For the sake of havof meanness, or of soting from wrong motives, ing eggs in December, some will manage to keep unless the charges are well proved, you may a few of the early pullets, but as for the roosters, safely decide that the accuser has come to his as they don't lay anyhow, it is thought a Julydecision from looking into his own heart. But hatched chick will be big enough to crow by the one heart is not a true mirror of all others. following February, and that is all that is re-Some are as clear as crystal, having nothing to quired.

hide, and nothing they need be ashamed of. Early roosters, as well as early pullets, are This is the character every child should try to the ones to save, if we wish to improve our poultry from year to year. cultivate. A really noble nature is rare, but not im

possible of attainment. Every one should

Feeding Poultry.

guard against the little steps called " mean-Onione are said to be an admirable food fo ness," which so surely lead to open aim. The child who will peep into a secret drawer, or read fowls, or rather an adjunct to their ordinary arother's letter, or listen at a door, to gratify food. If given regularly, it is said that they will idle curiosity, is in a dangerous place. A per- prevent the attacks of the more ordinary diseases of poultry.

" I would as soon dare to steal money from a Meat is said by some authorities to he a essential food for poultry, especially in the winman's purse, as a secret from his letter," Our little friend who made this honest confes- ter when they cannot get the worms they pick our inthe intend who made this nonest confes-sion—that he would peep into drawers if he were a chambermaid—only revealed what is in the human heart. The lessons he received then will be as a guard set over him, and lead him to worst forms of disease which affect them. B these authorities it is called an unnatural food, If our own hearts were pure, how much more inasmuch as the digestive organs of the birds

> tural appetite for it. Throw in one lump of meat amongst a lot of fowls : if not literally a

bone of contention, it is something vastly like it, so eager are all to get a grab at it. We believe the habit of giving much food in a short space of time to poultry is a very bad one. If you notice their habits you will notice that the process of picking up their food under ordinary, or what we may call the natural condition, is a -S. D. PATTERSON. get taken, and with the aggregate no small The most endearing name of earth is that of amount of sand, small pebbles, and the like, mother. When we have grown up to mature all of which passing into the crop, assists digesyears, and gone forth into the wide world to tion greatly. But in the "hen-wife's" mode of

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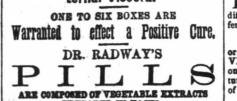


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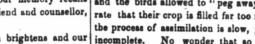
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tant reading shall be mutually enjoyed, criticised A mother's love is intense, undying, unchang- requisite to plan three meals a day for three and canvassed -- different members taking part log. When the love of father, brother and sis- hundred and sixty-five days in succession ? To in reading sloud. Many an otherwise prosy ter is tuined to hatred, a mother's burns with un- prepare enough and not too much, and for those work which, in solitary reading, would soon be diminished fervor.

laid aside with a yawn of weariness and disgust, When you may have degraded yourself to the ber that the stock of flour, sugar, tea, etc., etc., becomes eloquent with thought and brimming brute level, and are a discarded vagabond upon is replenished in due time ? Do you ever think with interest by a perusal under such circum- the face of the earth, a mother's love still clings of the multitude of her cares and daties? She to you. How many piognant se rrows have we must rise early to prepare breakfast or oversee stances.

A book, or a course of reading with which the brought by our waywardness to that mother's it. Per haps there are children to wash, dress, social life of a household circle has been blend- heart ! And in their remembrance how many and feed, or to get ready for school with their ed, will live in the reminiscences of after years, bitter tears have we shed. For in our wildest dinners. There is beking, sweeping, dusting, glowing with home intellect and affection, as scenes of revelry when the fear of God and re- making beds, lunch for the men, may be, dinner well as with the direct instruction of the printed gard of man was from us cast, memory recalls and supper to be made ready at the proper time pages. Its truths shall have the sanction of the the one who gave us our being, with the recol- the washing, starching, folding, and ironing of dear parents who listened, explained to and pre- lections of her toils and labours in our behali, clothes, the care of milk, including the making sided over the social group, and silent whispers and our hearts softans, and our passins sub- of butter and cheese, and the inevitable washing shall remind the soul of their interest or delight, side,

their admonitions or encouragement in these That mother dies ; yet even in hear on ahe work of picking, preserving, canning of fruit, reading hours, long after the books have be- loves her offspring. Ye who are yet blest with drying apples, boiling cider, making apple come old and time-worn, and those parents have a mother present, be careful to obey, love and sauce, with the still more unpleasant task which gone from the scenes of earth. reverence her: Seek to keep sorrow and care falls to her lot at butchering time. Then there

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and while you augment your at ractiveness by of the hen, and the inferiority in size and quality your own firesides, you will learn to love the of the eggs. Shelter at night and during wet in preparing milk for creaming, differing somereading that you may perhaps accept at first to and stormy weather, appropriate food, good what from that commonly adopted in other please your parents, and you, with them and all water, plenty of lime and ashes and sand, con- countries. Before proceeding to milk the cows, the household, become together gleaners in the tentment and cleanliness, are all essential to the a kettle partially filled with water is placed upon fields of truth and knowledge, and through this abundant production of large and good eggs; a stove for the purpose of having the water instrumentality be enabled to gather into the but, with all these, we will still be disappointed raised to a boiling point by the time a pail is filled with milk. The latter is strained into

from year to year.

To increase the average number of eggs per fectly sweet and clean, and, when filled, placed Judging Others by Ourselves. hen, we must of course " weed out " the poor in the boiling water till the milk becomes raised A few days before Christmas a lady had pur- layers. Of a given number of pullets hatched to about the scalding point, when it should be chased several things she did not wish to be at the same time, some may commence laying transferred to pans and placed in the cellar or chased several things she did not wish to be seen by the family till the proper time. So she went quietly into a spare room and laid them in a bureau drawer. To her surprise, on turning to leave the room, she saw her little boy, the pet of the house, who, having heard her come in ast the front door, had followed her, and come in ast of the house, who, having heard her come in at the peculiarity of each hen in these respects labour is but trifing, while the benefits of this your preparation. the front door, had followed her, and seen what may be known. Choose those combining the preparation of milk for buttermilk may be comshe wished to keep private. Then she showed him the articles, and charged him to say nothing of them on the most good qualities, and breed from them only. Repeat this process from year to year, and if

of them, as she wanted to surprise his father the greatest number of eggs is the chief object

he wished to keep private. Then she showed im the articles, and charged him to say nothing if them, as she wanted to surprise his father ind sister. He prided himself greatly on his power of keeping a secret, which was so wonderful for a the transition of the greatest number of lay the longest. Yet, the greatest number to lay the longest of lay the longest. Yet, the greatest number to lay the longest of lay the longest of la keeping a secret, which was so wonderful for a frequently, and continue to lay the longest. Yet, and muck and mixed manure for wheat and little fellow of six years that he was often made where eggs and chickens are both objects of other crops.

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these things by way of complaining of woman's lot in general, or asking for her any rights which she does not possess. I don't know as Suppression of the Menses, Headache, there is any remedy in the present state of the world. It seems to be one of the evils of life

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