

to crow. Thirteen days after decapitation Mr. Leahy sold the curiosity to young Brian O'Connor for about \$100, half paid now and balance if the fowl lives for a certain period. The buyer is going to exhibit him."

Has Ananias been resurrected?

THE POULTRY ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

The officers of the above are making great efforts to get up a show which shall exceed all previous attempts. The regular list is an excellent one, very full and will be augmented by a large list of specials, many of them very valuable.

SILVER CUPS.

The Secretary is now circulating lists soliciting subscriptions for five silver cups which it is proposed to place as follows: — 1 on Leghorns, Spanish, Minorcas and Andalusians, 1 for Games, 1 for Asiatics, 1 for Game Bantams and 1 for Bantams other than Game.

SEND IN SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Any one not receiving these lists and wishing to subscribe to the cup fund is requested to send the amount direct to the Secretary, Mr. R. Hamill, and he will acknowledge amount in the prize list.

"AN UNPLEASANT DUTY."

We invite a careful and impartial reading of the letters, etc., under the above heading which will be found on another page. This procedure cost us considerable pain, but after mature consideration *pro* and *con* we could see no other course left open for us to pursue.

THE A.P.A.

will meet in New York during the show week.

POULTRY

MORTIMER'S MONTHLY MORSELS.

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If you want success in life, drink no intoxicating liquors.

Does the roof of your poultry house leak, and will the snow drive in under the shingles? If you do not know investigate it, and make the repairs before the severe cold weather sets in. If you want your fowls to do well you must keep your hen house dry, snug and warm.

A large poultry keeper says, "I never allow my poultry to walk on the snow. Nothing will stop their laying quicker. In fact my poultry never go out in the snow, they have no reason to do so as they are supplied with all they want in the house, oyster shells, cut hay, cabbage or beets and onions twice a week." He understands how to care for poultry and as a consequence is a successful and prosperous fancier.

No matter whether your fowls are confined or not they should at all times have a liberal supply of coarsely crushed oyster shells, it is the best grit you can give them.

When you take the poultry to the market give them a good feed and drink before starting. Avoid crowding them too closely in a box; don't tie them together by the legs. If overcrowded or tied they become feverish, the same as a beef that is over heated and then the meat is not so good and sometimes injurious. By looking after these minor matters your poultry is soon in demand in the market.

A correspondent of the *Poultry Yard* with his experience of twenty years

says, there is no feed on this earth so good for young chickens, old chickens or old fowls as sour milk, clabbered milk or cheese curd made from sour milk. Even old, sour buttermilk for old fowls is the best of food; but all of this must have some meal and judgment added to it. No gapes, no cholera among chickens that are fed on sour milk and kept free from lice. His feed is fresh ground corn meal, oatmeal and shorts wet with clabbered milk, some cracked corn and whole wheat, fed according to the age of chickens. Sour milk thickened with shorts and meal, fed every morning, and some kind of whole grain at night, is the best food for eggs. It is our impression that the fresh-ground cornmeal, the oatmeal and shorts, the cracked corn, and whole wheat, constitute a pretty good variety of food, even with the sour milk left out, and for very small chicks we would so leave it. For older fowls old milk is first class. New milk won't hurt them, though.

If you want to find whether or not a turkey is tender, do not try to trust the wings, but feel the point of his heart bone; if it gives to the fingers instead of being hard and sharp you may know the bird is young. A hairy turkey with reddish or purplish thighs and back is likely to be old, so in one of unusual large size unless you can trust the dealers word. The pin feathers are pointed in the young and rounded in the old hen. Soft pliable, feet are signs of freshness in game as the legs very soon dry and stiffen.

Hurry and worry, which usually go together, ruin more lives and destroy more happiness than any amount of regular, systematic labor. Any one may prove this for himself by noticing his own sensations after a season of hurried and agitated effort. The fatigue and reaction tell forcibly on the strength and vigor, and unfit for subsequent labor. Certainly a life thus spent must