General Correspondence.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

RULES.

To be observed when asking Questions.

1. No charge whatever is made for answer.

ing questions. 2. All correspondents to sign their com munication with initials or pseudonyms and add correct name and address on the back of each query. (N. B.) The latter will not be

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8. The Editor reserves the right of declining to reply to any of the questions.
4. No more than three questions will be

answered at one time. 5. Write on one side of the paper only.

6. Write ea h question, if on a different sub-ject, on a separate sheet of paper. Note.-We cannot undertake to answer questions by post.

POULTRY AND PIGEONS.

(Answerel by the Editor.)

SUBSCRIBER .- Packing eggs for carriage by BUBBCAINEN.—Packing eggs for carriage by rail.—There is no other mode so satisfactory as packing them in soft hay, and then pressing the lid of the basket down somewhat firmly. They should be sent in a hamper or basket, not a box, as the material of the former being soft and pibable lessens the dauger of breaking the contact. the contents.

L. P .- Pekin duck ill .- The duck is suffering from disease of the internal organs. We have never seen any benefit from attempting to cure waterfowl of any kind, or at any age.

AMATEUR.—Name of Pigeon.—The sketch and description you send us, is that of a red Jacob-in. They are somewhat scarce in this coun-2. The bird you send us, died from contry. gestion of the liver.

RANGER.--Your fow's are suffering from oramp. The cause is, probably, the keeping of them in a cold, damp or sunless place.

DOGS AND HORSES. (Answered by the Editor.)

MISERE. - Toy Terrier with distemper .-- In the MISERS. — Toy Terrier with distemper.—In the first instance give a purge (castor oil and buck. thorn will do), give at night, 5 grs. of Dr James' powder, and the following day commence giving this mixture. Chlorate of potash. 1 dr.g sweet spirit of vitre. $\frac{1}{2}$ oz, Mindererus spirit, 2 oz, ayrup of poppies 1 oz., water to make six onnces. Mix and give a tablespoonful in a little water three times a day. little water three times a day.

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C. O. D.—Fox terrier with no appende.—Give her one of Sprat's worm powders, and after that a pill twoce a day, made of 1 gr. of sulph-ate of iron, and 3 grs of extract of gentian BRANDY WINE.—Dog broken out in sores.—Your letter is exceedingly indefinite. What are we to understand by the expression. "He seems to be exceedingly ill as well "—Give a dose of centor oil (we concent tall wor the constitute has castor oil, (we cannot tell you the quantity be-cause you do not tell us size of dog.) and write with greater exactness as to dog's state.

CAGE BIRDS.

(Answered by the Editor.)

C. F. S.-Blackbird hoarse .- Place the bird in a cool, dry room with plenty of bathing water, and he will soon be all right. Hot rooms are death to these birds.

MISCELLANEOUS.

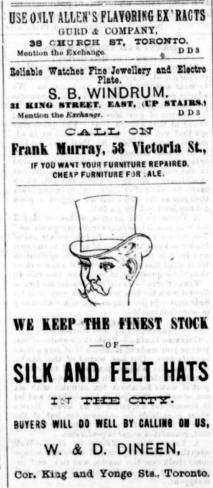
INQUIRER .- Guinca pigs. Do not pair for breed. ing until at least six months old ; and if older, say twelve months, so much the better, as the say twolve months, so much the better, as the produce will be larger. Feed on oats, chopped corn, and the leaves of vegetables, in fact feed in the same way as rabbits, but they do not need so much corn. Both seves can be always together, but proper nests should be prepared for the does when littering, when, if provided with a sufficiency of food, and not disturbed until a fortnight after they litter, they will not eat their young. eat their young.

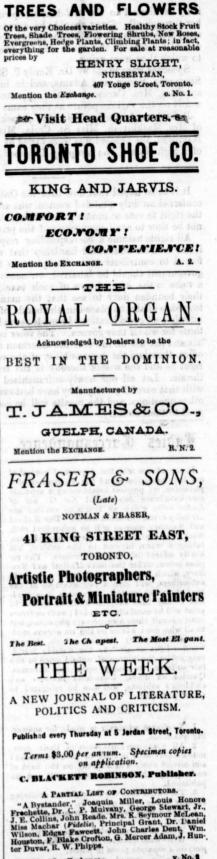
BIG BABY .- r. To make Toffee .-- Place in a preserving pan, 2 oz. of butter for every pound of sugar you intend to use, and melt gently over a slow fire. When the butter is thoroughly metted stir in the sugar, (which should be of the darkest procurable), and add water sufficient to make it into a thick paste. Boil gently until a spoonful dropped into cold water breaks clear between the teeth without water breaks clear between the teeth without sticking. Pour it out into buttered plate, and leave in a cool place till morning. 2. Toffee is the correct pronunciation, taffy is a vulgarism. WISEACRE.—To renovate wire blinds.—We ad-vise you to remove the spots of rust with emery paper, and then re-varnish the blinds. ANOTHER MARTHA —To stain a floor.—Oak

staining fluid can be purchased at any oil-shop by the quart. It requires dilution with water, and you had better try a little place on the floor to determine the right color. Then pro-ceed to brush the boards over with the stain. and polish with beeswax or varnish. The floor must be well scrubbed first. Many thanks for your kind letter. We are glad you like the EXCHANGE.

NABUCHODONOSOR. - Re-touching - The art can be leavned in from three to twelve months.

be learned in from three to twelve industs. Some artistic talent, patience and persever-ance are necessary to the learner. PRO BONO PUBLICO.—Painting on Terra Cotta.—We thank you for your kind and interesting letter, and are glad you like our interesting letter, and are glad you like our journal. 1. There is no charge for answering questions in the EXCHANGE AND MART, we are only too glai to be able to help our readers with advice and information. 2. The Terra Cotta should have a coat of Nelson's gelatine, to be bought at every grocer's, mixed like gum, or of the medium called "veloutine" before painting in water colors.





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