

his spare hours, instead of being taken up with idleness or worse, will be devoted to studying their habits and wants, to making nests, coops and other fixings for them. He will be pleased to invite his young friends to see and admire his stock, and will anxiously look forward to the next township or county show in hopes of being a prize winner.

Farmers, try this, and you will be surprised and delighted to find it the best investment you ever made. You will find that your son has become more manly and self-reliant; has taken a greater interest in home and its surroundings, and has learned lessons that will develop a good character, and fit him for the battle of life

J. L.

Waterloo, July 4th, 1878.

### Care of Eggs Deserted by the Hen.

Mr. Wm. Stahlschmidt sends us the following letter, which we publish in full, believing that it contains hints on the care of eggs when deserted by the hen that will be found useful to many of our readers:

Toronto, 10th June, 1878.

DEAR SIR,—From the two last sittings of eggs you sent me I got seventeen chicks; the balance of the eggs, with one exception, being bad—without chicks. I came very near losing one of the sittings altogether. The hen, after sitting sixteen days, left the eggs, and must have been off the nest some six or seven hours when I discovered her. I took the eggs into the house and put them in warm flannel for about two hours; I then put them in water heated to 105°, and kept them in for about two hours. In the meantime I made a small nest, thinking to force the hen to sit on them, but to my astonishment, in the morning she was as much off them as she could get, and only two or three of the eggs were warm, the rest quite cold. The eggs by this time must have been altogether some 17 or 18 hours in this state, when I was fortunate enough to get another setting hen, and place the eggs under her, not feeling very sanguine, you may be sure, of the result, although all of the eggs at that day had the appearance of having chicks in them, upon examining them by candle. One day later than the proper time I was surprised, and agreeably so, to find nine chicks hatched. They certainly are not as healthy looking as though they had no mishap, still I have hopes of being able to raise them all. I mention this experience of mine to you that you may inform others, for many a hatching, I feel sure, is abandoned in just such a manner, when they might be saved if taken care of.

I beg again to say that I am pleased with the dealings I have had with you, and will recommend you to any of my friends wanting this kind of fowls.

Yours truly,  
JAMES H. BELFOR.

### Communication.

Editor Review,

I was somewhat interested in Mr. Carson's letter that appeared in May number of Review, respecting a basket of eggs for incubation coming short; and beg to add a few words, having experienced similar results myself during some of my first importations. I am satisfied that if parties wishing to grow pure-bred fowls could be assured of getting eggs by express in safe condition there would be a great many more improved fowls raised throughout the country. My experience has assured me of getting things prompt and in good order by instructing the shipper in every case when exporting, to accompany the basket or box with affidavit as to contents. This applies to such articles as come free of duty—if subject to duty their value must be stated—this saves the custom house officers detaining them for examination, and much delay and other bad results.

Fancy poultry require invoice of value to accompany the way-bill since the new tariff. Parties importing such from the States would do well to have them shipped at *owner's risk*, as by doing this they save one-half the usual rate of express charges. Also remit the shipper a trifle, with instructions to make a light coop of cloth, stretched upon a light frame, fixed securely to a wooden bottom, inclosing the whole thing, and the birds will not be tampered with. For food, supply them with boiled grain; with this they will not require watering, except in very warm weather, when a hole can be cut and drink supplied on the outside; this will only be found necessary when the journey is long and the weather very warm.

S. TILSON.

Tilsonburg, June 30th.

### Homing Antwerp Stations.

The following gentlemen have kindly offered to receive, properly care for, and liberate as instructed, any Antwerps intrusted to their care:

Freeman, Ont.—J. Peart.  
Guelph, Ont.—J. E. Horsman.  
Hamilton, Ont.—R. Mackay.  
Paris, Ont.—J. A. Case.  
“ C. B. Capron.  
St. Catharines, Ont.—A. W. Bessey  
Strathroy, Ont.—Dr. E. Nugent.  
“ Jas. Fullerton.  
Toronto, Ont.—Chas. Goodchild.  
“ Thomas Adams.  
Waterloo, Ont.—Jas. Lockie.  
Woodstock, Ont.—J. J. Spracklin.  
Yorkville.—Geo. Hope.

This list will appear each month, and we hope to receive the names of all who are interested in this fancy, and can attend to the duties set forth above.