

We raise the chicks by common hens and feed them oatmeal mixed with shorts and fine cornmeal and give them all the milk they can drink.

St. Thomas.

THORNTON & SON.

I use a home-made brooder.

Toronto.

D. G. DAVIES.

May be summed up in variety and abundance of food—frequent feeding, shade, good water, exercise, cleanliness, including prevention of approach of parasites. Sunlight important in the early spring.

Montreal

MOUNT ROYAL.

When chicks are hatched I will take them from the hen and put them in a brooder in a pen about 10 x 12, with a large double window in the south side, and upon the floor of the pen is about 6 inches of sand.

Toronto.

T. A. DUFF.

For raising chicks I use some large dry goods boxes lined with tarred felt placed in a sunny corner, with glass front. I feed them hard boiled eggs, bread crumbs and crushed oats with milk to drink, avoid sloppy, sour food, litter the box with clean seeds from a hay loft. In about three weeks remove them to a large cucumber frame, well littered with hay seeds, feed crushed oats, wheat, cracked corn and a little canary seed, this will make them feather quick, which is very desirable in the winter.

Toronto.

R. DOWNS.

I care for my chicks in the following manner; when hatched they are left in the nest from five to twelve hours, where they gain strength. The hen and chicks are then removed to warm dry quarters for a week or so, and then to outdoor coops where a grass run is accessible, the coops are moved three times a week, and always kept clean (for where filth and lice abound the death rate among chicks increases,) during the first month the young birds are fed oatmeal and wheat and always plenty of milk to drink. I find milk excellent for fowls, from the time they leave the shell, to the end of their existence, as a fowl producer and as an egg producer, it is difficult to surpass. My young birds have plenty of range among fruit trees, which affords shade during the warm days. The chicks gather insects that would be injurious to fruit. Under the above treatment I have always secured grand results.

Malvern.

G. ROBINS.

I usually keep the chicks inside shelter for two or three weeks, then place them on grass or in field, putting hen under coop, coops about two feet square made with slat front and pitch roof, I never allow hens to run around with chicks.

Toronto.

C. J. DANIELS.

The chicks are fed on hard boiled eggs mixed with bread crumbs and a little milk for a few days, then changed to oatmeal and ordinary mixed food. The hens with chicks are allowed the run of the barn yard, but not permitted outside of that, this is quite large, here they have access to grass and to other tit-bits which are the delight of chickendom. When large enough to leave the hen, they are placed in a grass pen, well shaded with trees and shrubs.

London.

C. STOCKWELL.

I feed my chicks till they are a week old on home made bread and milk. Bakers bread contains too much alum, and therefore is sure to kill little chicks, if fed freely. Coarse cornmeal mixed with milk and broken wheat soaked and fed is excellent. Meat scraps form a very important part in the raising of chickens, but they must be free from any salt whatever, as it also will cause the death of many. Tight board boxes with slat or wire front form the houses till taught to roost. They are let out with their mothers as soon as old enough, and do much better, they are out all day scratching. The coops are not placed too close together for sometimes one hen will kill another's chicks. Plenty of gravel and ground bone is very good for young chicks.

Doon.

JOSEPH KINSEY.

Confine the mother in a coop with slat front and feed milk and bread for the first week, after which I feed shorts and cracked corn, wet but not sloppy, with small wheat, try to keep feed constantly before them.

Dunnville.

R. H. MARSHALL.

Next month's question is "What cure do you adopt for roup and kindred ailments?" Let us have your experience.

## GAMES AND GAME BANTAMS AT NEW YORK.

BY W. BARBER.

IT WAS over to the New York Poultry Show and as I take an interest in Games and Game Bantams, I made my way to see my favorite class and to my surprise I found the smallest selection of Games I ever saw at a show, except the Pit Game which were good. I wondered where all the Game breeders had gone I met only three weeks before at Worcester, where the Game and Game Bantams were a credit to the State.

Not being an exhibitor I looked them over and I found a black red cock standing alone with 1st prize on him, about a 4th class bird, and not a hen in his class for company.