

poultry-kind are the very small red mites, but those you find on the bodies of the hens do not leave the birds at all, but remain and multiply. If you see a single one, grease the necks of all your hens, for if one has them none are exempt.

Gravel serves the same purpose with birds that teeth do with quadrupeds. The grinding in the gizzard may be heard by placing the ear near the fowls when their stomachs are full and digestion is taking place. The sound of the gravel stones grinding and rubbing against the grain is especially audible in the case of ducks that are about half-grown, at which time they are increasing in size very fast, and digestion proceeds rapidly.

The strongest and most durable lath fence is made of a half lath nailed to cross strips and a whole lath above it. This makes a fence six feet high, and such a fence will be stronger at the bottom than at the top. For cheapness, strength, durability and efficacy combined, it cannot be surpassed.

Oh, do not let us wait to be just, or pitiful or demonstrative towards those we love until they or we are struck down by illness, or threatened with death. Life is short and we never have too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are travelling the dark journey with us. Oh, be strong to love; more haste to be kind.

THE POULTRY PRODUCT.

BY BLACK WYANDOTTE.

LIKE every legitimate branch of business the poultry trade has had its "ups and downs."

After five years of depression, we are again on the crest of a wave of universal interest which all the lovers of fine fowls fondly hope will put the fancy where it ought to be—high in the esteem and favor of the people in general.

The mission of the poultry breeder who aims at the highest type is not a lowly one. No other product of American industry is more important than the poultry product in the immense number of inhabitants who are intrusted either as producers or consumers.

Few other products can be produced in every nook and corner of our broad land by every farmer and villager and every city resident who can command a few square feet of yard room.

This product is in dollars and cents the most important of our agricultural products, yearly excelling in worth the combined value of cattle, sheep and hogs.

Any one who has an idea that the poultry business is a pea-nut business has but to consult U.S statistics to prove by undeniable figures its magnitude and standing among other products. It was "ordained from the foundation of the earth" that the poultry business should never be monopolized. In the nature of things such a monopoly is an impossibility. No "trust" can prevent every family in America from raising their own fowls and eggs if they are disposed to do so.

Each year sees a big increase in the consumption of eggs and poultry, this fact should be more fully impressed that a pound of chicken is better than a pound of beef and costs less, and that good fresh eggs are a king's dish that may be enjoyed by the poorest and lowliest.

BOWMANVILLE SCORING CLUB.

A SCORING club was organized in Bowmanville, under the title of Bowmanville Poultry Pigeon and Pet Stock Scoring Club, with the following officers:

President Jno. W. Dutton.
Vice-President Fred Brown.
Secretary J. S. Moorcraft.
Treasurer W. R. Knight.

Suitable rooms have been secured, a programme committee appointed and the competition among local fanciers for prizes offered, is expected to be very keen. The boys intend to be in the front rank at the "Ontario."

TORONTO BANTAM, PIGEON AND PET STOCK CLUB.

THE above club held its usual monthly meeting on the 8th inst., at Richmond Hall. The president in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. One new member was enrolled. Although our prospects did look dark, we are again coming to the front and you will "hear from us." The role for the evening was Ornamental Bantam cocks and some "crack" birds turned out; both prizes, however, fell to the same member, viz. 1st and 2nd, Chas. R. Bâche. The former, a rare one of the buff Cochin or Pekin Bantam, 2nd, a neat and tiny black rose-comb. Some good stylish Japanese were also shown by this gentleman. After some discussion the meeting broke up. There was a good attendance. The boards for next meeting will be occupied by Jacobins, Trumpeters and Fan-tails.

EDWARD DOTY,
Secretary.