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THE success of our venture in adding this department is already assured. We are daily in receipt of subscriptions, accompanied by the "almighty dollar" and warm words of commendation upon our courage and enterprise. We have many improvements yet to make in the "make-up" and style of the whole JOURNAL which will all come in time, and the greater the encouragement the quicker those changes for the better will be made.

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If we don't tell what you want to know, write and ask questions, and we'll answer to the best of our ability.

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In making nests for setting hens, never use chaff, as some advise, but short cut straw. The chaff will stick to the moist down of the chicken when newly hatched and is very troublesome to get clear of. Feathers too are terrible things to stick to the down of the chicks; both these are advocated by some people, but it cannot be from practical knowledge of how they will work. Give the young chicks *no food* for 24 hours at least, and let their first meal be of chopped hard boiled eggs.

TO ALL OUR READERS.

WE extend a cordial invitation to all to contribute to our columns items of interest in poultry matters.

Let us have your experience in poultry keeping, whether good or bad; we want to get at the facts of the business; if your luck has been on the wrong side let us know all particulars and we may be able to show you where you missed the mark.

If you think you cannot write well enough do not let that bother you, we can read it, and will put it in all right. Never mind spelling or grammar, it makes no difference to us and gives us no trouble. All we want is your experience and facts about your poultry. Also, if you want to know anything just send a postal card with your enquiry upon it, and it will receive our prompt attention. You can have your answer in a few days. All inquiries received not later than Friday noon will be answered in the next Wednesday's issue. This will be a great advantage to you. Above all do not think it will trouble us, it gives us real pleasure to talk in this way with our brother poultrymen. Another thing that makes no difference to us is, that we do not care whether you are a farmer with a flock of thoroughbred birds, or an ordinary keeper of a few common hens. All that comes in the way of poultry-keeping is interesting to us and our readers, so let us hear from you, and address all such matters to the editor, W. C. G. Peter, Angus.

SITTING HENS.

IF possible let it be the duty of one person to attend to the sitting hens.

Have the nests made of a box about 20 inches square, about three inches of moist earth in the bottom, and on this a good filling of short straw. Let this be well filled into the corners and nicely hollowed so as to make a snug nest. Have a door of lath strips for the front, hinged on with leather, and fastened with a button, so that the hens can only get off when the person in charge is there to attend to them. Have as many nests as possible in one place, and the time saved, and large per centage of chicks hatched will well repay you for the trouble. Sprinkle some Persian insect powder in the nest, not too much,