

living, but if all are fed the same that can't be the cause. If the well feathered ones are not the same age they may be robbing the young chicks of the most nourishing portion of the food. I would try a feed or two of chopped egg, not too much and boiled quite hard. Eggs contain all matter for a chick's organization in the most convertible form. Try also a daily feed of small quantity of hemp seed. If they got sun-baked when young (in their skin) they will be a long time feathering. The cause is remote in some cases. It is like this query: "Why do some people have an immense head of hair and others none, in the same family of children."

The best use to make of poultry in summer is to keep them in the orchard. Make little houses 8x10 or 8x12 feet and place them in different places in the orchard, put the hens in them, feeding them there morning and night. They will soon become accustomed to these houses, and will not wander far away. They will more than pay their way by destroying bugs, and they will do better there than in the best henry you ever saw.—L.D.P.

C. D. MURRAY.—We think you have made a great addition to your JOURNAL, as it is quite a help to us, as we are somewhat interested in the raising of poultry. The moment your JOURNAL comes to the house my wife has to sit down and read the poultry department through. She thinks your JOURNAL just as interesting "again" as before. Hope it will still continue in prosperity.

Delphi, Onon Co., N.Y.

#### A VERY FAIR SHOWING.

A. FERGUSON.—Sir, you will please pardon me for not renewing before, but I have been trying to get my neighbors to take the JOURNAL but have failed. This is a poor locality for bees having to depend on the farmers raising alsike and a few thistles that might escape the road mower's scythes. Last season was a poor one here as elsewhere; got about a hundred pounds comb honey and 50 lbs. strained and twelve swarms from 17 hives. Last fall put up 21 swarms, lost two, found to be queenless. I put 12 in cellar and six in an open shed and three in packing boxes and raised the honey board half bee-space in all cases for ventilation, and all came out the best I ever had. I could see no difference between those in the cellar and those out in the shed facing the south.

Newcastle, June 3rd.

Noah S. Parks, Phillipi, W. Va.—"I believe the pure breeds will lay more in one month than the old, scabby-legged dung-hill will in a year. I will give you the record of a Brahma pullet and a common pullet that I took to test.

I fed them the same kind of food, giving them, for their morning meal, a warm bran mash with a little meat stirred in, two or three times a week, and oats in the evening. In cold weather I soaked the oats in warm water a few moments. The Brahma pullet commenced laying when she was seven and one-half months old, beginning February 15, 1888, and layed 135 eggs in less than six months, and then did not want to sit, which is uncommon for a Brahma. The common pullets commenced laying when seven months old, about March 1, and layed fourteen eggs in twenty days, when she got that miserable incubation stuck in her pate, and there she 'got to sit'."

Chicken stories are becoming more fashionable than snake yarns among paragraph writers. We don't ask anyone to believe them, but they help to advertise the industry. The latest comes from Racine, Wis., where a man is said to have recently swallowed a bantam's egg and a few days later produced a chick with the aid of a stomach pump. We refer this item to Mr. Felch and Mr. Cooper, who are "up" on the incubator question.

One frequently hears farmers complain of having "bad luck" with poultry. If conditions were reversed and the men were subjects of the fowls, instead of masters, how would they like the same kind of treatment? Suppose the men, on approach of winter, were occasionally thrown a handful of food, deprived of water to drink, compelled to lodge wherever they could find rude shelter and knocked about generally. Wouldn't they deem their feathered lords foolish in complaining that "they have bad luck raising those confounded men?"

A word to the new breeders, who have never exhibited: Try it once, begin this year; commence at your county and district fairs, then the State fairs, and this winter the poultry shows. In this way you learn what a fine chicken is, you compare your stock with other breeders, you help promote and assist the fairs, the poultry shows, the industry, and in so doing help yourselves. Begin now to get ready for the fairs, then visit two or three good poultry shows next winter. Do not get discouraged if you haven't had good sales for stock and eggs the first season, but stick to it. If you raise fine stock and show it, advertise it, the sales will come, never fear.

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