

POULTRY.

(Under this heading, all questions relating to poultry will be answered.)

SOCIETY matters have been rather quiet the past month, owing, no doubt, to the members being kept extra busy by the usual spring rush. However, we understand that after the 24th May holidays, something will happen to stir up the Fancy.

A subscriber asks us what is the best food for a dog. We find the ordinary plain biscuit very suitable, and certainly very convenient, in conjunction with a sheep's pluck. We boil the latter, and mix the soup with the biscuits, which have been previously soaked in cold water. This mess should be fed once a day, preferably at evening, and in the morning a small piece of the pluck given. About three times a week, a handful of salt should be mixed with the feed. Oatmeal and chit rice are also very good, in fact the best plan is to change from one to the other every fortnight. The oatmeal and rice require to be thoroughly cooked by boiling. We must impress on our readers the fact that it is important to see that all food is free from mustiness or taint. We know that the average grocer or butcher will think there is nothing wrong in selling musty crackers or tainted meat, just for a dog, but though he makes a reduction in price, it is liable to be a dear bargain for the purchaser. A man who owns a good dog should be careful to see that he gets good food, and, to be sure of this, he should purchase his supplies from dealers who make a specialty of such articles.

THE HOME JOURNAL is a good advertising medium, as the following will show: Last week's JOURNAL, appearing on the streets about ten o'clock, contained an advertisement of a dog for sale. The advertiser reports that at 12.30 the dog was sold and delivered, and five minutes after another party came and wanted it. This shows that there is a good demand for stock, and parties having any for disposal should take the hint.

We have been asked by several parties to publish a description of the collies mentioned last week, and also to compare them with other local specimens. We know our criticism would be eagerly read, but, as the pups are only six months old, the owner has asked us to wait until they get developed. As for comparing them with other dogs, we think the proper time and place is when they are entered at the shows in public competition.

Most of our local fanciers have been feeding cut bone to their poultry, and report that they notice a great improvement in fertile eggs. As many of our readers do not know what cut bone is, we may state that it is simply fresh bones from the butcher cut by a machine, and as there is a large amount of meat and gristle, the fowls eat it greedily. In feeding this bone, no soft feed should be given, but only grain and plenty of clear water to drink.

Now is the time to order eggs of pure breeds. The cost of the eggs may appear large, but such is not the case. You may suppose it is a hardship to sell eggs at

ten cents per dozen, and then pay a breeder two dollars for the same number, but bear in mind that the cases are not similar. When you buy eggs of pure breeds you are not buying eggs particularly, but stock. You order the eggs because you desire better stock, and the investment will be found but a small one when the advantages of improvement are considered. A difference of one dozen eggs in a year, from fifty hens, is twice as much as the cost of improvement, and the better blood will also give choice poultry for market. Many farmers lose dollars in saving cents by refusing to procure eggs of new and improved breeds, and there is no better time than now to begin.

The remedies for saving chicks after they are attacked with gapes are nearly the same as were known for many years, and but little progress has been made in that direction. It has been discovered, however, that either lime or spirits of turpentine will destroy gapeworms, but these remedies must be applied so as to reach the places affected, which is not an easy matter. The standard remedy is to draw the gapeworms from the wind-pipe with a straw, horse-hair, etc., but the method is attended with danger. A remedy now used, which is said to be successful, is Persian insect powder, which is blown down the throat of the chick, in a dry condition, with a small blow gun or bellows, which usually accompanies the packages of powder. The chick inhales a portion, which causes it to dislodge the worms by coughing or sneezing, the powder itself killing the worms and thus loosening their hold in the air passages. Those who have tried the remedy usually blow the insect powder into the mouth of the chick when it opens its beak to gape, and in an hour or more the chick is out of danger.

The Vancouver Poultry Association met last Tuesday. A letter was considered from a Mr. Felch, who offered his services as judge. After considerable discussion, the price of annual tickets was placed at \$5.

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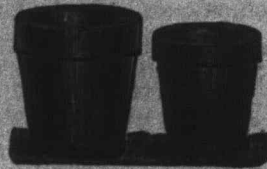
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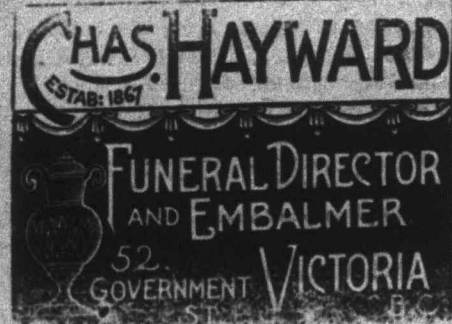
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