

give his birds as much as they want. I will tell you what I do. I give my ten Leghorns a certain quantity of grain, (I feed all grain for convenience) and I give my seven Ply. Rocks just the same quantity as I give my ten Leghorns and yet the rocks always make me feel that I am acting on the starvation principle with them. They always look at me for something when I go in, but I don't let their looks work on me. I am not complaining of them mind you. They will all soon be laying, three of them are now. I have had no eggs from my Leghorns for some time, but they seem to feel the cold more, they will be on the perch when you can hardly see the others for the dust they make scratching, hunting for their life for more to eat I guess. Let Agricola know that I think his plan of a list of details is a good one and I am acting upon it. I am only just beginning at this game and so subscribe myself.

AMATEUR.

Collingwood, Jan 16th, 1890.

Our correspondent is just doing his level best with those 'gobblers,' and no doubt they will soon be laying, that is partly a cause of their eagerness for food. You are giving them plenty, as long as they are hearty and in condition for laying, you are doing right well. The Rocks, like the Brahmas, are very tame, and will soon crowd round a kind keeper whenever they see him. But you mistake our point, it is not that large breeds would not eat more if they had it given them, but that a trifle more only is required to keep them in the best possible condition the year round as you are proving.

For the Poultry Weekly.

An Amateur's Profits.

HAVING kept a daily record for the past year (from Oct. '88 to Oct. '89,) to show that I made a small profit, and with a view to increase in the poultry keeping. I commenced with 64 fowls, 25 old ones, the rest were chickens and some of them quite young with 6 cockerels. In January I sold 8 chickens; Feb., one; March, three; April, two; May, two; June, three; July, four; August two. Total 25. In Sep. I sold 13 more, making 38 in all, price received for them \$14.65.

I had twenty hens set on 264 eggs, and hatched 140 chickens, of these twenty were killed by skunks, and I, for revenge, shot and trapped eight black and white pets. I shot four at one shot. I sold 53 chickens for \$15.26. Left on

hand 96 young and old. I purchased ten W. Leghorns and a cockerel, for 75c per pair and \$1.25 for the cockerel. Four Buff Cochins \$3.00. The remainder were mostly well bred P. Rock, which I included. I thought all to be worth \$22. To-day I value my 82 hens at 50c apiece and the four cockerels at \$1. apiece, \$45.00. The rest of them will go to market this month, say for 75c per pair, as they are late chickens. And I also sold every egg that my hens laid, except what I set. The eggs I set were at the time worth \$6.60. I sold three hundred dozens of eggs and got \$55.00. Altogether I sold \$84.91c worth of "stuff."

The feed cost me \$38.00. My fowls were shut in for nine months out of the twelve, and fed oats, buck-wheat, wheat, and corn, and one hundred head of cabbage, and some small potatoes. I fed at the fore part of the winter, every other morning chop and bran, with potatoes boiled up, and the laying hens every day or two got sick, and I looked in poultry books for a remedy. I found many, but tried none, but I quit feeding boiled stuff and had no more sick fowls. One hen broke a blood vessel and died, she was a pure W. Leghorn; I also had a beautiful W. Leghorn cockerel die three weeks after taking a first prize.

I shall not raise many chicks this year, as I think eggs will pay me better, and attend the market every week. Of course these are all market prices, as I am a novice. This is my first letter to any paper, if you print it, I may have some more to say later on.

JAMES ELLIS.

Elfrida, Ont., Jan. 8th.

'The letter is very creditable to you for your first attempt, and we hope to hear again from you shortly. We gather from a careful notice of your methods that you will make a very successful poultry keeper. You are doing just the right thing to give you success, that is, studying your best paying market produce. Your plan of attending market weekly is a good one. Your eggs will soon be sought for at the very best prices, you must look out and get the top figure, for guaranteed new laid eggs will always command a higher price than merely what market men call fresh eggs. Always offer your eggs as new laid if they are such, and you will be surprised at the eagerness with which people will offer you a cent or more extra on the dozen. It does not count much on one week's sales, to be sure, but there are fifty two weeks in the