

poultry friends will extend a hearty welcome to him. So we leave this now, a little venture that will, we trust, be helpful to many who are striving to find agreeable means of employment. The country is blessed with hosts of good men and women who can make their lives happy and independent in these industries, and build up the country in usefulness, and enlarge its resources, and extend its commercial enterprise. There is no other business open to those who only possess a very small capital, where the returns are so sure, so quick and so constantly increasing. Hoping this work may prosper and accomplish our desires, we send it forth with the old time "God speed" and "Good luck."

YOUNG CHICKS.

IS there any object in nature that is so perfectly beautiful at its entrance into life as a little chick? There, certainly is not. I love to watch their active movements, their restless little feet, and get the bright quick glance so saucily turned upon me. But we are apt to forget that, independent as it appears to be, it is a very infant in point of fact, entirely depending upon those in charge as to how long its lease of life shall be. An hour in the hot sun at noon-day, or a chilly wind for a like period, and the frail thread of life in the wondrously active little body is broken. There is, I firmly believe, no occupation more suitable for women and girls that will be so profitable, and yet keep them in the bloom of health and vigor, than the business of poultry raising. How many young girls, who are delivering up their health and youthful bloom in factories, work rooms and the like, or even sitting at home sewing steadily week in and week out and in the busy season long into the nights, who would be spared in health and strength to bless happy homes, if instead they had taken up poultry raising! Fathers, mothers, if your daughters have a liking for the work, give them a chance at it, get them some stock to be proud of, and keep them near you, fresh and young, instead of paying a premium to shut them up in a vitiated atmos-

phere to learn a trade away from you, often returning mere wrecks of the girlish beauties you sent away a year ago. It is, I feel assured, one of the future fields of success for the girls of to-day. I trust I am not mistaking the signs, and if I live to see that day, when I catch sight of the girls and women who engage in it, shall I see a sickly, pallid company? No, sir. They will be the girls to fall in love with—hearty, strong, rosy, merry girls, and I almost envy the man already who is to get one of them for his own. She is sure to be lovable and loving, the care of helpless creatures enlarges our sympathies, and so you see the lads of the future are to be blessed indeed.

A WORD FROM THE HILLS.

WE clip the following from the Poultry Monthly. It is pregnant with meaning for many who are striving against adverse fate and ill health in our own Province of Ontario, and bears good sound advice to beginners as to starting into such a venture carefully. There is plenty of land—cheap land—in Ontario, that would starve a farmer but is well adapted for the raising of poultry, and will give good returns:

I want to tell the readers of the Poultry Monthly a bit of my experience. Four years ago I came to California, broken in health, with little or no means, and with a family dependent on me for support. A year of clerking in San Francisco, and of the most meagre, hand-to-mouth existence, eked out by various little contrivances of my dear and helpful wife to increase the size of the family purse, and I was again disabled by my old malady—lung trouble. We had saved four hundred dollars, although we had lived in almost the bitterest poverty in the meantime, but we had saved with one object—to acquire a little land. Action of some kind was necessary, if we would not starve. During this year I had been making many enquiries about California land, trying to determine whether or not I should take up a claim, but finally decided that in the state of my health, and considering the size and tender years of my young family, this would not be advisable. A sale of lands in the foot-hills