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fastidious of consumers; but that the poultry products must be marketed honestly and intelligently, and that they must be graded with reference to their merits individually. Indeed the necessities of the situation seem to suggest the needed reform automatically. The farmers and other poultry producers who breed, feed, care for and prepare their fowl, and select their eggs for the market along the most improved lines, and who hope in the near future to build up a reputation which shall become a valuable material asset, must associate themselves in a co-operative system, binding common interests, and governed by rules as rigid and exacting as those which govern co-operative cheese factories. They must not only see that their product is all right when sent to market, but they must see that it is all right when offered to the consumer. If it is, then market conditions will have been corrected. Nothing short of this will put Canadian poultry and egg production upon a proper footing. By its adoption Canada's small poultry output will be increased and take its place among the industries of which a country may well be proud.

A Sermon in Rhyme.

If you have a friend worth loving,
Love him. Yes, and let him know
That you love him, ere life's evening
Tinge his brow with sunset glow.
Why should good words ne'er be said
Of a friend, till he is dead?

If you hear a song that thrills you
Sung by any child of song,
Praise it. Do not let the singer
Wait deserved praises long.
Why should one who thrills your heart
Lack the joy you may impart?

If you hear a prayer that moves you
By its humble pleading tone,
Join it. Do not let the seeker
Bow before his God alone.
Why should not your brother share
The strength of "two or three" in prayer?

If you see the hot tears falling
From a brother's weeping eyes,
Share them. And by kindly sharing
Own your kinship with the skies.
Why should anyone be glad
When a brother's heart is sad?

If a silvery laugh goes rippling
Through the sunshine on his face
Share it. 'Tis the wise man's saying—
For both grief and joy a place.
There's health and goodness in the mirth
In which an honest laugh has birth.

If your work is made more easy
By a friendly, helping hand,
Say so. Speak out brave and truly
Ere the darkness veil the land.
Should a brother-workman dear
Falter for a word of cheer?

Scatter thus your seeds of kindness,
All enriching as you go.
Leave them. Trust the Harvest Giver—
He will make each seed to grow.
So, until this happy end,
Your Life shall never lack a friend.

The Farmer Boy.

So much is written about the farmer boy and his distaste for farm life, and how to get him interested in the farm. Observation shows that one of the easiest, earliest ways to get a boy interested in farm work is to get him first interested in the life upon the farm—that is, chickens, calves, lambs, pigs and colts. Give him a flock of chickens as his own just as soon as he is able to care for them. Let them be bantams, or something larger, although anything small always attracts a child's notice and interest. Keep just one breed for him. Don't let him have mixed chickens. He will take greater interest if he must study the points of his pure bred chicks, and keep them up to standard by knowing them and working to that effect. Encourage him to set special prices on his chicks, to advertise them, to early take them to the fairs about, and in his

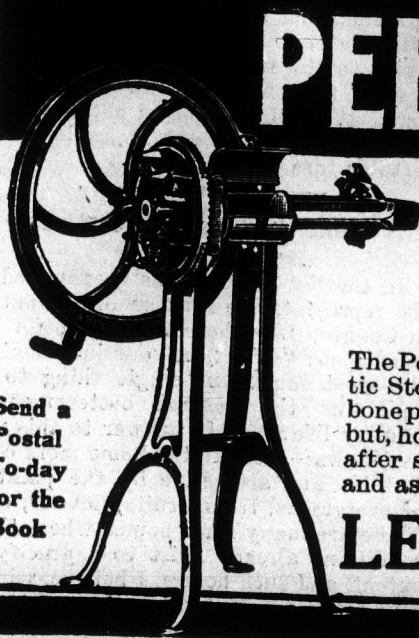
name. In this way he will learn to know there are other breeds and to want to know their differences. Even if he is given no more than some chickens as his own, and which he must be taught how to keep to themselves, this will give him an interest in knowing other life on the farm, and this interest will increase if he is given a pig, calf or lamb as his own and you insist upon his knowing of what breed it is, and consult with him as to not only its superior points over other breeds of pigs, calves and lambs, but its inferior qualities. Give a boy this taste, and if ever he goes away from the farm something will draw him back, sure.

Good Word for the English Sparrow.

In a four-year-old poultry journal I find this statement from A. H. Swope, Ill.:—"In 1904 I used the dry hopper method of feeding chicks. As a result, this attracted the sparrows, who were always feeding at the hopper. I spent some time studying how to get rid of them. That same fall I found the insects in my orchard were less than the year before. Am using the hopper method again this year. Result: More sparrows this year than last; and the only lice I find in the orchard were on one tree, and that only a few on the tips of the branches; so it was not necessary to spray the trees this year with an emulsion. Now, while it may be that spraying the trees the previous year may be the cause of this result in part, I believe the sparrow was a great aid, and have so much faith in them that I will not let them be molested. No doubt but they may bring lice into your yards, yet the benefit you derive from them in other ways may more than offset that." Comment—While sparrows do get infested with chicken lice, and keep them going indefinitely in some poultry houses, yet not all flocks of sparrows are infested with lice, as I have found this year by examining the young birds, the nests and as many of the old ones as I can get hold of which inhabit my premises. It may be that if you keep your fowls rid of them, then the sparrows will finally get rid of them too.

Cold Storage for the Farmer.

To find out how the farmer might save money by going into the cold-storage business on his own account, the Illinois Experiment Station recently built a refrigerating house big enough to hold 2500 barrels of apples. It was of simple construction, and made as cheap as possible, its cost being \$3,430. On the fifth day of October 70 tons of ice were put into the ice-box, and the temperature fell gradually to thirty-three degrees, at which point it was maintained through the winter. All of the apples kept beautifully, and the cost of storage for seven months was only 19 cents a barrel, or 31 cents less than the farmer usually pays for refrigerating his apple crop. The fruit was examined from time to time, and hardly a bad apple was found. There was no withering, and no appearance of "scald," that dreaded enemy of



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