

girls do often find an elderly man attractive,—it is taking great risks to think you can hold her love through life. Cases have been known where such marriages turn out happily, and if you think yours would be of that kind, tell her that you love her in manly sincere fashion, and prove it by every kindness and courtesy of which you are capable. Good luck go with you!

A VISIT FROM NAMELESS

Dear Dame Durden,—I have only seen the "Advocate" twice this year, so my letter may be apropos of nothing, but I have a few minutes to use as I please and this is my pleasure. Not many minutes are mine to do as I please since my baby began ailing. Fortunately, he is on the mend again; a week with a cross baby is a long time.

When I read the letter of "Rastus," I thought first I would write a "reply." On second thoughts, I decided he had written for the purpose of calling forth a reply from me or someone else, that is, in hope of stirring up a hornet's nest. Wasn't I right, "Rastus"? I did not see my own letter in print, but when I come to recollect it, I believe such a silly meaning as you take from it could easily be twisted from it. But, "Rastus," we, of the Ingle Nook, are mostly very busy folk who cannot re-read and ponder over our own words and phrases and avoid all ambiguity, and when we see a double meaning in another's words we conclude the sensible argument is the one she intends to express. See! Now, then, between man and man (for a woman is a female man, you know, not another plane of creation like the dog or fish), don't you think it utter silliness to say that simply because a woman is a female she is not capable of using the ballot? Whether it would be an unqualified blessing to the country to give votes to women on the basis on which they are given to men, I do not say, neither am I speaking on several other phases of this question, for I am not satisfied, in my own mind, on a great many points, but of this I am sure, that God never meant woman to be man's inferior.

We, rightly or wrongly, are not allowed to vote, but some of us, at least, are allowed to make gardens, and I want to tell you about one part of mine last year. I had a quantity of onions which had not ripened properly the preceding season, and, in consequence, began to grow in the store-house. By the time the snow was gone, they had leaves from one to six inches long. My garden was not plowed, but I scratched up a space on the fire-guard and planted my "rotten onions" (that's what a man called them). Before the garden was all sown, I was using green onions from this little patch, and this year I purpose using all the growing onions I can find in the same way, only using a hot-bed instead of a fire-guard, and having them earlier. Last year the frost destroyed all my vines early in August, and I had nothing but two tiny cucumbers to show for many hours' hard work; but I am going to try again. I ought not to say I got nothing for my labor, for I had sound sleep, if nothing else. I had better not talk any more. These remarks may be altogether out of season for aught I know, as I have not been reading the page, but, if so, you know how to treat them.

NAMELESS.

(The pleasure is not all yours by any means. It is flattering to find that you haven't lost interest in the Ingle Nook. You said the "Advocates" were being saved for you. I am glad of that, because there have been some splendid letters on our page in the last six months.)

If your opinion of Rastus' reason is correct, he must be a sadly disappointed man by this time, for stirring up "hornet's nests" in this company is not an easy trick, is it?

I hope the baby boy is all right again, and that you will have time to tell us more about gardens.—D. D.)

QUESTIONS FOR WILLING-TO-LEARN

Dear Dame Durden:—Here I am again and, as usual, seeking help! I saw in last week's paper that "Willing-to-Learn" mentions having raised guinea fowl. Would you be so kind, "Willing-to-Learn," as to tell me through the Ingle Nook about their (the guinea fowl's) habits? Do they hatch their own eggs? What do you feed the chicks when hatched? I have been told they are good to scare coyotes away, so I am trying them for the first time. I have four females and one male.

I am also trying some turkeys this year. I always have good luck with chickens and enjoy the work, so I hope I shall get along well. I, too, have an incubator. I am trying hard to get my sewing done before the spring opens. My good man has stored some ice for the summer so I shall have lots of ice-cream. Have any of the Nookers tried making ice-cream with junket tablet instead of using cream? We prefer it to the cream. I have been watching the pattern department for a little girl's dress, not Mother Hubbard, but still suitable for muslin for my two little girls aged three and five years. Well, I must close or you will be saying "Next, please." Hoping I have not

mine have done better this winter than others. I took the glass out of the window in the henhouse and took a white sugar bag like cheese cloth and put it over the window. I also gave them a little coal oil in their drinking water. I lost four out of the seventy-five, where other years twelve or fifteen have been lost. I think coal oil is good for roup.

I notice a friend asks about painting oil-cloth. If the cloth is white, washing it in sweet skim milk is good, if it is not worn too much.

I got a remedy for bed bugs from the firm whose address I enclose, which I found to be extra good. The first summer I was here, we had to live in the granary because the bugs were so bad in the house.

I wish to make all the money I can this year for we have lost so much from frozen wheat, during the last two years, and as we are on a rented farm I am almost discouraged with farming. Do you think it would pay to get an incubator and hatch chickens, or are incubators very dear? I have not much money to start with.

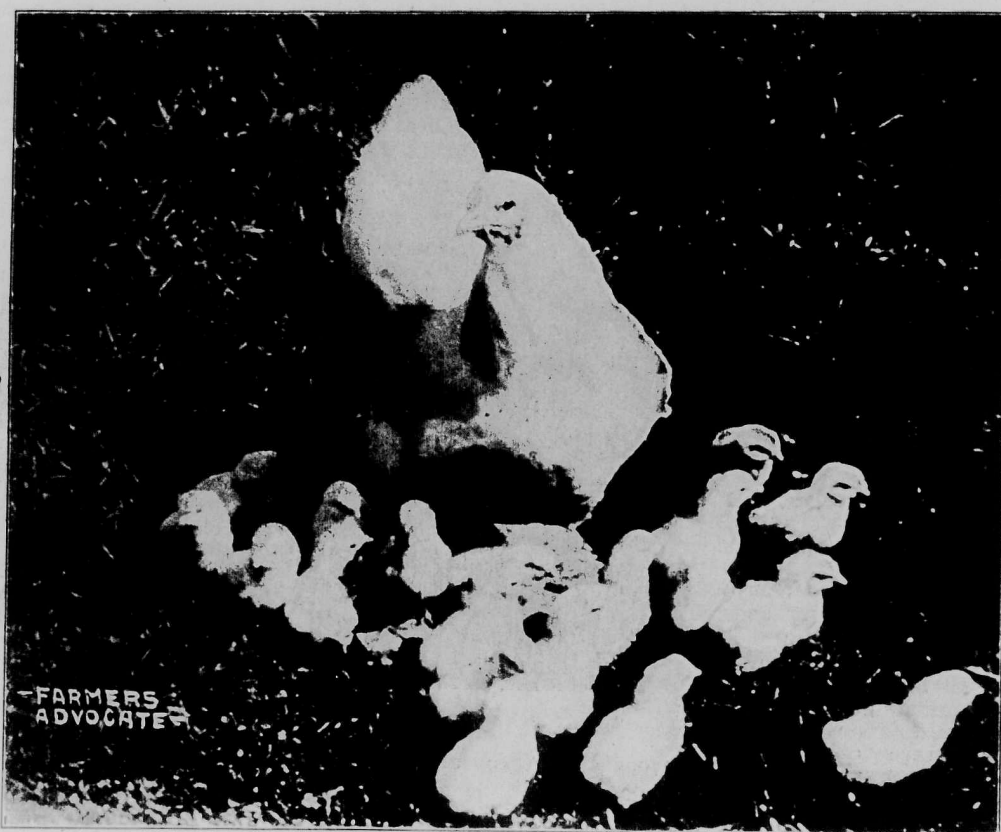
I have three fine boys, aged five, three, and a year and a half respectively, and they are all strong and healthy. I must stop for this time, hoping I have not been talking too long. My

beyond being "almost discouraged." Many people would have been quite disheartened. But take courage, dear Farmer's Wife. Poor crops do not last forever, and this year you may have such a harvest that the lean years will only be remembered because they drove you to poultry raising. Good luck to you and the three healthy laddies! D. D.)

HOME EDUCATION

Dear Dame Durden,—How many of those living in out-of-the-way places, or so far from a school that it is not convenient for their children to attend, have thought of utilizing the "correspondence schools" to give their children an education?

Many people think these schools are not much good, and that lessons cannot be properly taught without personal supervision, but if they will send for the calendar of some good Canadian school and read it over carefully, I think they will change their minds. The fact that all the lessons have to be written is in itself a great help, not only in remembering them, but also in writing. We all know that anything we have written can be remembered longer than that which we have merely read over or been told.



SIGNS OF SPRING AND EASTER.

asked too much,

SUSSEXITE.

(I'm sure "Willing-to-Learn" will be glad to answer your questions about guinea fowl, and we all wish you success with your birds. Would you mind telling us how your ice-house is made? Not many farmers store ice, and yet in this country it would seem to be a luxury obtained by taking a very little trouble.)

Did you notice pattern No. 6145 in January 6th issue? If the skirt were gathered instead of pleated it would be pretty for a muslin dress for the five-year-old girlie. We will hope something will be shown soon for the tiny girl that is not Mother Hubbard. D. D.)

POULTRY AS MONEY MAKERS

Dear Dame Durden:—I have never written to you before, but have been reading the friendly letters so long that I decided to write one myself.

I would like to know how to cure beef in spring with just salt and salt-petre. I will have some left over and would like to keep it for summer use. I have cured pork successfully.

I notice someone in the ADVOCATE asking questions about hens. I think

husband says that when we women get together we can't stop. I hope I have not asked too many questions for the first time.

A FARMER'S WIFE.

(To cure your beef for summer use, make a brine of ten pounds salt and two ounces salt-petre to every hundred pounds of meat. Use four gallons of water for the brine, and let it boil and thoroughly cool before using. Let the meat be cooled, each piece rubbed with salt and allowed to drain over night. Then pack in a barrel and pour the brine over. This brine is improved very greatly by adding two pounds of brown sugar to it.)

For answer to your poultry queries I am going to recommend that you write Mrs. Cooper, Treesbank, Man., and ask her any questions you like. Enclose a stamp for reply. She is a successful poultry-raiser and when I met her a few weeks ago, she said she would be glad to help the women of the Ingle Nook in any way possible. Regarding the incubator, read carefully the advertisement on the back cover of March 17th FARMER'S ADVOCATE, and send for the booklet "When Poultry Pays," mentioning the FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

You are brave to have faced two years of poor crops and not to have got

Nor are children the only ones who may be benefited by these schools. Young men and young women, whose early education has been neglected, and who consider themselves too old to attend school, or have not the moral courage to enter a class with children perhaps half their age, may improve themselves quietly at home by taking one of these courses.

I have before me, as I write, calendar and price list of a good correspondence school in a Canadian city. It has been established over fifteen years, and has many of the leading educationalists of Ontario connected with it. It has courses suited to all requirements. There is the beginners' course, price \$25; high-school course, \$40; civil service, \$25; complete commercial (five subjects), \$35; shorthand, Gregg, \$15, Pitman, \$20. They also teach matriculation (junior and senior), teacher's work in all provinces, and many other subjects.

These schools can be used to prepare the work for any examination, and then one can write on the regular public examinations. Anyone interested in improving him or herself should write to a good school for their price list and calendar, mentioning the subject interested in.

I had intended writing to earn money for these cour- home, not by any new-fa- but with the old-fashion- My earnings from that : year were over \$125, bes- the house in eggs, and the ordinary farm buildi- pliances. However, my ready too long, and time- Before closing, I must tell that in recipes calling for yeast I always use one ye- hope she will send her recipes to the "Advocat-

(Very glad to get your- ter. My own experience c- pondence course in Eng- ture was very satisfacto- you write us soon about t- —D. D.)

HOUSECLEANING A

Dear Chatterers:—It see- at all since we talked a- housecleaning before, and upon us again. I remembe- last year to take it as easily and be content not to do i- day, and get sick over it, acquaintance was sure I had an awful example and m- minded to be annoyed. I t- thinking of her particularly, must have fitted. It is g- anyway, if I do "say it as- and I hope everybody will i- it to heart.

Leave the floors and car- things to the very last, housecleaning fever grips! all resistance, start in wit- days a week. Tackle c- closets, putting away wh- will not be needed again, extra hooks if there is roo- the floor white to give a bi- otherwise dark spot. Go- some day,—if it isn't an- storeroom, glory-hole, or- corner usually sacred to r- stern with yourself, and- heap of things you have b- for years, that are no ear- that you touch only twice housecleaning time. The- cellar can be done early, pantry shelves are covered oilcloth, well fastened on, i- trick at all to keep them c- brass hooks driven in to t- best for cups and pitcher room on the shelves and- are not so apt to be brok- held out about an inch fro- little blocks at the ends, lowest shelf makes a fine r- ing pie plates and saucepa- everything in the way of g- you can into covered tin- That saves space; protect- from dust and preserves th- there is no loss from bursti-

Have a wash-day the wee- final struggle comes and d- stand covers, cushion tops- and put them away. Th- before, dust and clean the- small ornaments and put- out of the dust. If the da- upon for cleaning walls- floors and beating carpets- and dry, change your da- and do something else. N- ing house when every tin- outside you track in mud- is no use inviting pneumon- temper by trying to clean- rain. The dirt that offend- keep beautifully for ano- will you. Make little rep- to rugs, curtains and fur- some extra cooking to ti- next day when, if the sun- will be really busy.

A small high table is- every kitchen. Half the b- caused by stooping over a- and one that is comforta- meal from is too low for v- to wash dishes, bake, pee- or iron. Raise your work- castors if possible or on ble-

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A GOOD SUGGES

Dear Dame Durden:—tended writing you for C- was ill, and on Christmas I sit and watch the others en-