

stimulated by his success. As the messenger of old was at intervals furnished with fresh relays of horses, so that he might more speedily reach the end of his journey, so should our breeders give the benefit of what they know to the young and inexperienced, and then his progress will be more rapid and certain.

We have offered the columns of the REVIEW as a medium for contributions, and many of our most able and experienced breeders promised at the inception of this journal to give us assistance, but it is evident that in most instances their articles have not caused them much exertion. Our ambition has been, and is, to make the REVIEW an exponent of the poultry business of Canada, and we can not do this without help from Canadian fanciers. A short monthly article from each experienced breeder would make our Canadian poultry journals equal to any others, and would show to those not so closely identified with our specialties, that there are many earnestly engaged in the breeding and management of fancy poultry, and that they have faith in its becoming one of the great industries of our rising country.

No doubt there are many reasons for the general failure to make use of the columns of poultry journals. Breeders will plead want of time, diffidence in giving their experience, and the greater ability of others. None of these obstacles should stand in the way. We are not now speaking in the way of denunciation, but rather of remonstrance. The individual exertion required would be insignificant as compared with the resulting advantages, both to the writers themselves, and to the poultry interest generally. Neither do we overlook the favors many breeders have already conferred in the way of contributions to our columns. For these we are deeply grateful, and while we invite them to continue the good work, we again urge the many who have as yet done nothing, to "seize the pen, there's magic in it," and exhibit their professional spirit by giving to others the benefit of their experience.

MESSRS. BREIDING & LOOKIE, of Berlin, Ont., some time ago shipped two and a half dozen eggs from their thoroughbred fowls to Manitoba; they are in receipt of a letter from the party to whom they were sent, giving the result of the hatch—sixteen fine chicks. Considering the distance and roughness of the route, this is a splendid hatch, and speaks well for the mode of packing adopted by these gentlemen, and for their stock.

**TURKEY SOUP.**—Take the turkey bones and cook for one hour in water enough to cover them; then stir in a little dressing and a beaten egg. Take from the fire, and when the water has ceased boiling add a little butter with pepper and salt.

### Transportation Coops.

A great deal of money and trouble might be saved by our exhibitors in the matter of transportation coops to convey their birds to and from shows. The motly and unsightly appearance of the coops when piled outside an exhibition room cannot but strike the beholder unfavorably, and will often give the impression that the fancier cares little for his pets or he would take more pride in the selection of their travelling hampers. Many of our exhibitors never consider this matter until they are ready to ship their birds, and it has to be done in a hurry, and the handiest article found that can be made to answer the purpose will be used; consequently many heavy boxes will be pressed into use, and a heavy express bill is the consequence; while with a little forethought leisure time might have been employed in getting up coops light, strong, neat and uniform. Extra express charges will not be the whole trouble: when his birds come to be again packed after the exhibition, among the miscellaneous lot he is often unable to recognize his own; slats are lost, no hammer and nails are to hand, and much valuable time is lost.

We would advise all breeders who exhibit their stock to adopt some uniform style of coop. Let it not exceed eight pounds for the pair of fowls; have his name plainly printed or painted on it. Let canvas be the principal covering, and arrange it so that the fowls can be easily taken out and put into them. Keep your eyes open at the coming shows and when you discover a hamper that will suit you examine how it is made and supply yourself with the same kind.

### Seasonable Hints.

Now is the time to lay in a supply of road dust; gather when thoroughly dry and stow in barrels or boxes under cover. This should be used on the floors of the roosting places, and not as dust bath for the fowls as some recommend. It is very valuable to mix with the droppings when they are to be used as a fertilizer. For dust-bath get clean, fine sand, the finer the better; spread out in the sun until thoroughly dry, barrel up and it will always be ready for use no matter how severe the weather. This will be found much better than road dust, being free from any matter which would soil the plumage. Sulphur, carbolic powder or other vermin-destroying agent can be effectually introduced through it.

A thorough cleansing of houses and yards should be attended to this or early part of next month.—Remove all the roosts, clean their supports, and give them and the nests-boxes a good soaking with coal oil. Whitewash inside of houses with lime-wash, putting in a lot of salt to make it stick; ap-