

FROM J. B. LAING, GUELPH.

I consider the most prevalent causes of roup are uncleanliness, no ventilation, damp floors in poultry houses, lack of exercise for the flock, fowl getting into draught, often leaving warm roosting places, and worst of all is the bad odor derived from their droppings. The following is my cure for same, and if taken in time will cure nine cases out of ten. Wash the mouth out well with a solution of five cents worth of gum camphor and ten cents worth of alcohol; also wash the whole outside of the head with same solution, do this three or four times a day, and keep the bird in a medium warm place, feed good nourishing food and little water. Should the birds mouth be badly cankered scrape off what you can and wash with a little sal. chlorate soda.

FROM JOHN FINCH, SEAFORTH.

The cause of roup I believe to come from neglected colds, undue exposure to cold and wet, roosting in draughts, and keeping the fowls in damp, dark, filthy, ill-ventilated houses. It may sometimes be developed by atmospheric conditions, as I have noticed roup to be most prevalent when the weather has been wet and cold for a long time, it is a disease I have always dreaded to get in my flocks, therefore I have always tried to nip it in the bud. Roup always starts with a cold, it is easily noticed on the fowls by hearing them sneezing and a frothy discharge from their nostrils. Take the sick bird away from the flock to a dry room, give each sick bird a desert spoonful of castor oil at night, feed on stimulating food, give each bird one of Guest's Roup Pills night and morning and the birds will very soon be all right again if the disease is not too far gone

FROM P. G. KEYES, OTTAWA.

Roup is chiefly caused by filth and dampness, or exposure to the cold; during a north-west storm with damp, chilly weather, look out for roup. To cure, remove the fowl to warm dry quarters and feed liberally on stimu-

lating food, give a little sulphate of iron in the drinking water, clean out the nostrils and inject into each a mixture of kerosene oil and carbolic acid, in the proportion of one drop of acid to ten of oil. If this treatment does not cure in a reasonable time apply the hatchet.

FROM A. HOBBS, BOWMANVILLE.

Roup is caused by cold in the head of fowls brought on through damp houses, also unclean houses are very often the real cause. It is very contagious and very difficult to cure, I had one case some years ago, in a cockerel I imported from the States, I used Radway's R. Relief, half-a-teaspoonful twice a day, and several small pieces of fat pork, the cockerel recovered, I kept him away from all draughts, and put him in a box with some sulphur on the bottom of box for him to dust himself with. I had another fowl that took it from him before I knew he had it, I gave this one coal oil, half-a-teaspoonful once a day, and all he could eat of soft feed, but he died. Keep the houses and runs clean and dry with plenty of clean water, with a small piece of sulphate of iron in their drinking water and you will not be troubled with roup.

FROM R. OKE, LONDON.

In answer to your enquiry as to the cause and cure for roup, I am of opinion that fancy poultry, as a rule, are housed up too much. In-breeding also tending to weaken the constitution, to which add a little exposure or neglect, and the fancier can have roup in abundance all the year round. Fowls with an ordinary constitution will "shake" the roup more easily if allowed their liberty than if housed up too much, do not infer that I would let them roam in wet chilly weather, but at any other time give them liberty. Roup is highly contagious and will come to stay with the fancier who neglects to root it out. As the coon says, "old whis (whiskey) will do um all up if you only keep at it," and so will roup do up the chickens if neglected. I have found cayenne

pepper and prepared chalk, one part of the former to two parts of the latter, mixed with a little water into pills about the size of a pea, and given occasionally, very beneficial, coal oil well saturated about the head and throat will also help to cure the dreaded disease.

FROM WM. FLEMING, OWEN SOUND.

A. The cause of roup.—I have experimented for several years, and from my experience the causes are:—1st, Damp premises and overcrowding. 2nd, Want of abundant sunshine from the roof of the hen house by and through a southerly and easterly glass roof. 3rd, Over-feeding and too high condition. 4th, Too little exercise. 5th, Strong drafts of cold, damp air. 6th, The want of good ventilation and too warm quarters.

B. The cure or cures.—1st, dry premises and plenty of room. 2nd, Abundant southerly and easterly glass roof. The birds delight in the sunshine, and the sun is the vivifying power in the animal as well as the vegetable kingdom, disease cannot exist where the suns rays destroy the very existence of disease in this as well as in the rest of the animal creation. 3rd, Feed sparingly, one year I fed highly to have my birds in extra condition for exhibition purposes, and I lost more birds by roup that year than I lost in any other ten years. 4th, Let the birds scratch for their food from among about a foot of leaves or chaff and the birds will have less sickness. Keep a bird as near as possible as you find them in nature. 5th, Avoid strong drafts of wind but give abundant ventilation. 6th, Keep the quarters reasonably cool, and keep the birds free from vermin by abundance of road dust in a box. Follow these directions and you will loose no birds by roup.

FROM A. J. WILSON, SEAFORTH.

In reply to your enquiry as to my ideas of causes and cures of roup would say that in my experience I have found the following among the chief causes:—Exposure to drafts or wet, resulting in a cold which, if not cared