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- This is the season of the year when venerable hens enter their second childhood, and are broiled for spring chickens.

- A gentleman writing from California says that he is so altered since he left home that his " oldest creditor would not know him."

-A despatch from Brantford, the 7th inst., says :- Two Americans were here yesterday from the United States looking for a site to start an organ finishing factory.

- " Always pay as you go," said an old gentleman to his nephew. "But, uncle, suppose I haven't anything to pay with?" "Then don't go."

- The Anthracite coal discovered at Point Lepreaux, N.B., is said to be quite equal to that of the Pennsylvania mines. Recent satisfactory experiments were made with it in St. John.

- A sheet of paper dipped in chloride of cobalt when the weather is to be dry and pleasant will become blue. When wet weatherapproaches it will turn pink. The barometer flowers of France are thus manufactured.