

One of the best crosses for broilers is a Wyandotte cock and Brahma, or Cochin hens. Plymouth Rock or Dominick cocks with large hens also produce fine broilers.

The first desideratum in winter is warmth.

The New York market prefers light eggs, the Boston market dark ones.

January is the coldest month in the year, and deep snows will often seriously interfere with the operations in the poultry yards. In the South the snows do not remain long enough on the ground to cause much annoyance, but in the North the poultrymen, when the yards are filled with snow, must either shovel it away or feed the hens in the poultry house. If they are confined in the house the door should be kept open during the day-time, provided the house faces the south, in order to allow the admission of light and air, or the fowls will prefer to remain outside. They should have sawdust or straw on the floor, and the food thrown into it in order that they may be compelled to scratch. The dust in the dustbox should be replenished often, and kept dry, and the house must be cleaned of the droppings daily. The water will freeze, and so will the soft food, if the weather is severe; of course these obstacles are discouraging, but as very little other work can be done at this season, there will be but a small loss of labor. It is no easy undertaking to properly care for poultry in January, but as there are many cases in which time and capital are not enumerated in other directions besides that of poultry raising, by comparing the labor bestowed in the poultry-house with other ventures, it will be found profit-

able to give the fowls all the attention possible. Eggs and chicks are high now, and amply repay the poultryman for his care and attention.—*P. H. Jacobs.*

House those late chicks comfortably, and feed them well, else they will quit growing, get tired and discouraged, and finally quit living.

If you scatter some grain among straw or leaves and keep the hens at work scratching they will lay better and keep in better health.

Charred wood from the stove, or charcoal in any shape is excellent for poultry. It is best to keep it in the pens before them all the time, and where they can have free access to it all the time. They are very fond of burned bread, corn, or other charred substance.

To produce the best layers, with medium size, cross the brown Leghorn with partridge Cochin hens, or a white Leghorn with light Brahma hens.

Chicks should be examined for lice at least every week. The large gray louse that is on the head and neck can often not be seen until the feathers are wet. Never grease the entire body of a chick, else death will surely follow; use melted lard and rub on the head as low down on the neck as the lice may be found; and a very little under the wings.

Dressed poultry should not be packed for transportation until perfectly cold, then it should be laid in clean straw, breast down, keeping wings and legs close to the body and see that there is no discoloration of blood on

the skin. If the heads are removed, pull up the skin of the neck and tie it over the severed portion with a bit of strong thread or twine. Never cut off the claws or spurs of old hens with the idea of passing them off for young cockerels. Purchasers are generally older than the most ancient of your poultry yards. Or if perchance your customer is green, there is no excuse for dishonesty.

Early and provident fear is the mother of safety.—*Burke.*

GOLDEN SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.

Editor Review,—

CAN you tell me Mr. Editor, why so elegant and profitable a fowl as the Golden Sebright should be left off the list of any exhibition. I see Owen Sound ignores this variety altogether, but offers prizes for Guinea Pigs. Now I will venture the assertion that Sebright Bantams will give a greater return than any of the large varieties, while Guinea Pigs are good for nothing that I know of except for Dr. Koch to extract his very doubtful cure from. Guelph offers prizes for Sebrights, not mentioning either variety, they may save prize money in this way, but they will loose in entries. I don't believe in dwarfing every variety and calling them Bantams but this old standard variety at any rate should be on the prize list of every show worthy of the name.

I may add I have used your "for sale" column a good many years now and always with satisfactory results.

Yours truly,

H. H. FREEMAN.

Milton, Dec. 7, 1891.