

sufficient quantity of flour to make a thin paste, and force the chicken or turkey to swallow a portion of the mixture.—Ed.]

**CARBOLIC ACID.**—(J. Y. B.)—As regards the use of Carboxic acid to destroy parasites, we suppose your correspondent used CarboLic acid, as the latter is used as a disinfectant, but not the former. Carboxic acid is a gas, but CarboLic acid is a chrystal which dissolves when exposed to the air, and is used diluted with water with good results.

[The error in spelling was purely typographical, and would have been corrected in this number. We thank our correspondent, however, and publish his remarks on the acid, and its uses.—Ed.]

**PLAN OF POULTRY-HOUSE—KEEPING HENS IN LARGE NUMBERS.**—(“J. B., Brantford.”) In our next number we will give plan of a poultry-house. In the meantime we would advise our correspondent to procure “The Practical Poultry Keeper,” a book which contains several plans of poultry-houses, with much useful information on poultry-keeping. To keep 2,000 hens will require care and attention, and we would advise first commencing with a much smaller number, and gradually increase. As to the breeds of fowls to keep, we would feel disposed to have several kinds, so as to be able in the spring to supply customers for hatching, as well as eggs for market during the year. Wright, in his work on the “Brahma Fowls,” strongly recommends, for laying purposes, a cross between the Dark Brahma and the Spanish fowls; while, for table purposes, a cross between the former and the Dorking is said to be of the very best kind. In a large establishment, both eggs and table fowls must be steadily kept in view. The cost of keep depends so much on local considerations, that it is impossible to say what per head per annum it would come to. If in the vicinity of a flouring mill, we would strongly advise making an arrangement with the proprietor for all the wheat-screenings produced, as they make excellent feed, and one of which fowls generally do not tire soon. Again, a great proportion of the feed may be raised on that portion of the farm not devoted to poultry runs, the droppings of the fowls affording manure for the production of it, and the green food required. Let our correspondent procure some other works on poultry, such as the “Poultry Book,” by W. B. Tegetmeier, the “Brahma Fowl,” by Wright, all or any of which may be procured from any of our city book-sellers, and study them well before commencing either to build or purchase stock.—Ed.

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