

proposed motion as to government grant, but the motion was carried as proposed. We are anxious that the increased interest may not now be subdued, but feel that any interference, re the grant to the Ontario, as per the motion, would hurt the cause. We cannot move in the matter at present, but have something to propose at our next meeting more in keeping with our own ideas on this subject. Certainly it would be better if the minor societies could affiliate with the Ontario, and by doing so strengthen hands all around. The Kempenfeldt Association is pledged to the advancement of the poultry industry, and the interest of the poultry fraternity. The association is young, but its members number among them a little band of fanciers who have kept the poultry interest alive in the North, some of them for over fourteen years. We cannot expect to do wonders in a year or two that others have not been able to do in half a lifetime, nor is it desirable to do anything in so great hurry; it may be long but we want it lasting.

#### Give the Boys and Girls a Chance

IF THE hen is to stand between the farmer and the country merchant, says the Iowa Homestead, and turn the dreaded debtor balance on his ledger to a credit, if she is to do her full part in introducing the cash system, she must have better care than she ordinarily receives on a Western farm. As it is, she usually provides not only her own shelter, finds her own nest, protects herself and her chicks from cats, weasels and other enemies, but finds her own living, works for nothing and boards herself. She must be taken in as a partner and taught the blessedness of receiving as well as giving. Very few farmers will admit the hen into partnership. They have been accustomed to broad acres of corn and grain, and car-loads of cattle and hogs, and cannot bend their dignity to such small matters as chickens and eggs. We know of no way of developing the usefulness of the hen to its full measure except by enlisting the young folks, both boys and girls, who can be moulded to practical ways. We know enough of boy nature at least to understand that nothing brings out a boy's capacity so quickly as a chance to earn a little money of his own, to do with as he pleases. If farmers who have found little profit in poultry would say to their children: "If you take charge of the poultry business

you may have the money for what you can sell over and above the chickens and eggs needed for the house, and it shall be your very own to do with as you please," we imagine that in a year or two they would have a new realization of the profits in poultry. We do not have the enlarged ideas many hold as to the measure of this profit. We do not believe chicken ranches in themselves pay. But on every farm there is an amount of waste grain that the chicken can utilize better than any other kind of stock. Their summer feed costs nothing, their value in destroying insects is very considerable. All they need is care, such as a bright boy or girl can and will give, provided they can make money that should be absolutely their own. But let there be fair dealing. This old story of "Johnnie's chickens but father's money" ought not to pass unrebuked in the second century of free government in America. If Johnnie or Lucy takes care of the chickens, let them have the money.

Yes indeed! The boys and girls often do a great deal of the running about and small chores in caring for poultry and other stock on the farm. This is looked upon too often as nothing of any account. But if Johnnie or Lucy give their meagre play-time for your benefit, let them at least receive some acknowledgment that you appreciate their efforts to help. The very best form of doing so is to give them some of the ready cash, so they can satisfy their wants. If judgment is exercised in noting their expenditure without seeming to restrict any reasonable gratification this plan of allowing pocket-money can be made a very useful means of teaching the young people the value of money, and act as a guide to them for the prevention of useless or extravagant expenditure and habits. The careful training of the young ones does not allow us to consider as small, any of the means tending to the development of any trait, that will help to establish the character that makes a good and useful citizen of the world. And one of the most prominent is a right and reasonable estimate of the power of money.

Two boarding-house keepers were comparing notes. "It 'pears to me, Mrs. Watkins, that your chicken salad is never found out; leastways I never hears none of your boarders complain. "Well, you see," explained the lady addressed, "I allers chops up a few feathers in amongst the veal."