

boxes for packing that will hold about 200 pounds; place a layer of clean rye straw in the bottom of the box, then commence packing by bending the head under the fowl, and then lay it in the corner with head against end of box, with back up, and continue in this way until the layer is filled. Cover each layer with paper before putting the straw on. The paper keeps the dust from settling on the poultry, and adds much to its appearance. Pack as tight as possible, filling straw well in the sides of box, and fill the box full, so that the lid has to be pressed on tightly; then the contents cannot move, for if they should become misplaced the skin would be liable to become disfigured. We mark the weight and contents on each box, and ship to our commission merchant that we do business with. Never ship to a stranger. We have dressed and shipped tons of poultry in this way during the last fifteen years, and always receive satisfactory prices."

Those of our readers who fill and ship poultry to

market should, if they have hitherto experienced any difficulty in giving to their fowl a neat and clean appearance, try this gentleman's plan.

Pointers on Turkey Raising.

Account of a visit to the farm of Mr. W. J. Bell, Angus, Ont. Description of his stock, method adopted in caring for, raising, and housing turkeys.

The name of Mr. W. J. Bell, of Angus, Ont., has for years past been associated with the best

specimens of bronze turkeys exhibited at our leading exhibitions. After seeing, for many years, the excellent specimens shown by this gentleman, I thought it might prove interesting and valuable to the readers of *FARMING* to give an account of his stock, and his methods of caring for, raising, and housing. With this end in view, I took the 8.30 train on the morning of the 30th January, and reached Angus shortly after eleven o'clock. I was met at the station by Mr. Bell, and, after dinner, we drove to the farm, which is

about two miles distant from the village. Lest any of my readers should think Mr. Bell was somewhat inhospitable in inviting me to have dinner in town instead of at his farm, it is, perhaps, well to inform you that, notwithstanding his good looks and winning ways, the gentleman is not blessed with a wife, and, as he stated that he was a better turkey-raiser than a cook, we decided that it was better to dine in Angus.

Stock. On our arrival at the farm, I was first of all shown the



Bronze Turkey Gobbler.

Prize Winner, Ontario Exhibition, 1896. Owned and bred by Mr. W. J. Bell, Angus, Ont.

gobbler which won second at the "Ontario," held at Port Hope in January. This bird is only a year old, and is not by any means fully matured. Notwithstanding this, he was only beaten by one-half point, and then by an adult bird which was fully matured. For the benefit of our readers we had this bird photographed, and the same is reproduced in this issue. You will observe that he is very large. The photograph, of course, does not show the various shades of bronze color, but it gives the exact