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EDITORIAL NOTES.

"Poultry raising" in its varied aspects has become intensely interesting to all classes in an agricultural community. Professional men raise a few fancy fowls as a pastime, farmers and their wives regard their hens, eggs and chickens as a source of income, and every child delights in fowls from the day a chick first cracks the egg until fully matured it mounts the fence and with flapping wings proclaims itself "monarch of all it surveys." That there is an increased craving for information on this subject is evidenced by the generous columns given to "Hens, Eggs, Chickens live, and Chickens dead" by weekly Journals more especially devoted to general information. Almost ever since we made our first bow to the public and placed our little sheet before our patrons we have been obliged to give brief verbal answers to such inquiries as the following, viz:—"Is there any profit in raising hens?" "Is there any money in raising chickens in King's county?" "Does it pay to raise eggs for market?" How do you keep eggs?" "Which pay best, eggs or chickens?" "Which eggs are best, white or brown?" Do Brahmas have single combs?" "What is good for lice?" "What kind of hens are best?" "How do you keep hens from freezing in winter?" "What kind of feed will make hens lay?" and a hundred similar questions. We are now pleased to be able to answer some of these questions, and to place the whole subject intelligently before our readers. We expect to be able in future numbers, "commencing next week" to give some practical information on this matter—especially as affecting people living in Nova Scotia, and will endeavor to give our readers some useful "Poultry Hints" that will be both pleasant and profitable.

When children undertake to play at publishing a newspaper they should confine themselves to what they understand. They cannot expect the complement of attention to all their drivel, as life is too short to educate fools.—*Western Chronicle.*

Our contemporary was probably viewing himself in a mirror when he wrote the above as it is undoubtedly a personal reflection. We are glad he is beginning to see himself as others see him.

SNOW BLOCADE.
A very heavy snow storm visited this province last Saturday morning and rather interfered with our Railway time-tables. All but one of the trains were cancelled on Saturday, the only one that got through at all that day being the morning train to Halifax. On Sunday afternoon Cond. Clarke's train got through from Annapolis and went on to Windsor. Cond. Corbitt's train, which got as far as Kentville, followed soon after and was in turn followed by Cond. Carroll with a special apple-train. From the east the first train that got through was Conds. Edwards and LeCain with snow-plow who came as far as Windsor coupled, and then separating Cond. Edwards proceeded through to Annapolis followed by Cond. LeCain about an hour after to Kentville. This made in all five trains over this end of the road on Sunday. On Monday morning, thanks to those efforts, the road was all clear and the regular trains got through all right on time. The W. & A. R. certainly deserves credit for the fact that they opened the road in so short time and with not a wheel off or any accident of any kind.

ASSUMPTIONS
NOT BASED ON EXPERIMENTAL EVIDENCE.
It is assumed that the Sun radiates heat into surrounding Space and consequently that it is cooling down. By a like assumption the earth is parting with its heat, and is gradually but surely tending to a temperature so low, that it will in a more or less remote future be uninhabitable. But there is no proof of either of these positions, nor does philosophy require us to believe in either. A reference to history would seem to be sufficient to show that the assumptions mentioned are unten-

able; for there is no evidence to be derived from its records that the Earth is any cooler now than it was thousands of years ago. True, there are parts of the globe in which the mean temperature is lower than it has been within the historical period; but there are others in which the reverse is the case. Some thousand years ago Greenland was a warm country, at least, warm enough to make its name appropriate. It is however as true that no longer ago than the beginning of our era, Central Europe felt the rigours of an almost Arctic winter, while its summer with difficulty ripened the grains which now support its multitudinous inhabitants. True again, that the whole Northern hemisphere may be entering anew upon its regularly recurring glacial period; but if so the Southern hemisphere is becoming correspondingly warmer, and the balance of heat and cold is maintained. It may readily be admitted too with the geologists, that the earth was once a molten mass, from which by cooling it assumed its present condition. It does not, however, follow that the process of cooling is still going on, for the circumstances may be different; indeed we have grounds to assume that they are. To mention only one. It is held by philosophers that the Atmosphere prevents the radiation of heat into space. There was a time, we may say with much safety, when the earth was without an atmosphere; and that was the very time when our planet was undergoing the cooling process, which Scientists generally hold was its condition in an early stage of its history. It was the time when the Earth was being prepared as an abode of sentient existence.

A FAVORITE PAPER.
We have not noticed that any one of the magazines announces a list of contributors approaching in ability, reputation and power to interest and instruct, that which *The Youth's Companion* announces of writers actually engaged for 1885. This year it offered \$3,000 in prizes for good short stories. It secured not only the stories, but many new writers whose work will be hereafter utilized. The price is only \$1.75 a year. Sample copies are mailed free, by the publishers, Perry Mason & Co., Boston.

FALSE STATEMENTS.
The *Free Press*, published at Ottawa, under date of Jan. 20th. contains the following:—

CLOSED FACTORIES.
Having met with heavy losses during the past two years, the large furniture factory at Windsor, Nova Scotia, has been closed. For the same reason the Windsor Iron Foundry has shut down, and hundreds of unemployed mechanics are now crying for bread. Oh, Sir Leonard, thou false prophet, why did we allow ourselves to be deceived by the predictions from thy oily tongue in 1882?

We are in a position to give the above a flat denial. The Furniture Factory has been closed down for four weeks, and commenced operations again yesterday. Ever since the factory has been in operation, it has always been customary to shut down in January, to take stock, repair machinery, and generally arrange the past year's business. The Iron Foundry always closes down for similar purposes at the end of each year for a few weeks. It also commenced operations yesterday. It is a libel on Windsor to say, hundreds of unemployed mechanics are now crying for bread. If there is a town in Nova Scotia, in Canada; yes, in all America, where less poverty exists than in Windsor, we should like to know where it is situated. Beggars are never seen on our streets, and we doubt if there is a family in the town which is not making a comfortable living. If there is such a family, it is on account of sickness or for some other reason than want of employment.

The mechanics of Windsor, as a rule, an industrious and prudent set of men, they take care of their wages, and generally have sufficient to allow them four or five weeks rest in the year. We know of many of them who have quite large sums to their credit in the Savings and other Banks. Such untruth and trash may go quietly broadcast over Canada in the columns of what is called a respectable Journal, and receive no contradiction. But in the interests of truth, we will nail it as a falsehood when it comes to our knowledge. We wish every community in Canada was as comfortable as that of Windsor is at the present time.—*Windsor Courier.*

GENERAL NEWS.

—The health of the Empress of Austria has much improved.
—The sum of £100,000 in gold was shipped to Egypt on the 4th inst.
—The U. S. dead-letter office receives an average of 15,000 letters daily.
—The Scott Act was carried in Carlton County, Ontario, last week by a majority of nearly 1000.
—Sheriff Palmer, of Westmoreland, N. S. was recently fined \$150 for allowing a prisoner to escape.
—A kind of cactus has been found in South America which only shows its flowers when the wind blows.
—It is estimated that the U. S. public debt will be decreased by over \$5,000,000, during the present month.
—Mr. Jas. Gouin, one of the proprietors of the Russel House, has been appointed Postmaster of Ottawa.
—A bill will be introduced into the Imperial Parliament next session to make penal the sale of arsenical wall-paper.
—The London detectives are confident that they can prove that Cunningham caused the explosion in the White Tower.
—Edison says that if a telephone wire could be carried above the trees and mountains, one could whisper around the world.

—Two of the daughters of the King and Queen of Sweden have been dangerously ill from the effects of poisonous wall paper.
—Judge Gowan, Dr. Sullivan and Mr. Clew, of Ontario, and ex-Governor Robitaille, of Quebec, have been appointed Senators.
—The Arabs deny that Gorden has been made a prisoner, and say that he was killed in action, having refused to give or take quarter.

—It is stated that over 40,000 poor Irish people are out of work in London alone, one-tenth of whom have been discharged since the explosions.

—Gen. Wolsley, in a private letter, says, "I have personally known only two heroes in the course of my life: one was Gen. Lee, the other Gen. Gorden."

—The International coal mining company of this county, have presented their employees with a library of 200 volumes of standard literature.—*North Sydney Herald.*

—Numerous rumors and warnings are current in London stating that new dynamite plots are being prepared. A man was recently arrested at Derby with dynamite in his possession.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The express train for Cannes on which the Prince of Wales was a passenger, collided to-day at Avignon with a freight train. The Prince suffered only a slight shock.

The receipts of the Canada Pacific railway last week showed an increase of \$64,000 while those of the Grand Trunk a decrease of \$61,156 compared with the corresponding period last year.

—In the parish of Thornton-le-Moor, North Yorkshire, England, with a population of 625 souls, there has been only one death during the last fourteen months. No wonder England is over-populated.

HENDERSON, N. C., Feb. 5.—Yesterday Wm. Robertson made a wager that he could drink a quart of whiskey in forty minutes. He accomplished the feat in thirty one minutes and died two hours afterward.

—It appears that the harbor of St. Johns, Nfld., is frozen up more or less. The ice at the head of the harbor is so thick that it is said to be impossible to get an ordinary steamer through it. The dry dock is thus rendered inaccessible.

—Mrs. Jas. A. Garfield, widow of the assassinated president, has been sued for \$25,000 by a woman named Thankful Tanner who was run over by Mrs. Garfield's carriage in a public square of Cleveland in Dec'r last.

—An infernal machine was thrown into the house of a widow named O'Brien at Garry Spillane, Limerick, Ireland, on the 5th inst. in consequence of a rent dispute. The widow's son cut the fuse, and prevented the explosion.

New York, Feb. 6.—The loss at this morning's fire in Wooster St. aggregates half a million, three fourths insured. The fire broke out in Scott & Bowne's cellar where was stored a large quantity of cod liver oil, and spread to the cellar of Steinhardt & Co. where there was a heavy stock of whiskey.

—The *Morning Post* says the Soudan catastrophe is stupendous and its consequences far reaching. What it means in the Soudan is only too apparent what it may mean in Egypt, Asia, and even in Europe, no Englishman can contemplate without serious apprehension. The *Post* does not believe the ministry will remain in office a week after Parliament meets.

LONDON, Feb. 11th.—The following additional details of the killing of Gen. Gordon and fall of Khartoum are at hand. On the day of the capture Gen. Gordon's attention was attracted by a tremendous tumult in the street; he left his headquarters to ascertain the cause of disturbance. Just as he reached the street he was stabbed in the back and fell dead.

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