

For the POULTRY WEEKLY

A Little Girls Letter.

DO you, when you set eggs under a hen, take the chickens away from the hen as soon as they are hatched for a short time till they get strong, or do you leave them with the hen all the time?

I am a girl 12 years of age and have always liked poultry, and now I am going to try and have some fowls of my own. My father gives me some money to start with and I am determined to succeed. Some people laugh about my poultry ideas, but I don't care in the least. I take pleasure in caring for hens, and so I think I'll have good luck.

BERTHA JONES.

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The above from a letter just received, gives us much pleasure. Our youthful correspondent is evidently in earnest, and by the spirit shown in her determination to succeed in spite of ridicule, has the elements of a successful fancier in her composition. Dear Miss Bertha:—never mind the laughs at your "poultry ideas." Many ladies are at the pleasant time, not only "making their living" in the business of poultry raising but putting by a respectable sum for possible future necessities. The business is one that will keep you in health, not like most of the callings open to you a sez which compel a life of continual sameness and close confinement within doors, you can enjoy the glory of the fresh air and sunshine you will be free as the air you breathe, you will find so much to delight and interest you that at present you are too young to understand. There may be—there will be—occasional disappointments, as in all other branches of industry, but experience will teach you how to avoid mistakes. We are glad that while there are some unkind and thoughtless as to laugh at your childish endeavor, you are fortunate to have for your father, one who is willing to gratify your taste for poultry. Accept our sincere wishes for your entire success.

We append an extract that will prove interesting to you re "poultry keeping for women."

For women who possess an average amount of health and strength, and who have or can get the use of a few acres of land, I can recommend the poultry business as a means of livelihood. I know several women who are supporting themselves and others dependent upon them from the

proceeds of their poultry; and other women may do equally well provided they begin right and stick to the business. Poultry keeping has none of the draw-backs that many of the occupations present to the women who have themselves and children to support. Poultry raising has always, so far as my knowledge extends, been considered woman's work and a woman can engage in it without fear of being pointed at as a "dreadful creature," out of her "proper sphere." Next it is work that can be done at home, and the children, instead of being a hindrance can be taught to help in many ways. Thirdly, one can start with very little capital, and the business soon yields an income; it is not like investing money where one must wait six months or a year for "dividends;" and last but not least, the profits—if the business is rightly managed—are sure; first class poultry products will always sell at paying prices, and the woman who once masters the poultry business need have no fears about the future—so far as this world is concerned.

For farmers' wives and daughters who desire to do some extra work that will pay in cash, I know of nothing that will pay as well in proportion to the time and capital invested as a small flock of fowls well cared for.—Poultry Keeping.

Owen Sound Show.

CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.

SC W Leghorns were out in large numbers and good in quality. H Grier, of Owen Sound, won 1st on cock and cockerel with two choice males, 1st on hen, and 1st and 2nd on pullet with three very pretty birds, the 1st pullet a beauty, and all as white as snow. He also tied with W. Whitelaw, Meaford, for 2nd cockerel and hen. Mr. Whitelaw has just made his "debut" as a fancier and in the 2nd cockerel has the makings of a fine show bird when matured, extra good on shape, ear lobe, comb, and legs. Mr McKenzie showed an old bird with splendid body and comb, but he was badly out of condition on legs, through washing in too hot water, and could not stand well, but now and then put himself into fine carriage.

S C B Leghorns—were an extra large class of high merit. J C Benner, of Owen Sound, won all the honors except specials, the latter he did not enter for. The stock shown reflects the utmost credit on its owner, who for five years in succession has kept the honors of this variety in Owen Sound, against all comers, and well he may on birds of such rich color and good style as were exhibited last week. Wm Cole, of Brampton, won 1st special on a handsome cockerel, 95¢, also 1st on Breeding pen.