

chickens, looked helplessly towards me for assistance.

"Poor old Philo," I said, comfortingly; "good dog. Chickens soon go away."

But they didn't go, nor did they show the least inclination to go. "Perhaps," I thought, "perhaps they will go when their feeding-time comes round."

But they were far too happy and contented to be hungry. Indeed, it was this making themselves so much at home in my room that made me speak seriously to them. I am usually patient and good-tempered, but the sight of those chickens, dressing their downy feathers and carrying on their private conversations, was more than my patience could bear. They had no consideration for either Philo or me. They paid us no respect, nor were they afraid of us, and how it is possible for big things like Newfoundland dogs and full-grown men to be happy among little things like chickens, unless the little things act in a becoming way, by being respectful and timid, I don't know.

"Chickens," I said, in a tone of firmness, "this is more than a joke. I like a bit of fun as well as

anybody, but this invasion of my room—my Englishman's castle—is not fun, but downright impudence. I should be very sorry to make an unfair use of my great strength, or of my dog's sharp teeth, but I shall be compelled to do so unless you begin to make a move."

I expected this speech would have sent the chickens helter-skelter out of the room, but I did not understand the persistent nature of the race. All it did was to make one of the chickens on the table stretch itself to its full height and give a tiny crow of defiance.

A crisis was approaching.

"Philo," I said, "growl." He did so, making a rumbling noise like distant thunder.

The chickens paused from their various occupations, but only for an instant.

"Philo," I said, "Show your teeth."

He showed them, all of them, making a snapping noise to add to the effect. But the only effect it had on the chickens was to make them applaud the performance by stamping their feet. One of them, excited by the exhibition, jumped off the mantel-

piece on to the crown of my head, making the situation secure by digging its claws into my hair.

"Chickens," I said solemnly, "prepare to go. It is a pity to spoil my new carpet with your feet, but it shall never be said that Theophilus shrank from doing his duty from carpet considerations. No one can say that—"

But just here my attention was drawn to a black object that was making its way into the room. I looked hard at it, and at last discovered that it was half a chicken. I noticed that the chicken was the floor made way for the black visitor, bowing their heads to the ground, and looking very human.

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Something Like an Ancestry.

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NOTICES.

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The Page Wire Fence Co., of Walkerville, Ont., have issued a handsomely illustrated catalogue, or rather album, showing sketches of their coiled spring woven-wire fencing erected in various situations. It also describes and gives the cost per rod of fences of various heights and of various numbers of bars. The book will help fence builders. A card to the company will secure one.

The Folding Sawing Machine Co., of South Clinton Street, Chicago, who have been long-time advertisers in the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, make their trade announcement in this issue for the opening of the season of 1898-9. While we are always glad and anxious to secure new advertisers, it affords us more than the usual amount of pleasure to know that we merit and receive the continued support of our old patrons. As the Folding Sawing Machine Co. have found this paper a paying investment, as is indicated by their renewed support, we have found them thoroughly reliable business men and manufacturers of a useful and honest article. We can recommend them to our readers as thoroughly responsible and strictly honest in all their dealings.

The announcement circular of the Kingston Business College for the season just opening is at hand. It shows that that institution, which has already won for itself an enviable reputation, aims to instruct along practical lines, giving boys and girls, men and women, a knowledge of the subjects they will be most likely to use in after life. They have recently added to their already strong staff Mr. H. F. Metcalfe, Expert Accountant and Public Auditor. Their courses of study are Commercial or Business, Shorthand, English and Civil Service, each of which are competently dealt with. Every farmer's son is the better for having some business training, as it does not require much time nor money, and its advantages are incalculable. See Kingston Business College advertisement in this issue.

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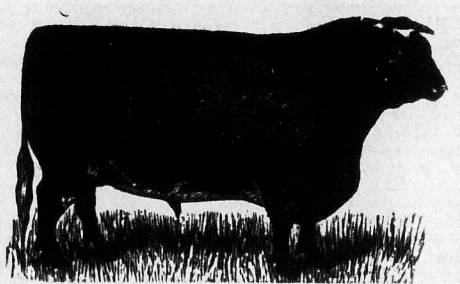
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