

FOWLS FOR THE LONDON MARKET.

(By H. Swan, in Windsor Magazine for February.)

While London is sleeping a heavy sleep, and twilight is dim and grey before dawn, in the midst of the bustling city are certain wakened corners where hundreds of busy hands are already at work replenishing the larders of the great metropolis.

The poultry market, around the Central Meat and Poultry Market, are alive with traffic. Hour after hour, in a constant stream, supplies come pouring in.

The market-place itself, with its lofty glass-arched avenues and its quaint red-brick shops at intervals on either side of the interesting arcades, is not unpleasing to the eye, but the hangings thereof are somewhat barbaric in color and design.

There is not much feathered life in the market, and the artistic eye, reminiscent of that wonder of coloring, Fred Walker's "fish stall," falls to find a companion picture in a study of plumage on the poultry stall.

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The enormous demand which these fowls represent has been a great extent created by the available supply.

Until the last year or two poultry keeping in England has been almost at a standstill. Although it is a fact that in almost every part of the British Isles the climate is very suitable to the production of the finest quality of poultry (and eggs) in the world.

The heavy railway rates have undoubtedly been a serious handicap to home produce. The great eastern railway has taken the lead in lowering its rates, and other companies have followed suit.

RUSSIA.

In the coldest regions of Northern Russia—says Captain Wiggins—the peasantry have to contend with a thermometer running down to 70 degrees Fahrenheit below freezing.

A celebrated Canadian breeder, on being asked upon what he fed his famous turkeys, replied, "On apples and grapes," meaning to say that the creatures thrive on marvellously casual treatment.

One of the greatest advances of our time in connection with meat and poultry supply is the application of artificial cooling, to the preservation of food.

The Russian fowl holds its own on the London markets, by reason of its cheapness, and, in the opinion of salesmen, it has come to stay.

France not only supplies her own needs, which are great, but is enabled to export large quantities of eggs and poultry.

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"Baby's Battles: A Message for Mothers," is the title of a very handsome little pamphlet just issued by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company.

The identity of the man whose body was found some days ago off the Market slip has probably been settled. On Saturday Captain Maxwell of the A. P. Emerson received a letter from Mrs. Hiram Allen of Munroe street, Calais, Maine, stating that she had read a newspaper account of the finding of the body, and wished to make sure that it was the body of her son.

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WINDSOR, Ont., May 21.—The city council has decided to accept Andrew Carnegie's offer to erect a \$5,000 free library building for the city. The corporation must provide the site.

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FRATHOON'S REPLY. May 21.—Secretary J. F. Massey's Club is in receipt of cablegram from London.

BELIEVE IN MEDICINE. May 21.—Luther Pierson in trial in White Sulphur Springs, N. H., for the murder of his sixteen-month-old son.

GIKLING LOST. May 21.—In the suit of Gikling against George Putnam for infringement of copyright in the book "The History of the State of Connecticut," the jury directed a verdict for Putnam.

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