

POULTRY.

(Under this heading, all questions relating to poultry will be answered.)

YOUNG chicks have been advancing well under the beneficial effects of the warm weather. To obtain the best results they should be let out first thing in the morning. At this time of the year it is best to secure them at night from rats, etc., as, even if there are no signs of vermin about, they are liable to come in from neighboring premises, and they generally open the ball by taking off the choice specimens. Rats will rarely take chicks off a perch, and so it is a good plan to teach the chicks to roost on a perch, which should be about three inches broad, as soon as they are about six weeks old.

Breeding birds that are confined in small runs should have a supply of green food and cooked meat. If they don't get a certain amount of animal food they are liable to contract the vice of feather eating.

When raw meat is fed to the hens in large quantities the yolks sometimes are colored in several shades, often a few spots like drops of blood appearing, but this is not the case when the meat is cooked. When corn is fed largely there will also be a deeper color to the yolks than when it is not used. This coloring of the yolks does not denote that a dark yolk is richer than one that is lighter, as color does not influence quality, but is the effect of the coloring matter in the food, yet, as there is a preference for deep yellow yolks, we see no objection to accommodating the buyers so long as they are willing to pay for such.

The hens are very fond of scratching in the manure heap in order to secure the swollen grain that may have passed through the animals, and if a certain quantity of manure is placed where they can work it over every day they can be made serviceable, and the work will benefit them to say nothing of the waste matter they will utilize. As the hens will render the manure very fine, the handling and spreading of it will be easier, and in all cases where they can be put to such service the opportunity should not be lost.

As a deodorizer and disinfectant, in fact as a general purifier, carbolic acid stands unrivaled. Until its virtues were discovered we were often at a loss to know what to use for this purpose. When properly diluted and prepared it is good for sores, and for the bits of insects, neutralizing the poison. In the proper management of poultry it plays a very important part, and when once tried its use will never be discontinued. When sprinkled over the floor of the hen house after each time it has been cleaned, it will remove any bad odors and will purify the house. It can be rubbed on the roosts and roosting benches, and sprinkled (moderately) in the new-made nests, in all cases being very beneficial in ridding the house of any unhealthy odors, and in disturbing and driving away the insect enemies which cling so persistently to both the bodies of the poultry and to the inside of the house and their nests.—*California Agriculturist.*

THE KENNEL.

MR. HEDLEY CHAPMAN'S letter in last week's HOME JOURNAL was read with great interest by the fanciers, and we are sure the record of Princess Florence will be eagerly looked for, especially by the admirers of the St. Bernard.

Victoria certainly contains the best collection of this breed on the Coast. We believe Plinmonarch, pronounced by Geo. Raper to be a better dog than the California crabs, Bernardo and California Alton, is now owned in this city. Alton III., the dog that, in our opinion, could beat Plinmonarch, has left Seattle for the East.

In bitches we have Syd and Queen, and two granddaughters of the celebrated Phylis, that promise to be something extra.

A resident of James Bay wishes to know if there is any way to prevent his neighbor's dog, a greyhound, from howling night and day. He says the neighbors are far more worried than the owner, who takes it as a matter of course.

Last Sunday, taking a stroll on Beacon Hill, we noticed a rather amusing incident. A young man taking his prize Fox Terrier for a run suddenly missed her. After whistling for a few minutes he saw her running out of a yard with a chicken in her mouth, followed by a shower of stones, and then by the irate house wife. Hastening up to save his tyke from damage he was informed that ten chicks had been killed in two minutes, and was glad to get off by paying their value, though the lady would rather have had the chicks.

The lady in question has been very unfortunate in losing fowls through dogs. We were told that only the week before several birds had been killed, but we didn't quite make out whether it was the hen that was killed that was a setter or whether it was the dog, but anyway these losses have set her terribly against all dogs and dog fanciers.

We have been asked to give the points of a Fox Terrier, and if we can lay our hands on the "scale of points" we will do so later on.

PAPER MONEY.

The Bank of England note is five inches by eight in dimensions, and is printed on rich linen, water-lined paper, plain white with ragged edges.

The notes of the Banque de France are made of white, water-lined paper, printed in blue and black, with numerous mythological and allegorical pictures, and running in denominations from the twenty franc note to the one thousand franc.

South American currency in most countries, is about the size and general appearance of American bills, except that cinnamon-brown and slate-blue are the prevailing colors, and that Spanish and Portuguese are the prevailing languages engraved on the face.

The German currency is rather artistic. The bills are printed in green and black. They run in denomination from five to one thousand marks. Their later bills are printed on silk fibre paper.

The Chinese paper currency is in red, white and yellow paper, with gilt lettering and gorgeous little hand-drawn

devices. The bills, to the ordinary financier, might pass for washing but they are worth good money in Flowery Kingdom.

Italian notes are of all sizes, shapes and colors. The smaller bills—five ten lire notes—are printed on white paper in pink, blue and carmine inks, ornamented with a finely engraved vignette of King Humbert.

The one-hundred rouble note of Russia is barred from top to bottom with all colors of the rainbow, blended as we shown through a prism. In the center in bold relief, stands a large, finely executed vignette of Empress Catherine I. This is in black. The other engraving is not at all intricate or elaborate, but well done in dark and light brown black inks.

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