

tent than is generally supposed, directly or indirectly from being crowded and this is probably the cause of the cry, "no money in fowls," and so many failures. When confined in yards this is still more emphatically the case. It will be quite essential to provide the necessities, comforts and luxuries for her henship. If for breeding the hens should not be hurried to lay during the winter, they should be fed with whole grain, no warm food, and little meat, but more when saving the eggs for setting. The fowls will be in a vigorous and healthy condition. They will impart this vigor and health to the chicks and so you will be repaid for your previous loss of eggs. They must have warm, dry and clean quarters. By warm, I mean free from sudden changes and protected from winds and draughts. During very cold, rainy or snowy weather, the fowls should be shut in and not allowed out till the weather is clear, if they have to be shut up for a week.

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Troy, N. Y., Jan. 23, '89.

For the POULTRY WEEKLY

A Lady Fancier's Success.

ON page 903 of the POULTRY WEEKLY there is a letter headed, "He kept a Record," and a wise proceeding it is to keep a record of the profits and losses in poultry keeping, as well as other industries.

Allowing that the pleasure of taking care of poultry counts for something as it certainly does to any one who has a taste for it, still not many of us would care to take the trouble, I suppose, unless there was a little profit to be made by it, and if we keep no account of expenditure and receipts how are we to know whether we gain or lose?

Here are my figures for 1889. Number of hens, 23. Number of eggs 2,280—a very small number to what I ought to have had as my hens get very good care in every respect, and are not confined in the summer except for a few weeks. They are mostly Laced Wyandottes and I had more pullets than hens which may be one reason I did not get more eggs. Value of eggs at market price, \$25.00. Value of poultry killed and sold or used in family, \$24.65. Cost of feed \$25.00. Paid for eggs for setting, \$3.00. As I kept turkeys as well as hens I cannot tell just how much it costs to feed the hens and how much for the turkeys, but having a good range for the turkeys I am sure it costs less to raise and fatten a turkey than it does a chicken. Perhaps, however, that is owing to my mismanagement, and as we like to have the chickens

for our own table I keep them too long for profit. The value of chickens used or sold was \$9.50 and of turkeys \$12.90.

The Wyandottes are certainly a very fine table fowl but I have not so far found them extra good layers. This year I have a few Minorca pullets and I mean to compare the two breeds as layers, but as the Minorcas were hatched quite late (the middle of July) they will be rather at a disadvantage. However, as they are beginning to lay now they are not much behind.

I have found out a plan to break up bones for my hens quite easily. It is to put them in a pan in the oven till they are brown, when they are so brittle that there is no trouble in breaking them up in small pieces with a small sledge hammer, by putting them on a solid stone.

I was amused to watch my fowls when I first put up the automatic feeder I got from you. They looked up at it as much as to say, "What have we got here" and then, if as by accident they brought a little grain rattling down, away they would run to the furthest corner and get out of the way; but they are getting used to it already and I think it will be a fine thing for them.

Well I have written more at length than I intended when I began my report, but you need not print more than you like of it.

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Many thanks for your interesting letter. We have always found the S. L. Wyandottes at the head as layers, and many other correspondents do the same. Perhaps on further acquaintance you will also find to be the case. A good strain ought to do better than your account shows for eggs.

We are sure you will like the feeder; it is a fine invention.

Your letter is none too long, and we hope to hear from you again. We are always particularly pleased to hear from a lady fancier.

For the Poultry Weekly.

Scoring Turkeys.

WHILE attending the poultry show at Milton last month I noticed some facts which I would like a small space in your valuable paper to lay before your readers. In the first place I want to say that the fanciers of Milton are the best natured, jolliest and most hospitable set of fellows I ever met. I never missed the time slipping away and if I was limited to one show per year it