

mends shearing geese and ducks, as a more humane method of harvesting this commodity, and as the troublesome quill ends are absent the product is of more value.

For the POULTRY WEEKLY

Thanks.

**M**R. EDITOR, In the name of all things that can feel pain I desire to thank you for the manly and humane remarks you make on page 913 of your JOURNAL of the 11th of Dec.

I, too, feel proud to be classed with men who see things in the way you do. Let those who advocate caponising do as they would like to be done by. We have no right to make the meanest creature suffer any unnecessary pain. All living things have rights which all men should respect. Cruelty to men will taint our race as long as cruelty to the lower animals finds place in the human heart. Oh speed the day when all men shall see clearly that all creatures are brethren, children of a common father and made of common clay. Then cruelty will no more find a place to dwell but justice, mercy and love will burn in every heart and beam from every eye.

M. S. KELLEY.

Milton, W. Va., U.S.A., Dec. 18, 1889.

We are glad to join issue with our correspondent and while it may be necessary to perform such operations as alluded to occasionally, our article was written more particularly against these being performed by unskilful or ignorant people and especially in reference to one of the letters received which referred to the statement in an inclosed circular of caponizing tools which was forwarded, and it was therein stated any one could perform the operation with a little practice. We know of one case of an amateur in this line who after a few trials was so averse to the torture the subject endured that in conversation he informed us that the effect of it on his imagination was sufficient to keep him from sleeping, and the impression left by that interview and conversation is painful to remember. In the hands of a practical man the suffering is as small in degree as it always is between skilful and unskilful use of surgery.

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### A Woman in the Case.

**I** GREATLY admire your poultry department and often find myself reading the pages devoted to poultry before I read the articles on bees. I have thought many times that a "woman" had a hand in it, and from a late article I am sure that must be the case, everything comes so straight, no uncertain sound about it.

But when I began to read the article on page 913 "Money in hens," I began to wonder what old chestnut you were trying to crack. Can't you see that that old article was never written by a poultry keeper, but from the pen of some reporter, and then before I had read half the article I began to think the foreman of your print shop had been to some poultry show and found some new "drinking fountain" from the way things are mixed with "Why they didn't pay him." But never mind, keep on and give us a good poultry department and guard against the chestnuts, for I find many of our successful beekeepers are poultry raisers and your articles are read by many persons over the line.

H. D. CUTTING.

Clinton, Mich.

Thanks for your words of encouragement, we strive to make the WEEKLY interesting and few know what a demand a weekly is. The time seems to come round quicker every week. Pull us up on the 'chestnuts,' if you don't we shall get behind the times. "To err is human," and it is holiday time.

But where, oh! where! is the evidence of intrinsic effeminacy. This was not wont to be counted among our "errors and omissions." But seriously a woman has a hand in it, though not perhaps in the sense our friend indicates. Like most of those unfortunate beings yclept busy men we are indebted to our "better half" for a great deal of assistance. In copying our hurried and always illegible jottings, we are entirely under obligation to Mrs. P's stock of patience, which seems to grow with the demand made upon it. In her we have also—and we are proud of it—an earnest and thorough collaborer in the poultry yard. Nothing is a trouble if it is chickens. It is only since our own six 'chicks' have been, as Mrs. P. says, 'out of hand,' that she has been able to assist in the management of our poultry family, and so allowed us to give attention to matters of a journalistic