



**Destroying Lice.**

A natural condition of poultry is lousiness; but there need be no trouble in keeping them free from lice. Use tobacco stems, or refuse leaves, or tobacco cuttings, freely in the nests, putting them about four inches deep in them; let lice be never so thick, in a very short time they will be all gone from the boxes.

Perhaps some of our readers have raised tobacco in their gardens; this they can use to good purpose, as follows: A correspondent writes thus: "To keep my birds free from vermin, I put a quantity of tobacco stems in a vessel that will hold eight or ten gallons of water, and let them soak for two or three days, stirring up the mass every day until the water is quite red and strong. Then, with an old paint brush, or a sponge tied on the end of a stick, I wash the roosts, nest boxes, and every place I can reach, with the liquor. Next, with a syringe I throw it into every crevice

and corner of my poultry house. If the liquid is strong and thoroughly used, it need not be done more than twice in the season. We know that many of our readers keep their fowls under the same roof, and many times in the same room as that in which their horses or cattle are kept. If so they need to be particularly careful in keeping their birds free from vermin."

We can endorse every word that he says; and we believe tobacco has thus found one of the best places in which it can be used. We have tried kerosene, or coal oil; also carbolic acid, but we believe that, in many instances, disease has been caused by their use, as we have noticed, immediately after sprinkling with carbolic acid, the birds have become affected with running at the nostrils, their eyes become red, and a peculiar cough, like the cough of a croupy child, lasting for several days and apparently disarranging the whole system, has attacked them. Will some of our readers tell us if they have had the same experience?—S. J. A.

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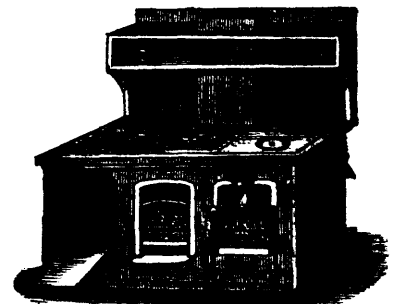
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