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For the first two weeks feed entirely with the eggs, bread, curds, cooked rice and cooked oatmeal. About the third week commence feeding cooked cornmeal; and from that on they may be given any cooked food that would be suitable for chickens of the same age. Season all food slightly with salt and pepper, and twice a week add a level tablespoonful of bone meal to a pint of feed. Never feed any sour food or sloppy food of any kind except sour milk, and never feed any uncooked food of any kind until after they have thrown out the red on their heads. Feed often, five or six times a day, until after they are three months old; then, if insects are numerous, you may gradually reduce the number of meals per day to three or even two.

After they are three months old they may be given wheat, cracked corn etc., but no whole corn until they are five months old. Keep the coops dry and clean, and the turkeys out of the dew and rain until they are fully feathered, and have thrown out the red. Dampness and filth will kill young turkeys as surely as a dose of poison. For the first few days confine the poults to the limits of the coop and safety run; then, if all appear strong and well, give the mother hen and her brood liberty on pleasant days after the dew is off.

If they get caught out in a shower, get them to shelter as soon as possible; and if they are chilled take them to the house and thoroughly dry and warm them. See that the little turkeys come home every night. The turkey mother must, for the first few nights, be hunted up and driven home. After they are three months old turkeys are quite hardy, and may be allowed range at all times. If the turkeys that are well cared for, and have always seemed all right, show signs of drooping when about six weeks or two months old, give Douglas' mixture in the drink or food, and add a little cooked meat to the food once a day.—*The Practical Farmer.*

**FRIENDS OF THE FARMER.**—It may be an advantage to point out some of the friends of the farmer, which, consequently, no farmer should destroy or allow to be destroyed. Among these are toads, which are, under all circumstances, the farmer's friend; moles and field mice, probably, do a vast deal more good than harm; all birds, especially robins, wrens, thrushes, orioles, cuckoos, phebes, blue birds, woodpeckers, swallows and cat birds. The destruction of these and many others, except for scientific purposes, should be made, under very heavy penalties, illegal everywhere. The house sparrow, better known as the English sparrow, is to be rated an exception. This bird is now universally regarded as a nuisance, first, because of its grain and vegetable destroying propensities; secondly, because it drives away insect-destroying birds.

Among insects, many wasps are friends, especially those with more or less protruding horn or sting at the end of the abdomen. Ladybugs and lace-wing flies live entirely upon destructive insects, especially plant lice and scale insects, and should never be destroyed. Dragon flies, or devil's darning-needles, are also useful as well as harmless.

A good wash for the trunks of trees to prevent injury from borers and the bark louse is made from a strong solution of soft soap in hot water and afterwards adding a little crude carbolic acid; the wash to be applied with a brush in the late spring and early summer to prevent the laying of insect eggs. Sifted coal ashes will be found useful against cucumber and melon bugs. Many other remedies come well recommended, but those named are the ones in most common use. Spraying with a solution of Paris green, the only known effective remedy for the codling moth, is, at the same time, equally so against all leaf eating insects, and is gaining a good reputation as against the plum curculio. Appliances for using insecticides can now be obtained from leading dealers in agricultural implements.

The ravages of the insect pest which is attacking the wheat about Paris, Ont., are exciting alarm in the farming community. In sample heads of wheat taken at random from a fine looking field in Brantford Township, the heads were literally swarming with small green flies, whose operations on the grain could be easily discovered by the naked eye. The owner of the field said he had noticed after an east wind a short time ago, the presence of black flies among the wheat. He concluded that they were midge flies and his diagnosis has now been verified. No little excitement has been created by the discovery of this pest in the crop, which for luxuriance and quality has not been equalled in many years.

The beauty of many a naturally attractive farm home is marred by the sight of the family washing conspicuously hanging upon the front veranda or lawn. The flapping garments of varied shapes and sizes become the most conspicuous objects upon the scene. It is also better to arrange the clothes line so your neighbors need not run the gauntlet of fluttering sleeves and petticoats when they come to the door. Keep the wood-pile, the clothes line, the chicken coop and other unsightly or cluttering things at the back side of the house, and leave the grounds in front and the front entrance neat and as unobstructed as if your house was upon a village street. Don't get slipshod.—*New England Farmer.*

Mrs. G. W. P. says she has tried a rule for preventing table salt from getting damp and lumpy, and finds it a success. When filling the shaker