

Domestic.

TO KILL COCKROACHES, ANTS, &c.—Equal parts of dry red lead and sugar, well mixed, is given as a certain and sure exterminator of cockroaches, black and red ants, and other pests. As every household is more or less plagued with these vermin, this recipe, so easily provided, should be tried. The simple mixture should be put in places infested by them. Care should be observed in the use of it, as the lead is poisonous.

The Poultry Yard.

FATTENING TURKEYS.—A writer in the *German-town Telegraph* furnishes that journal with the following statement:—Much has been published of late in our agricultural journals in relation to the alimentary properties of charcoal. It has been repeatedly asserted that domestic fowls may be fattened on it without any other food, and that too, in a shorter time than on the most nutritive grains. I made an experiment, and must say the result surprised me, as I had always been rather skeptical. Four turkeys were confined in a pen, and fed on meal, boiled potatoes and oats. Four others of the same broods were also at the same time confined in another pen, and fed daily upon the same articles but with one pint of finely pulverized charcoal mixed with their meal and potatoes. They also had a plentiful supply of broken charcoal in their pen. The eight were killed on the same day, when there was a difference of one and a half pounds each in favor of the fowls which had been supplied with the charcoal, they being the fattest, and the meat greatly superior in point of tenderness and flavor.

Veterinary.

THOROUGH-BRED.—We have often objected to the use of this term until it could be settled what it means, which as yet has not been done. It is a high sounding phrase, but frequently serves no other purpose than to deceive ignorant people. Hear what the well-known writer "Cecil" says about it in a paper on "The Physiology of Breeding," written for the *Farmer's Magazine*: "The term thorough-bred is an expression not clearly defined, as regards any of our domestic animals, but it would be very desirable to have some rule established. It may be accepted as a principle that breeding from animals endowed with certain properties and perfections through several generations, constitute he claim; though there is no adopted rule to determine how many generations are sufficient to establish the title.—*Boston Cultivator.*"

Transactions.

Abstract of Report of Agricultural Societies received in the year 1860.

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HALTON.

COUNTY SOCIETY.—Two hundred and twenty-five members; amount of subscription, \$266.50; balance in hand from previous account, \$436.46; deposited by township branches, \$439.50; Government grant, \$599.96; grant from County Council, \$100; admission tickets, \$79.67; special donations for premiums, \$50; total receipts, \$1942.09. Paid township branches, \$799.69; paid in premiums at ploughing match and shows, \$787; expenses and sundries, \$149.01; balance in hand, \$206.39.

TOWNSHIP BRANCHES.

ESQUESING.—One hundred and twenty members; amount of subscription, \$183.40; balance from 1858, \$12.18; share of grant, \$92.13; total received, \$287.71. Paid in premiums, \$169; expenses, &c., \$48.45; balance in hand, \$70.26.

NASSAGAWEGA.—Ninety-six members; amount of subscription, \$124; share of grant, \$86.37; total, \$210.37. Paid Treasurer balance from previous year, \$7.68; paid premiums, \$108.75; expenses, \$21.70; balance in hand, \$72.24.

NELSON.—One hundred members; subscription, \$114; balance from 1858, \$34.18; share of public grant, \$78; grant from township Council, \$20; fees, &c., \$15.62; total received, \$261.80. Paid in premiums, \$203.50; expenses, \$27.05; balance in hand, \$31.25.

Extracts from Report.

The soil of this township is mostly a clay loam, some of it tolerably hard, with a tight clay subsoil. There is a mountain range running across from south to north furnishing any quantity of lime stone, with free stone in sufficient quantity for building purposes, and the most delightful spring water, and which is also well timbered. The land adjoining is of the best description for wheat. Along the lake shore there are a few sandy farms of excellent quality. Part of the grant to the late Joseph Brant is of this kind, on which is the village of Wellington Square.