

5. Write legibly and on one side of the paper only.

6. Answers to be to name in full, initials or *nom de plume*, the second—preferred.

QUE.—Since my Indian Game cockerel came back from show, I notice he has white specks in his throat. Is it canker? Can you give me a cure? Is it dangerous? I was told to use Crystal Iodoform for canker, I got a dram of it but have not used it as the chemist told me it was very dangerous. Please to answer me by return as he cost me too much money to lose him, he is all right every other way except the white specks in throat opposite the wind pipe.

N.

ANS.—Your description suggests canker. Iodoform is a good remedy, especially for any sorés, discharges, &c., accompanied by a foul smell. It must, of course be used with care and is scarcely suitable for mouth troubles. Get the general health of your fowls as good as possible.

Apply to the "specks" twice a day the following:

- Glycerine 7 parts.
- Tincture of iron 2 parts.
- Carbolic acid 1 part.

well mixed together. Always mix well before using.

QUE.—I have a Langshan pullet which has been sick about a week. She mopes around and very seldom eats anything, and then will eat only soft food. [Although she seldom eats, she is not thin, but in good condition. Her bowels are in good working order, but her droppings are green. I have isolated her. Could you tell me how to treat her? I would not trouble you was not the bird a valuable one.]

E.W.L.

ANS.—You do well to isolate the bird. We advise you to give a teaspoonful of Castor oil or Epsom salts (in crystals); and then daily for 4 or 5 days a compound rhubarb pill. Later she may have a little meat and raw vegetables chopped fine, as onions, cabbage, turnips, etc. Avoid Indian corn with this bird at all events. Much of it in birds that do not get plenty of exercise tends to disorder the liver and so the whole work of digestion.

QUE.—I have one hen (a Wyandotte) which mopes and is wasting away and yet has nothing apparently the matter. Nostrils and throat quite clear, legs and body clean, anus all right; she eats a moderate quantity of food. Can you suggest what may be wrong? I may say she is

in a building heated to average between 50 and 60 and where all the other fowls are in perfect health.

C. H. G.

ANS.—It is impossible to say to a certainty what may be the trouble with a fowl such as you describe. As the other birds kept under the same conditions seem to be well, there is no clear evidence that the food, &c., is improper, though it is always well in stating a case to say exactly how fowls are fed as well as diseased. The wasting is probably due to serious disease of some internal organ which is likely to prove fatal. It would be well to isolate the effected bird as if she is effected with tuberculosis that is contagious. It is hoped you are not feeding too much, especially corn, as that tends to put the liver wrong. We advise the following:—

- (1) Isolate and feed entirely differently for a time; be sure and give some vegetable food.
- (2) Give one Compound Cathartic pill, and alter that one Compound Rhubarb pill daily for four or five days.
- (3) Give Cod Liver oil in gelatine capsules No. 00; one full twice daily. If the bird dies examine the organs carefully, also look into the intestines for worms.

QUE.—Black Spanish cock two years old, has been ailing for about a month. In bad feather particularly about neck and head, and seems to have something wrong with his neck, which bulges out on one side, and gives his head a cant backwards touching his wing with top part of neck, thereby making a bare spot on wing, and almost making a sore. Cannot eat food off ground, but eats when food is held up to him pretty well. Seems to be stiff all over, losing flesh and looking very wretched. Can you oblige us by suggesting anything for him.

N. & G. G.

ANS.—Without seeing your bird it is not possible to make an exact diagnosis. It may be that the neck is twisted owing to some nervous affection of the brain or spinal cord or to pressure on some nerve. If you are satisfied there really is a tumour, paint it with tincture of Iodine twice daily, stopping short, however, of actual blistering. Make an entire change of food, and give a one grain quinine pill daily for a week.

QUE.—Will you inform me by return of mail if you can give me a cure for my fowls. I had one die after being sick for two days. I have two more valuable birds that I am afraid

will go the same way. The first symptom is a droopish look, then a gurgling in the throat and apparently gasping for breath, their neck gets bent and comb turns black and it dies.

C.S.

ANS.—You do not state breed, age, mode of feeding, etc., and your description of symptoms is too vague and incomplete. We fear your birds are dying from some serious disease of the internal organs. Open the next one that dies and note the appearances of all parts, especially the liver. Cut open the intestines and look for worms.

Treatment:—Give your flock all the freedom you can, and feed no Indian corn but more vegetable food.

(1) Give sick birds only bread and milk and raw meat to eat, and not too much of these. See that they are a good deal in the sun.

(2) Give one Compound Cathartic pill, and follow in a few hours with a small teaspoonful of Epsom salts.

(3) Give daily for a week one Compound Rhubarb pill.

(4) Rub over the front of the neck and on the breast a little of a mixture of equal parts of coal oil and olive oil—enough to irritate but not to blister.

(5) Be sure and isolate all sick birds, and burn the dead.

Many thanks for receipt, but it came too late as I lost 8 birds in three days, and then I found out it was canker that my fowls had, over 20 of my birds were effected. I went to work and put all of them in dry warm places by themselves, and after doctoring them with the following prescription had them all cured in four days.

2 oz. coperas dissolved in ½ cup of water, then wash mouth and throat three times a day, using a feather, once a day take a little burned alum on the end of a spoon and blow it on the canker part, then take ¼ coal oil and ¼ oil of peppermint and give each fowl ½ teaspoonful every night. This is a sure cure as I have found it so.

C. S.

QUE.—I have some chicks raised in an incubator and they seem to be growing weak in legs. Can you give me any way to overcome that or in case of any fresh chicks same way to prevent them getting weak and oblige.

Yours truly,

N. D.