

not be the exact words used, but they convey the meaning.

Why should not a black Leghorn have black legs as well as black Cochins, black Hamburgs, or black Polish? It certainly is more in keeping with the color of the bird.

As will be seen by a report of a meeting of the Directorate, the Ontario Poultry Association has come out \$100 behind this year. This fact is to be regretted, but we trust by the application of strict economy that by the time the next show is over the auditors' report may show a balance on the right side. A full report of the proceedings will be found in another column.

Rochester is putting in a strong claim for the meeting of the American Poultry Association, and claims to be the most central point for the great majority of the fraternity. The hotel accommodation is of the best, and A. P. A. members will be offered a special rate of \$1.50 per day.

POULTRY

A USEFUL HINT.

BY W. C. G. PETER.

In the good old days when Dr. Birch held sway, and naughty boys sometimes found it hard work to find a seat soft enough to be comfortable, my clumsy fingers were compelled to follow the proverbs on the top line of the awful copy-books, which line was the despair of all would be imitators, shining forth as it did in letters so beautifully formed as to make us doubt they were fashioned by human hands. Conspicuous among the texts set forth to encourage careless youth into the paths of wisdom and all impossible virtues, was the following (profanely called by a classmate the "early riser") viz., "The early bird catches the worm." No

doubt your readers will think the REVIEW is no place for such talk as this, Mr. Editor, but I am so anxious to impress it on their minds because it has a peculiar fitness to them just now and points a moral too; for, give me leave dear friends to say, that the early birds that hunt the proverbial worm will catch something besides that dainty morsel at this season of the year. I feel I could go and whisper to those enterprising birds that get up so early and wake the neighbors, that "it is a foggy morning, and cold withal," and though worms may be a delectable morsel in the menu of a chicken, the disadvantages attendant on procuring it are not to be overlooked; yea! verily my brethren the early birds may *miss* the dainty meal, but they will catch the roup, catarrh, rheumatism, cramps, rattles, etc., to make up for it. So keep your pets, especially the young ones, under cover, till say, eight o'clock these misty, cold, shivery mornings, and you will have less trouble in combating any sickness that may appear; some may say the weather is not cold yet, but I am not guarding against cold. After the excessive heat of summer the birds are in the worst possible condition to stand the damp chills of morning and evening; besides old birds are in moult, a delicate condition, and young ones in the most precarious stage of growth, corresponding to similar states in the human family. If properly cared for and protected, they come out with increased vigor; and whatever saps the vital element, be it cold, or want of food, vermin, anything, if it does no more, it will surely retard the growth and dim the lustre of the plumage. It is no use to season up their food with cayenne, ginger and what not, and then let them wander out before you are at liberty to feed in the early morning, when you cannot see two yards in front of you for fog and mist, and perhaps to cap all a biting wind, that sets your own teeth chattering, and makes you feel as if you were clothed in mos-

quito netting, and the wind was playing "tag" through the meshes thereof. Now I am not in favor of pampering any kind of stock, but the wonderful difference just now, that is felt, in the morning air, in going out at 5 o'clock and 8 o'clock forces us to take care of ourselves; and of anything under our charge capable of being influenced by damp, cold or wind, and sometimes all three together. We can not put an overcoat or extra wrap on our feathered pets, but we can shut them in till the sun shines and dispels the hurtful fog and the chilly winds are partly negated by the friendly rays of old Sol. Let none forget "Douglas Mixture" at the moulting season at least twice per week, and look after the cleanliness of the drinking vessels and the less drugs are used the better if birds are healthy.

WINTER CARE OF FOWLS.

BY P. T. H. ERMATINGER.

With the beginning of autumn also begins the care of our pets and the general looking after of the "feathered cattle," with the resolution in mind to make the next five months of our *mild* Canadian winter pass with as little loss to our collection as possible, and with as much comfort to them as care will afford.

The first thing to be done is the preparing of an adaptable house for our fowls.

As far as my experience is concerned, by the word adaptable, I do not mean a house altogether too warm and confined; for on the contrary, I rather prefer a temperature on the cold side of the thermometer—for if you wish to banish pale faces and pale combs you must not shut out all the bracing winter weather. I have found that the result of a rather cold house is most beneficial in its after effects, for I am of opinion that it makes hardy birds, and as long as they are well sheltered from the cold blast this is the essential point. No stove will ever enter my hen house,