

such "crossed" eggs, and from his circular I see Mr. Tapscott, of Brampton, is trying this as a side issue. I must congratulate you Messrs. Editors on the cheerful appearance of your WEEKLY. It is most interesting and I wish it every success, but don't allow it to become the organ of a clique of boomers of a few breeds.

Toronto, April 25, 1889.

ACROSTIC.

Poultry World

Ladies Raise Poultry

HERE are many ladies of slender means, whose health or opportunities allow them no chance for earning money outside the home circle, but who might, with very small outlay, set up a little poultry establishment, and find health, occupation and money in the undertaking. Let us give one or two examples in point, since example is better than precept.

In a certain country village a professional gentlemen found himself, at fifty, in possession of three pretty daughters, a slender income, a broken-down constitution, and a gloomy prospect for the future. The daughters were educated, refined, energetic and devoted to their parents. One opened a private school in the house; the second gave music lessons; not only in her own neighborhood, but in an adjoining city; the third turned poultry-keeper. Each succeeded in her chosen way, but Bertha's poultry-yard, in her judicious management, was the most successful of the three undertakings. Elegance and refinement still reigned in the sick man's house, books, music, pictures; and the pretty feminine knick-knacks that tasteful women gather about them were scattered through the rooms; nor did the little poultry girl lose caste in society, or suffer any letting down, in manner or character because she helped to enlarge the family fund by raising poultry.

Another young lady kept account of the yearly expense of her poultry-yard, and at the end of the year found her net gain three hundred and sixty dollars, while her yard was better stocked than at the beginning of the year.

It cannot be too often repeated that dampness is important in the nest of the sitting hen, but especially just before hatching.

Sunflower seed, which can be easily grown in profusion around your fences and walls, without any trouble, save the covering of the seed in spring, is an admirable alternative, and fowls are extremely fond of it.

For the Poultry Weekly.

Poultry and Bees.

ALTHOUGH not a poultry keeper, I could not help reading the very interesting matter in the poultry department of our BEE JOURNAL and I hope others have "did likewise." Editor Peter seems to have his grip on it. One of the letters refers to poultry raising as one of the pursuits open to the fair sex, in which there certainly is much truth. But I maintain, sir, that bee-keeping is just as much and as surely, a path open to our sweethearts, sisters and wives. There is no dirty work connected with it, and I am sure it will amply repay them for their trouble; it is one of the most interesting pursuits, too, that a lady can engage in, and it is not necessary to invest a large amount of capital. Bee-keeping, I can assure you ladies, who have never tried it, is a most fascinating occupation, and no doubt in the near future our lady friends will be largely engaged in this interesting work.

Do not think, sir, that I desire to throw cold water on the subject of "poultry raising for ladies" on the contrary, I am indeed pleased to see that our journal has taken the two industries in hand; and no doubt lingers in my mind as to the two working together in perfect accord, and that the bee-keeper who has the convenience, (with ability) to follow up the poultry business, has, one may say, "two strings to his bow." And good ones both of them. And that is why I say, our lady friends should take up both, and if they find they are better adapted for one than the other, they can choose between them, and if haply they are interested sufficiently in both bees and poultry, they will certainly have on their hands, two of the best paying, most interesting healthful pursuits, that is within the reach of man or woman-kind. There can be no monopoly in either business, the commodities obtainable from both sources are "articles of immediate cash sale" as one of your contributors has it and no doubt will help with the other. Wishing you every success in your enterprise;

Yours respectfully,

ONTARIO BEE-KEEPER.

Ballycroy, Ont.

Hartford Evening Post.

THE UNTRAMMELED HEN.

THE American hen is a predatory nomad. She is wholly devoid of those finer instincts which go to make up a love for home. In fact home is to her a place that she visits for roosting purposes only. She has been known to depart from the glass house, in which she is supposed to be caged, and tender