

JUST FOR FUN.

Who killed the greatest number of Chickens? "Hamlet's uncle did murder most foul."

"Of all the shell fish in the world," says Paddy, "give me an egg."—*South-cru Fancier.*

Appearances are sometimes deceiving, eggs are not strong; yet they do well in a scramble.—*Republican.*

A hen always begins to wipe her feet when she goes into a newly-made flower bed. At least she seems by her motions to be wiping her feet.—*Somerville Journal.*

Hens are said to have attained the age of thirty,—and no man who has frittered away a few years of his life in a boarding house will dispute the record.—*Indiana Farmer.*

Cousin Nell (inculcating generosity) "Supposing your chicken should lay a nice egg Tommy, would you give it to me?"

Tommy—"No; I'd sell it to Barnum. That chicks a rooster."—*Judge.*

The effect of incubators.—"Yes" says the old hen, as she picked her feathers a little, "every thing is changing;" "What's the trouble?" asked the peafowl. "These incubators: 75 chickens came walking out last night and I can't tell which are mine and which are the incubator's. Maternity is truly an awful responsibility."—*Merchant Traveler.*

Nothing Lost.

Teacher (to boy whose father keeps a corner grocery): "Johnny, if your father has a hundred eggs and twenty of them are bad, how many of them does he lose?" Johnny: "He doesn't lose any of them. He sells the bad ones to the restaurant keeper to make omelets of."—*Texas Siftings.*

THE LIFE OF THE POULTRY RAISER.

This is one of the most pleasant occupations in life, says W. J. Felthouse in the *Poultry Keeper*. What is more pleasant than to make a visit to some grand poultry farm where all varieties are bred in their purity? The man engaged in this occupation is generally happy looking after his fowls, seeing that each breed is kept to itself, and that the little ones are not run over by the larger ones. He passes his flock of

Light Brahmas with admiration. He loves their peaceable disposition and large size. He keeps the White Crested Black Polish for their beauty, the Games for their majestic appearance, and the Hamburgs and Leghorns for their activity and egg production. How amusing it is to watch a happy family of young chickens "gathering home in the evening around the family hearth," and seeming to talk over the day's labor—how some may say they caught a bug, a cricket, a grasshopper, or saw a snake, or smelled a skunk.

The man who has all pure-bred fowls generally calls his wife by loving names and his children are happy too. But is it any wonder there are so many cross men and women when we see so many dunghill fowls around their places? The man who keeps this class of fowls does not call his wife by tender names and he receives no profit from them. If they lay at all they lay in the woodpile, in the barn, or on the straw stack, if he only raises a few chickens he condemns the business and says it doesn't pay. If a chicken happens to get into the garden where a picket may be off he runs, and yells, and throws stones and clubs at the poor fowl, and if he happens to kill her in his passion he turns cannibal and eats her. His wife takes the eggs to town and sells them, and with the money buys him a nice hat or gloves, or something he may be in need of. He clubs the hens for hunting their living in his garden.

A man who does not like fowls and take care of them is not safe for a young lady to wed. In conclusion, I wish to cheer up our poultry raisers. Do not always look on the dark side of life's pathway. Give your boy a chance to care for fowls, teach him to love and care for them, and when he grows up he will call you blessed. There is always room at the top of the ladder.

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