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*Golden Spangled Hamburgs.*

This cut represents another variety of the Hamburg class, only different from the one given last month in color. This being Golden Spangled, and the one last month Silver Spangled. There was in England, says Mr. Beldon, about twenty years ago, two varieties of the Golden Spangled Hamburgs, one in Yorkshire called, at that time, the Golden Pheasant, or Yorkshire Pheasant. In Lancashire there was another variety, called the Golden Mooney; this latter variety being by far the nicest looking bird, particularly the hen. The cock birds being rather dark in breast, and red lobes. This defect has now been overcome, by crossing the Yorkshire cocks with Mooney hens. The Golden Spangled Hamburgs are, like the other varieties of Hamburgs, good layers; and they lay rather larger eggs than the S. Spangled, and they are, perhaps, a lit-

the hardier bird, and are thought by many to be equally handsome. There are now some very fine specimens of them shown in Canada, as well as the States. During the last three or four years there have been several fine pens imported from England, by Canadian breeders, as well as breeders in the States, which has very much improved our home bred stock.

### *Diseases of Canaries.*

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EPILEPSY is commonly the result of a delicate mode of treatment pursued with a bird of enfeebled or weak constitution. If suddenly alarmed, or excited, or agitated in any way, the bird so attacked, will drop from its perch, as if dead. The moment you observe this, plunge the bird in a bath of cold water, if the weather be not too cold, and as soon as it begins to recover, drop a little sherry wine down its throat. Repeat the sherry wine for a few mornings, until it seems to be somewhat strengthened, and put two or three drops of nitre into its water.

MOULTING SICKNESS.—This is an annual visitation, which no care or attention can prevent or retard, and which comes on about the month of September. At this period the birds begin to lose or shed their old feathers, and acquire new ones; and during the whole process, which lasts from three to six weeks, according to the strength of the bird, the state of the weather, or other circumstances, they will be more or less indisposed. Watch your birds when this annual change approaches, and as soon as you observe any one of them being to lose his sprightliness and drop

his feathers, remove his cage into a warmer situation, or, if not convenient so to do, muffle the sides with dark coloured paper or baize, to keep off all draught and disturbing sights and sounds. Give now, bread and milk, just warm, with occasionally a little raw lean beef, finely shred; boiled yolk of eggs, a morsel of sponge cake, and some ripe chick-weed. Put a small rusty nail in its water and now and then a clove, a shed or two of saffron or a small piece of refined liquorice. With all birds, however, moulting is a critical season, and with weak ones especially so. Then it is that coarse sand or gravel at the bottom of their cages is more than ever essential. Now when birds are over moulting and in good health and song, again remove them into a cooler situation, where there is very little heat.

W. BARBER, Ottawa.

TO BE CONTINUED.

### *The Centennial Exhibition.*

I am in receipt of the Ontario Poultry Society's circular, calling for entries of birds for the above Exhibition, which, taken in conjunction with a few hints I have heard from time to time, somewhat surprises many breeders, besides your humble correspondent. I was told, sometime last year, that the Government, or the Advisory Board, had delegated our Society to see to the getting up of the Ontario show of Poultry, &c., for that important Exhibition; and expecting to hear the matter discussed at the annual meeting, in March last, others, as well as myself, went to Guelph, partly to hear the arrangements that might be made. Nothing, however, was said on the matter. It was only the other day I learned that the Cen-

ennial matter was being run by two or three parties connected with the society; and the perusal of the circular, above referred to, seems to indicate the same. I have learned, furthermore, that a meeting of last year's Executive Committee, was called by the Secretary, by postal cards, saying, "On Society's Business," last November, (without naming what was the particular kind of business.) At that meeting, I am told, Centennial matters were arranged. Think of it! These important items of the Society's business arranged, without consulting the membership. What means it? Is our Provincial Poultry Society henceforth to be run by two or three individuals? If such is the case, dissolution is certain. I submit, for the good of the Society, the following thoughts, feeling certain the Editors of the C. P. Journal will endorse the same.

First.—The Executive Committee were wrong in arranging these important matters, without having their designs confirmed by the membership of the Society; and more especially when the opportunity occurred at the annual meeting.

Second.—The two or three members now attending to these matters are wrong in doing so without the co-operation of the now Executive Committee, with the approval of the Society's membership.

For these two reasons, I think it necessary, under existing circumstances, that an immediate special meeting of the Society be held, to go over what has been done in Centennial matters; correct errors, appoint selection Committee, and party or parties to accompany birds to the Exhibition.

Yours truly,  
AN OFFICE BEARER  
of the Ontario Poultry Society.

### *Hints to Beginners.*

#### **Feeding and Care of Young Chickens.**

When the chicks are ten days or a fortnight old, I advise feeding as follows: oatmeal and shorts in equal quantities, with a little bone meal, and a quantity of fresh grass, cut up fine. Moisten with boiling water, mixing thoroughly, and having it as dry as possible. When cool, give it to the chicks, being careful to give them all they will eat, but not mixing more than will suffice for one meal, as fresh made feed is always best. Feed thus every four hours, and every alternate week change to corn-meal instead of oatmeal. The last meal at night should be grain. If you have not a good large run for your chicks, give a quantity of fresh dug worms, daily, or fine chopped meat. Give plenty of milk, (if convenient,) and a constant supply of fresh water. Keep feeding and drinking dishes sweet and clean. Clean up manure twice a week where the chicks roost, dusting with flour of sulphur.

Yours truly,  
ALEX. FINLAYSON.

### *Centennial.*

The arrangement of the poultry show at the Centennial, we are informed by Mr. Fraser, Secretary of Ontario Advisory Board, has been left to the Ontario Poultry Society. We should therefore think it absolutely necessary, that there

be a special meeting of the Society called at once, for both officers and members, to make the necessary arrangements, to secure a strong show of Canadian birds. As we understand it, any steps that have been taken by the Board, through the Executive Committee of the Society, will now have to be gone over with again, or approved of by the Society. At all events, the arrangements will have to be such as will meet the views of our Canadian Breeders, in order to secure a respectable show of birds. Should there be a special meeting called, which there will undoubtedly be, at once. Members will be notified of time and place of meeting, by mail, and we shall expect to see a good turn-out.

### *Breeding of Rabbits.*

Although doe rabbits sometimes will and can breed before they are six months old, that age is the earliest period of their life at which they ought to be allowed to do so. If they begin earlier, they are liable to abortion; and even if that misfortune is avoided, their little ones come into the world exceedingly weak, and sometimes defective. It cannot be expected to happen otherwise. Nature, in spite of all her efforts, will fail to develop at the same time the strength of the mother and of her offspring also. The attempt will assuredly be made at the expense of one of the two—probably of both. The young ones will have to suffer from an insufficient supply of milk; their constitution will prove weak and rickety; and the chances are, that they will die of debility before attaining an age to be of any use. The mother is kept in a lean and

excited state; and, with every pains that may be taken, it will be found extremely difficult to bring her into condition again. In selecting young does to breed from, it is better to choose such as have been dropped in the month of March; they will then be ready to go to the buck by the beginning of November, and their first produce will be fit for sale in the course of the following winter.

The doe goes with young thirty, or sometimes thirty-one, days; In common parlance, call it a month. A fortnight after she has littered, she is ready to visit the male again, with whom she should be placed in the evening, and returned to her young the following morning. She *might* be put to him five or six days after bringing forth, as she is almost always in heat; but she requires a fortnight's repose to recover her strength. She breeds throughout the winter as well as in summer, and will, therefore, according to strict theory, produce eight litters in the course of a single year. But all this supposes every circumstance to be invariably favourable, that she should be thoroughly well fed, never out of health, and that no untoward accident happen. A much safer calculation is to reckon upon six litters a year; some breeders are even contented with supposing five to be successfully reared. When the buck is not more than five or six years old, and the doe than five, it is very rare that she misses. But should it so happen, give her a nutritious and stimulating diet, such as parsley, celery, fennel, thyme, and other aromatic herbs, besides a liberal diet of oats, bran or pollard, and sweet hay; keep her tolerably warm, and in a few days she will be all right

again. After her night's absence, she will be returned to her own hutch, and will then suckle her last progeny another week longer. To keep all the parent animals in this constant state of isolation is one of the main and fundamental maxims of rabbit-keeping; for the buck will not only greatly harass the doe, if he is allowed free access to her, but will often kill the young while they are still blind and helpless.—*E. L. Delamer.*

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### *Chicken Cholera.*

We have lost several valuable Birds this season, by the above disease, we give a remedy taken from *Poultry Bulletin*, said to be infallible. We were in hopes that Canadian Fanciers would not have that disease to contend with, but it seems we are likely to have it, as we have heard of several cases of it besides our own: "Make a mixture of two ounces each of redpepper, alum, resin and flour of sulphur, and put it in their food in proportions of one table-spoonful to three pints of scalded meal. In severe cases, give about one-third of a tea-spoonful in a meal pellet, once a day, to each fowl, put a small lump of alum in their drinking water." The writer says: I have tried the above ingredients with marked success; have cured fowls in the last stage of the disease. I make it a practice now, to give my fowls some of it once or twice a week, and no symptoms of any disease among them.

### *Poultry Establishment.*

We take the following from the *South-ern Poultry Journal*:—

Mr. A. B. Robeson, of Green, Chenango county, New York, has, perhaps, the most extensive poultry yards of any breeder in the East. He has at present 6,000 ducks, 4,000 turkeys and 1,200 chickens. Think of the quacking, gobbling and cackling of this immense assemblage of the feathered tribes.

They consume, daily, sixty bushels of corn, two barrels of meal, two barrels of potatoes, and a quantity of charcoal. He has twelve buildings for his fowls from 100 to 200 feet long, 14 feet wide and 7 feet under the eaves, with a door in each end of them. He says there is money in poultry, and he thinks he can make out of his 6,000 ducks enough to pay for his egg-house. Next season he intends to raise more than he has this.—*Poultry Argus.*

### *Bees in June.*

During the month of June, bees usually throw their swarms, provided they have been strong in the spring. Hives should be got ready and kept in some cool place until wanted, as bees put into a warm hive, that has been standing in the sun, are very apt to leave for the woods, to choose a cool, shady, hollow tree, which seems to be the most natural place for them in their wild state. Do not allow your old stocks to throw off more than two swarms, which is easily prevented by using moveable comb hives, so that you can cut out all the queen cells but one, after they have cast their second swarm. But when box hives are used, return to the old stock all swarms after the second. By following the above course, you will always have good strong stocks. During this month, boxes for surplus honey should

be put on. If early swarms are desired do not put them on until after they swarm. But if surplus honey is wanted first, then put them on as early in June as you like. Boxes on new swarms may be put on the second day after the swarm has been hived. Take off all boxes as fast as filled, and capped over. Your honey will be nicer.

### *Special Meeting Wanted*

Bowmanville, June 3.

EDITORS CANADA POULTRY JOURNAL.

I have just learned that circulars are being sent out from Ontario Poultry Society, requesting entries to be made for the Centennial. I therefore conclude that there must have been some arrangements made by somebody. I should like to know when they were made, and by whom, as I should think business of so much importance should have been laid before the Society. Would it not be well to have a special meeting called, in order to make the best possible arrangements for securing a full show of birds at the Centennial, from Canada.—A MEMBER.

It is expected there will be a special meeting called soon, and all members will be notified.—EDS.

### *Packing Eggs.*

We have lately received a sitting of eggs from A. P. Coddington, who was the most successful exhibitor in Plymouth Rocks, at the great Chicago show held last January. The manner in which the eggs were packed is certainly worthy of remark, which we will briefly describe.

In a neat contrivance, made of paste board, the sitting of eggs is put up—each egg in a separate cell being held firmly in its place—and the whole put inside of a light wooden case, and supported from the bottom and top with fine steel wire coil springs, which prevents, effectually, any jarring of the eggs. On the outside of the case for a handle, is a wire bail, so attached that the box will stand no way but right side up, and it also prevents parcels or other boxes being put on top of the cover.

If all poultry men would take as much pains in packing their eggs to send long voyages, better results would follow, and there would be less complaining of the eggs being tampered with.

We write the above, that breeders may take the hint, and use a little more care in this direction. We are proud to be able to say, that some of our leading poultry men in Canada are not behind in this respect.—ED. E. R. G.

### *Great Curiosity.*

Fairfield Plains, June 6, 1876.

EDITORS POULTRY JOURNAL.—I have a chick hatched from Mr. Bogue's white Crested Black Poland eggs, with four feet and four separate legs, but it cannot walk yet—2 days old. Who can beat that.—W. M. SMITH.

We can beat that! We have a number of chicks that *walked* at one day old, with only half as many feet and legs! Can any one else beat it?—EDS.

### *What we will do.*

We will agree to expend every dollar received from new subscribers, between

now and the close of the present volume, in enlarging and improving Vol. No. 2. If all our present subscribers will make a little extra effort, and send us at least, one new subscriber each, it will enable us to make the Journal all that can be desired. How many will do it? New subscribers will receive the Journal from the time their subscription is received until the close of Vol. 2.

### *To Catch a Weasel Awake!*

F. H. of Richmond, wishes to know how to catch a weasel that is taking all his goslings. If the weasel visits your flock by day, which he likely does, either early in the morning or about dusk; the best way is to watch and shoot him. If he comes during the night, set a small steel trap, slightly covered over with earth, near where you pen up your geese. Take a dead chicken or gosling, or a small piece of fresh meat, fasten it to a small stake drove in the ground, near your trap. The weasel, in trying to get the bait away, will get into the trap.

### *Late Importations.*

I have, this day, received per Cunard Steamer "Atlas," my second importation of "Dark Brahmas," direct from Lewis Wright, Esq, Eng., which includes his entire breeding stock. They were in very fine condition when received.

Wollaston, Mass. CHAS. E. PERRY.

June 3rd, 1876.

### *Early Chicks.*

This season has been favourable for raising early chickens. From a private

letter, just received from A. V. N. DeForest, of Metuchen, N. J., we learn that poultry breeders from that village alone, have, up to the first of June, shipped over two thousand dollars worth of Spring chickens to New York and Philadelphia. If other small villages have sent as many to market as Metuchen, we should judge that somebody likes "broilers."

### *On the Breeding and Management of Fancy Pigeons.*

MESSRS. EDITORS.

I see you desire correspondence. I hope, therefore, you will allow me a small space in the Journal, and I will give you a series of articles on the above subject.

I have been breeding pigeons for the last fifteen years and I think I will be able to give your readers some information, as to raising them, to the best possible advantage.

The peculiar habits of pigeons have, of course, to be studied, in considering the accommodation to be provided for them. Not like fowls, they pair, and bring up their own young, until old enough to take care of themselves. They breed so often throughout the season, that the hen generally lays and commences to sit again, before the young ones are able to dispense with parental care, which is continued to them by the cock bird, and who attends to the young while the hen broods over the new eggs. The best nesting place that I know of, is to make a box two feet long, by one foot wide back, 2 feet high, & front 1 foot 3 inches, with a small hole cut in the centre, with a stand for the birds to rest upon: and on the inside is a partition 8 inches high, dividing the box into two equal compartments of 1 foot square; the partition resembling the letter T.

H. COOPER.

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**Poultry Shows for 1876 and 1877,**

Official Notices of Shows Solicited.

The regular Centennial Exhibition will open May 10, and close November 10, 1876.

Provincial Exhibition, Hamilton, September 18 to 22.

Western Fair, London, September 26 to 29.

Central Exhibition, Guelph, October 2 to 5.

Buffalo International Poultry Association, Buffalo, N. Y., February 1 to 8,

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**THE STANDARD.**—We are now prepared to fill orders for the new edition of "The American Standard" at Publishers price,—\$1.00 per copy. All Fanciers should have it.

**REMEMBER.**—Parties writing for publication, should be VERY PARTICULAR, to write plain, the words in full, not close, but leaving space between them, and only on one side of the paper.

**POULTRY BULLETIN.**—June No. of the "Poultry Bulletin" is to hand, and as usual, we find it "chuck full" of valuable matter. We believe it is the oldest Poultry Journal in America, and should be in the hands of every fancier. Price per year, \$1.25. See adv't in this Journal.

The "Western New York Poultry Society" have changed their name to "Buffalo International Poultry Association." We understand that the Association is on the most substantial footing of any in the United States, and they intend to make their next February show the best they ever have held. We wish them every success.



Poultry at the Centennial will be shown from October 27, to November 6. We understand that it has not yet been decided what will be offered in prizes.

**EXCHANGE AND WANTS.**—Our readers will take notice, that under the above heading, they can advertise anything for exchange, or for anything wanted, for the small sum of 25cts. Send on your exchanges and wants for July.

**CUTS:**—Advertisers will please remember, that we are prepared to furnish splendid cuts, all sizes, of nearly all the varieties of Fancy Fowls, Pigeons, and Rabbits: and at very low prices. They are suitable for illustration of Circulars, Envelopes, or Advertisements. Or we will furnish the cuts ourselves, and illustrate your Advertisements free, except for the space they occupy.

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Samples, containing prices, *free*, to all who ask for them.—**EDS.**

**EXHIBITORS.**—The Fall Exhibitions will soon be the order of the day. Parties intending to show Poultry, should now be making preparations for doing so, by giving old birds extra care and by forcing early hatched chicks, by extra care and feed, in order to have them well furnished. We are already in receipt of the Western Prize list, which,

we believe, is about the same as last year.

**BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.**—Breeders who have not been successful with early chicks, can yet sit and hatch out quite a number of broods, which will, with good care, make fine birds by fall, and fit to show at the Winter and Spring Exhibitions; and we have often found that chicks hatched in June and July, and even in Aug., have turned out, by Spring, to be our *best birds*. A little extra care is all that is needed.

The Canada Poultry Journal claims to be "devoted to Breeding, Managing, and Marketing, Poultry, Pets, Pigeons, and Bees." We have watched its pages carefully but have not been able yet to discover anything about "MARKETING BEES," and hope Bros. Thomas & Grant will disclose the mysteries of the process soon.—*Fancier's Herald*.

Most certainly, Brother Hallock. Advertise them for sale in the Canada Poultry Journal is all the mystery!

**"SOUTHERN POULTRY JOURNAL.**—We are in receipt of the first No. of the above Journal, and find it well got up, on good paper, and full of valuable matter. We see no reason why the South should not support it well, and feel proud that they have such a Journal published in their midst. We wish the *Southern Poultry Journal* every success.

**Now is the Time** to subscribe for the JOURNAL, as we will give all new subscribers to Vol. 2. the remainder of Vol. 1, *free*; and to all such subscribers who wish it, we will send the back Nos. of Vol. 1 for 75cts., as long as we

are in stock. That will give you both Vols. complete for \$1.75. We hope to be able to make some important improvements in the Journal, at the commencement of Vol. 2, but in order to do so, our friends must still continue to work, and if possible, each present subscriber send us *at least one new one.*

### *The Ontario Poultry Society.*

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—J. Boulton, builder, Guelph, for best Partridge Cochin Cock, \$5, Wright & Butterfield. D. Cook, hotel-keeper, for the best Partridge Cochin Hen or Pullet, \$5, H M Thomas. H M Thomas, Brooklin, for the best Cock or Cockerel any variety, scoring the highest number of points, a Silver Cup, value \$5, H M Thomas. H M Thomas, for best Hen or Pullet, any variety, a Silver Cup, value \$3, H M Thomas.

**BRAHMAS.**—T. Watt, hotel-keeper, Guelph, for best dark Brahma Cock, \$5, H M Thomas. A McBean, hardware merchant, Guelph, for best Dark Brahma Hen, \$5, H M Thomas. J. A. Wood, merchant, Guelph, for best Dark Brahma Cockerel, \$5, F Sturdy. J. M. Bond & Co hardware merchants, Guelph, for best Dark Brahma Pullet, \$5, F Sturdy. W H Mills, foundry man, for best Light Brahma Cock, \$5, not awarded. Mr. G W Sandilands, banker, Guelph, for best Light Brahma Hen, \$5, J W Buck. Thomas Gowdy, Guelph, for Light Brahma Cock, \$5, E. Morris, Guelph. John Crowe, foundry man, for best Light Brahma Pullet, \$5, S Tilson.

**BLACK SPANISH.**—G Jeffrey, merchant, Guelph, for best Black Spanish Cock,

\$5, R McMillan. R Crawford, watchmaker, Guelph, for best Black Spanish Hen, a clock, value \$5, H M Thomas.

**LEGHORNS.**—W M Smith, a pair of Muscovy Ducks for the best pair of Black Leghorn Chicks, no entries. Moulton & Bish, tanners, Guelph, for the best White Leghorn Cock, \$2, John Aldouse.

**PLYMOUTH ROCK.**—C Chase, carriage maker, Guelph, for best Plymouth Rock Cock, \$3, W M Campbell. Herod & Co druggists, Guelph, for best Plymouth Rock Hen or Pullet, a lamp, value \$3. George Balkwill, grain dealer, Guelph, for best Plymouth Rock Cockerel, \$2, W M Campbell.

**GAME.**—D Allan, Galt for best pair Black Breasted Red Game, \$5, H M Thomas. D Allan for best Black Breasted Red Game Hen, \$5, D Allan. D Allan, for best Black Breasted Red Game Pullet, \$2.50, F Sturdy. D Allan, for best Black Breasted Red Game Cockerel, \$2.50, H M Thomas. G Hood, butcher, Guelph, for best Brown Breasted Red Game Cock or Cockerel, \$2.50, D Allan. Dr. Herod, Guelph, for best Duckwing Game cock or Cockerel. \$2.50, H M Thomas.

**POLANDS.**—McCrae & Co., woollen manufacturers, Guelph, for best White Crested Black Poland Cock or Cockerel, woollen goods, value \$5, John Bogue. Shaw & Murton, clothiers, Guelph, for best White Crested Black Poland Hen or Pullet, a hat, value \$5, John Bogue. H Anderson, hotel-keeper, Guelph, for best Golden Spangled Poland Cock or Cockerel. \$4, H M Thomas. J O Connor, hotel-keeper, for best Golden Spangled Poland Hen or Pullet, \$4, J Aldouse. Mr. H B B Alley, London, for best pair of Silver Spangled Polands, (plain) \$2, John Bogue. J Aldous, for the best Silver Spangled Poland Cockerel, (muffed) \$2.50, J Aldouse. J Aldouse, for the best Golden Spangled Poland Cockerel, (muffed) John Aldouse.

**HAMBURGS.**—Orange Clark, oil refiner Guelph, for best Golden Spangled Hamburg Cock or Cockerel, \$5, F Sturdy.

G Murton, Guelph, for best Golden Spangled Hen or Pullet, \$5, F Sturdy. D Guthrie, barrister, Guelph, for best Silver Spangled Hamburg Cock or Cockerel, \$5, John Bogue. Richard Taylor, Guelph, for best Silver Spangled Hamburg Hen or Pullet, \$5, Wright & Butterfield. J. Innes, Guelph *Mercury*, for best Golden or Silver Pencilled Cock or Cockerel, \$5, R McMillan. Wright & Butterfield, Sandwick, for best Golden or Silver Pencilled Hamburg Hen or Pullet, \$5, D Kay. Wright and Butterfield, for best pair of Black Hamburgs, any age, \$5, Wright & Butterfield. Mr. Lot Dean, Oakville, for best five pairs Black Hamburg Chicks, of 1875, \$10, Mrs. E F Dean.

HOUDANS.—A. Lemon, barrister, Guelph, for the best Cock or Cockerel, \$5, Simpson & Smith. G D Pringle, jeweller, Guelph, Sauce Cruit, for the best Hen or Pullet, value \$5, John Bogue.

CREVE CŒUR.—W M Smith, Fairfield Plains, a Black Leghorn Cockerel, for the best Creve Cœur Cock, value, \$5, no entries.

LA FLECHE.—W M Smith, for best La Fleche Cock, \$2, Simpson & Smith.

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### *The Language of Fowls.*

We take the following from the *Poultry Bulletin*.

Is there any one, who keeps fowls, who has not noticed the great variety of sounds they make, expressive of their feelings! It amounts almost, if not quite, to a language; probably more so than any other creature, except man.

Even the modulation of noises made is very significant of meaning. First, there is the piping of the little chick, calling for the care of its stately mother, who continually keeps answering with the assuring "cluck, cluck!" As the chicken grows a little older, the piping is succeeded by a chirrup; then there is

the thrilling song of pleasure they make under their mother's wings, when sitting down to rest; but just put your hand under the mother, and pull out one of the little chicks, and hear its sharp cry of terror, mingled with the defiance and abuse of its parent.

Throw a large beetle into their coop; and hear the consternation uttered by all the little family, mingled with the warning voice of the matron. Now throw them some dainty bit, and hear how soon her voice changes; her children understand there is something extra for them by her peculiar declamation, which brings in all stragglers in a great hurry. How well the little things comprehend the peculiar cry of their mother in case of danger, such as the approach of cats or hawks; or let a little straggling waif peep into the coop, and hear her timely warning to *keep out*.

In the course of time, the mother tires of her charge, and gives her children the slip, who express their forlorn feelings by a whining cry, while hunting around for her.

In due time the young gentleman chick tries his voice at a crow. Could any one believe that such *stammering*, such *straining* and *croaking*, would ever reach that clear, rich song, that has been celebrated in the history and poetry of all the great nations of the earth, and caused so many great "awakenings" in all classes of society?

Soon he begins to feel gallant, and if, by chance, he finds some rare bit, he calls some of the nearest belles to partake of it, but they frequently arrive just in time to see him bolt it himself.

One of the next musical strains is the prating of pullets, when they feel *happy* and *well*; then there is the alarm,

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