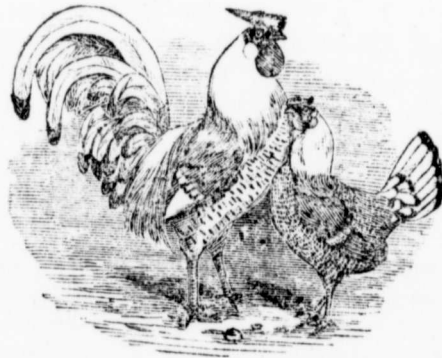


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Silver Spangled Hamburgs.

The Silver Spangled Hamburg, which the above cut represents, is one of the most attractive Fowls we have among the small varieties. According to Mr. Lewis Wright, they are a native of England, and have been shown there beyond the memory of man. Let that be as it may, they are now extensively bred, both in America and England. But although there are some fine specimens bred in Canada and the States,

there is no doubt but our finest birds are imported from England. They are classed among our non-sitters, and do rarely want to sit; but will in some cases do so. They lay a rather small egg, but have, according to Mr. Wright, been known to lay as high as 200 and 220 eggs in twelve months. They should always have a large grass run, and can hardly be made to thrive and do well without it. They should also have a

good warm place for winter, as we do not consider them a very hardy Fowl in our cold climate. But with a good grass run and comfortable quarters, they are a profitable variety to breed.

What ails my Canary.

For the information of C. E. T., and all readers of the C. P. Journal, who may have a Canary not singing, and yet not know the cause. I have now studied the canary for over thirty years, and nearly every year since have raised more or less young birds, some years great quantities, and I never heard a canary in full song while casting its feathers, their vocal powers are lost for the time, to be renewed again, with all its charms and beauty, at the completion of the moult.

This second moulting that C. E. T. speaks of, is very distressing, because many times so hard to stop before the proper season rolls round again, when it has pleased God to give to all the feathered creation, what to man would be a new suit of clothes, to protect them from the winter cold, and the casting of feathers should not, therefore, occur but once a year.

I will now tell C. E. T., as briefly as possible, what I imagine to be the cause of his pet casting his feathers continually. The cause usually is, keeping the canary in too hot a place. Nothing is worse than an over-heated room for them, and rooms heated almost to blood heat in the day, and the fire allowed to go out at night, and the temperature perhaps would fall nearly to zero. This range of temperature would be sufficient to kill anything in a short time. I should imagine it would certainly cause

a second moult in our pet. Hanging the cage too near the ceiling would also produce it, for in a room where a fire is kept, the temperature rises, so that you would often find near the ceiling it would be 40 degrees hotter than it would be below the ventilation of the door. Many persons are mistaken in supposing canaries require so much heat, they will stand the cold better than the heat, if kept out of drafts. Keep the temperature as even as you can; but if you could keep them all the time in a temperature of fifty to sixty degrees, no doubt it would suit them well. There is now one more thing, or pest, I should call this, to all lovers of canaries, the *Parasites, or Blood-suckers*; and yet they are so small that they are often unperceived. If left alone they soon do their work of destruction, by killing their victim. They are in their hiding places during the day, and at night come forth in multitudes, to torment their victim, and satisfy their thirst for blood. If you see your canary uneasy when at roost in the evening, very often scratching or picking himself rest assured he has them; put a piece of white linen or a pocket handkerchief, over the cage, examine it in the morning, and you will find, if you have them, several small little mites of insects, crush any you like of these, you will find them full of blood. If a canary was much weakened by these parasites, it might produce a moult; it would then be a great risk of your pet's life. If you find them, you had better scald the cage, and use very sparingly, (or you may kill your pet.) a little Scotch snuff under the wings of the Canary, this will kill the parasites, but I prefer, (if you only take great care to keep him warm until dry.) to put

him in a bath of tobacco juice, keeping the head only out, one minute would be sufficient. It is then a very good plan to hold your pet in your hand before the fire, until he is sufficiently dry to begin to hop around and shake out his feathers again, when he might be put in a fresh cage and stood in the sun, or before the fire. But the things I have named might be avoided, if a piece of flannel was tied to the top of the cage at night, during the summer months, killing in the morning what you have taken in the flannel during the night. You will thus soon destroy them, so that they cannot harm the bird.

Respecting the feed of C. E. T's pet, the canary seed, (and not *caraway*, as was wrongly printed in No. 3, C. P. Journal,) is good, but it would be better to leave out the hemp-seed, and use instead German rape-seed. A little millet-seed, and fox-tail is good also. The other things cannot be objected to, but do not give too much bread.

Hoping these few lines may prove a benefit to C. E. T's pet, and many other of my favourite little pets.

Respectfully Yours,

GEO. HOPE.

The Ontario Poultry Society.

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Class 14.—Cockerel and pullet bred in 1875. LaFleche, 1st H M Thomas, 3d, Simpson & Smith, 3d, T Tilson.

Class 27.—Cock and hen bred prior to 1875. Bantams, golden seabright, 1st, W M Campbell, 2d, M Hill. Silver seabright, 1st, W M Campbell. Black breasted red game, 1st, W M Campbell, 2d, W H Doel, 3d, H Coop-

er. Brown breasted red game, 1st, W M Campbell. Duckwing game, 1st, D Hogg, 2d and 3d, D McKay. White clean legged, 1st, W M Campbell. Black African, 1st, D Allen, 2d, J B Johnson, 3d, W M Campbell.

Class 28.—Cockerel and pullet bred in 1875. Bantams, golden seabright, 1st, Simpson & Smith, 2d, M Hill. Silver seabright, 2d, W M Campbell, 3d, H Cooper. Black breasted red game, 1st, J Colson, 2d, D McKay, 3d, H Cooper. Brown breasted red game, 3d, W M Campbell. Duckwing game, 1st, and 3d, D Allen, 2d, D McKay. Pile, 1st, W M Campbell, 3d, R McMillan. White clean legged, 3d, D Allen. Black African, 1st and 2d, W M Campbell, 3d D Allen.

Class 29.—Cock and hen bred prior to 1875. Turkeys, bronze, 1st and 2d, J W Buzzell, 3d, G Hood. White, 1st, Simpson & Smith, 2d, F W Stone, 3d, W J Rudd. Wild, 1st, Jarvis & Lamb.

Class 30.—Cockerel and pullet bred in 1875. Turkeys, bronze, 1st and 2d, J W Bussell, 3d, Simpson & Smith.

Class 31.—Goose and gander any age. Geese, Toulouse, 1st and 2d, Jarvis & Lamb. Bremen, 1st, A Terrill, 2d, Jas Main, 3d, J W Bussell. Any variety of common, 1st, Geo Hood, 2d, J. Main, 3d, J W Bussell. China grey, 1st, T S Henry & Son, 2d, Simpson & Smith, 3d, A Terrill. China, white, 1st, W Murray. English grey backs, 2d, and, 3d, Jarvis & Lamb. Wild, 1st, Simpson & Smith, 2d, W Murray, 3d, John Pipe.

Class 32.—Goose and gander bred in 1875. Geese, Bremen, 1st, Jas Main, 2d, A Terrill. Toulouse, 1st, Jarvis & Lamb. Common, 1st, Jas Main, 2d P H Gibbs.

Class 33.—Drake and duck bred prior

to 1875. Ducks, Aylesbury. 1st and 2d, John Bogue, 3d, F Sturdy. Rouen, 1st and 2d, F Sturdy, 3d, D Allen. Cayuga, 1st, Jarvis & Lamb. Pekin. 1st, Simpson & Smith, 2d, Jas Main. Muscovy, any age, 1st Simpson & Smith.

Class 34.—Drake and duck bred in 1875. Ducks, Aylesbury. 1st, F Sturdy, 2d, J Bogue, 3d, Simpson & Smith. Rouen, 1st, F Sturdy, 2d, Jas Main, 3d, John Pipe. Cayuga, 1st, Jarvis & Lamb.

Class 35.—In pairs. Rabbits, lop-ears, 1st, H M Thomas. Angora, 1st, H M Thomas.

Class 36.—In pairs. Pigeons, pouters, white, 1st, H B B Alley, 2d, H Cooper. Pouters, blue pied, 1st, H Cooper, 2d, H M Thomas. Fantails, white, 1st, H Cooper, 2d, H M Thomas. Fantails, black, 1st, J B Johnson, 2d, H M Thomas. Fantails, blue, 1st, J C Johnson. Antwerps, blue, 2d, H Cooper. Carriers, black, 1st, J B Johnson, 2d, H B B Alley. Carriers, blue, 1st, H B B Alley, 2d, H Cooper. Barbs, red, 1st, H Cooper. Barbs, black, 1st, J B Johnson, 2d, H Cooper. Tumblers, kites, 1st, and 2d, J B Johnson. Tumblers, red, 1st, H M Thomas, 2d, D McCrae. Tumblers, almond, 1st and 2d, J B Johnson. Tumblers, any other variety, 1st, J B Johnson, 2d, E R Grant. Jacobins, 1st, S B Johnson, 2d, E Horsman. Jacobins, yellow, 2d, H Cooper. Jacobins, black, 1st, H Cooper. Trumpeters, yellow, 1st, and 2d, T Henry.

Class 37.—Cock and hen, any age. Pheasants, silver, 1st, Jas Goldie.

Class 38.—Canary, cock, 1st, W A Suddaby, 2d, Jas Goldie. Canary, hen, 1st, Jas Goldie, 2d, Jas Smith. Goldfinch, English. 1st, W A Suddaby 2d

C J Reading. Parrot, green, 1st, R McMillan, 2d, Geo. Balkwill. Guinea fowl. 1st, Simpson & Smith, 2d, J W Bussell.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

DORKINGS.—D Sorby, Guelph, for best Dorking cock or cockerel, any variety, \$5, M Hill, Hamilton; John Hogg, merchant, Guelph, for best silver gray Dorking cockerel, \$2.50, J Bogue; John Hogg, for best silver gray Dorking pullet, \$2.50, D Hogg; A Bogue, London, for the best white Dorking cock, \$2.00, Jarvis & Lamb; Mr. Lamb, London, for best white Dorking cockerel, \$2, John Aldous; Bookless & Galer, Royal Hotel, Guelph, for best Dorking hen or pullet, any variety, \$5, J Aldous.

COCHINS.—J T Day, bookseller, Guelph, for best buff Cochin cock or Cockerel, \$5, Wright & Butterfield; J J Haugh, Wellington Hotel, Guelph, for best buff Cochin hen or pullet, \$5, H M Thomas; A Mitchell, hotel keeper, Guelph, for the best black or white Cochin cock or cockerel, \$5, H M Thomas; W J Little, baker, Guelph, for the best black or white Cochin hen or pullet \$5, H M Thomas; B. Savage, Jeweller, Guelph, for best partridge Cochin cockerel, cruit stand, value \$8, F Sturdy.

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Management and Crossing of Fowls.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—A few words for the "Poultry Journal."—I see in different papers, much said about fowls. It is the opinion of some that fowls do not pay, and others say that fowls pay the best of anything on the farm. My

opinion is that there is nothing that will pay without proper care. I have kept fowls about 20 years, and am convinced that they do pay. Some say they live to feed them all winter for nothing. That is not the case with me. The first thing to make fowls pay, is to have the right kind, and secondly is to feed them right, and at the right time, thirdly to give them proper care. Now if you wish abundance of eggs, get Hamburgs, Polands, Spanish, Leghorns, and Houdans. But if meat for the table, get Dorkings, Brahmas, Cochins, Chinas or some large kind. But if you want profit only, I have found that two full breeds crossed are the best for the farm, as they are hardy and stand the climate of this country better than full breeds. Now, I would advise every farmer to get at least two or three kinds of fowls of full breed, and cross if you wish. I have three cockerels of full breed, and hens to match them; but I have other hens to cross with them. I have now 27 hens, all told, and 7 of them were hatched in July last, 12 in June, 2 in May, and 6 old hens. I commence feeding in October, so as not to let them get poor in the fall, as that is the worst time of the year. My hens commenced laying about the 8th of January last, and since that, to the 13th of March, they have laid 540 eggs, besides what have been lost or broken, and many of my neighbours' hens have not commenced laying. This is proof that a good breed of fowls, and good care, will pay, and that poor breeds and no care, is only a bother about any farm. I suppose amateurs will not agree with me about crossing fowls. I am greatly in favour of the best breeds, and have always kept some for nearly 20 years. I can-

not say as some say, that they commenced at such a date to raise fancy fowls. I may say that the first thing I can remember was some chicks, and I have never lost my fancy for fowls. I might describe some breeds of fowls that are not much known in Canada, but a few words on crossing breeds. I have found Buff Cochins and Hamburgs to be the best cross for sitting, and Hamburgs and Polands for laying. Now, Messrs. Editors, if my few remarks should be of any good for your Journal, you may make use of them. I must say that I wish you success in your undertaking. Believe me the well-wisher of every Poultry Fancier.

WM. HANCOCK.
Oakwood, Mariposa.

What ails my Bobolink?

I noticed a short paragraph in the April Journal, headed "What ails my Canary?" I have a *Bobolink* that has been troubled in the very same manner all winter. His food has been canary seed and hard boiled eggs with plenty of water. Is canary seed good food for *Bobolinks*, if not what is the best?

Information through the Journal, will be thankfully received.

Guelph, Ont.

W. J. L.

Diseases of Canaries.

SURFEIT:—This is an inflammatory state of the bowels, the result generally of an excess of Nutritious food, or of the food in a mildewed state, or improper condition. It shows itself by a marked distension of the skin, and the body appears full of small red veins, particularly at the lower part, in knotty looking

lumps, black and tinged. To remedy this, observe whether the excrements of the bird are frequent and watery, or rare and hard. In the former case give it a few broken emden groats, or a little oatmeal mixed with a little bruised hemp seed, and a very small quantity once or twice a day, of stale sponge cake soaked in white wine; if a little piece of alum be put into the water-glass, it will assist in the recovery. In case the excrements are hard and their voidance seldom, it will be proper to mix a few whole groats with the seed, and put a blade or two of saffron in the water, in which also, for two or three mornings, mix as much magnesia as will lie upon a sixpence not too highly piled up: a little bread and milk, with a sprinkle of hemp seed, should be given daily. Keep the bird when under either treatment, warm and quiet.

YELLOW GALL OR SCAB:—Exhibits itself in the head and eyes, and is readily cured by light cooling food, such as lettuce or rape seed, with a little bread and milk given warm, which nourishes without heating the system. If you observe a tubercle about the size of a small hemp seed, cut it off with a pair of sharp scissors, and after bathing the wound with a little warm milk, anoint it with oil of sweet almonds.

HUSKINESS OR LOSS OF VOICE:—Usually proceeds from a cold, and often comes on after moulting. The bird thus attacked should be kept in a warm room, and fed upon rape and canary seed mixed with a little linseed. Ripe Plantain should also be given, and every morning about a teaspoonful of warm bread and milk, with a little maw seed sprinkled over it. Stale sponge cake soaked in sherry wine is also good, and

a little extract of Liquorise may be dissolved in the water. Before you purchase a bird be sure that it is not husky, for if it is, it will be very difficult to cure.

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Ottawa, Ont.

W. BARBER.

Care of Young Chicks.

Do not give them anything for 12 hours after they are hatched, then give them hard boiled egg, hashed up with dry bread, for a few days, with fine sand to pick in if they wish. After that give corn or oat-meal well scalded. Change once or twice during the day, to boiled potatoes, mixed with corn-meal, and wet up with milk. The last feed at night should be cracked corn or wheat. Feed four or five times each day. Give boiled meat poached up fine, three times a week. Give plenty of pure water, or milk, or both, for them to run to, and you will have fine birds by Fall.

Feeding Poultry.

Poultry, not unlike ourselves, require a change of diet. My plan is, during the winter months, to give my Poultry, for their morning meal, wheat or barley, evening meal, corn. Two or three times during the week, substitute for the wheat or barley, in the morning, middlings or fine bran mixed, equal parts, with ground oats, or boiled potatoes, wet up with milk, or boiling water, and fed warm. Let it be well dusted with pepper. Give good clean water to drink at noon, plenty of gravel, dry ashes, or sand, to wallow in; ground bone or oyster shells, always by them. A few onions, potatoes, apples, a tur-

nip, cabbage head, or something of this kind, should be given them once or twice a week, to pick at. Fowls treated in this way, will be a pleasure as well as a profit, to their owners. For the Summer season, or when fowls are in full lay, I give the same treatment, except the feed of ground oats and middlings, or cold potatoes, which I give every noon, making three meals a day.

Fowls Eating Glass.

D. S. W., Smithboro, Mass, writes :—
‘There are new facts coming to the surface, from time to time, concerning poultry, their origin, instincts, habits, etc.

One of the most singular freaks, in the way of food for fowls, was accidentally discovered by a neighbor of mine, recently. He is a blacksmith, and his fowls come around the door of his shop. The pieces of a broken pane of glass were lying around. He noticed that the fowls picked up these bits and swallowed them. From this hint he commenced giving his fowls an occasional feed of pounded glass, and found they ate it with great relish. Is it the practise of any of the poultry raisers to feed pounded glass, and what office does it probably perform in the animal economy? Does it make a sharper mill than gravel? Does it serve in its slow decomposition, as a mild stimulus, or what other purpose it serve? Any information upon these points will be interesting to some of your subscribers in this region. I have been accustomed to keep broken glass out of the way of my hens, lest they should swallow it by accident, and supposed it would certainly poison them, if it did not injure by cutting crop or

gizzard. But the fact above narrated is stubborn. I shall look with interest for the light that will come from your experience.”

[REPLY.—The instincts of animals are blind. It is natural to fowls to swallow gravel, especially white or light colored and very hard gravel. This instinct leads them to eat broken china, glass, shells or anything resembling white pebbles. Glass is not poisonous to any animal, for it is simply silex—stone or sand in another form. Broken glass will, however, when swallowed by many animals, prove as fatal as the most virulent poison, because of its cutting properties. It is as dangerous for a dog, or horse to swallow it as to swallow needles or lancets, and for the same reason. But fowls are able to swallow pieces of sharp steel or glass with impunity. They have been made to swallow small leaden bullets, in which bits of needles and of awls have been set, radiating outward like the rays of a chestnut-bur, and with no apparent evil results. This is because the gizzard is peculiarly fitted to resist sharp-edged substance. But we doubt whether broken glass makes any better material for a fowls mill than gravel.—*Ed. Poultry World.*

A little girl four-year old, created a ripple by remarking to the teacher of her Sunday school class, “Our dog’s dead. I bet the angels was scared when they saw him coming up the walk. He’s cross to strangers.”

A WORTHY old deacon having won a fine turkey at a raffle, disliked to tell his wife how he got it, so handed it to her with the remark “the Shakers gave it to me”

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Poultry Shows for 1875 and 1876.

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Bees in May.

As a general thing, bees will take care of themselves this month, but this season being so very late, bees have not had a chance, so far, to hardly leave their hives, so that any stocks short of honey, might yet perish for want of food. It would be well, therefore, for those who have them in moveable comb hives, to over-haul them, and if any are short of honey, feed them; and those who have them in box hives, should heft them, and if any are light, feed them, for fear they may be short. Should they not require it to keep them from starving, it will not be lost.

Arnprior Poultry Association.

On the 15th of March, we had the pleasure of attending the Second Annual Exhibition of the above Association; and we must say, for a back place, like Arnprior, (which is situated about 65 miles north-west of Ottawa,) they had a grand show. There being between one and two hundred entries and among them some really fine birds, Great credit is due to the officers for their good taste in arranging the birds, so as to show to good advantage. The Town Hall having been secured for the Exhibition, gave them plenty of room, and was all that could be desired, for the health of the birds. We had a very

pleasant time, and formed the acquaintance of several genuine Fanciers. They are doing all in their power to build up a flourishing Society in the thriving little town of Arnprior,

Sitting Hens.

As the sitting of hens is, this month and next, the order of the day with all Fanciers, a few hints might not be out of place. Have your sitting hens always on the ground, if possible; if in a box, put three or four inches of moist earth in the bottom of the box, and make the nest on top of it. Let your hen sit three or four days on two or three common eggs, before you put valuable eggs under her. See that she comes every day for food and water, if not, then take her off. If sitting where she cannot get out into the damp grass, to get her feathers wet, the eggs should be dampened with warm water every two days after the tenth day, which will make the shells break easier, when the young chicks wish to come out.

Remarkable Hens.

DEAR FRIEND THOMAS.—I think I am able to tell you of quite as remarkable a hen for laying as the one C. Matthews speaks of, and I also cannot be mistaken in the facts. I have two Plymouth Rock Pullets, and on or about April 23rd, one of them layed two perfect eggs, taking 3 Eggs from the pen that same day—their eggs all times being carefully collected daily. About the first of this month, one pullet became broody, and has since been kept away from the pen, and this very day,

Friday, 5th May, the same remarkable hen layed two more perfect eggs, weight of one, $3\frac{1}{2}$ oz., the other $2\frac{1}{4}$ oz., making together $5\frac{3}{4}$ ozs. We took an egg from the same pen yesterday, and have done every day since the other was ejected the pen, I name this because some might think there was a mistake, which there could not possibly be. Who, Mr. Editor, would not purchase eggs from such wonderful fowls.

Yours, very respectfully,

GEO. HOPE.

We do not doubt the above, in the least, as we had a Game hen and Cock confined in a box two feet square. Early in the morning the hen layed her egg and we immediately took it out, and about six o'clock that evening, either the hen or the cock, layed another, we decided that it was the hen. Both eggs were perfect.—[Ed. H. M. T.]

Nature & Habits of Rabbits.

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The rabbit belongs to that order of the Class Mammalia, or suck-giving animals, which is called *Incisores*, because they cut their food with front teeth of their upper and lower jaws. They do not grind it, like the horse, the ox, and the elephant, for the simple reason they have no grinders or molar teeth. Some of these "cutters" are carnivorous, or rather omnivorous, like the rat; others are herbivorous in general, but occasionally insectivorous, like the Guinea-pig, (which the old French writers call the *Connil d' Inde*, or Indian rabbits) some, like the hare, feed exclusively on vegetables and grain, and the rabbit, unless under exceptional circum-

stances, to be mentioned by-and-by, belongs to this latter category. The rabbit and the Guinea-pig are the only "cutters" that have been strictly *domesticated* by man; though he has made *pets* of the squirrel, the dormouse, the marmot, the albino mouse, and one or two others.

The male rabbit is called "a buck," the female "a doe." The English language has not like the French, a special word (*lapereau*) to denote the young. "Coney" is an old word for rabbit, nearly obsolete in modern speech, but which still has its representative in many of the European languages. Rabbits are polygamous; one male being quite sufficient for as many as thirty females; in warrens, only one is allowed to a hundred. The adult bucks are unbridled overbearing, mischievous and quarrelsome. Success very often depends on the way in which they are managed, and consequently rabbit-keeping is an amusement better adapted for boys than for girls, unless, indeed, they have an elder brother or parent who will take upon himself the entire direction of the breeding department.—*E. L. Delaner.*

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General Items.

TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

We will send the first No. of the Journal to all new subscribers, as long as we are in stock, so that they may have the Volume complete.

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.

A REQUEST.—That all who received their bill from us last month, and have not yet responded, would do so, by remitting the amount to us at once, as we need 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.

SPECIAL NOTICE:—There are still quite a number of our subscribers, who have not yet paid in their subscriptions. Our terms are *strictly in advance*. We hope all who have not yet done so, will send in their subscription money without further notice, as we must adhere strictly to our terms.—Eds.

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Chicken Cholera—a Cure.

The following is said to be an infallible remedy for the so-called chicken cholera:—"Make a mixture of 2 ounces each of red pepper, 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 teaspoonful in a meal pellet once a day to each fowl, putting 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 Bulletin.*

Green Food for Poultry.

Green food is essential to the well-being of poultry at all seasons of the year. When fowls are limited to confined quarters, this must be supplied to them, artificially, to keep them in good health.

In winter time we can give them cabbages, or chopped turnips and onions, from time to time; short, late dried hay, (or rowen) is very good for a change; corn-stock leaves, chopped fine, they will eat with a relish.

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