Poultry.

GEO. D. GOODHUE, EDITOR.

THE ROSE COMB BROWN LEGHORN.

An ever increasing interest seems to be in the Rose Comb Brown Leghorn. Throughout the East they are rapidly taking the place of the single comb variety. They now bid fair to have a boom equal to that of the Wyandotte. When they were first introduced they met with bitter opposition, but it mostly came from breeders of the single comb variety who were of course jealous of noteriety, and the prejudice coming from that source rapidly died away. They have been admitted to the standard and are now a standard breed. They have a comb similar to the Hamburgs otherwise they are the same as the single comb. They have, however, a more brilliant plumage, and having a rose comb, there is little danger of them being frosted, a point which goes against the single comb variety. We have never been better pleased with any variety we have tried than the Rose Comb Brown Leghorn. They are certainly remarkably hardy and very beautiful. The R. C. B. Leghorns originated in a rose-combed fowl of Spanish origin, which was imported into Maine and kept quite extensively by farmers—a strain of them being known as "York county fowls."

They resemble the single comb Brown Leghorn, except in comb. They were often crossed on this breed to secure more perfect markings. They are a grand breed and we predict for them a great run on this coast.

Many of the afflictions that visit the poultrier can be traced to filth and bad management.

Don't count the chicks before they hatch—even after they hatch—it is best not to count them until maturity.

Don't ever condemn a breed of fowls with only a single trial. After two years if they do not give satisfaction it is time enough then to discard them.

We do not believe in keeping breeding fowls in a yard so small that the grass will not grow in it. One dozen breeders should have one thousand and six hundred square feet of ground at least, and they will do just as well then if properly fed and cared for as if they had their freedom.

It is a pitiful sight to see a pen of fowls cramped up in a small pen. There they mope around, dull and inactive, knowing full well it is no use to scratch in the hard soil and filth, of which, if their owner does not see the folly and ruination, he certainly ought to be ashamed of. Breeder, give your pets proper care or else quit; for it will only be a question of time with you when you will have to.

Each Her Own Physician.

Many talk quite believingly of the "will cure" in the abstract, but have no idea how to apply the theory when it comes to the practical question of what to do. In our last number Dr. Stockham told us pretty definitely what mental evolutions are necessary to keep from taking cold, and to throw it off when taken unwares. Now, we all know how much nervous disorders (the most distressing of all) depend upon the condition of the mind; it, therefore, an act of the will is sufficient to "nip" a cold "in the bud," why may not one gradually restore her own unstrung nerves in the same way? Certainly, it is a very harmless experiment to try—to determine to be well,—and within the reach of all. At East, there is no doubt that many people could accomplish more than they think, if they would make the effort. One point is of great importance. Strive to replace fear of disease by courage in resisting it. It is becoming a maxim that one who is afraid of a disease is pretty sure to take it. This does not mean that people should throw away all safeguards and rush into danger recklessly; but it does mean that people should not center their minds upon their little aches and pains to the exclusion of everything else and constantly be on the lookout for symptoms of some disease which they dread with mortal horror. Fear enervates the powers and makes the system an easy prey to disease. Take all sensible precautions possible, resolve to fight disease the best you can, if it comes, then set your mind at rest, and interest yourself in pleasant and useful occupations.—Ex.

How to Use a Grindstone.

A grindstone is one of the worst used implements on the farm, or in the workshop. Few take the trouble to think about their work and consequently the great majority of people fail to get the most and best use from their tools. The few who do think, will agree with us when we say that a grindstone is both badly used and badly chosen. It is too small, too thick, it is not evenly and truly set and centered, it is not properly speeded, and is turned either too fast, and made to throw the water around, or too slow, and so fails to do its work well; it is not well taken care of and it is badly used. A grindstone to do good service should be at least three feet in diameter and two and one-half to three inches in thickness, having a bevel on each side of the face for grinding on. It should be quite free from hard spots of iron pyrites, which are injurious to tools, although these may be taken out with a sharp pointed punch. If it is not centered truly, it will work out of shape and soon require trueing up. It should run as fast as possible, as it does work both better and more quickly. To prevent it from throwing water a piece of bagging should be fastened to a staple fixed across the frame on each end, but not so close as to grind it out; this will catch the excess of water and clean it. The stone should be kept in the shade, and never in water which softens it and makes one side wear faster than the other. The water box should have a hole in it, to let out the water and keep the stone dry when not in use. In grinding it should mostly turn from the tool, and if used otherwise, great care should be taken by the one who hold the tool, not to gouge the stone.—Cor. American Agriculturalist.

Washing With Soft Soap and no Boiling.

A correspondent of the Housekeeper give her experience in using soft soap clothes washing as follows:

Perhaps some like myself prefer from motives of economy, to use the old-fashioned soft soap. I do my washing in this way: Soak the clothes for ten or fifteen minutes in a strong suds, just enough to cover the clothes. After washing put all the white clothes with the finer ones on top, into another tub. Pour over them enough boiling water to cover them well. Cover the tub to keep the steam in. In ten minutes you can uncover them, take the washboard by the legs and with the top press and suds the clothes, turning them over to get at them all. Wring out and blue as usual Clothes washed in this way will be whiter than when boiled. I keep the suds warm for the whole of my clothes. Calicoes will not fade if put in dirty suds—that is, dark calicoes. Light calicoes I wash with the white clothes.

Excitement in Texas.

Great excitement has been caused in the vicinity of Paris, Tex, by the remarkable recovery of Mr. J. E. Corley, who was so helpless he could not turn in bed, or raise his head; everybody said he was dying of Consumption. A trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery was sent him. Finding relief, he bought a large bottle and a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills; by the time he had taken two boxes of Pills and two bottles of the Discovery, he was well and had gained in flesh thirty-six pounds. Trial Bottle of this Great Discovery for Consumption free at Port & Son's. 2

Calf Rearing on Skim Milk.

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The change to skimmed milk should not be made too suddenly. Care should be taken to have the milk of uniform temperature when fed — better below than above that of fresh milk. It is better to feed three times a day while the calves are young; and better to feed each calf separately than several in one place together.—Exchange.

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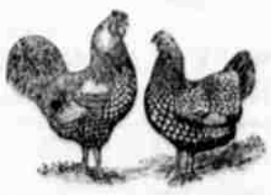

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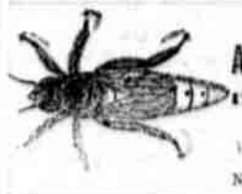

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