PITTSBURGH GAZETTE

MANAGEMENT OF POULTRY IN WINTER.—The remark is frequently made, that every hen kept on the farm runs the farmer in debt one dollar annually; and from what I have seen of the management of many farmers, I believe this to be true. I also believe that there is no necessity for it, as I have satisfied myself, by carefully conducted experiments, that they are a source of great profit; when rightly managed. For several years past, I have kept a correct account of expenditures and profits, and I find that with a flock of twenty hens, I can realize $20 annually, over and above all expenses. It is well known that during the winter months eggs are always scarce, and always bear the highest price; with most farmers hens are only a bill of expense during this season, when they ought to be the greatest profit; for several years past I have not failed of getting eggs every day during the winter, and what I have done others may do, as it requires but a very little extra care, which will be amply repaid.

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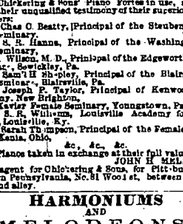

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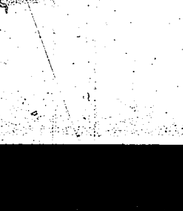

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Mar. and Manuf'e of do	par	Commercial St, Cincinn't	do
Bank of Commerce	par	Franklin Bank	do
Bank of North America	par	Lafayette Bank	do
Bank of North'n Liberties	par	Ohio Life Ins & Trust Co	do
Bank of Pennsylvania	par	Western Reserve Bank	do
Bank of Penn Township	par	Small Notes	½
Commercial Bank of Pa	par	NEW ENGLAND.	
Farmers' & Mechanics' Bk	par	All solvent Banks	½
Girard Bank	par	NEW YORK.	
Kensington Bank	par	New York City	par
Manufac. & Mech. Bank	par	Country	½
Mechanics' Bank	par	MARYLAND.	
Merchants' Bank	par	Baltimore	par
Philadelphia Bank	par	Country	½
Southwark Bank	par	N. JERSEY & DELAWARE.	
Tradesmen's Bank	par	All solvent Banks	½
Western Bank	par	VIRGINIA.	
Bank of Chambersburg	½	Bank of the Valley	½
Bank of Chester County	par	Bank of Va., Richmond	½
Bank of Danville	½	Ex. Bank of Va., Norfolk	½
Bank of Delaware, Chester	par	Farmers Bk of Virginia	½
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Bank of Gettysburg	½	North Western Bank—	
Bank of Lawistown	½	Branches	½
Bank of Middletown	½	NORTH CAROLINA.	
Montgomery Co. Bank	par	Bank of Cape Fear	2
Bank of Northumberland	par	Bank of St. Mary's	2
Columbia Bk & Bridge Co	par	Com. Bank, Wilmington	2
Doylestown Bank	par	Merchants' Bk, Newbern	2
Easton Bank	par	SOUTH CAROLINA.	
Erie Bank	½	Bk of the St. of S. Carolina	2
Farmers' Bk of Bucks Co	par	Bank of South Carolina	2
Farmers' Bk of Lancaster	par	Bank of Charleston	2
Farmers' Bank of Reading	par	Planters' & Mechan'r Bk	2
Harrisburg Bk of Chy'kvill	par	GEORGIA.	
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