The Bloomfield Cimes.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

Road Dust in the Hen House.

The extreme and long continued heat of this summer, extending as it did late into the month of September, has been a prolific source of the multiplication of all kinds of vermin on fowls. Those who were either to indifferent to adopt plans for the suppression of the pests, or or who are not sufficently versed in the little convenient tricks of the trade to know how, must suffer pecuniarily, while the poor chickens must bear the burden upon their innocent backs. It is well known that oil in liberal quantities is sure death to all insects. This is due to the stopping up of the breathing openings along the sides of the insect, like the port holes of a man-of-war .-Thus oil causes death by suffocation .well fed animals produce oil enough on their bodies, thus keeping the insects on them in moderate subjection, while illfed half-starved animals are sure ultimately to fall a prey to these parasites.

It will thus be seen that well-fed fowls have on their bodies, a partial means for keeping down their enemies; but there is no doubt that they do much better if aided in this warfare by the skill of their owners. To accomplish this, many use kerosene or crude coal oil, or any kind of cheap oil to brush over the walls of the hen house, and particularly over the perches and about the nests. Oil, however, is a nasty thing to have about, and while it banishes vermin it is very apt to disgust the operator, and, if a female, cause her to give up the whole business or, at best, to put its use off till to late to be of the most service. After using oil we abandoned it for the cause above stated, and found a better and far more agreeable remedy in road dust, dry ashes and whitewash. For the purpose of being handy, to clean and purify, we made perches, shelves, nests and partitions all movable, and as often as judgment dictated or necessity required, we removed everything and gave the house a good and thorough wetting inside with whitewash. No fears of getting it to thick. Siosh it into all the cracks; but, over and above all, we always keep on hand a goodly supply of road dust, and sift all the ashes on the heap. This we spread one or two inches deep over the floor of the hen house. It instantly absorbs all droppings, keeping the air fresh and pure, and every time a hen flies up or down to or from the nest or perches she raises a dust that settles on the perches, nests, etc. This dust may not be immediate death to insects, but renders life so miserable to them that they immediately vacate the premises. It seems not only to hinder, but effectually to arrest their locomotion, like a horse in a bed of quick-sand. The effect on the chickens is like magic so far as ridding them of lice is concerned.

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