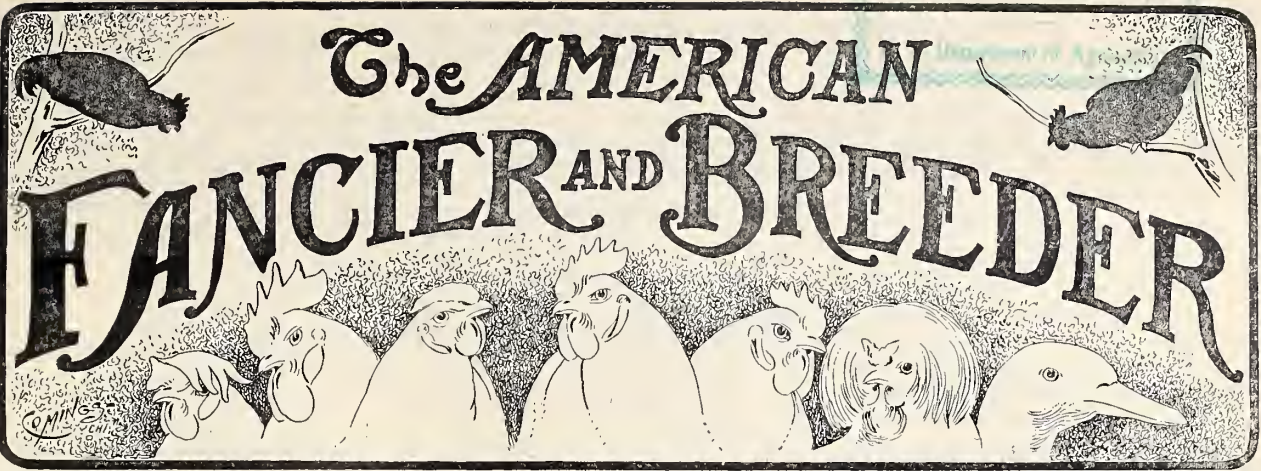


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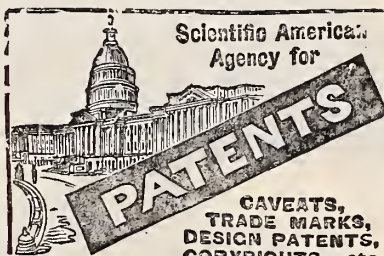
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SAVING OF SEED CORN.

FROM UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. WASHINGTON, D. C.

There is nothing of more importance to the farmers throughout the corn belt of the United States than the quality of seed corn. The Bureau of Plant Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture states that in the northern part of this area special precautions are always necessary in saving seed on account of the short season and the consequent difficulty in getting seed which is fully matured. In a season like the present these conditions hold good over a larger area than usual.

Most of the corn is in the field at the present time and, if not immature, it at least contains a large percentage of moisture. If this moist corn is left in the present condition until after the cold weather the freezing will kill a large part of the seed and the planting of this poor seed will mean a thin stand next year.

Where the seed corn has not already been obtained it should be selected at once. Pick out only thoroughly matured ears or, if none can be found that are thoroughly matured, take the ripest to be had. Husk and put in a dry, well ventilated place kept at a temperature of from 75 to 100 degrees Fahrenheit and let them remain there until the seed is thoroughly dried and cured. After it has been dried it should be stored where it will remain reasonably dry and cool. It is only when the seed contains a large percentage of moisture that the germination is injured by freezing. If a little trouble is taken now in selecting and caring for next year's seed, the stand and consequent yield will be greatly increased.

In all cases seed should be tested for germination a short time before planting, and only such seed planted as is found to be in condition. Seed tests can be made easily and often more conveniently at home, but the Seed Laboratory of the United States Department of Agriculture, so far as its working force will allow, is prepared to make tests for corn growers without charge.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO BE OBSERVED.

- 1 Select fully matured seed or least the ripest that can be found
- 2 Bring the corn from the field before freezing weather and keep it in a warm, dry place with ample ventilation, until thoroughly dried
- 3 Store in a dry and cool place.
- 4 Test for germinations before planting.

World's Fair Poultry Superintendent.

T. E. Orr, Secretary and Treasurer of the American Poultry Association, has been appointed Superintendent of Poultry at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition under Chief F. D. Coburn of the Department of Live Stock. Mr. Orr has already begun active work, and will devote considerable time during the winter at poultry shows and meetings and elsewhere among leading fanciers in behalf of the World's Fair poultry show.

Mr. Orr has not been a candidate for the position, and his tender came as a surprise to him, while the acceptance of the place was at a considerable personal sacrifice. Friends of several of the leading and most efficient poultrymen in the country urged their names for consideration, and the selection of Mr. Orr came as a result of a most thorough canvass of the entire situation by the Exposition management.

Superintendent Orr is a native of Virginia but is best known in the live stock world as a Pennsylvanian. After graduating from college he began teaching, but in 1886 he became an editor on the staff of the National Stockman and Farmer of Pittsburg. He continued in this work for fifteen years, and since 1901 has given his time to the care of his farms, lecturing at institutes and agricultural colleges and judging and other work in connection with the poultry industry.

The World's Fair management and the American Poultry Association are working in utmost harmony, and the selection of Mr. Orr for so conspicuous a position is a guarantee that the entire poultry industry rather than factional or sectional interests is to be conserved at St. Louis.

Poultry, Pigeons and Pet Stock are placed in Division "E" in the World's Fair classification and have been allotted over \$16,000 for cash prizes. The dates for these shows are October 24 to November 5, 1904.

Ration for Winter Eggs.

Mr. James Shackleton tells in American Poultry Journal how he gets winter eggs as follows.

Our Wyandottes are fed balance rations so composed that the total food served each day have approximate one to four nutritive ratio, outside forage being disregarded in the balancing, because it is usually perfectly balanced in itself. By a nutritive ratio of one to four we mean that the carbohydrates and fat in the foods are four times the weight of the protein and also that the ra-

tion are made up from food of animal, grain or vegetable origin. The animal foods used are animal meals, fresh raw cut bone. The grain foods used are wheat, corn, oat, and other by products of milling processes. Of these we buy and use whatever appears to be the cheapest at the particular time, having regard to its average analysis and we have never found any other reason to prefer any one grain or mill product over another. The vegetable foods in summer are refuge cabbage leaves, lettuce, turnip tops or anything similar that happens to be available; in winter, anything procurable of this nature, but our main reliance is on clover meal.

We feed only twice a day all the year, with an occasional meal at midday in the coldest and stormiest weather. The forcing meal is whole grain scattered on the ground in summer, scattered in scratching shed litter in winter. The evening meal is moistened mash of milling products, animal food and vegetable food.

As to quantity of food, little useful can be said, for size, age and breed call for great changes in that respect, and even another flock of Wyandottes might do well on different quantity from what we serve. The only measure of quantity from what we serve. The only measure of quantity we have is to get the birds into laying condition and keep them so neither gaining nor losing weight. The quantity we serve for morning meal varies one quart in summer, one and half quarts in moderate winter to two quarts in coldest weather. The evening mash before moistening varies between two quarts in summer, two and one half quarts in moderate weather to three quarts in coldest winter. These quantities are for twenty-five adult Wyandottes all females laying.

With these rations we find it easy to get at least 200 eggs per year per hen, provided they are not permitted to spend much time hatching. Of course other matters of maintenance are imperative as well as proper rations.

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Many a man who has started in the business by investing considerable capital at the outset has had the above idea suddenly dispelled from his mind. The keeping of poultry is a business that may be started on a very small capital, but even though the beginning is

small if any success is attained there must be some special knowledge brought to bear in the care of the fowls from the start or failure will be the outcome. A man must have special knowledge to choose proper quarters even for a few fowls. If this is not done an endless amount of trouble is apt to follow. If buildings small or large are erected here again some special knowledge is necessary. At every step it will be found to be an occupation requiring a high form of technical skill if satisfactory financial results follow.

We would advise no one to go into the raising poultry extensively at the outset. Buy a few good fowls and at the same time begin posting yourself on the subject by reading extensively. Study closely the habits of the fowls themselves so as to find out the environments that are most congenial, the food that is the best adapted to their needs and the care they require generally. Remember that the poultry business is one of head work as well as work of the hand. Where one has a strong liking for the business and chooses to make this line of effort his life work it is often advisable to pick up the experience by hiring out to one who is as a successful poultryman. Where large numbers are dealt with one would pick up information rather more quickly than where the numbers are small, hence the advantage of the fundamental principles in a manner that involves no one in loss.

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Cure of Young Chicks.

To prevent droopy chicks, set hens in clean nest in clean apartments. Dust the hen well insect powder after she has set a week. Grease the head of each as soon as hatched with sweet oil or lard, and no danger from head lice need be feared. Put the hens with chicks in a clean box or house. A new barrel under a bush is much better than an old box or coop that has suspicion of mite or lice. Feed often, just as they will eat; don't leave any to sour. If milk is fed, use it warm to mix meal or soften bread or cracker. Milk, sweet or sour, is not good for food hungry chicks, as they gorge themselves and soil their plumage with it. When used constantly like water for a drink it is good. Slop of any kind is not fit food for fowls. The very best food for young chicks for the first week is bread crumbs, corn meal, oatmeal and cooked potatoes, all dry not wet. Feed often and let them have a grass run when dry. After the first week mixed meal and table scraps may be fed. As soon as wheat or broken corn can be handled by them, feed this at night. A variety of food is good. Always remember that the gizzard is not intended to grind slop and you will have healthy fowls.—Commercial Poultry.

Winter is Approaching.

If you wish to derive the most profit from your laying stock, they must be looked after during this and the following month; get them in good condition before cold weather sets in. Naturally the hen will moult and get her new coat of feathers on before the first of November. This process of nature is weakening, it is true, to her system, and to pass through this successfully, retaining all her powers for egg production, she must be taken care of and given what nature calls for. This moulting or taking on a new coat of feathers can be helped along materially by feeding her feather-forming food.

You will notice how quick any animal will shed off in the spring and assume a sleek appearance when they are carefully taken care of. This is also true of all varieties of poultry; the only difference being in the time of year.

We usually raise a lot of sunflower seed and have found it a great aid to moulting stock. The way the ordinary farmer of the United States handles the poultry raised on their farms is a disgrace to them as practical men, much less to their birds. In a majority of cases they do not even provide their fowls with a house or any protection from the cold and chilly blasts of winter. If your "Biddy" is fortunate enough to find food of any kind lying around, all right and good; but if not, the owner says do without. She is not provided with a clean fountain from which she may secure her drinking water, but is expected to secure this around the manure heaps in the barn yard or do without as in the case of feed.

During the hot summer months do not fail to provide shade in some form. Half grown chicks and ducklings as well as moulted hens, are often materially injured by being exposed to the burning rays of the July sun and we have known death to follow from this cause.

If you will take notice you will find the most of the feathers dropped by the moulting stock under bushes or other shady places which these have access to which is evidence that they prefer such to being exposed to the rays of a summer's sun.

Their roosting quarters should be put in good shape before cold weather sets in. See that the new nest boxes are clear of mites or lice, new nesting material placed in them, plenty of straw or leaves put in for scratching material and everything placed in order the same as you would do for the successful handling of any other thorough-bred stock.

Laying houses for housing stock for winter should be commensurate with the number of birds to be kept. Do not crowd stock; better keep a smaller number than to crowd too many into a house. Unless the floors of laying houses are of dirt or loose sand, so that the stock can work up a good dust bath, we find it a good plan to place a 2x3 foot box, 6 inches deep each pen and

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For these reasons the mash is made use to aid in the continuous grinding of the food supply and for the same reason it is good for the growing fowls. It helps them to grow bone, body and feather faster than they could on a grain diet alone. The more quickly the food can be handled, and the more of it they can consume properly and completely, the faster will the young grow and the more eggs the hen will produce if properly handled. The best mixture for mash food is ground oats, ground corn, bran middlings, some clover meal and meat scraps. We should use a part each by measure of the grain and clover-meal and enough meat scrap to make one-tenth at least of the whole day's ration for each hen. Would feed the mash warm, not hot. When cooked all the vegetables and scraps of the same should be cooked in with the mash. Cut the vegetables small and mix well into the mash. Feed all they will eat of this once a day.

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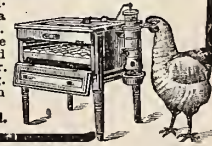
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 Nov. 24-28—Danbury, Conn. Judge, Dievenstedt. Chas. H. Brundage, sec;
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 Nov. 27-28—Blum, Tex. Oscar Pogue, sec.
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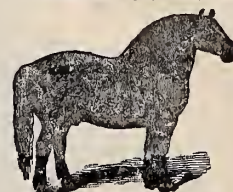
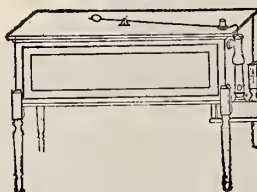
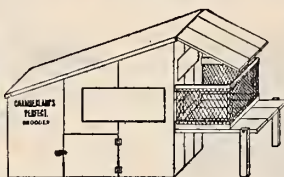
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