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## EDITORIAL HINTS.

- Hot July!
- Aim high.
- Be humane.
- Don't delay.
- Be interested.
- Don't get mad.
- Have a system.
- Air castles bust.
- Don't be a foggy.
- Don't overreach.
- Again—clean up!
- Good blood tells.
- Work with a will.
- Don't get excited.
- Kill off the drones.
- Don't neglect duty.
- Improve your flock.
- Our birthday month.
- Steady growth is best.
- Booms are short-lived.
- Molting next in order.
- Short visits are pleasant.
- Study the fowls' comfort
- Hens are looking ragged.
- Boasting men do nothing.
- Conveniences assist labor.
- Have a secure foundation.
- Overcrowding causes loss.
- Hard work has its reward.
- Remove males from flocks.
- Hot weather hurts appetite.
- Recklessness brings failure.
- Poultry hours are long ones.
- Self praise poorly recommends.
- Separate sexes of growing stock.
- When is the poultryman's holiday?

## Experimental Farm Notes.

*High-Water Mark: 88—Barred Plymouth Rock and White Wyandotte Hens Struggling for Front Seat—A White Leghorn Yearling Hen With a Good Record.*

During the month of May a new scratching shed house was erected, each apartment measuring 7 x 14 feet, with 50 x 14 feet runs. Union Lock fencing, six feet high, is used for construction of the runs. This house makes room for a pen of White Leghorns and a flock of fifty head of White Wyandottes, early-hatched chicks.

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During the month of May, the following number of hens of each pen were laying:

Pen No. 0	6
1	12
2	10
3	8
4	11
5	10
6	15
7	9
8	12
9	10
Miscellaneous	3
<b>Total,</b>	<b>106</b>

Twenty less than last month,

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The above table represents the following number of layers of each breed:

Brahmas	36
Wyandottes	36
Barred Plymouth Rocks	12
White Plymouth Rocks	10
Rhode Island Reds	9

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During the month the following number of eggs were laid:

B. P. Rocks, 12 head, 359 eggs; average	29.11
W. P. Rocks, 10 head, 139 eggs; average	13.9
Wyandottes, 36 head, 442 eggs; average	12.10
Brahmas, 36 head, 399 eggs; average	11.3
R. I. Reds, 9 head, 90 eggs; average	10.

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The highest number of eggs we gathered in one day, during the month of May, was 65; the lowest number 32.

The highest number of Brahma eggs received in one day was 23; the lowest number 5.

The highest number of Wyandotte eggs received in one day was 20; the lowest number 4.

The highest number of Rhode Island Red eggs received in one day was 5; the lowest number 0.

The highest number of White Plymouth Rock eggs received in one day was 7; the lowest number 1.

The highest number of Barred Plymouth Rock eggs received in one day was 17; the lowest number 4.

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The standing of individual layers is as follows (from January 1 to June 1):

No. 100, Barred Plymouth Rock	88 eggs
38, White Wyandotte	88
47, Light Brahma	86
43, White Wyandotte	85
17, " "	83
192, " "	82
86, Rhode Island Red	82
84, " "	80
171, White Wyandotte	77
112, Barred Plymouth Rock	76
102, " "	75
82, Rhode Island Red	75
95, " "	75
46, White Plymouth Rock	74
61, " "	74
103, Barred Plymouth Rock	74
16, White Plymouth Rock	74
43, Light Brahma	74
104, Barred Plymouth Rock	73
52, White Plymouth Rock	72
15, White Wyandotte	71
196, " "	71
4, " "	70
Single Comb White Leghorn	69
30, White Wyandotte	67
22, " "	66
109, " "	66
7, " "	65
15, Light Brahma	65
75, White Plymouth Rock	64
163, White Wonder	63
26, White Wyandotte	63
22, Light Brahma	63
32, " "	62
17, " "	62
9, " "	61
Silver Wyandotte	61
165, Barred Plymouth Rock	59
91, Rhode Island Red	59
122, " "	58
190, White Wyandotte	58
67, Light Brahma	58
16, " "	57
18, White Wyandotte	57
45, " "	57
92, Rhode Island Red	57
117, White Wonder	56
29, White Wyandotte	56
41, " "	56
14, " "	55
98, " "	55
101, Barred Plymouth Rock	55
149, " "	55
105, " "	54
94, Rhode Island Red	54
21, Light Brahma	54
35, White Wyandotte	53
59, Light Brahma	52
25, " "	51

No. 186, White Wyandotte .....	51	eggs
85, White Plymouth Rock .....	51	
37, Barred Plymouth Rock .....	50	
23, White Wyandotte .....	50	
11, " " .....	50	
18, " " .....	50	
13, Light Brahma .....	49	
6, " " .....	49	
36, " " .....	48	
65, " " .....	48	
50, " " .....	48	
41, " " .....	48	
144, Barred Plymouth Rock .....	48	
54, Light Brahma .....	47	
58, " " .....	46	
81, " " .....	46	
13, White Wyandotte .....	46	
93, Rhode Island Red .....	45	
28, White Wyandotte .....	44	
46, Light Brahma .....	44	
176, White Wyandotte .....	43	
19, Light Brahma .....	42	
20, White Wyandotte .....	42	
83, " " .....	41	
5, Light Brahma .....	41	
2, White Wyandotte .....	40	
66, White Plymouth Rock .....	39	
88, Rhode Island Red .....	39	
61, Light Brahma .....	39	
30, " " .....	39	
8, " " .....	38	
14, " " .....	38	
70, White Plymouth Rock .....	38	
81, " " .....	38	
34, White Wyandotte .....	37	
126, Light Brahma .....	37	
34, " " .....	35	
195, White Wyandotte .....	35	
76, White Plymouth Rock .....	35	
79, " " .....	35	
73, " " .....	35	
59, " " .....	34	
106, White Wyandotte .....	34	
119, Light Brahma .....	34	
13, White Wyandotte .....	33	
178, Barred Plymouth Rock .....	33	
57, Light Brahma .....	31	
173, White Wyandotte .....	31	
52, Light Brahma .....	30	
90, Rhode Island Red .....	30	
6, White Wyandotte .....	29	
71, Light Brahma .....	29	
62, " " .....	28	
32, White Wyandotte .....	27	
77, White Plymouth Rock .....	27	
58, White Wyandotte .....	26	
68, Light Brahma .....	26	

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The highest individual egg record for the month belongs to a White Leghorn hen, she having laid 26 eggs. Other good individual records for the month are as follows:

No. 86, Rhode Island Red, 22 eggs.
7, White Wyandotte, 21
30, White Wyandotte, 21
38, White Wyandotte, 20
47, Light Brahma, 20
100, Barred Ply. Rock, 20
75, White Ply. Rock, 20

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The total of eggs laid on the farm during May was 1,584, being 211 less than laid the month before.

During May, the highest price we received for eggs was 17 cents a dozen; lowest, 16 cents; average, 16 1-2 cents.

### Eggs and Egg Farming.

*Chickens that Excel as Pullets—Keep Them till They Die, the Egg Record of Their Children will go Booming High; but the Robber Pullets only Cackle out a Lie, and Their only Safe Inclosure is a Chicken Pie.—Rural New-Yorker.*

Beware of the hidden nest.

The nest egg theory is out of date.

Wipe the dirt off the eggs with a damp rag.

Fresh eggs have no competition with the epicure.

Eggs put in dozen lots in a neat package attract buyers.

Assorting eggs according to color and size is a good business move.

Keep the eggs in a cool cellar. They stale very quickly unless kept cool.

Our American breeds are becoming as great layers as the Mediterranean class.

Properly-fed hens are the ones that do the best laying, and they belong to no particular breed.

Greasing eggs to make them shine is a mistake. The pores of the shell must not be filled up.

The more we look into the egg trade, says Iowa *Homestead*, the greater appears its possibilities.

Better study up proper methods for producing fresh eggs in Winter than to know how to "pack" them.

There is nothing in the theory that the presence of the male in the poultry yard has a tendency to increase egg yield.

Mark all eggs "doubtful" that you find in the runs. There is no guaranteeing their condition. Have your cook open them.

The Perfection egg case, to be had of all dealers in poultry supplies, is almost as neat and cheap a carrier as we know of.

The people of this world are trying to eat all the eggs in sight, and want some that are out of sight if they can be had in a fresh state.

Eggs will be as fresh at one week, if the hens are not mated, as they will be at three days old when coming from yards in which there is a cock bird.

The fresh egg business is not overdone and will not soon be, says Iowa *Homestead*. Of this we feel quite sure, and we know that a great many are not coming up to their opportunities in this line.

In your endeavor to cater to a large egg trade, it is not safe to buy eggs from other farms. There is no telling what care the eggs have received—and one bad egg may lose you a customer.

*Commercial Poultry* doubts if much money can be made from packing eggs. Some men that have figured on the matter say that they have never known eggs bought, packed and sold at a profit.

Cheap boarding houses and restaurants will continue to take all the packed eggs in the market, says Wisconsin *Farmer*, but the person who eats at home, or at the first-class hotels, will demand the egg in all its blooming youth.

The Produce Commission Merchant sees a great and increasing demand for eggs owing to the improved methods for their refrigerated transportation. The Yankee hen will doubtless fill the bill if permitted to fill their own with the proper raw material.

Wisconsin *Farmer* says no one wants a stale egg but the huckster. Nothing will eat them but the tramp and the crow. They may fill an egg case but cannot be made to fill the same case more than twice. An egg is an egg, but a fresh egg is better than any other egg.

The *National Provisioner* gives these figures: There are about 400,000,000 hens in the country. These produce something like 20,000,000,000 eggs. These are worth, wholesale, about \$200,000,000, one-half of the market value of our whole cotton crop of 10,000,000 bales at \$40 per bale.

While we personally do not believe there is any difference in the quality of a brown-shelled egg and one with a white shell, at the same time we would no sooner think of sending a consignment of brown eggs to a white-egg market than we would roasting fowls to a man who asks for broilers.

I. K. Felch says utility must not be forgotten. No breed that fails in practical points can long stand well in popularity. And the practical points are: Great productiveness in eggs, even colored, even shaped, generous sized eggs, and the greatest possible increase of weight for food consumed.

Create a good laying strain. Col. Robt. A. Braden once said: "All whiskies are good, but some are better." So with hens: All hens are good layers, but some are better. It is the better hen that we are after. *Poultry Herald* says it is necessary to select females that are good layers, and, if possible, from a line of good layers, and to them mate a male bird that is known to be the "son" of a good layer. You then have good laying qualities in the blood of both males and females, and ought to have good results in this direction from the stock produced by such a mating.

Texas *Farm and Ranch* gives this scientific calculation: The amount of nutritive material which a given amount of eggs will furnish at any stated price per dozen may be readily calculated. When eggs are 10 cents per dozen, 10 cents expended in this food will furnish one pound total food material, containing 0.13 pound protein and 0.09 pound fat, the whole having a fuel value of 635 calories. At 25 cents per dozen, 10 cents worth of eggs will furnish 0.60 pound total food material, supplying 0.08 pound of protein, 0.05 pound of fat, and furnish 275 calories. Ten cents expended for beef at 8 cents per pound will furnish 1.25 pounds total food material, containing 0.24 pounds protein, 0.16 pound fat, and 1120 calories. Expended for beef sirloin at 20 cents per pound it will furnish 0.5 pound total food matter, containing 0.08 pound protein, 0.09 pound fat, 1.06 pounds carbohydrates, and 2430 calories.

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The nearby home market is by far the most profitable one, and special attention should be given to it, says A. F. Hunter, in *Practical Farmer*. At this time of the year people are leaving the city for country boarding houses or hotels, and seaside resorts; and there is an increased demand for fresh laid eggs and nicely fatted and dressed fowls and chickens right at our doors, almost. Take pains to cultivate this nearby market. Prices are better and it pays a better profit.

*Poultry Success* says statistics show that from Missouri alone during the last year, 106,988,710 pounds of poultry, live and dressed, was shipped, an increase of 36,907,443 pounds over the preceding year. Of eggs shipped from there there were 34,875,040 dozen, making the poultry industry worth to the producer in the one state alone, mind—\$12,001,048.54. The profits from this industry exceeds by many thousands of dollars those of all grains, beans, tobacco, and cotton seed raised here.

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J. H. Drevenstedt, in *American Fancier*, cautions poultry raisers to pay particular attention to the quality of the products they send to market. He says: An insipid broiler, a flabby young duck, an ill-fattened rooster, duck or goose will make many a victim sigh for a tender Belgian hare. The latter is easier to produce and cheaper in price. But the real well prepared, properly fattened chicken, duck or goose will always be in demand by epicures and those that relish something good in the fowl line. As to the turkeys, this American bird will always be the star of fowldom notwithstanding the careless methods of many turkey raisers in marketing their produce.

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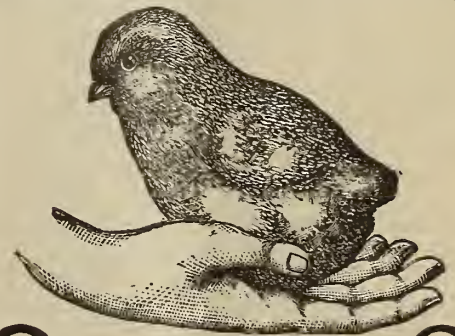


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Kill the fowl that is "hopelessly ill." Sloppy food will cause diarrhoea in fowls. Disinfect the houses at least once a week. Soft soap is recommended for scaly leg in fowls.

Too much concentrated food causes constipation.

"Sanitas" is one of the best disinfectants on the market.

More cases of roup are reported than what really exist.

A fowl with a weak heart is apt to succumb from intense heat.

Heat-giving food during hot weather is harmful, causing sickness.

Worms in fowls have been traced to too liberal feeding of green cut bone.

Turpentine is invaluable for bruises, inflammation, worms and limber neck.

Bicarbonate of soda put in the mash aids digestion, and prevents soreness of the crop.

For chicken pox and ulcers on face, as well as canker, tincture of iron is recommended.

Liver troubles are more common in the average poultry yards than any other form of disease.

A pound of powdered naphthalene crystals in a gallon of kerosene makes a good lice killer.

Once a week is not too often to kerosene the roosts and nest boxes—and do the work thoroughly.

It is said that tansy, powdered, and mixed with soft feed, is excellent for the cure of gapes in chicks.

*Southern Fancier* says feeding too much in the Summer is one of the principle causes of disease and death among fowls.

While chicken pox is contagious, it is not dangerous. Isolate the afflicted specimens and anoint the sores daily with vaseline.

"Cholera" scares are reported less every year. We have yet to see the first genuine case of cholera, but we have seen any amount of these scares.

*Farm Journal* says a tea made by boiling tobacco stems until a strong lye-like liquid is obtained, and applied to the fowls will rid them of fleas or jiggers.

A correspondent in *Rural New-Yorker* says an ounce of crude carbolic acid to one quart crude petroleum, makes a very good lice killer for poultry houses.

Nearly every flock of fowls suffer more or less with indigestion throughout the year. Two-thirds of these cases can be avoided by use of grit, charcoal and correct feeding.

A correspondent in *American Agriculturist* says: For scaly legs, use lye from wood ashes, which is not so strong as to make the leg sore. Two or three applications will cure the affliction and not bleach the legs.

Don't attempt to doctor sick fowls by dosing them and at the same time allowing them freedom among the flock, says Geo. O. Brown. A sick

fowl needs quiet and rest the same as a sick human being and for precisely the same reasons.

Geo. O. Brown, in *Baltimore Sun*, says: An occasional feed of charred corn is greatly relished by the flock and is more valuable than any of the so-called health powders. It is good for both fowls and chicks, and they should have it at least every ten days.

*Baltimore Sun* says: Indigestion in fowls is quite often mistaken for cholera. There is a radical difference in the appearance of the droppings in cholera and indigestion. Cholera evacuations of poultry are quite yellow and watery; indigestion voidings are more of a dark red nature.

An exchange says it has found nothing so effective for destroying lice and mites as camphor balls in the nest. Place from one to three in each nest for both sitting and laying hens. Since using the camphor balls, this exchange says, they have not raised a single chick with scaly legs.

Great thirst, from which many fowls suffer when they are ill, is due to feverishness, and is most marked when the bird is suffering from inflammation of the bowels, which occurs as one of the last stages of enteric tubercular disease, says *American Stock-Keeper*. As a soothing medicine a little oil of sweet almonds may be given three times a day, and the supply of water should be moderated, but not stopped. As most cases of this kind terminate fatally, it is generally best to destroy the bird, and thereby save it a considerable amount of unnecessary suffering.

*Poultry Success* publishes the following valuable item in a late issue:

Dr. Haynes of St. Louis, says: "Don't use sulphur about the chicken and chicken house," going on to give his scientific reasons, but use the tea made from cedar boughs instead. Even the boughs laid about the houses and runs have some efficiency. His directions for making the tea are as

follows: "If you have a fifteen gallon iron kettle use it. Fill with finely cut cedar leaves and water. Boil down one-half. Use a garden sprinkler and do not fail to reach every part of the hen house and nests. Spray it among the chicken feathers; put it everywhere where mites or other vermin is suspected."

In telling the experience of a friend of his who was nearly consumed with mites, he said: "He went over the hen house twice a week for six weeks with this to be sure of catching all eggs. At the end of two months I was out with a glass but not a mite was to be seen. Now I have tested this over and over again."

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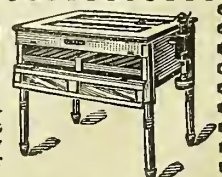
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### Facts About Chicks.

*Keep Chicks Free from Lice, Feed Regularly Bone and Muscle Food—in Short, Keep them Growing and do not Let them Have any Setbacks, and You will Have Profitable Stock in the Fall.*

The following poem by Will S. Gidley, appeared in a recent issue of *Farm Journal*. It contains a strong moral, and we believe A FEW HENS' readers will appreciate it:

A mother hen went out to walk  
And took her chicks along;  
And as they walked she softly clucked  
To them this warning song:  
"Cluck, cluck, cluck, cluck, cluck, cluck;  
Look out, look out, look out!  
Be sure you keep quite close to me  
For foxes are about!"

"Who is afraid?" one chicken said,  
Poor foolish little thing!  
"Why should we be forever kept  
Under our mother's wing?  
I'm going to hide and have some fun,  
While you are all away,  
In this tall grass, a lovely place  
To skulk about and play."

But, oh, alas and lackaday!  
How can I ever tell  
The cruel fate that swift and sure  
This foolish chick befell?  
A fox was lying there in wait,  
Within the tall, rank swale;  
And of that chicken soon was left  
Scarce naught to tell the tale!

Dear reader, in this chicken's fate,  
A moral you will find:  
When older heads sage counsel give  
'Tis always safe to mind.

Don't forget that the chicks need clean drinking vessels, into which is daily put pure, fresh water.

Shade and fresh water are the two most important requisites in raising chicks at this time of the year.

June is a good month to hatch Leghorns, but it is not advisable to get out any young after this month if they are wanted for breeding stock.

While hatches this year, all over the country, have been poor, the vitality of the stock has been very good.

According to the Guelph (Ontario) Experiment Station, it takes an average of three eggs to produce a chick.

Young chicks should be kept out of the yards where old fowls are quartered, as the latter very often kill the youngsters.

A very good diet for chicks after they reach about broiler size, is mash in the morning, cracked corn at noon, and whole wheat at night.

Do not overfeed the chicks during the day. Give them what you think they actually need, and they will be ready for the next meal when the time comes.

An Illinois poultry keeper says that he finds millet seed a superior feed for chickens the first three or four weeks. They grow faster on it than anything else he has tried.

While as a general thing the droopy chick is a victim of lice, it is not always the case. Sometimes the chick is weakened from other causes. Put a little iron tonic in the drinking water.

The cornmeal mixed with cold water diet is not an advisable one. Chicks will often partake when real hungry

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of too great a quantity. When the animal heat warms the mixture in the crop it causes it to swell, and will cause cropbound and bad bowel conditions, often resulting in great fatality, says *Ohio Poultry Journal*. If the meal is mixed with boiling water to a crumbly consistency—not sticky—the chicks can partake of all they want without danger, for the meal has swollen all it will.

Skimmilk is one of the best foods for chicks. The Indiana Experiment Station last year made a test, with two equal lots of chickens, feeding both lots alike excepting that one lot had all the skimmilk they would eat. The test was begun July 11 and closed September 5, and the result is surprising. The lot having skimmilk consumed about a third more food, and made almost double the average weekly gain of the lot not having the milk. The report further says: "The greatest increase in average gain was coincident with the periods when the greatest amount of skimmilk was consumed."

Geo. O. Brown, in *Baltimore Sun*, says: "Where half-grown chickens are kept at night in filthy brood coops they are subjected to dangerous conditions, especially if the coops have to be closed up tight to protect the chickens from cats and other night strollers. There is no possible excuse for unsanitary conditions in coops, whether these conditions are due to filth or to lack of ventilation. As to the latter, fine wire netting is so cheap that air can be easily admitted without exposing the fowls to the attacks of midnight marauders. We have been on so-called poultry farms in the early morning and seen broods let out that were so weak from close confinement

in crowded and unsanitary coops that they actually staggered." Such methods are simply barbarous."

Three years ago, writes a correspondent in the *Practical Farmer*, I commenced to call the little chicks by whistling; they soon learned to come at this call. Be sure to have the same tune of whistle each time. The second year I had to have some other way to call them, for if I whistled the hens and all would come. The next lot of chicks were taught to come by drumming on a tin pan and the old fowls were at a loss to know what that was, for when the chicken feeding time came this Spring I had to have another means of calling, so I secured a small bell and rang that at feeding time, and it is amusing to see between 90 and 100 chicks come from all directions and gather in the feeding room like a lot of school children.

*Poultry Success* says half the mortality among the little chicks is caused by feeding them too soon. Feeding little chicks under 72 hours from the time they are hatched, it says, is one of the best possible plans to assure their early demise. While we know it is a mistake to place food before newly-hatched chicks, at the same time we are not ready to make them wait 72 hours for their first meal. Forty-eight hours is plenty long enough time, and a chick at that age will be in a better condition to partake of food than it would at 72 hours, when the lack of food has begun to weaken the little one. The food in the chick when born will be fully "assimilated, digested, and allowed to pass from the bowels" when 48 hours old.

Here is a method the poultry editor of *Iowa Homestead* has found good: "Should any person be unfortunate enough to have a lot of chicks drown in a rain storm, it is not best to throw them away until investigation proves them to be dead beyond any peradventure of a doubt. A chick will appear to be dead that is not dead. Reviving may be done in this manner. Gather up the drowned chicks, carry to the house for resuscitation. Fill a pail with water that is hot enough so the hand can barely remain in it. Immerse a dead (?) chick, all but its head, and leave it there until it moves. One will be surprised to notice how soon an apparently dead chick will revive. After they have been warmed they should be put in some old clothes or pieces of carpet and placed where they can dry. This is all right for chicks that have been caught in "that rain storm," but it is better not to let them get caught that way if it is possible to prevent it. We know that there are those who will not believe what they read, thinking it to be impracticable, but we have chicks of our own and we manage them just as we have advised in this article. Not because we do this way, but because we have found it a good way, and we will not recommend anything that is known to be impracticable."

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## EDITORIAL.

**Advertising Results.** As we have repeatedly said in these columns, advertising is the only method by which to build up a business. A man may have far superior goods to those of his neighbor, yet if he does not advertise, the world will not know the fact, and the neighbor is most likely to get the trade.

A business man plants his advertising as the farmer plants the seed. He does not look for immediate results, but he cultivates and works that plant until it bears fruit.

There are many ways of advertising, much of which is only a waste of money. The advertiser must study the question. He must plant his seed in fertile ground. He must begin in one season to reap in another.

"Keeping everlastingly at it" is the keynote. The year-round advertiser is the one who gains confidence. His name is known to the readers. They may not want anything in his line today, but if they do tomorrow they will remember the name.

A yearly contract is given at a discount over the transient rates—it makes the cheapest advertising in the end.

The more a man studies advertising, the more science he sees in it. Advertisements must be written in such a manner that they will be attractive. They should tell the story in as few words as possible.

The following clipping from *Farm-Poultry* is a text in itself:

"Competition is strong, and trade is slippery; no one who has a grip on it can afford to let go. It may cost something to hold on; it will cost more to get another grip. Don't let your mind dwell too exclusively on immediate returns from advertising. It is desirable that there should be returns, and the more immediate the better. But sometimes it is better to give more thought to what is lost by not advertising than to what is gained by advertising. Where does the profit come in, if a man by economizing on his advertising that he may have ten or twenty per cent. more stock to sell, fails to find customers for the additional ten or twenty per cent. of birds produced?"

Poultry and Fruit in Cuba. E. M. Moller, Columbia, Cuba, writes A FEW HENS a very interesting letter, which we give below. Mr. Moller writes that there are lots of chances in Cuba for the poultry industry. The colonies have but started, and will, no doubt, keep growing every year, until what is now a virgin soil has been taken under cultivation. The land is exceedingly rich and productive; the water good and plenty and the climate healthy; an actual cure for rheumatism, nervous complaints and catarrh, physicians say.

Following is Mr. Moller's letter:

"Having been engaged in the poultry business more or less for the past ten years, both in the State of New York and Pennsylvania, I decided about one year and a half ago to go to Cuba, and join one of the American colonies, for the purpose of investigating the opportunities for poultry raising in a tropical climate.

"The American colonies are located on the North coast of Province Pourto Principe. This Province is very thinly settled (one head per square mile) if my recollection of the statistics is correct.

"There are two cities in the Province within easy reach of the colonies, the city Pourto Principe next in size to the capital, Havana, and Nuevitas in almost daily communication with the colonies by water route.

"On my arrival I found that hens were very scarce, due to the war. They were very small also, but sold for \$1.00 apiece. Eggs were few and small, but cost 5 cents each.

"I went to the colonies and secured several house lots, at \$40 each; there I started my poultry plant. The houses consist of mistic poles covered with palmetto leaves. Nothing more expensive is needed, as we have eternal Summer; the Winter temperature is 60 to 80 degrees, and the Summer temperature 70 to 90 degrees. Most of the colonists live in tents or palmetto houses, and if they build wooden houses they are light and inexpensive. We all live out of doors largely.

"Land was bought at \$25 an acre in those early days, now it is selling at from \$35 to \$60 an acre, and will keep on advancing.

"I have contracted for several other house lots, and am paying for them on the installment plan, \$4 cash down and \$2 monthly, until \$40 have been paid, when I will get a deed, as the company from whom I buy has a close title to all their lands. The lots are 25 x 125 feet, and I buy no less than two joining.

"Why I have decided to start the poultry plant on lots is because the other colonists tell me the land is too valuable to use for poultry purposes exclusively. Everybody goes into orange growing here chiefly. The trees bear when they are four years old, and their crops increase each year. The trees are planted 50 to 100 to an acre, and are, in Florida, where they produce one crop a year, valued at net income of \$10 per tree per year. Here the citrus fruits bear continually; while we pick ripe oranges from a tree, the blossoms for the next crop are already in bloom.

Between the rows of the growing trees pineapples and bananas are grown; they return a harvest in one year. The pineapples are planted 8000 to 10,000 plants an acre, and sell, the early ones, for 15 to 20 cents; the later ripe ones for 10 cents apiece. Each plant bears an apple a year.

"The bananas return a profit of \$100 to \$200 an acre the first year, and more than double that the second year, because when the bunch of bananas is taken from the mother plant the plant dies, leaving from 2 to 4 suckers more or less advanced in growth.

"Other colonists plant cocoanut trees, which commence to bear when four years old; each tree yields about 70 to 80 nuts per year, when very young, later 200 to 300 nuts each tree a year.

"Again other colonists plant coffee, sugar, chocolate, figs, olives, lemon, lime and many other fruits which I will not waste space mentioning, as their names are not even known in northern latitudes.

"However, I cannot resist the temptation to mention one particular fruit, even if unknown in the North, as I consider it the Queen of all delicious tropical fruits, and it is just in season—it is the mango, the fruit is egg-shaped, a little larger than a goose egg, yellow in color, and such flavor, why, it is simply food for the Gods, incomparable to anything else I know, and such abundant harvest. Few weeks ago I rode up to the public spring, which is overshadowed by one of those large magnificent mango trees; a Cuban acquaintance rode up from the other direction, dismounted, climbed the tree and gave it a shake, down rained the mangoes, enough for the pair of us to eat and carry off enough for our horses, who are very fond of them. The harvest seems simply inexhaustible; the visits at the tree has been carried on for many weeks, and will continue for weeks to come. There are many of those mango trees on the public ground, and enough young sprouts to transplant on private property.

"On the first two house lots on which I erected poultry houses, I at once planted bananas and plantains, and some sweet potatoes. The bananas gave excellent shade in a few months, and commenced to bear in about one year. They bear at all seasons, and I have had plenty for my poultry and my own use ever since, and expect a continual crop on each lot when once started. Sweet potatoes weighed four to five pounds each, but as the poultry pull them out of the ground before they reach their full growth, I shall confine myself to bananas in the future; they are out of their reach.

"We receive 40 to 50 cents a dozen for our eggs, and cannot half supply the demand in the colony. Not one poultry man nor woman has arrived here yet. Although many of the colonists keep a few hens, they aim at fruit growing chiefly.

"Incubators have not arrived yet. All hatching is done by natural methods, and the hatches are giving excellent results; my hatches have averaged 10-12 chickens to the setting, all strong and healthy chickens. For a day or two the

hen lingers round the house with her flock, after which she starts off with them for the woods, where the seeds of many trees are very much relished by poultry and saves considerable expense. The eggs hatch here in 18 to 19 days.

"Contrary to the North, water does not injure young chickens; they are not the least affected through a rain shower or a water puddle, even when but a few days old."

**Poultry Experiments.** The following experiments by the West Virginia Experiment Station, on warming houses, fresh meat and bone and green food and exercise, are valuable:

In one to determine the cost to the owner of draughty houses in Winter, each two of six lots of Rhode Island Reds, selected as being the least likely to be affected by the cold, were in the same building. Each house was of matched boarding and with shingled roof. The interior arrangements of each were the same excepting the compartment on one side of the partition through the middle of the house was lined with boards and these covered with paper, while the other was simply the shell. Each lot of birds had a run of 30 feet wide and 100 feet long.

The experiment began November 24, and covered five periods of 30 days each, and, as were others at the same station, was under the supervision of Director J. H. Stewart, and the immediate oversight of the assistant agriculturist, Horace Atwood.

The food for each of the five periods was:

	1	2	3	4	5
Cornmeal.....	56	39	53	42	42
Middlings.....	56	39	53	42	42
Ground oats.....	56	39	53	42	42
Fresh bone.....	128	65	71	38	29
Corn.....	..	76	38	138	50
Screenings.....	408	138	..	..	..
Wheat.....	..	..	253	111	122
Oats.....	123	88	53	153	212

The egg production was:

Period.	No. Eggs.	Total Weight Eggs.	Weight 100 Eggs.
Warm.....	1	725	86
Cold.....	1	425	57
Warm.....	2	1083	131
Cold.....	2	866	105
Warm.....	3	1150	142
Cold.....	3	858	108
Warm.....	4	1000	123
Cold.....	4	1033	127
Warm.....	5	1281	154
Cold.....	5	954	117

The total number of eggs per 100 hens in the warm house was 5239; in the cold house, 4136. The value of the difference, at 24 cents per dozen, was \$22.06.

Another experiment was with Barred Rock hens, to get the comparative value of meat meal and ground fresh meat and bone. This began October 25 and concluded in February. The result was:

Meat meal, 3260 eggs, weighing 391.2 pounds; gain in weight of bird, 1.03 pounds.

Fresh meat and bone, 3824 eggs, weighing 495.2 pounds; gain in weight of bird, 1.2 pounds.

To determine the value of green food as a poultry ration: All had a grass run and were given the same grain ration, but the green food had apples,

cabbage and rape in addition. The birds used were White Leghorn hens.

The green food lot laid 11,452 eggs per 100 hens; total weight, 1353 pounds. The others laid 9039 eggs per 100 birds; weight 1066 pounds. The green food lot consumed, meantime, 58 pounds of other food per bird, the others using 61 pounds per bird. The difference was about two dozen eggs in favor of the green food.

An incident of the test was that five year-old White Leghorns of the green food lot, averaged 114 eggs each, while those without it laid only 90 each.

Still another test was with White Leghorns in prime condition to determine the influence of range and captivity upon the fertility of eggs. The result from three different incubations and two different machines was:

Free range, 8 per cent. tested out on seventh day, 83 per cent. of remainder hatched.

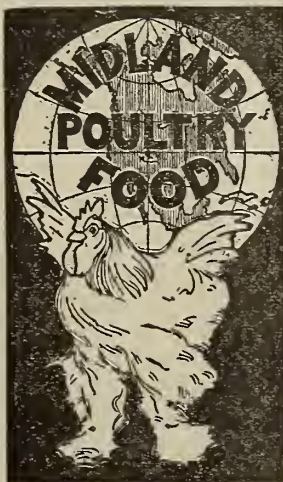
Confined, 24 per cent. tested out on seventh day, 67 per cent. of balance hatched.

"To have good, strong chicks," Mr. Rice, the institute teacher, says, "the beginning must be with the food of the hen that lays the eggs." And, he adds, there is just the same need of considering the food if you want the best sort of eggs for eating.

"Infertile eggs may be all right for cooking purposes, but the best food value is in the egg that when properly incubated will pan out a good, lusty chick. Poultry must have animal food and lots of it."

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**Hebrew Methods.** The following interesting account of the Hebrew method of killing poultry is taken from the New York Sun:

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Some of these have slaughtering establishments of their own; keeping a shochet regularly employed and also a rabbi or examiner authorized to attach the seal, guaranteeing that the killing of the poultry was lawful. The more general usage is for the individual dealer to buy a coop of live birds and lodge them at the public slaughter house to be killed at a cent a head after the prescribed manner and according as he needs them.

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pose, much as boxes in the post office or boxes in the deposit vaults are rented to customers. At this place 15,000 head of fattened stock a day are put to the Shechitah; eighteen sichts, at \$15 a week, are on the staff of employees.

The chicken or goose to be executed is swung by the legs from a hook overhanging a trough. The gullet and wind-pipe are severed by a special blade exactly as in the case of steers. The knives are kept steeped up to the handles in a solution of lime to prevent their rusting. Even after the shechitah has been lawfully performed, if the bird proves to have an enlargement of the crop or an injured leg or wing, it is condemned for orthodox eating. It is then terepha, good for outsiders' consumption, but under the ban for its original purpose. If killed properly and no fault found, the victim is taken to an ingeniously contrived machine where the Hebrew seal of approval is in a twinkling affixed to the legs.

During the Winter season from 6,000 to 7,000 geese are sealed and guaranteed thus in a single week.

Language Nelson R. Wood, of the of Fowls. National Museum, Washington, at the meeting of the National Ornithological Union, speaking of the language of the feathered tribe, said:

"In my investigations I have found that the hen bird of the domestic chicken is a much more fluent talker than the male, her lord and master, and her vocabulary discounts anything thus far discovered in this particular field of investigation. The cackle of the hen is used, for instance, for three distinct purposes, and has as many distinctive notes. She uses in seeking the nest, or when calling for her mate, one soft note; another, of alarm, when very much frightened; another of triumphant rejoicing as she either flies from the nest or to it. Likewise, she has three songs of distinct types—the love song, a happy response to the eager courting of her mate; the song of indifference, when idly hunting for food, indicating no certain purpose in her movements; the lullaby song, a low, crooning, soothing note, hushing the young chickens to sleep.

"I have frequently experimented with the lullaby song by imitating the low, soothing notes, and little chickens, held in the hands and thus sung to in the language they understand, will quickly fall asleep. The mother hen has also various notes for warning her brood. She uses a harsh, sharp, combination of cackle and cry to warn them of a snake, or an unknown object on the ground, while to notify them that she considers certain food unfit for them she utilizes a variation of the slumber song. A certain, sharp, prolonged note is used by the hen to keep strange chickens from her brood, and how well the little, fluffy mites understand the mother tongue may be noted by observing in any poultry yard how twenty hens with as many broods, nearly all of the same age, will keep every member of her particular family in line. There is no mixing the babies in the chicken world. Every little chick knows its protector's call,

and the mother hen knows the individual progeny for which she holds herself responsible."

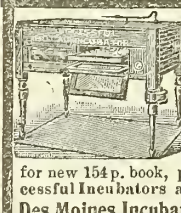
Editorial Chit-Chat. The effort to make mining stock an adjunct to poultry raising seems to be on the boom, judging by the poultry papers. Now the famous *American Fancier* is running nearly two pages of advertisements of stocks, offering paying inducements to those who wish to get rich. Some day we will hear that Editor Drevenstedt has grown rich.

The latest in this line is the Colorado *Hare and Poultry Gazette*, who throws out the tempting inducement (in order to get 30,000 subscribers) of 1000 shares of Cripple Creek mining stocks as premiums. For \$2 you get the paper one year and a 1000 shares of stock. Think of it!

But if the *Gazette* would turn some of those shares into money, and invest that money in the publication of the paper, they would have a brighter sight to present. A paper printed with cheap plate matter—bought by the yard—cannot have much prosperity back of it—much less valuable mining stock.

Here is a sample of some of the poultry talk that is constantly appearing in daily papers. It is from the *Oregonian*:

Col. R. C. Judson, the well-known agrostologist, who has made thousands of blades of grass of many different kinds grow where nary a blade grew before, is now taking a lively interest in poultry and egg production, and is going to cause thousands of chickens and tens of thousands of eggs to be produced where none have heretofore been pro-



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The editor of *Farm-Poultry* and the editor of *Commercial Poultry* are having an editorial fight over T. B. Terry's article of \$100 a day from poultry, and which originally appeared in *Practical Farmer*. We read the article. It is entertainingly written. It at once interests the reader, and then, of a sudden, it amuses him. He reads of the big results, the small loss, practically no setbacks, tempting prices, and just such matter that tempts the over-enthusiastic novice, and makes the veteran smile. Now we believe that Mr. Van Dresser has perpetrated a joke on Mr. Terry, for surely Mr. Terry is too reliable a writer to misquote.

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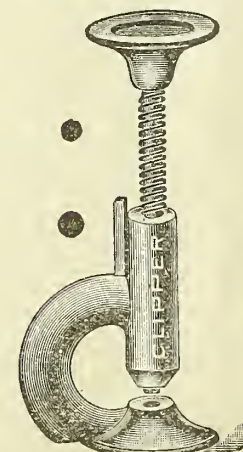
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The June 29th issue of *American Agriculturist* gives the result of the 1900 Money-in-Poultry Contest, in which over 500 persons participated. The list of prize winners fills almost a page in the *Agriculturist*, set in small type.

A large percentage of the contestants used thoroughbred males in the flocks. Many had flocks composed entirely or largely of pure bred or high grade stock, although nothing that would be called fancy. Without exception, the largest returns in both gross and net incomes were made with flocks of pure bred and high grade poultry.

A record of 247 eggs per hen per year was made by L. E. Dimock, of Stafford Springs, Conn., with a flock of 20 Rose Comb Brown Leghorns. He also obtained 241 eggs from a similar flock of 20 Rose Comb Brown Leghorns, 240 from 20 Single Comb White Leghorns, and 221 from 20 Barred Plymouth Rocks and 226 from a pen of Buff Wyandottes.

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As we published last month all the answers in hand to questions in Our Brevity Symposium, we have not enough material on hand to give the department space this month, we hope the interest is not dying out. Following are a few new queries:

90. What protection do you give your fowls for comfort during extreme heat in Summer?

91. Do you use nest eggs, and why?

92. What treatment do you give fowls during molting season—feed and care?

93. How do you market your eggs—retail custom, Summer resorts, hotels, or commission merchants, and what prices do you average?

94. What size chicken does your trade mostly call for, and what can you command for broilers, Spring chickens and roasters?

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Matt G. Robson, proprietor of the Riverside Poultry Yards, Port Leyden, N. Y., writes about his experience with eggs for hatching the past season. Mr. Robson states that he had a hen set on a lot of eggs and got none. At the same time another hen hatched four out of a sitting. And still another hatched 13 chicks out of 13 eggs. Two hens afterward set produced nothing. He shipped 100 eggs to a party, and all hatched but five. Same week he shipped three sittings to a party and only nine hatched, and so on. He would like the experiences of A FEW HENS' readers on this line, as he never witnessed such a state of affairs before.

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A. G. Goodacre, Grand Pre, Nova Scotia, writes: "A FEW HENS just to hand, and I note 'Fertility Competition.' Have gone through report carefully and note that first prize went to 11 chickens out of 12 fertile eggs. No equal to this. But when we come to awards of other prizes we find four ties: Nos. 15, 22, 42 and 57. Explanation made in awarding 2d and 3d prize does not seem sufficient, and Nos. 42 and 57 not mentioned. Would suggest that in next number of paper all be classed as ties, with awards made as they stand now (2d to No. 15; 3d to No. 22). Think

Mr. King and myself should have got recognition with those two in your columns. It looks as if previous awards told against us, and I understand that each sitting was put on its own merits.

"Kindly note the foregoing, and if you deem prudent make a statement in next issue to that effect. I am more than pleased with results, and think Mr. King and myself have every reason to be grateful, nearly capturing the second prize in this competition."

We are sorry that Mr. Goodacre is displeased with the decision. The report itself showed the ties, and the only alternative we had was to note the condition of the chicks hatched. It was no easy task, we can assure you, and we tried our best to be impartial.

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Wm. C. King, proprietor Homestead Poultry Farm, Hopkinton, Mass., writes: "I was highly gratified to see in your last issue the notice that you had awarded me first on eggs of American Class. I little expected it for the following reasons:

"I had three hens that lay a beautiful dark brown egg. I intended to put in two days' laying of these, but as chance had it, they all went broody just at the time, and I had to make up the dozen from my others. The eggs I sent were all laid the same day, and I think I can pick out from any single day's product, three or four dozen such as I sent you.

"I attribute my success to the use of trap nests, which I introduced in my breeding houses after reading your valuable suggestions in A FEW HENS. I thank you heartily for the good your little paper does me through your able editorship."

Arthur L. Graves, Wells River, Vt.: "I received the June issue of A FEW HENS, and will say that I would give more for it than a year's subscription to any other poultry paper. It is simply perfect."


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N. C. Kiley, Orange, Mass.: "The Egg Contest was a grand success, and of much value to poultry keepers. I think the benefit to both buyer and seller in shipping eggs for hatching well worth the trouble of entire contest."

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Leonard A. Waltman, Laddsburg, Pa.: "I think A FEW HENS a good paper, full of information and instruction. I like the editorial department, and think Our Brevity Symposium a great improvement to the paper."

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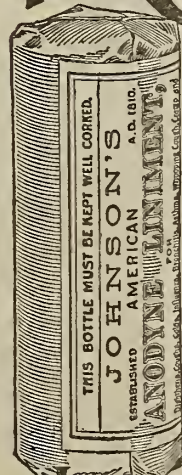
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"Have been successful in raising young stock this year. Will have some fine birds to sell this Fall, and want to advertise in your paper, which we feel sure will bring good returns.

"We use trap nests, and find they tell many secrets not known before, or found out in any other way. By their use we can breed from our best birds for utility or fancy."

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Fred A. Coffeen, Kent, Ohio: "I was very much gratified to learn upon receipt of A FEW HENS that I had been awarded the 2d prize for fertility of eggs and vigor of chicks in your Egg Contest.

"I think enough of A FEW HENS to subscribe for it for three years in preference to some others that I gave up."

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J. W. Bromley & Son, Southbridge, Mass.: "We have been much interested in the Egg Contest, and have looked forward to the coming of each number of A FEW HENS with much pleasure.

"We are very sorry you had such poor success with the eggs we enclosed. As you probably noticed, much care was exercised by us in packing, and that the eggs were uniform in size and color, and think we shall have to fix the blame on the handlers of the express, for your bad luck and ours, for you state 'five eggs were broken and the rest badly shaken up;' which could only be accounted for by a hard fall in transit.

"We have sent several packages long distances (thanks to our advertisement in A FEW HENS) without a complaint of broken eggs or poor packing. Our eggs at home tested from 85 to 90 per cent. fertile, and hatched over half of all the eggs sent.

"One customer in a neighboring town reports 23 chicks from 25 eggs set."

(We know that eggs get rough handling by express companies, and we had to pay pretty dearly to gain that knowledge.—EDITOR).

### Notes in Passing.

*News in the Market Poultry World—Hints that May be of Value—Paragraphs from Our Exchanges.*

Don't hurry.  
Don't worry.  
Never say die.  
Keep right at it.  
Take proper rest.  
Think not too much aloud.  
Stick to your line of work.  
Take the bitter with the sweet.  
Destroy the old nesting material, and whitewash or kerosene the nest boxes.  
The Chicago *Live Stock Journal* says:  
Cut out the sorrowful stories, look pleasant and keep hustling.

The *Western Poultry News* says those searching for the "best breed" should keep in mind the old saw about one man's meat being another man's poison.

More satisfactory results are obtained from keeping only one variety than in having several, says Ohio *Poultry Journal*, unless one has either plenty of patience or abundance of room.

The hen is a great factor in our commercial energy and prosperity says the *National Provisioner*, and this fact should not be lost sight of because she insists upon her cackle and dust scratching.

Here is a complete sermon in a nutshell, by *Poultry Gazette*: "Do not get discouraged. It is not the man who is knocked down one or six times who is the permanent failure in business; it's the fellow who does not get up again."

The *oldest* reader cannot recall a business institution or enterprise founded upon fraud that ever withstood the tests of time. Honesty, my friends, is the only true rock of a solid foundation, says J. M. Purnell, in Ohio *Poultry Journal*.

Geo. O. Brown says unlimited ranges are sometimes sources of danger to a flock, as they may get hold of deleterious food. It is always well to know there is no carrion or other objectionable offal on the ranges occupied by the poultry.

Texas *Farm and Ranch* says those who expect to make fortunes in the poultry business will be disappointed for expecting too much. In proportion to capital and labor fowls will pay better than cotton, or corn, or wheat. Is not that enough to expect?

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Geo. O. Brown says much additional comfort for the hens in Summer can be given by making canvass or good heavy unbleached cotton awnings for the hen-house windows. The house will be much cooler at night if the sunshine has been kept out during the day.

Michigan *Poultry Breeder* says: The poultry business throughout the West has developed wonderfully the past fourteen years, and its start and development is due to the introduction of thoroughbred fowls and the best method of rearing them in all sections of that vast region.

It is a mistake many poultry raisers make, not to pay proper attention to the selection of breeding stock when raising fowls for market, says *Texas Farm and Ranch*. What have fowls been improved for if not for excellence when placed on the table or before consumers at the retailers?

If one of the boys on the farm takes kindly to the care of poultry, encourage his ambition by getting him some pure bred poultry, says *Baltimore Sun*. Many a successful man owes his start in life to the ownership and management of something he "took a notion to" in his boyhood days.

The introduction of the trap nest in the hen house will at once point out the fact that every flock has one or more drone hens in it—"robber hens." Weed them out. They are not only unprofitable in themselves, but they consume the feed and take up the room the good hens should have.

A. F. Hunter says good management is the secret of success, and bad management is the cause of the so-called "bad luck." There is no such thing as "good luck" and "bad luck" with poultry; it is all in the management. As Mr. Hunter once owned and managed one of the largest poultry farms in the East, his words carry considerable weight with them.

Thin out the old fowls now to make room for the youngsters in September, says A. F. Hunter. At this season there is always a good home market for fowls, because of the many Summer visitors to the country, and we should take advantage of this demand to work off the old and unprofitable birds. Save a few of the best ones for next year's breeders, and market the rest of them.

Rome wasn't built in a day, nor is a poultryman made in a single season, says *Iowa Homestead*. The best of them still have a good deal to learn, and are entirely ready to admit it, and it is no shame to the beginner if he makes a good many mistakes. The thing to do is to persist in spite of them, and be careful, attentive and studious in mastering poultry problems.

A good trio is poultry, small fruits and bees, says *Baltimore Sun*. This is a good combination to secure special customers for, too. Neither, when properly managed, will interfere with the others. The poultry will help keep down insects destructive to fruit, the shrubs will make shade for the poultry, the bees will help fertilize the fruit blooms and the blooms will make the honey.

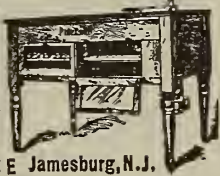
Even farmers who keep fowls largely for eggs and poultry to eat on the table will find it to their advantage, says *American Grange Bulletin*, to keep some one of the standard breeds. The Plymouth Rock, Langshan or Wyandotte, as all-purpose fowls, will give more pleasure and profit in every way than common fowls, and the cost of securing them is so small that every farmer should keep at least one good breed.

In an excellent article in the *American Poultry Advocate*, F. M. Perry says: "In conclusion let me say, exercise good common sense in the management of your poultry, forever keeping in mind that it is generally some little detail, something rightly attended to at the proper time or carelessly left undone, that turns the scales either to the side of profit or loss. Nothing insures success like intelligent and faithful attention to all the little details."

Look out for the cat. The too-innocent-looking cat is not to be trusted. The cat that "never touches a chicken" when any one is around may not resist the temptation on other hungry occasions. A cat dead the required nine times is the only safe cat around a poultry yard, says *Ohio Poultry Journal*. But we say, much depends upon the cat. We have seven cats on A FEW HENS' Experimental Farm, and although over 400 tempting chicks are within easy reach of them, we have not missed any chicks. Cats can be taught to let chicks alone just as well as a dog.

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	Highest,	Lowest,	Av.,
Fresh eggs.....	16	13 1-2	14 3-4
Broilers, dressed.....	28	25	26 1-2
Fowls, dressed.....	11	10	10 1-2
Spring ducks, dressed....	14	13	13 1-2
Old Roosters, dressed.....	6 1-2	6	6 1-4
Fowls, live.....	11	10 1-2	10 3-4
Roosters, live.....	7	6 1-2	6 3-4
Spring Chickens.....	20	16	18
Turkeys, live.....	9	7	8
Ducks, live, pair.....	.75	.75	.75
Geese, live, pair.....	\$1.25	\$1.00	\$1.12 1-2

### PHILADELPHIA.

	Highest,	Lowest,	Av.,
Fresh Eggs.....	14	13	13 1-2
Hens, live.....	11	10 1-2	10 3-4
Hens, dressed.....	10 1-2	9 1-2	10
Old Roosters, live.....	7	7	7
Old Roosters, dressed.....	7 1-2	7	7 1-4
Spring Chickens, live.....	20	18	19
Nearby broilers.....	25	22	23 1-2
Fancy roasting Chickens..	16	15	15 1-2

### BOSTON.

	Highest,	Lowest,	Av.,
Eggs, nearby and Cape....	19	18	18 1-2
Chickens, dressed.....	18	16	17
Fowls, dressed.....	14	13	13 1-2
Roosters, dressed.....	7 1-2	7	7 3-4
Turkeys, old.....	10	8	9
Broilers.....	32	20	26
Live fowls.....	11	10	10 1-2

### CHICAGO.

	Highest,	Lowest,	Av.,
Eggs, fresh.....	12	11	11 1-2
Chickens, hens, scalded....	10	9	9 1-2
Chickens, hens, alive.....	10 1-2	8	9 1-4
Spring Chickens, live, 2 lbs.	25	18	21 1-2
Spring Chickens, live, under 1 1-2 lbs.....	20	12 1-2	16 1-4
Roosters, live.....	5	5	5
Ducks, live, old.....	8 1-2	8	8 1-4
Ducks, Spring, dressed....	14	10	12
Turkey gobblers, dressed..	8	6	7
Turkey gobblers, live.....	7	6	6 1-2

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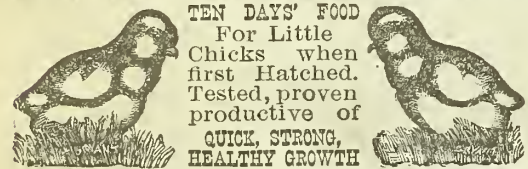
### SPREADING EASTWARD.

The Sure Hatch Incubator Co., of Clay Center, Neb., an institution largely advertised in our columns, and well and favorably known to our readers, have just established a large house at Columbus, Ohio. They have found it necessary to do this in order to take better care of their largely increased and rapidly developing eastern trade. This new arrangement will enable the Sure Hatch people to supply the wants of all eastern customers with their machines at the minimum cost for freight and will, at the same time, greatly facilitate prompt shipment. We congratulate our eastern readers upon this change, which is quite materially to their advantage. In the future those of our readers who seek information covering the Sure Hatch machines should address the office of the Company nearest to them.

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### Pointers on Food and Feeding.

*It is Not so Much What You Feed as How You Feed it that Causes so Much Disaster—Of Course, Quality of Food Must be the First Thought.*

Food is fuel.

Stale bread is excellent food for laying hens; when ground fine it is good to mix with the regular mash.

Prof. John Fields says it is probable that soy-beans would be better for growing for poultry food than cow peas. They give a greater yield of grain, and are of very similar composition and feeding value.

The Michigan Poultry Breeder says air-slaked oyster shell or stone lime is the first requisite in profitable poultry farming, and 365 days in the year is none too often to use it, as early in the day as convenient.

Geo. O. Brown says the varied diet prevents the clogging of the digestive apparatus and helps keep the appetite keen. Fowls tire of a single diet and will soon become sick if it is persisted in, no matter what it is.

During warm weather—especially when the thermometer runs in the nineties, fowls lose their appetites. Then is the time to cut down the supply of feed. To give them the usual amount is but to waste it and do harm to the fowls.

Col. E. O. Roessle, in *Country Gentleman*, says: "Old fashioned people used old fashioned methods, and the feeding of twenty years ago was mostly to sustain life; in other words, hens, like other animals, had to be fed in order to exist. This idea still prevails among our farmers, and what they feed they suppose is all that is necessary, both to maintain life and to produce eggs. Skillful breeders understand this differently.

As a corrective of injudicious overfeeding, as a remedy in bowel troubles and as a preventive of indigestion, charcoal has no equal, says *Field and Farm*. Feed every other day, making it about the size of corn for fowls and the size of wheat for chicks. Charred corn on the cob is an excellent way for giving charcoal. Place a few ears of corn in the oven and keep them there until they are burned black to the cob. Corn charcoal can thus be made as wanted. The older and dryer the corn the easier it will be to make charcoal and the better it will be. The best way to feed is to give just what the fowls will eat up clean. In that way it is little exposed to the air.

The Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station, in Bulletin No. 46, determined, after repeated trials, that chickens digested Kaffir corn and corn more completely when the grain was fed whole than when the meal was fed. The Kaffir corn and Kaffir meal fed in this trial yielded but two per cent. less total digestible matter than the corresponding corn products. Kaffir corn was a more suitable ration, considering only the relative amounts of growth-making and fat-forming materials, for chickens, than Kaffir meal, corn, or cornmeal. Cow

peas were digested reasonably well, and are desirable feed for growing chickens and hens. But little gain in digestibility was secured by grinding the cow peas. The reason that cow peas are good food for laying hens is that they contain about two and one-half times as much nitrogenous matter as corn or Kaffir corn. The production of eggs requires a food that is rich in nitrogen. For this purpose, meat scraps and similar materials are fed.

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