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POULTRY and EGGS

KEEP FOWLS HEALTHY.

Poultry Needs Plenty of Air and Sunshine in Winter Quarters.

After taking the first step by trying to keep only such birds as are strong and healthy to begin with the following steps in disease prevention will follow: The environment is a matter of serious importance as affecting the health of the fowls and their freedom from trouble. A damp, cold house is



The more room allowed each hen the purer the air will be. It is necessary that some shelter be furnished in the winter months, as no house means no eggs. But too often the idea seems to be to make two hens exist where but one can thrive. Give each fowl at least eight inches roosting space and have the roosts fourteen inches apart for best results. The hen-house shown is well provided with windows for light and ventilation.

an unsafe place to keep even the healthiest birds and an impossible place to keep disease from, says Everybody's Poultry Magazine.

Dampness in the poultry house this winter, as experienced in the litter and the very air itself, will tend to cause catarrh, which is a nasal cold that very often assumes a chronic condition and hangs on for weeks, drawing upon the vitality and strength of the birds and finally stopping egg production altogether as well as putting the bird into a condition in which it will easily develop roup, chicken pox and kindred troubles. Dampness is a factor that quickly depletes the strength and vitality of fowls, and it should be prevented by giving attention to the flooring of the house at once. If there is a tendency for soil moisture to creep in through the floor, correct this.

A cement floor, well littered, is best, while a wooden floor raised off the ground is usually dry. A dirt floor must be more carefully watched for this point. Keep the air in the house dry by seeing that the ventilation in the house is good. Ventilation carries off moisture laden air, which may accumulate at night when many fowls give off moisture laden air from their bodies. This matter of ventilation is badly in need of attention on many plants. See to it that your house is correctly ventilated before the winter sets in. If there is not now plenty of open front in the house rebuild the front of the laying house. There should be lots of sunshine and fresh air in the winter laying house if that house is to be a healthful environment for the fowls.

Of greatest importance is the quality of the feed used. No musty, moldy grain should ever find its way into the poultryman's feed bins, even though the price is low. It will throw the digestive system out of order, and this is the key system of the bird's body, for upon its proper functioning depends the activity of the egg producing organ. Avoid any meat food that is semidecayed or moldy, for it will poison the birds and lower their ability to digest other food.

Every feed that is used in the winter pens for any kind of birds should be clean and free from mold or decay. The bird is a particular feeder and must be treated as such. If wet mash is used great care should be taken to keep the troughs cleaned and free from an accumulation of soured mash.

The water troughs are the source of the spread of very common contagious diseases which show external symptoms about the head, such as roup and canker. Every water pan should be scalded at least once a week and should be cleaned every morning. Unclean water invites disease. Potassium of permanganate used in the drinking water once a week is a good preventive measure against roup and such diseases. Use only enough to make the water a bright cherry color. Make a fresh solution every day. Keep the mash hoppers cleaned and free from clogging, which is usually due to accumulation of moldy feed. Prevent digestive diseases, and you will put your birds into such shape that they will be little troubled with other diseases.

Whitewash For Henhouse.

A good whitewash for the poultry house to be put on with a spray pump is made as follows: Slake quicklime with just sufficient water to make a thick paste. Add a pint of melted lard or other grease and a cupful of table salt to each half bushel of lime while slaking. This paste can be stored in tubs or barrels until wanted and will keep well as long as it is kept moist and covered. When ready to use add enough water to make the paste of the consistency of thin cream. Strain through burlap or a fine sieve before putting in sprayer.

Home Cookery

Calves' Tongues Roasted.

Have the tongues fresh and boil them until they are just tender enough to allow the skin to be removed easily, says the Country Gentleman. Do this; then lard each tongue with lardons of salt pork, put into a roasting pan and roast until they are tender, basting them with a little stock and melted butter in which there is a sliced onion. Fifteen minutes before they are to be taken out sprinkle with fine bread crumbs moistened with melted butter. Have the oven very hot and brown them well. Take them out of the roasting pan, and into the pan put a little white stock, let cook and thicken it with flour. Add one tablespoonful of vinegar and serve separately. Serve red currant jelly with the tongues.

Stuffed Steak.

Put one pound of round steak through a meat chopper and season with salt, pepper and chopped onion. Add one well beaten egg and one-half cupful of ground, fresh, fat pork. Make a bread dressing as for poultry, but without sage. Grease a baking dish, put in a layer of the ground meat, then a layer of dressing and repeat until all is used. Over the top put a layer of thickly sliced onions and a cupful of stewed tomatoes. Cook, covered, until the meat is done, remove and make a brown gravy in bottom of dish. Serve with mashed potatoes.

Scalloped Sweet Potatoes.

Pare and slice thin as many sweet potatoes as are needed. Place a layer of the potatoes in a buttered baking dish; sprinkle with salt, pepper and bits of butter. Repeat this until the dish is almost filled; then cover with rich milk and bake about an hour in a hot oven.

Turkey-Quenells.

Molsten a cupful of soft bread crumbs with milk, add a tablespoonful of melted butter, two beaten eggs, two cupfuls of chopped turkey and season to taste. Mix with the hands, make into small, flat cakes and brown in butter.

Jellied Bouillon.

One or two calves' feet added to the kettle in which the bouillon is cooking will cause it to jelly. Do not use gelatin. Jellied bouillon should be served ice cold.

Hens Will Lay in Winter if Properly Handled

Why don't hens lay at this time of the year?

They do if their owner is on to his job.

It is about as natural for a hen to lay in the fall and winter as it is for roses to bloom at the same season.

But the expert poultryman nowadays with his modern methods of breeding, of feeding, of housing and of handling has his hens to lay 200 or more eggs per year and to lay a goodly number of these in the winter, says the Kansas Farmer.

Can an ordinary farmer or small poultry keeper get a good winter yield of eggs?

He can if he will have a properly built house, not meaning an expensive one, but a house that poultry use and live in and can't be kept out of.

He can if he will feed the modern way or feed all grain in litter; feed beef scraps, fish scraps or milk-animal protein—heavily; feed dry mashes and perhaps wet mashes.

Feed plenty of grit and oyster shells. The digestive apparatus of a chicken demands grits. The feeding is the big element in governing the egg yield.

Happy New Year



Dr. Alexis Carrel, Famous Surgeon and Scientist

Since the application of a new system of sterilizing wounds has been put into operation at the war hospital at Compiègne, France, under the direction of Dr. Alexis Carrel of the Rockefeller Institute, New York, amputations have diminished 50 per cent and the time of healing wounds abridged 30 to 90 per cent. So efficacious has



DR. ALEXIS CARREL.

the treatment proved that it has been extended to nearly all the war hospitals.

Dr. Carrel is of French birth, forty-four years old and was educated in France. He came to this country early in this century and pursued research work at Chicago university. In 1912 he received the first Nobel prize ever awarded for research in medicine in this country. He has been at the head of research work at the Rockefeller Institute, New York city, since 1906, during which time he has made many notable discoveries. Since the war broke out he has directed the hospital at Compiègne, France.

Mother's Doll Story

New Year's Eve

Once upon a time a nice family of dolls thought it would be great fun to have a New Year's party.

So after their mamma, the little girl who owned them, had gone to sleep the dolls all got out of bed and raced down to the kitchen.

The biggest doll, whose name was Molly, grabbed a kettle and started to make some molasses candy. The big boy doll, Ted, said: "Let me stir it. I know how."

So Molly gave him a big spoon, and Ted stood on a high chair, and every time the molasses bubbled up he stirred it like anything so it would not burn down on the bottom of the kettle.

"I want to help, too!" shouted Tiny, the smallest doll.

So Molly gave her a little piece of butter to rub on the plate, because molasses candy is such sticky stuff that if you don't butter it you waste a whole lot.

When Tiny had a big white plate all shiny with butter she wanted to help some more. "Let me stir it!" she cried.

"All right," said Ted. "My arm aches stirring, so you take a turn at it. But let Molly watch you so you won't tumble in, just like a baby."

But, alas, Molly was too busy pouring the favor in the kettle, and when she wasn't looking poor little Tiny slipped and fell right into the hot molasses. She caught on the spoon and burned only her arm. So the party was all stopped, while Ted ran to get the doctor to bandage Tiny's arm.

"Happy New Year's!" shouted Tiny, waving her bandaged arm, while all the other dolls dug off spoonfuls of sticky candy from the sides of the pot, just as if it had been a real party.

Collie Saves Terrier's Life.

A true story comes from Hudson, Ill., from A. N. Starkey, living on a farm northwest of that village. He owns a collie and a rat terrier. The latter disappeared and after being searched for was given up for dead. The collie, however, acted very strangely. Immediately after being given food he disappeared and did not return again until the next mealtime. Members of the family decided to follow him. They did so, and a half mile from the house the poor little rat terrier was found caught in a trap which had been set for mink. The collie had been carrying food in his mouth to his little friend for over a week and was overjoyed to think help had come to the rat terrier. The latter was soon released and tenderly carried home to be given proper care.

Marines To Take Trip.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—(Special)—With the prospect of viewing the greatest engineering feat of the century, hundreds of United States Marines, now serving with the Atlantic Fleet, are eagerly looking forward to March 17, when battleships, cruisers and destroyers are scheduled to make a five day trip to the Panama canal.

The war in Europe curtailed the customary visits of the sea soldiers to many foreign ports, and while no formal arrangements have been decided upon, plans are being made to enable the men of the fleet to make an annual visit to South America and other neutral ports, mainly for educational and recreative purposes, until a world-wide peace has been established.

CHANCE TO GET RARE SEEDS FROM UNCLE SAM

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—(Special)—Congressman N. J. Sinnott has received notice from the department of agriculture that he has been allowed a limited number of packages of alfalfa, field pea, millet, Sudan Grass and white clover seed. Because of the very limited supply on hand this year the rule has been made that only one package of seeds can be sent to a person. Those wishing a package of the seeds should write to Congressman Sinnott for the same at once before the supply is exhausted. The seed will be mailed directly from the department's warehouse, and will be accompanied by a circular giving full instructions for culture of the crop. The department has also decided that no seed will be sent out later than March first.

There has been great difficulty in securing some of the seeds this year and for that reason only the following number of packages could be allotted to the Second District of Oregon.

70 four pound packages Kansas-grown alfalfa seed.

200 four pound packages of improved variety field pea.

50 four pound packages of Krusk millet seed.

100 one pound packages of Sudan grass seed.

40 two pound packages of white sweet clover seed.

Requests will be transmitted to the department by Congressman Sinnott in the order in which they are received. It will be a case of "first come first served" as long as the supply lasts.

Father Castell's Funeral.

Portland, Dec. 28.—(Special)—The funeral services held at the St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral for the Rev. Father Castell, venerable chaplain of St. Vincent's hospital, who died on Saturday as the result of a jitney-streetcar accident at Lowndale and Washington streets, were of simple but impressive nature in accordance with the wishes of Father Castell.

Archbishop Christie officiated, assisted by nearly all members of the Portland Catholic clergy.

Chinese May Build Hotel

Portland, Dec. 28.—(Special)—Coming as another surprise in Portland hotel circles is the announcement by D. L. Williams, a pioneer Portland architect, that he has been commissioned to draw preliminary plans for a 15-story hotel building to cost \$750,000 which was reinforced by the admission by Goon Dip, main owner of the building, who arrived in the city from Seattle Sunday, that he is having estimates made for a new hotel on the site occupied by the Hotel Oregon.

Arthur O. Jones, assistant cashier of the First National bank, part owner of the Hotel Oregon, stated that it is one of the ambitions of Goon Dip to put a magnificent hotel on the corner.

REX LAMPMAN'S ONCE-OVER.

Rex Lampman's second Once-Over Book—80 sketches never before printed in book form—is just out—with a new portrait of the author—not a caricature—so you can see how he really looks—and an appreciative and beautiful introduction by Dr. C. H. Chapman—writer and speaker—and the price is 75 cents—and you can mail the money—in any form—to Rex—248 Portland Hotel—Portland—Oregon—or buy the book at Meier & Frank's—or Gill's—or Si Rich's news stand—Portland.—Adv. 12-22-17

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