

CHICKEN CHATTER.

It is poor economy to waste good feed on scrub stock. White middlings contain more nutrition than the brown kind. It is not all in what you feed—there is much in how you feed it.

CARE OF YOUNG CHICKS.

Method of Handling and Feeding the Newly Hatched Birds.

When the chickens are hatched they are left in the incubator or under the hen for twenty-four to forty-eight hours to harden off, writes a correspondent of the American Agriculturist. They are not fed anything during this period.

I used cracked corn and cracked wheat after the first week. There is too much waste to all commercial chicken grains I have ever seen. After the first few days I begin feeding a dry mash in hoppers or a pan.

Cracked grains are fed in the litter, making the fowls work all I can. I feed the eggs tested out of the incubator, boiling only what I will use in a day or two at the most, as they will not keep sweet for over four days and sometimes not that long.



WHITE LEGHORN COCKEREL.

or rice with cinnamon sprinkled over it, the best way is to prevent any form of diarrhea setting in.

For chickens under hens the method is varied somewhat. The hen having a run will exercise the chickens. The principal difference in feeding is the elimination as a rule of the boiled eggs, except when I have an over-supply.

Disinfect incubators. Disinfect the incubator after each hatch. This is not difficult to do, and the little extra work is well warranted by the feeling of security.

Some Men Are Brutes. "Ah," sighed Mrs. Jenkins, "we're never sure of anything in this world."

CARRIERS PIGEONS.

Messages They Carry Are Packed in Small Goose Quills.

The general notion that all that has to be done in forwarding a dispatch by pigeons is to catch the bird, tie a letter to its leg and then liberate it is wrong, as the method of attaching the message is of great importance.

Prior to the siege of Paris the method of affixing the message to the bird had not received that attention which it demanded, and consequently many dispatches were lost in transit.

At first the message was merely rolled up tightly, waxed over to protect it from the weather and then attached to a feather in the bird's tail. But it was soon found that the twine which kept the message in place cut or damaged the paper, and therefore in order to prevent it from being pecked by the pigeon and from being injured by wet the dispatch was inserted in a small goosequill two inches in length.

The quill was then pierced close to each end with a red-hot bodkin, so as not to split it, and in the holes waxed silk threads were inserted to affix it to the strongest tail feather. By attaching the message to this part of the bird's body its flight was not in any way interfered with.—Lone Scout.

Hunting the Emu.

The natives of Australia are ingenious. A black on discovering emus feeding on a plain will cover his back and head with an emu skin, allowing it to hang down well on the side toward the unsuspecting birds. In his right hand he will carry hidden by the skin a boomerang and one or two throwing sticks or "waddies."

Didn't Sound It.

"What was that your daughter was singing at the piano?" "Oh, that was 'Sweet and Low,' I believe."

Colors of Austria.

The Austrian black and yellow were the colors of the Holy Roman Empire. They were adopted, so the story goes, by Frederick Barbarossa, whose fancy was captured at a ceremony in Mayence by the black and gold flooring of the hall.

Hereditly.

June—Does he get his mechanical ingenuity from his father's side or his mother's? Bess—From his mother's; she was a potteress.—Life.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINTS.

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Children and adults having a temperature of over 100 degrees should remain indoors and in bed. It is always dangerous to go about the house or out of the house when there is any elevation of the body temperature.

When one suffers from a cold there may be a temperature of 101 or even 102, and if one goes about the house or out of doors it is no uncommon thing for him later on to find himself in bed suffering from bronchitis or pneumonia, and death frequently results, and all from neglecting to remain indoors when having a bad cold.

Buy a clinical thermometer and use it. It may save you from severe illness by showing you that you require the services of a physician.—Philadelphia Record.

When Turkey Was Great.

Turkey at her height was in possession of every famous city of the ancient world except Rome. She held by the sword Athens, Corinth, Sparta, Greece, Thebes, Constantinople, Antioch, Seleucia, Ctesiphon, Babylon, Nineveh, Bagdad, Jerusalem, Damascus, Mecca, Medina, Alexandria, Cairo, Memphis, Egyptian Thebes and Carthage. Some were in ruins, but the Turk was master where they had been.

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