

KEEP EYE ON HENS

Hawaiian Owners of Chickens Are Sleeping Lightly.

Fearful That Mrs. Pele, the Goddess Who Lives in Kilauea Crater, is Eager for More Poultry to Furnish Her Dinner.

Owners of coal-black game cocks in Hawaii are keeping out an eye to see that the chicken house is locked securely every night.

And that's all because the volcano of Kilauea is now the most active it has been for 35 years.

Six months ago Kilauea was sputtering away in its mile-wide bowl of burning, molten rock, with the level of the flaming crimson sea of boiling lava 900 feet from the top of the crater.

The night that Secretary of the Navy Daniels and his party paid Kilauea a visit—the latter part of August—the level of the seething lava lake was about 50 feet below the crater's top.

Several overflows already have occurred. A cone which once jutted 500 feet above the crater's top has melted away into the sea of fire. Two hours after the secretary and his party left the main crater and a second smaller one, caved in, joining the craters.

And Kilauea still is going strong. As to the connection of all this with coal-black game cocks? Oh, that's very simple.

Many years ago, when the islands first were becoming a white man's land, Kilauea became angry. It roared and hissed and sputtered and the ground shook. Then the lava overflowed and moved slowly down the mountain side toward Hilo.

The native Hawaiians had been Christians but a comparatively short time. Their fright knew no bounds, for the island legends are full of the tales of what Kilauea did when Mrs. Pele, the goddess who lived in Kilauea's crater, became angry.

So the Hawaiians prayed that the flow might stop, but it didn't. Then they danced, but that was ineffective.

Finally, forgetting their Christianity for a time, they sent a party by canoe to Honolulu to consult a few remaining priests of the days when they all worshipped the strange South sea deities.

"Throw a black rooster into the lava flow," was the advice they brought back.

The sleekest, shiniest cock on the island of Hawaii was picked for the sacrifice, and while the maidens danced, the warriors cast the squawking bird into the base of the lava flow.

In an hour the flow had stopped. Mrs. Pele, the most-favored goddess of the island, evidently had been satisfied with a chicken dinner.

American residents of the island believed that if there is ever another big lava flow, coal-black roosters will come into demand once more.

A "No" That Made a Friend.

A business man went to two bankers. He wished to borrow \$2,000 from one and \$1,000 from the other. Lyman Anson tells the story in the October issue of System, the Magazine of Business: The first banker loaned him \$2,000, but was so unpleasant and condescending about it that the business man went back to his office with the thought, "I'll never have any more dealings with that bank as long as I live." The second banker refused the loan of \$1,000, but he did it so graciously and with so clear an exposition of his reasons, that the business man left as a booster for the bank, and said to himself, "I'm going to put my affairs in such shape that there will be no earthly reason why this man should not loan to me. I want to do business with him." The second banker had learned the art of saying "No." It is a real art. You have to practice it every day.

Automobile Does Chores.

Another way of making an automobile do all the farm chores at a small expense for gasoline has been devised by Frank R. Weisgerber of Salina, Kan. His invention is an attachment comprising a frame with a pulley at its forward end adapted to project in front of the radiator of the car; the frame has a coupling connecting its shaft to the crankshaft of the automobile, so that by starting up the engine it is possible to operate the threshing machine, saw wood, churn the butter, turn the ice cream freezer, cut the fodder, turn the grindstone, operate the cream separator, or even milk the cow if the farmer is equipped with suitable milking apparatus.

Unrest.

"Now," inquired the man of ponderous manner, "what is the cause of all this unrest?"

"Well," replied the man who always tries to give some kind of an answer: "I can't undertake to speak for anybody except myself. Most of mine is caused by a family of jazzmanics in the adjacent flat."

Only Wings.

"How do you know it was a stork and not an angel that brought your little brother?"

"Cause I heard pa complain about the size of the bill, and I guess angels don't have bills."

Mechanics Washes Cars.

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