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**AT REST.**

They were passing through a graveyard, Mid the monuments so white, And were reading the inscriptions As they glanced from left to right.

And they stopped beside a green grave Where were flowers of the best And read beneath a woman's name The simple words "At Rest."

"'Twas time that Mary had a rest," Said one who stopped to weep, "She never had a chance to rest Nor got a good night's sleep."

"With her husband and her babies And the house to keep aright, Why, the poor soul had no moment For her comfort day or night."

"Must feel good to her to rest once After all those weary years With their burdens and their labors And their troubles and their tears."

"Lovely flowers they have placed there, At her foot and at her head, What a pity that they waited Until Mary dear was dead!"

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**SKIMMILK NUTRITIVE.**

Those who think skim milk has little nutritive value have another guess coming. Of course it's not so yellow and frothy because the cream, or fat, has been removed. But that's just like trimming the fat off a ham steak—the lean, or valuable food constituents, remain.

Skim milk still contains the nitrogenous substance, or building material, the protein that makes for muscle, blood, frame, life.

Skim milk, however blue looking and distasteful to epicures, is healthful, strengthening food for man and is ex-



Photo by C. M. Barnitz.

**DRINKING SKIMMILK.**

cellent for fattening fowls and growing stock, being so easily digested and quickly turned to growth.

The Indiana experiment station recently proved its worth as a grower for young chickens.

Two lots of young Rocks and Houdans a month old were given the same grains, greens and meat foods, and in addition half of them received all the skim milk they could drink.

It was soon discovered that the lot fed skim milk had a better digestion, ate more of the mixed food and made a more satisfactory growth, their weekly gains being 4.46 ounces, the others gaining but 2.62 ounces per week.

The most rapid growth occurred when most skim milk was consumed. Skim milk is especially good for chickens in hot weather, but chicks must be kept out of it, as it is a detriment when dabbled on their plumage, and the vessels must be scalded often to keep them sweet.

The vessel shown is excellent. Chicks and dirt cannot get into it. Only a small quantity is exposed at a time, and the milk is kept shaded and cool.

**DON'TS.**

Don't kick the bucket over one failure. People are making mistakes every day, but it's only fools that make the same mistake twice.

Don't go into the poultry business without practical experience unless you have plenty of money to spend for your mistakes.

Don't forget to clean up that poultry yard, and this doesn't mean just raking. Filthy ground should be removed and replaced with fresh, or it should be plowed under and planted to quick growing greens.

Don't let a wounded fowl remain with the flock. Hens will sometimes eat the whole comb off a rooster that has been injured by fighting.

Don't let the turkeys take care of their lice. You'll be taking care of their remains if you do.

Don't let squabs sit in filth. It's a sin, a shame, an insane and insane method.

Don't try too many side issues along with your poultry. Too many irons in the fire prevent many from doing one thing well.

**A MODEL FOR YOU.**

I've a big fluffy hen that's a dandy. She always does her best. She doesn't sport any fancy frills Nor wear a rounded crest.

But when she scratches she crows her too. And the dickens is to pay. You'd think she'd scratch the barnyard And the garden all away.

And when she lays—oh, my, what eggs! And she lays when eggs are high. Her eggs are firsts—you bet they're best—And make swell pumpkin pie.

And when she hatches—oh, goodness me!—She sits till the coveys come home. But, oh, the chicks that she brings out! They're dandy and then some!

And when she's in love she's in love, oh, my! She has roosters by the score. And, like the seaside summer girl, She's always hunting for more.

Oh, no, Sir Sluggard, don't go to the ant For lessons in industry! The ant's not in it with the hen. Just take that tip from me.

The hen brings in a billion a year. You bet she is a price! So go to Biddy and learn the trick, And then do thou likewise.

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**THE POULTRY DOCTOR SAYS—**

Doping all the hens in a flock because one dies or is sick is a peculiar and foolish method of some fanciers. This generally puts the whole bunch off their feed and stops laying, and these conditions confirm the dope fiend's funny opinion that they've all got it, and so he dopes them again. It's far better to remove the sick fowl, clean up and disinfect, study the flock and especially to scrutinize one's methods closely, for it's often what is fed and how it's fed that brings sickness among the flock.

"Cholera" is a term often applied to poultry disease in summer, but there is mighty little cholera among the fowls of this country. These intestinal troubles, this indigestion, that somewhat resembles cholera, have their cause mostly in rank, rotten yards, lack of shade and greens, dirty drinking water, hot sleeping quarters, multiplying lice and mites and feeding too much heat, fat producing corn in warm weather.

The plaster droppings of ducks that soon cover the whole surface of a yard should be systematically removed during the development of the ducklings or serious results, such as intestinal or rheumatic troubles, develop or the stamina of the stock is lowered.

We have seen 100 ducks die in two days, and an investigation showed it was not the feed, as supposed, but the microbial mess through which the quacks waddled every day and which fertilized the desert air with its awful stench.

Unless very hungry, hens will not often fill up on mash that is too wet, because they seem to know it is not wholesome. Same with a mash where moldy ingredients are used. Both mean intestinal irritation and scours.

Feeding small chicks and turkey poulters sloppy feeds is a cause of much mortality on farms. The majority of poultrymen feed nothing wet to chicks. To be right a mash must not only be composed of good grain products, but should be crumbly and of such consistency as not to stick to the hands.

**FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.**

The Iowa State college at Ames now holds free poultry clinics, where poultry diseases are diagnosed and investigated. Solomon didn't live in the age of progressive poultry culture or he wouldn't have said, "There's nothing new under the sun."

Lice and cholera germs flourish most in hot weather, and both by a little work may be prevented. Running for remedies and cleaning up when a flock is down with contagious disease is certainly a ridiculous and fruitless proceeding and exhibition of how not to do it.

The country boys and girls of Minnesota are taking a poultry census of the state for the state agricultural college. These young people will make a thorough job of it. It will be the first complete poultry census taken, and we advise other states to follow Minnesota's lead.

In every neighborhood there are always some who point the long finger when any one tries to farm or dairy or raise poultry or fruit by advanced methods. These weeping Jeremiahs who are always prophesying failure for progressive people generally arrive at their conclusions from facts in their own unsuccessful personal experience.

One hundred and twenty-four students made a specialty of poultry culture at the University of Missouri the past term. Fifty-eight Missouri counties and six outside states were represented.

A feast today and a famine tomorrow will upset the digestion and egg production of any hen. This method neither works with hen nor men.

A male bird is often rendered sterile by the strain attending too much exhibiting. Eggs from your pens, whether set in incubators or under hens, should be tested for fertility. This will often save time that would be wasted in setting worthless eggs and also selling eggs that can't hatch.

The beginner is often disappointed when he discovers every egg doesn't hatch a winner. He may buy a setting of eggs for \$20 and not get a perfect from the lot. He learns later that phenomenal birds are not the rule, that his best breeders do not always breed true and that ancestry will show. Just the same with humans, where a red-headed baby may be traced back to a great-great-grandmother without an other bricktop between.

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