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**NEW YORK APPLES NOT KEEPING WELL**

The most unfavorable phase of the western New York apple situation to develop the past week, according to the Chicago Packer, was the discovery that a portion of the fruit put in storage at the beginning of the season showed signs of spoiling. The very mild weather which has prevailed, with the temperature here up to 61 and farmers plowing in the fields—something very unusual for December—has had an injurious effect on some apples. This applies particularly to those in common storage. One dealer who made a trip around Sodas and returned to Rochester this morning said that he examined apples in several storages and found that they were not keeping well. In addition, he received reports from others which corroborated his statements.

Of course, the mild weather throughout the east had a depressing influence on the deal in general. The demand for cold storage apples fell off and trade became dull. Prices did not decline, however, dealers refusing to sell at any concession. Quite heavy shipments were made to New York, some of the fruit going on consignment. The majority of the carloads were Greenings, which sold as low as \$1.50 a barrel. The best figure obtained for fancy cold storage Greenings was \$3.50 a barrel in New York. Sales of No. 1 Baldwins were made at \$3 and Kings at \$3 to \$3.50 a barrel in New York.

**Notice of Annual Stockholders' Meeting**

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Farmers' Irrigating Company will be held Saturday, January 13, 1912, at 10 a. m. at Commercial Club hall for the purpose of electing seven directors to serve one year, and for the purpose of transacting such other business as may legally come before the meeting.  
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When crab lice take a hold on you Then strong tobacco tea go brew. Just take a bath in tobacco juice, And the vile bugs will quick let loose.

When nasty roaches come around Just sprinkle borax where they're found. And if the moth the carpets bore Go scatter salt upon the floor.

When fleas torment poor Tommy cat Pennyroyal tea is good for that. Just sprinkle kitty well with it. And the mean fleas will soon be nit.

When fleas make good old Towser rub Drop carbolic acid in his tub. And if your caged bird has lice A sulphur bag o'head is nice.

When mites infest the chicken coop A coal spray quick makes them drop. And if your hens have any lice, Persian powder for quick demise.

If you have bugs not mentioned here Here is the way to kill them, dear: Just lay them on the cook stove quick And hit them with a heavy brick.  
 C. M. BARNITZ

**KURIOS FROM KORRESPONDENTS**

Q.—What becomes of the fuzz on chicks? Do they shed it when they get their adult feathers, or where does it go? A.—Behind the fuzz on chicks are feathers, and these push out, the fuzz remaining on the ends until finally worn off. You may see this clearly illustrated by watching the feather growth of a little robin, the fuzz sometimes remaining on the feather tips till the birds are quite large.

Q.—What do you think of sending a distance for eggs for hatching? A.—We consider it more wise to look around home first for what you want. We have known fanciers to send across six states for eggs, pay express, and the few chicks hatched were very ordinary, while within ten miles was a flock that would have given them more and better chicks at half the price.

Q.—In trap nesting hens to discover the heaviest layers what is revealed in regard to the percentage of fertility? Which hen gives the more fertile eggs, the 100 egg or the 200 egg hen? A.—Two hundred egg hens have been found to give eight infertiles in ten eggs. The more eggs the less fertility.

Q.—What do you consider the best advertising medium for one who is in the poultry business in a small way? A.—Your town paper or, if there is no town paper, your county paper with largest circulation in your town.

**FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.**

When on grass run in summer India Runner ducks cost about \$1 per year per duck for feed. As they lay from 150 to 250 eggs per year they pay well.

Oats are a splendid feed for summer and the molt. They are not heating, are relished and contain protein and carbohydrates in almost proper proportions to afford a balanced ration.

The English Dorking, that dates back to Caesar's invasion and has been England's national bird, has come down off the high perch of popularity and is now trailing behind the Orpingtons, the Dottes and the Rocks. Tallis est vita.

Indiana's contribution to the egg product last year was 72,000,000 dozen, worth \$12,000,000. As Texas has won from Iowa the name of chief agricultural state in the Union, she is now bustling to lick Missouri and her banner poultry product—\$50,000,000 per year.

It's a wise plan to stir up the nest material when you gather eggs. A hen's egg occasionally slips down under the straw, and if not found it may be hidden for a month. Then the hen may stir it up, and you may sell it for a strictly fresh egg laid while you wait.

The decline in egg receipts from foreign countries has put England up against an egg famine, and public egg farms under government control are agitated. Eggs for hatching at cost would be supplied by these farms to poultry raisers to encourage an increase in eggs and poultry.

White Leghorns in England have been spotted by crossing with feather legged Brahmas, and talk about combs, they are so heavy the bird's head is bent down to the ground. American Leghorns shipped there have knocked the splinters off them in laying, and a big fight now going on among English Leghorn breeders bids fair to give the beefy comb giraffe British bird a solar plexus.

Belgians are claiming that their Braekel Campine is the 250 egg hen the world is looking for. It is claimed to lay a 2.7 ounce egg in great quantities, is splendid for table and is a beautiful exhibition fowl. The Belgians are magicians in poultry culture, but keep their methods so secret that few have ever learned how they breed their birds to such perfection or put the fine finish on their market fowls.

While old breeds may disappear from shows and finally from the map, yet their virtues live on in the new breeds, of which their blood is a part. How few white faced Black Spanish you see, and yet please remember when you see those beautiful White Leghorn eggs that seventy-five years ago the hon ton layer Black Spanish blood was used to increase the size and output of the Leghorn, the world's egg machine.

**"THE BARRIER" TO BE PLAYED HERE**

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The cast chosen to delineate the different characters could scarcely be better. With such well known and reputable artists as Norval MacGregor, Eleanor Haber, Lee Miller, George Cleveland, Mattie Hyde and Max Steine "The Barrier" will be presented in an exceptionally able and capable manner at the Monroe opera house on Saturday, Jan. 6th.

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