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THE BROKEN DOWN HEN.
That hen, dragging her abdomen on the ground, is neither an ornament to the flock nor a profit to her owner, and the customer passes her by, refusing to pay a meat price for grouse. She is not broken down by overwork, but by lack of work.

A study of our picture tells the story. The great gob of fat on the abdomen—too much bustle—made this hen sag down. She is a Wyandotte, but about as near Dotte shape as a block is to a ball.

Such hens are drones, are too fat for good flavor, are not generally



Photo by C. M. Barnitz.

A BROKEN DOWN HEN.

healthy, are prone to heart failure and apoplexy and often have tumors. You often find such overfat hens where corn is fed exclusively.

Corn is mostly carbohydrates. Carbohydrates is fattener. This fattener is not egg food, but it plugs up a hen's egg machine with a great gob of grease. Some hens seem prone to fat. Their feed seems to turn to fat instead of eggs. While others get normally fat, they put on fat quick, get overfat and are profitless.

This will be noticed where chickens are crated to fatten for market. Some get ripe sooner than others, and if not removed and sold they lose condition.

The wise breeder watches his flock and eliminates those hens that have



Photo by C. M. Barnitz.

OVERSIZED LIVER AND GOB OF FAT.
a tendency to fatten up to the detriment of the egg record.

He keeps his hens just so fat that they have enough laid back for heat and needed surplus energy, but he mixes his feed so protein and carbohydrates are so balanced that the hen lays a maximum of eggs and keeps in good condition, and what grain she gets she must scratch for.

The second cut shows the oversized soft liver from excess corn feeding and the gob of fat covering abdomen, under which were found eighteen small tumors.

DON'TS.

Don't be a pessimist. There are too many now that ought to be obliterated.

Don't be a fossil. To be a Rip Van Winkle is an unpopular wrinkle.

Don't grow weary in well doing and don't do the editor for what is due.

Don't cheat and then pretend to be pious. Remember Ananias.

Don't be blinded by word dust. Those adjectives piled up so high, that blarney smeared around so thick, that argument got off so sly, are wrappings of a big gold brick.

Don't make life a holiday. Life is too serious and too short to waste in frivolity and sport. Use life for work, use life for play, but don't forget the Judgment day.

THE OLD TIME CHRISTMAS.

I'm thinking tonight of the old Yuletide. When Christmas was such a joy. Looked forward to with fondest hopes By the old time girl and boy.

How early we went to bed that night To give good Santa time To squeeze through the high old chimney Before the bells would chime!

We found our woolen stockings All hung in a long row Above the open fireplace In the light of the Yule log's glow.

We scampered down the winding stair To find a wonderful tree All decked with stars and candles And gifts for you and me.

There were scarfs and mits and pulse warmers, Copper toed boots and skates, Moose runner sleds and hoods and caps. Wool stockings and books and slates.

And walnut taffy and ginger cake birds And dogs and pigs and goats And crullers, chestnuts and hickory nuts And home spun pants and coats.

How happy we were o'er our useful gifts, How glad to hear of the star That beckoned the wise men from the east To Mary's child afar!

Christmas seems not the same today As in those old days when Mother made most of our Christmas gifts And told us of Bethlehem.

C. M. BARNITZ.

MODERN AGRICULTURE IN RURAL SCHOOLS.

A sign of the times that promises much for everybody is the introduction of courses of modern agriculture in the rural schools. This certainly is a practical move and is only delayed justice to the farmer's family, the mainstay of the nation. The boys have been leaving the farms, and one reason is they had little chance to study advanced agriculture. The Pennsylvania course includes lessons on the nature of plants, farm crops, wheat, oats, grasses, legumes, vegetable gardens, tobacco, potatoes, soils, roads, chestnut blight, trees, fruits, birds, house flies, mosquitoes, weeds, swine, dairying, horses, cattle, feeds and feeding, poultry, farm machinery and farm book-keeping.

It's about time the little red school-house in the country gets what's coming to it.

The farmer's children are most practical, and just imagine how they will discuss these lessons in the long winter evenings and apply them right away to the life and work around them.

Poultry is very popular with young people, and teaching it in the country schools means more modern methods and purer bred and better paying poultry on the farm and more and finer market poultry and eggs for the consumer.

FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.

T. W. Orcutt, secretary St. Louis (Mo.) show, notified fanciers that the entry this year would be limited to 4,000 birds. Think of that, will you, in light of the fact that old time sports thought they were goin' some when they had 500 cooped!

We advise our readers to go slow about taking up new American breeds or imported novelties. There are attempts just now to boom several breeds by extensive advertising, while another breed recently boomed into the limelight is being discarded.

Bee and poultry keepers desirous of obtaining full figures for the United States in these lines from the last census are informed that the figures include poultry and bees on farms only. This is certainly a funny style of census enumeration.

There isn't a more satisfactory feed on a very cold night than a fill up on whole corn. It has the heating properties, doesn't grind so quick and is relished by the flock. More of that old style mush and milk like mother used to make is good for humans in cold weather also.

The breeder who has very large squabs to sell should cater to restaurants that are after something to take the place of canvasback ducks, grouse and partridge, where the fancy appetites of big spenders are fed at large prices. That's where the big squab brings big money.

Buckwheat is cheaper this season than last. Those who feed it should remember that it has much husk and contains much carbohydrates (fattener).

Fresh winter eggs laid by your own hens for your own table have a taste and charm that no guarantee can give to an outsider's hen fren. You know what they are, and then, besides, didn't you help Biddy to lay that egg?

We have visited pigeon lofts whose owners claim to be experts and found the lofts filthy beyond description and the squabs right in the dirt. Such conditions soon bring failure and explain why many become pigeon pessimists.

A Massachusetts fancier fired a gun and his wife fired a revolver at a chicken thief, and the thief was killed. A jury held the fancier in \$1,000 bail, but ignored the woman entirely, for no jury would ever believe a woman could hit anything she fired at except when she shoots off her mouth.

Every producer is worthy of a fair profit and should figure to get a fair percentage on what he invests, and this should include his labor. The man who charges an exorbitant price for his product soon gets the name skinner. Customers soon find out his tricks. They shun him, and he loses much more in the end than he ever gained by his unjust exactions.

Pigeons love peas, and when allowed to fly free they certainly skin the vines in the neighbor's garden. In such a case the dove does not promote brotherly love.

C. M. Barnitz.

WENATCHEE PLANS NEW GRADING RULES

New grading rules, which the board of directors of the Wenatchee Valley Fruit Growers' Association has submitted to the committee of ten from the soft fruit growers, embrace some noticeable departures. A minimum weight for boxes of soft fruit has been fixed, for one thing, and will be an important feature of the new grading rules if they are finally adopted.

It is likely that cherries will be packed next season in crates instead of boxes, though if the old style box be used it must not weigh less than 11½ pounds. A crate containing 24 cups is recommended for Royal Anns, and for the smaller varieties of black cherries.

It is pointed out that it takes from 7 to 14 days for peaches to reach the market and that they should be picked with this fact in remembrance. Only one grade, "fancy," is provided for peaches. No Elberta or other varieties of yellow peach will be received smaller than 80 to the box, except Crawfords, Globes and Fosters. No Alexanders, Hales Early and Triumph shall be smaller than 90 to the box. The diagonal pack must be used for all peaches.

Two Grades of Soft Fruits
Two grades of plums, apricots and prunes are allowed. "Fancy" will be packed 5x5 and larger, three tiers to the basket. "Choice" will be 5x6 or 6x6, four tiers to the basket. Crates must not weigh less than 27 pounds gross. No cots, plums or prunes will be accepted less than 6x6.

Pears will be "extra fancy" and "C" grade, Bartlett, Buerre, D'Anjou, Comice, Flemish Beauty and Baner Clairgeau must not be smaller than 2¼ inches in diameter. Winter Nellis must not be less than 1¼ inches in diameter. Fifty pounds must be the gross weight of the box. The association is endeavoring to induce manufacturers to turn out a pear box a quarter inch longer at top than at bottom.

One Grade Summer Apples
Only one grade, the orchard run, is allowed in summer apples, which must be wrapped in paper and the boxes lined. Boxes with more than 175 apples will not be accepted, with the exception of Red June, Yellow Transparent and Jeffries, which may be as small as 200 to the box.

There are many more rules, looking to the proper picking and packing of apples, which are to be considered by the soft fruit growers of the Wenatchee Valley at another mass meeting, at which the committee of ten will make its report.

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8:30	Switchback	2:30
8:45	Van Horn	2:10
9:00	Mohr	2:05
9:15	Odell	2:00
9:30	Summit	1:50
9:45	Boucher	1:48
10:00	Winnans	1:30
10:15	Dee	1:20
10:30	Trout Creek	1:15
10:45	Woodworth	1:05
11:00	Ar. Parkdale Lv.	1:00

A. WILSON, Agent.

DON'T OVERCROWD CHICKENS

Overcrowding is the father of a peck of troubles. Overcrowding makes over-fat hens, and over-fat hens lay soft-shelled eggs and the egg eating habit follows. Overcrowded flocks roost closely together at night and sweat, leaving them in a weakened condition resulting in sickness. Overcrowding also produces idleness. Idle hens become mischievous hens, and the disgusting vice of feather pulling is the result. Better results in both health and egg production come from flocks that have plenty of "elbow room."

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of Hood River County, Oregon.

In the matter of the estate of Keziah S. Walton, deceased.

Notice is hereby given in compliance with law that the undersigned have been appointed Executors of the Will of Keziah S. Walton, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, duly verified as required by law, to the undersigned at the office of George R. Wilbur, Esq., 14 and 15 Hall block, Hood River, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof, to-wit, January 8, 1913.

WALTER H. WALTON,
TRUMAN BUTLER,
Executors.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Hood River. Manning L. Howard, Plaintiff,

vs.

Adolph Grodt, Bertha Grodt, Christian Frederick Grodt, Doris Grodt, Kahl, Dora Grodt, Dorothy Grodt, Emma Grodt, Frederick Grodt, Frederick Grodt, Gustave Grodt, John Grodt, John Ditlef Grodt, Johann Dorethea Grodt (insane), W. Wulf, guardian of Johanna Dorethea Grodt, Neta Grodt, William Grodt, William Grodt, John Kahl, the unknown heirs of Charles Grodt deceased, and also all other persons or parties unknown, claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the Complaint herein. Defendant.

To Adolph Grodt, Bertha Grodt, Christian Frederick Grodt, Doris Grodt, Kahl, Dora Grodt, Dorothy Grodt, Emma Grodt, Frederick Grodt, Frederick Grodt, Gustave Grodt, John Grodt, John Ditlef Grodt, Johann Dorethea Grodt, Johann Dorethea Grodt, Neta Grodt, William Grodt, William Grodt, John Kahl, the unknown heirs of Charles Grodt, deceased, and also all other persons or parties unknown, claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the Complaint herein: Defendant.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer to the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the expiration of six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, which date is hereinafter stated, and if you fail so to answer or appear for want thereof, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in his Complaint, to-wit:

For a decree determining all claims adverse to Plaintiff which you or either, or any of you may have or claim to have in any right, title, estate, lien or interest in that land situated in the County of Hood River, State of Oregon, described as follows, to-wit:

The Northeast quarter (NE¼) of the Southeast quarter (SE¼) of the Southwest quarter (SW¼) of Section 14, Township 2 North of Range 10 East of the Willamette Meridian.

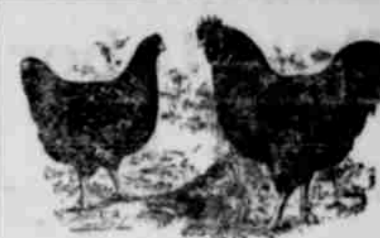
That by said Decree it may be declared and adjudged that you or either, or any of you have no right, title, estate, lien or interest whatever in or to said land, or any part thereof, and that the Plaintiff is the owner of the title to said land, and to every part thereof, in fee simple; and that you and each of you be forever enjoined and debarred from asserting any claim whatever in or to said land adverse to Plaintiff; and that Plaintiff may have such other relief as to the Court may seem equitable.

You and each of you are hereby served by the publication of this summons in accordance with an order made by the Hon. G. R. Castner, County Judge of Hood River County, Oregon, duly made and entered in the above entitled cause, on the 23rd day of December, 1912, which order prescribes that you and each of you shall appear and answer said Complaint on or before the expiration of six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons; that the date of the first publication of this summons was fixed in and by said order as the 25th day of December, 1912, and the date of the first publication hereof is December 25th, 1912.

ERNEST C. SMITH,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Hood River County.

In the matter of the estate of Jessie Grace Woodworth, deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Hood River County, Administrator of the estate of Jessie Grace Woodworth, deceased, and having qualified, notice is hereby given to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said deceased, to present them, verified as required by law, within six months after the date of this notice which said date will be the date of the first publication of the same to said Administrator at the office of L. A. & A. P. Reed, his attorneys, at No. 120 Second Street in the City of Hood River, Hood River County, Oregon.

ROY N. WOODWORTH,
As Administrator of the estate of Jessie Grace Woodworth, deceased.

Dated January 8th, 1913. 2-6