

**TESTS WITH TURKEYS.**

**Effect of Confinement Upon the Fertility of Eggs.**

One of the drawbacks to raising turkeys is the loss of eggs during the laying season due to the turkeys going a distance from home to make their nests. Some nests are not found, and often they are broken up by dogs, and the hen after she has commenced to sit cannot be so easily looked after as if she were near at hand. If the turkeys could be confined during the laying season, without an injurious effect upon the production and fertility of the eggs, a great saving of time and loss would result. With this in view an experiment was conducted to show the effect of confinement upon the production and fertility of eggs. In this experiment two breeds were used, Bronze and White Holland.

Two hens of each variety, all of which were two years old, were used. The Bronze tom was one year old, while the White Holland was three years old. Each lot was confined in a run 80 by 100 feet. They were given a variety of food. In the morning they were fed a mash composed of equal parts of wheat bran and corn meal. On alternate nights they were fed whole corn and wheat. Oyster shell was before them all the time, and they were fed ground bone and meat scrap twice a week. Two nests thirty-six inches square were made in each run. They were covered over the top to keep out the rain, and some brush was thrown in front of each nest to make them private.

The following table shows the number of eggs produced. The eggs were gathered each day, and none was lost:

	Commenced laying	Stopped laying	Eggs produced
Bronze	March 25	April 22	42
White Holland	March 31	May 4	36

The following table shows the effect of confinement on fertility of eggs:

	Eggs set	Fertile eggs tenth day	Turkeys hatched
Bronze	42	28	27
White Holland	36	27	16

During incubation four eggs were broken by the Bronze hens and six were broken by the White Holland, all of which were fertile. The eggs that did not hatch were those laid during the first two weeks.—Reliable Poultry Journal.

**Reduced Excursion Rate of the Seaside and Mountain Resorts for the Summer.**

The Southern Pacific Company has placed on sale, at very low rates, around trip tickets to the various resorts along its lines, and also in connection with the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, to Detroit and the seaside at Yaquina Bay, after tickets good for return until October 10th.

Three-day tickets to Yaquina Bay, good going Saturdays, returning Mondays, are on sale at greatly reduced rates, from all points Eugene and north on both East and West Side Lines, enabling people to spend Sunday at the seaside. Very low round trip rates are also made between Portland and same points on the Southern Pacific, good going Saturdays, returning Sunday or Monday, allowing Portland people to spend Sunday in the country and the out-of-town people to have the day in Portland.

Tickets from Portland to Yaquina Bay, good for return via Albany and East Side, or Corvallis and West Side, at option of passenger. Baggage checked through to Newport. A new feature at Newport, this year, will be an un-todate kindergarten in charge of an experienced Chicago teacher.

A beautifully illustrated booklet describing the seaside resorts on Yaquina Bay has been published by the Southern Pacific and Corvallis & Eastern railroads, and can be secured from any of their agents, or by addressing W. E. Coman, G. P. A., S. P. Co., Portland, or Edwin Stone, Manager C, and E. R. R., Albany, Oregon.

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**Summer Dress Goods Reduced 33 1-3 Per Cent..**

The line is still fairly complete, comprising mercerized cottons, pebbled silkette, Chambray Madras and other seasonable fabrics. Look them over next time you're in the store.

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**Curtains at Cut Prices**

We have become slightly overstocked on Ecu Lace Curtains and have therefore marked every pair of Ecu Lace Curtains down to an exceedingly low price. Investigate this while the best of the lot are yet unsold.

**Ladies' Tan Shoes.**

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