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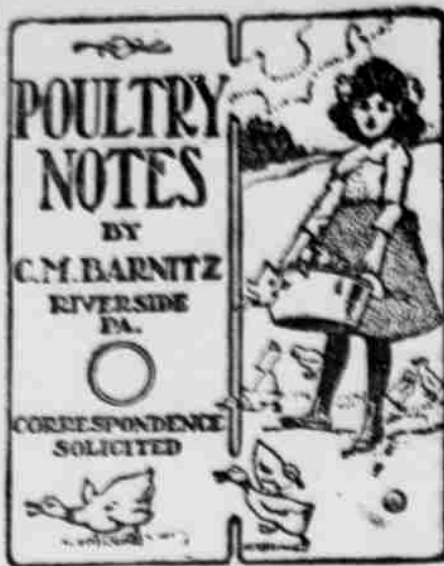
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### BE AN EXPERT SPECIALIST.

You bet this would be a funny world if men had been content to be tinkers at everything and masters of nothing! But Mr. Jack of All Trades has been consigned to the fossiliferous shades. Alexander the (near) Great died sighing for more worlds to conquer. Today men weep because life's too short to conquer a square inch. This is the microscopical age. Specialization is prime promoter of our civilization, and man himself has been



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### AN EXPERT CAPONIZER.

carved into forty-seven sections, with a specialist to every square inch from bald top to toenail.

Mr. Rooster has not escaped, but has evolved over the barnyard fence into a profound science that taxes a coterie of national experts with a government appropriation to solve.

Poultry culture, no longer bughouse, has its university pedagogues, specialists on quacks, crows, geese, gobblers, pigeons, pheasants; its specialty breeders, specialty judges, fanciers, utilitarians, fancy flesh factories, egg experts, expert pickers, expert caponizers, expert poultry physicians and even expert fakirs.

Poultry husbandry is so broad, there are so many breeds and varieties, departments and problems and developments, that specialization is necessary to full success.

Take the breeds. It was once a little jungle fowl, running and flying along the Ganges. Its



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### AN EGGS-FERT.

name now is legion, a myriad of breeds, varieties and colors that no man can number.

Friend, master one breed or variety to succeed.

Take eggs—225,000,000 dozen of an increase in ten years, the price and demand advancing, a market everywhere.

There's a specialty; master it. Take day old chicks.

A new development, with traffic enormous, already supplanting the egg for hatching business and bound to grow, be permanent and pay.

There's a specialty; master it. Take capons.

They are easier to raise, and the demand is increasing and they sell higher than turkey.

William H. Ellis of Crosswicks, N. J., caponizes 40,000 fowls for others per year and has made a fortune.

Master caponizing and get rich.

Yes, friend, you may be shot enough to hit the target, but today you must be a sharpshooter and hit the bullseye or you will adjourn sine die.

### A SAUERKRAUT KNOCKOUT.

Bill Schmidt he didn't like sauerkraut. But Katherine, his frau, could stand beside der bar'l all day and eat shoost like a cow.

They fought about dat kraut all day. They fought about him night, And Katherine's mudder like kraut, too, And she join in der fight.

Den Bill gets quiet all to once. About dat sauerkraut smell; Den Katherine an' her man Thought they had licked Bill well.

One day—will you believe dis true?— Bill bought a bar'l of kraut, And when them wimmens saw it come They shoost dance round and shout.

But when der kraut begins to hiss Bill cut der middle hoop. Them wimmens den went down below To see how dat kraut look.

Der hull shebang shoost up and bust! Dem wimmens—where were they? All covered up mit sauerkraut Shoost like a load of hay.

Der mouth was full; der ears was full; Der nose it was stuffed tight. Bill busted, too, mit laffin fits When he gets out of sight.

Don't you say sauerkraut down there! They don't eat kraut some more, And Katherine has got a club Behind der kitchen door.

C. M. BARNITZ.

### AIR AND EXERCISE FOR PIGEONS.

Did you ever see granddad tote a drug store to the barn and dope his pigeons? Course not. Why? Just because so many fellows' pigeons today are so different. They get fits and canker and roup and pox and wing disease and liver disease and diarrhea.



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### TAKING AN AIRING.

and there are pigeon physicians and quarantine, etc. Why, some lofts are like a hospital and a college drug store. But granddad's birds circled through zero air and didn't care. They were tough as nails, never got sick, you never found a dead one and they raised fine squabs too.

Pigeons today are mollycoddled too much. They are packed into small lofts and flies, are fed too much patent food and get too little air and exercise. Our advice is make loft and fly roomy, have plenty of air without drafts, keep loft and fly clear of filth and vermin and use a simple, rational ration.

To induce exercise feed outside when weather permits and make birds fly to the far corner of fly for nest material.

### FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.

As is usual, the female among quacks does the most talking. She quack-quack-quacks, but the male just speaks in a subdued whisper. How human!

When wild geese in large flocks flew over Pennsylvania in May the goose wing prophets arose to remark that it was a sign of a cool summer. It was in Iceland.

The plumage often reflects the condition of fowls except in molt. Lusterless surface often comes with old age, but is indication of low vitality in young birds. Rough plumage is a sign of disease or lice.

Indian Runner ducks seem to have all the other quacks licked to a frazzle on eggs. Many go above 200 a year and keep this up for three years, when they cut down the product. White duck eggs command the highest price.

One hundred thousand ducklings were hatched at a single duck plant at Speonk, N. Y., the past season, and the owner did not have enough to fill all orders. This is the greatest quack plant in the world, medical colleges excepted.

A Kansas City man could not understand why a neighbor's ducks always waddled straight for his lawn. He later found they were after the dandelion, which they soon destroyed. Ducks and geese make short work of many weed pests.

The controversy as to whether drawn or undrawn poultry decomposes the faster was settled recently in a six months' test by the United States department of agriculture. Full drawn, with head, feet and viscera removed, decomposed most rapidly.

A chicken hawk at Tonestr, Pa., pounced on a weasel and bore it aloft and high in the air. They fought a duel, the little wiry weasel finally bringing the great bird to the ground, where a boy dispatched both. Since bounties were removed from these pests they have much increased in Pennsylvania.

Ireland's progress in poultry culture reads like a fairy tale. A little while back Erin was not counted in the poultry scale, but by a fine system of poultry education she now owns 24,000,000 hens and exported to London last year \$5,000,000 worth of table poultry, \$500,000 more than other nations and colonies shipped in. Canada's export to England was only \$25,000.

C. M. Barnitz

**Jack Got Even.**  
A judge, presiding one day in court, asked a sailor whether he saw the plaintiff strike the defendant.  
"Who is the plaintiff?" asked the sailor.  
"Pretty man you are," said his honor, "that you don't know the plaintiff from the defendant! Well, where did you see the man strike him?"  
"Abaft the binnacle," said Jack tar.  
"Where is abaft the binnacle?" inquired his honor.  
"Pretty judge you are," responded Jack, "that you don't know abaft the binnacle!"

**Hot Air Shut Off.**  
Charlie Mann, who presides over the destinies of the press gallery in the house of representatives, is a boss of the city. They call him up on the telephone and ask for news about everything going on in Washington.  
One Saturday, when professional reporters were giving a series of flights on the speedway, he got this question over the wire, "Will you tell me, are there any air flights today?"  
"None today," answered Mann. "The house adjourned yesterday to meet next Monday."—Washington Star.

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