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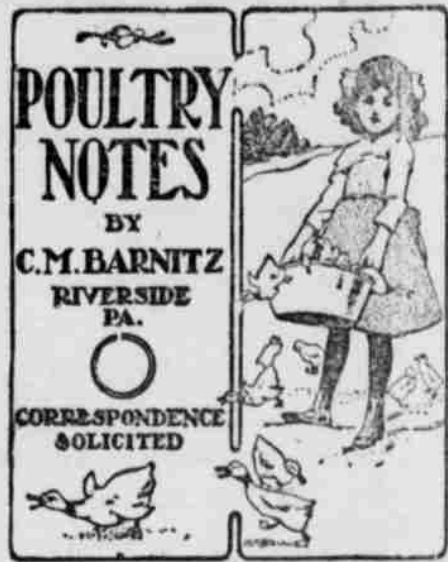
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FERTILIZATION AND DEFERTILIZATION OF EGGS.

It is often a question with poultry raisers as to how soon eggs become fertile after mating chickens and how soon eggs become germless after matings are broken.

Two experiments here at Riverside with a White Wyandotte cock and ten hens carried on for ten days, in which the eggs laid were set and tested, will be of interest. On the third day after mating 28 per cent were fertile, on the fourth 40 per cent, on the fifth 50 per cent, on the sixth 60 per cent, on the seventh 70 per cent, on the eighth 72 per cent and on the tenth day 75 per cent.

Seventy-five to 80 per cent is considered an excellent average fertility for vigorous fowls under ordinary conditions, so that ten days may be considered time enough for excellent results unless the breed is a very large, clumsy type.

The male and hens were then separated and the eggs as laid were again set and tested to determine the duration of fertility after male was removed.

On the third day after separation 74 per cent of eggs were fertile, on the fourth 70 per cent, on the fifth 62 per cent, on the sixth 55 per cent, on the seventh 48 per cent, on the eighth 15 per cent, on the ninth 3 per cent and on the tenth day none were fertile.

FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.

When your fowls get rummy don't shut them up in a band box. Let them have fresh air, but no drafts. Remember this is the fresh air era when patients with respiratory ailments sleep in the open, not in the oven as of old.

It is handy in some respects to take eggs to market in a box of oats, sell the eggs and feed the oats to the horse, but eggs are cleaner and look so much nicer in a handy crate, and such can be bought, the ten dozen size, for only a quarter.

The hen that lays is the hen that stays, should be the rule on every farm, poultry plant and in every back lot coop. If we could only get rid of the undesirable citizen as easily as the drone hen, the millennial dawn would surely move up a notch.

The Buff Mareca is the latest on deck, California the place of origin. We should like to get our judges together and examine them on old and recent breeds and varieties and their characteristics. Wouldn't they flunk kerplunk, and yet most of them advertise as expert judges of all varieties.

While the customs authorities have decided for keeps that a hen is not a bird, there was a scrap down at Atlantic City as to whether a hen is an animal when a Chinaman was arrested for cruelty to animals for not feeding and watering his flock. The magistrate made the hen an animal and fined the pigtail \$10. Next.

A Connecticut farmer near Harwinton contests the opinion of the customs court that a hen is not a bird by producing a hen on his farm that lays in a box placed in a tree and flies around the farm instead of walking. She may

be one of those "barnyard" pheasants that our city hunters shoot on the wing and pass off for the real thing.

"That hen's a hog!" exclaimed her owner. "She's up the first to eat and scratches for feed the last!" We asked him to test her for eggs before sending her to chicken heaven. To his surprise he found she was the best layer he owned. We have never seen a great layer that wasn't a great eater.

The dropping board beneath the roost is such an easily arranged convenience no poultry raiser can afford to be without. It catches and saves all droppings at night and makes it so easy to clean up and save the valuable manure. Pans where the excrement is allowed to accumulate in the old bug-house way always smell and are insanitary.

The Rose Comb Barred Plymouth Rock is now being discussed with a vengeance on both sides the Atlantic, and there is a fight as to its admission to the standard. But why should it not be admitted? It comes straight from the Barred Rock and gets its comb honestly from the Dominique that was in the cross that made the Rock, and that's more than can be said of the hybrid single comb Silver Pencilled Wyandotte that was recently standardized into a Silver Pencilled Rock by the American Poultry association.

Ten thousand ducks died on a duck farm in Cumberland county, Pa., after feeding on a new brand of beef scrap. Meat products so vary in quality and some are so poisonous that it's wise to experiment on a few fowls when a change is made.

Those eggs called "dirties" are mostly produced on wet days where hens run in filth and track it to the nest on to the eggs. No one can expect clean, sweet eggs from dirty nests and eggs laid under the barnyard strawstack and hog pen aren't fit to eat.

F. X. Diamond, near Lock Haven, Pa., was awakened by the honking of a flock of geese and got out just in time to save twelve horses from his burning barn. Mr. Diamond will continue to raise geese from the dandy flock that raised the alarm.

The 25,000 egg consumers that formed "The Thirty Cent Egg Club" as a protest against an exorbitant price for hen fruit and conducted a three weeks' boycott against merchants demanding unjust prices preach a little sermon to others on the text, "Go thou and do likewise."

The winter egg crop is increasing on Pennsylvania farms by the showing at markets and egg shipments from country stores. A Sullivan county country storekeeper tells us that winter eggs have increased 50 per cent since the farmer institute poultry lecturer has been on the job.

The chickens at a Beverly (N. J.) plant are called to their meals by the ringing of the dinner bell. This is almost equal to the trick of a southern farmer who called his hogs by rapping on the house until the woodpeckers inflated the signal and coaxed the hogs off into the woods, where they starved to death chasing around after an imaginary dinner.

Yes, the ten cent egg has gone, never to return. Next in order some farmers should adopt a business method of keeping account with their hens. We know farmers who sell chickens at 9 cents a pound when they cost them 11 to 13. They don't know whether poultry pays them or not, and it's the same with everything else where such lack of system prevails.

During the Allentown (Pa.) fair a Leghorn hen picked the diamond stud off a New York sport's shirt front. This might be expected of a Diamond Jubilee Orpington hen, but was considered so disgraceful for a Leghorn that some one suggested she be killed to recover the gem. He laughed and moved on. He wore a paste diamond like the most of those folks from New York.

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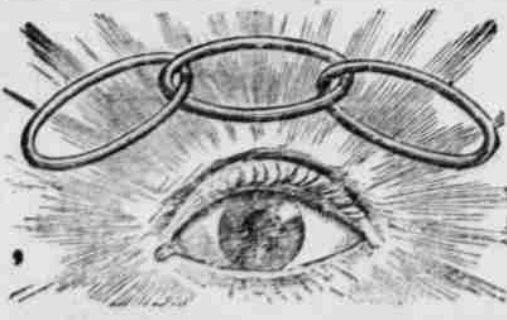
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