

HELPFUL HER
AND HER
WORK

Biddy Is Worth \$600,000,000
a Year to America and
Will Be Worth More and
More as Years Pass—Story
of a Great Industry.

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN.
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Washington, Dec. 28.—From its humble place as an insignificant part of the average farm, the chicken yard has come to be one of the chief sources of the national wealth. According to the secretary of agriculture the value of the annual production of eggs and feathers in the United States exceeds the enormous sum of \$600,000,000. The modest, unimpressive bird has elevated this particular industry from a mere by-product of a farm to a place of worldwide importance. In Missouri alone last year the value of the poultry and eggs sent out of the state far exceeded the value of the wheat crop. The last census shows that every inhabitant should have three and a half head of poultry and 17 dozen eggs per year, if a division were made. Iowa's poultry census shows over 20,000,000 head.

The ordinary farm fowls of the United States form the foundation for this great poultry business. They have a permanent value because of the world-wide use of poultry and eggs as food for human consumption. The prices of poultry and eggs for food have been steadily increasing in the past 10 or 15 years, and despite trade depression of the past winter and spring, their prices remained as high as ever, and when the price of meat advanced in the next few years, as it is predicted, poultry and eggs will follow.

The hen and her family, and her various feathered cousins of the barnyard, are now important features of the various county and state fairs that are held every fall and winter from coast to coast, from Ontario, Canada to Mexico. From a few dozen to several thousands at each fair compete for the prizes that range from 50 cents to \$5 a bird and aggregate in the main many thousands of dollars. The judges decide on the merits of the competitors in accordance with the American standard of perfection, a book of 500 pages or more, compiled by the American Poultry association, 35 year old organization of American and Canadian poultrymen. In detail this book describes 125 varieties of chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese, and gives minute descriptions as to how they should look and how much they should weigh. The ambition to have a fowl measure up to the standard has brought about a better class of poultry in the years that have passed since the first poultry shows.

Every winter nearly 400 poultry shows are held, and there are now more than 400 poultry associations in the United States and Canada. The shows are held wherever room can be had, and range from country stores, where a few dozen are exhibited, to Madison Square garden, New York, where from 4000 to 4500 birds are shown every year, and Mechanics' building, Boston, where 6000 have been shown. The Coliseum in Chicago and Convention Hall, Kansas city, have been filled to overflowing with fowls during the past year. Thousands of poultry fanciers in this country and Canada make a regular business of breeding standard fowls, and their average annual production ranges anywhere from small flocks of a score or so, to several thousand specimens. Prices have improved with the breeds and range anywhere from \$1 to \$100 a head. Sometimes the sales run up to \$500, \$800, \$800 and \$1000 a head. A notable sale was that made by Ernest Kleeferstrom of Kansas City when he sold to Madame Paderewski, wife of the pianist, five

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Centenary of Birth and Semi-Centenary of Great Work—Holidays Conventions.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Has grazed by the confession of her husband that he loved another woman, Mrs. Mary Planne of Oakland leaped from the deck of a bay ferryboat yesterday afternoon and is in a critical condition at the Harbor hospital. Scarcely had she touched the water before the instinct to live asserted itself and she succeeded in keeping afloat until a boat came to Mrs. Planne was seen by several deck hands as she jumped from the forward end of the ferry. The 5-year-old daughter Mabel ran to the rail frantically crying to her mother, who was rapidly swept astern. The boat was put about a small boat lowered and the half-drowned woman was hauled to safety.

Mrs. Planne said she was married six years ago in Hawaii and was happy until recently, when another woman came between herself and her husband. The husband brutally told her of his love for the affinity. This and his alleged ill treatment of the child caused her to act.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Baltimore, Dec. 28.—The annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will commence tomorrow at Johns Hopkins university. It is expected that more than 1000 members of the association, embracing men of wide reputation as educators and students of science, will be in attendance.

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Los Angeles, Dec. 28.—County clerks representing a majority of the counties of California met in Los Angeles today for a three days' conference. The chief purpose of the meeting is to perfect a state organization.

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Washington, Dec. 28.—The joint annual meeting of the American Historical society and the American Political Science association is in session tonight with an address by the Right Honorable James Bryce, who is to speak on "The Relation of Political Science to History and Practice."

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St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 28.—The two societies will continue in session in this city tomorrow and on the following day adjournment will be taken to Richmond, where the sessions will be continued over Wednesday and Thursday. Following the final adjournment on Friday the members will visit the University of Virginia at Charlottesville and the home of Thomas Jefferson at Monticello.

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NEW NAVY YARD ON THE PACIFIC

Senator Flint Explains His Proposal for Commission of Experts.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Dec. 28.—That he will secure the passage of his bill providing for a commission to select a site for a naval base on the California coast south of San Francisco, in the statement made today by Senator Flint.

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NIGHT RIDER FEARING DEATH SHOOTS SELF

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 28.—Threatened with vengeance by night riders for exposure of deceptions, Ed Fox, living near Eddyville, shot himself through the stomach and is not expected to live. He is under \$2000 bonds on the charge of night riding, although he has not been indicted. He was suspected of participating in the Eddyville, Princeton, Dycusburg and Birmingham raids.



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Fox has interested the authorities for the reason that he failed to keep an appointment at Grand River with County Attorney Kroon. It was thought his appointment was a ruse to lure Kroon into an ambush of night riders, and Kroon was accompanied by troops. Now it is believed the night riders' threats kept him away.

Karl H. Barker a Suicide.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Seattle, Dec. 28.—Karl H. Barker, who conducted the Pacific Coast Emulsion company, was found dead in his room at the Plaza hotel. Suicide by cyanide of potassium is the verdict. Barker was 35 years old and single. His grandmother lives in California and a stepbrother and stepmother somewhere in Massachusetts. Except that he was hard pressed for money no cause for his act can be learned.

The world's most powerful dredge, recently completed in Belgium from an American design, for the Russian government, can remove 7,000 cubic yards of earth from a river bottom in an hour.

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