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Dormancy in Granges.

The strongest reason why Granges become dormant is to be found in the fact that the agricultural classes are not sufficiently educated to see and fully appreciate the importance of their cause.

Want of appreciation of the importance of the farmer's cause is another road to the sleep or death of Granges. We cannot see how a brother or sister alive to the great value of harmonious action and co-operation to our class could abandon it; it would be like making no effort to escape the storm when the dark and threatening clouds come sweeping across the sky.

Another cause of dormancy and one that has strewn the States from Atlantic to Pacific with the wrecks of promising Granges, was, and is, lack of attendance, carelessness in meeting "on time," at each call during the twelve months of the year.

To prevent dormancy and restore those to life already become so, we think that education, a hearty appreciation of the great importance of our cause, with the active co-operation of officers and members in Grange work will do wonders toward placing our order in the front rank of all organizations having for their object the elevation and improvement of mankind.—U. F. G., in Grange Bulletin.

The Grange—Its Past, Present and Future.

There is surely good enough in the order to merit better treatment than it has received. It has advanced the cause of the farmer in many ways; there is an improvement in his manners, dress and appearance, and in his increased intelligence.

We noticed in the Grange Bulletin that some one blames the sisters for the low condition of the Grange; they do not attend or take part in the work as they should. (You know that has been man's plea and subterfuge ever since Adam's time—if anything goes wrong blame the woman.) But, seriously, the sisters have not taken the interest in the order they ought.

They could not plead ignorance as an excuse. We hardly pick up a paper but what we read of such swindle perpetrated on the farmer. Is there not need of more Grange work? Whenever

the members get to work in earnest there will be such an interest aroused as has never been seen; we will not have to urge persons to join—they will do the asking, and we shall have them knocking for admission at every meeting.

The work the Grange does to-day will be felt in the future; therefore we should mark out a line of work that will enlighten as well as entertain. Of course we fill up the time, but are there not subjects that might be discussed with more advantage to all of us? The Worthy Lecturers of both the State and National Granges have furnished subjects for the Subordinate Granges (some of them very important) that have been entirely ignored. More Grange literature ought to be read.

Poultry.

Cholera and its remedy.

We take the following from the New Industry or Thoroughbred Poultry South:

Cholera is the hydra of the poultry yard, the most rapidly fatal of all diseases that fowls are heir to. Preventives are better than cures. I have had no disease of any kind in my yards for seven years. The reason is, because of my use of preventives. I give two antidotes herewith. Be guided by them and you will not have the disease. The best known cure, so far coming to my knowledge is the following: Sulphate of iron, 1 ounce; Cayenne pepper, 3 ounces; extract of aloes, 1/2 ounce; gum camphor, 1/2 ounce; extract of hemlock, 1/2 ounce; aconite, 1/2 ounce; blue mass, 1/2 ounce.

Make into 2-grain pills and give a pill three times a day, at 6 A. M., 12 M. and 7 P. M. Six pills will surely effect a cure of the disease; but if a fowl has a case of any long standing it never fully recovers its original vigor, hence preventives are the best to use.

In case of disease, separate the sick from the well at once, and if not an extra fine bird kill at once, cleanse the house thoroughly, spade or plow up the run, fumigate with carbolic acid and sulphur, whitewash with lime and copperas, and ventilate thoroughly. If your neighbors have cholera among their fowls, quarantine. There has as yet been no specific discovered. I attribute my success to preventives, and among them my sanitary measures. Among the preventives I use this: Use a vessel (iron preferred) holding about a quart of water (rain water preferred) and dissolve about an ounce of bluestone in it; then take a quart of wheat, rye, barley or cracked corn, and let it soak in the solution overnight and feed it to the fowls—it will be enough for twenty chickens or twelve turkeys. If fed to a sick fowl, a teaspoonful every three hours for twelve hours, will often give relief. If fed once or twice a month to fowls it is a good preventive of disease. This is a simple remedy and within reach of all. Fowls will pay for all the care given them.

Turkey Talk.

A correspondent of Colorado Farmer says: "Ten years' experience has taught us how to manage young turkeys about as follows. I say us, for what success we have had in raising the young is largely due to aid from my better half: We set the turkey eggs under common hens, nine to a nest, allowing the young poults to remain in the nest twenty-four to thirty-six hours after hatching. Then remove the hen and brood to a vermin proof coop; confine for three days, then allow hen and brood unlimited range! Shut them in about sundown and open soon after sunrise; feed little and often the first few weeks; hard boiled eggs mixed with oatmeal or stale bread crumbs for two or three days, then curd mixed with bread crumbs, dandelion leaves or onion tops. After ten days some cracked grain might be added. At six weeks feed them any of the small grains, not omitting green food and the feed mixed with curd in; occasionally dust in the food charcoal, sulphur or bone meal. When nearly grown feed all the small grains and plenty of cabbage, cucumber or any other green food. To fatten feed plenty of corn or boiled barley, also a cooked mush made of corn meal, or raw corn chop and bran mixed with skimmed milk. Don't forget to feed charcoal. Don't coop to fatten. Nothing frets a turkey like confinement. Bronze turkeys if abundantly fed, will range but little and fatten quickly. Keep the young poults free from lice, chills and wet weather."

Fertile Eggs.

Geese usually pair, though an extra goose will be accepted by the gander if she has no mate. Guineas also pair and mate. The drake will take four or five ducks to his care, but in confinement

the number may be increased. A single union of a gobbler and hen turkey fertilizes all the eggs for that season, or rather for that clutch. If the turkey hen sets, and after hatching begins to lay, she should again be placed with a gobbler. It is conceded that eggs from the barn-yard hen become fertile on the fifth day after she has been mated with the cock, and the eggs will sometimes hatch after the cock has been removed for a week or ten days. This depends, however, upon the position of the eggs in the ovary, and the duration of the time the hen has been laying.

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The Nativity of Plants.

Spinach is a Persian plant. Horseradish is a native of England. Melons were found originally in Asia. Filberts came from Greece. Quinces came from Corinth. The turnip came from Rome. The peach came from Persia. Sage is a native of the South of Europe. Sweet marjoram is a native of Portugal. The bean is said to be a native of Egypt. Damsos came from Damascus. The nasturtium came from Peru. The pea is a native of the South of Europe. Ginger is a native of the East and West Indies. Coriander seed came originally from the East. The cucumber was originally a tropical vegetable. The gooseberry is indigenous to Great Britain. Apricots are indigenous to the plains of Armenia. Pears were brought from the East by the Romans. The walnut is a native of Persia, the Caucasus and China. The clove is a native of the Malacca Islands, as also is the nutmeg. Cherries were known in Asia as far back as the seventeenth century. Garlic came from Sicily and the shores of the Mediterranean. Asparagus was a wild sea coast plant, and is a native of Great Britain. The tomato is a native of South America. Parsley is said to have come from Egypt. Apples were brought from the East by the Romans. The crab apple is indigenous to Great Britain. The onion was almost an object of worship with the Egyptians 2,000 years before the Christian Era. The canteloupe is a native of America, and so called from the name of a place near Rome, where it was first cultivated in Europe.—Microcosm.

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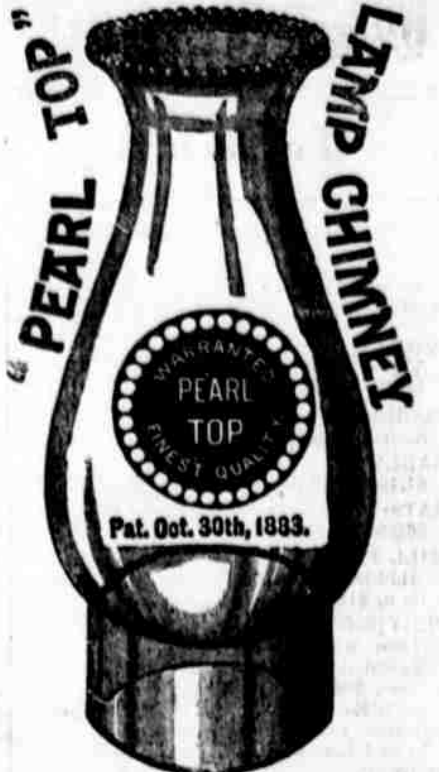
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