

Poultry.

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The following questions have been sent to me to give an answer, and The Poultry raiser was mentioned, so I think B. R. of Ohio, is a subscriber to your paper.

- 1. How many eggs ought a Leghorn hen lay during the year?
2. Do hens lose their laying qualities as they become older?
3. If so, how long ought they to be kept?
4. Which is the more profitable, to raise young chickens for the market or sell eggs?
5. How many chickens do you keep?
6. How much clear profit can you count on each hen?

Answer 1. I want them to lay every day in the year, but they don't. Well kept and well attended to, we have them to lay on an average 130 eggs a piece.

2. They do. A hen that commences to lay when six or eight months old, the first year will lay more eggs than any year afterwards.

3. A hen kept over three years will not pay for the keeping. This has been my experience for over twenty years.
4. You cannot separate the raising of young chickens and selling them and eggs very well, if you wish to make it pay.

5. We keep over 100 laying hens of the above mentioned kind. We keep our fine stock mated in pens and yards; these we aim to keep from laying till about the middle of February or the first of March, so that vigor is imparted to the eggs and that the chickens hatched will be strong and healthy.

6. We count a good deal on each hen, but sometimes for unavoidable circumstances she fails to come up to our expectations. I never saw the time that I did not realize at least \$1 clear profit on each hen on eggs alone in the course of a year from one dozen hens (besides raising chickens) of our common laying hens.

The Art of Rising Early.

The proper time to rise is when sleep ends. Dozing should not be allowed. True sleep is the aggregate of sleeps or is a state consisting in the sleeping or rest of all the several parts of the organism.

A Gobbler Downs a Game Rooster.

"I had a game chicken once," said a gossip. "and I thought was invincible. He whipped out everything on the plantation and then wanted to tackle the yard dog. I was very proud of him. Finally one day a stray turkey gobbler came on the premises and took up his abode there. For a day or two there was no war. My rooster, it is true, followed the gobbler around and picked up gravel in front of him, and once or twice made a point of jumping him, but the gobbler seemed determined to attend to his own business.

Our Wealthy Men.

Much has been said in newspapers of men who have made large fortunes in comparatively a few years in various business industries. Many of these articles are written by correspondents of prominent newspapers, and copied into others of lesser note.

Views of an Employer who Shares his Profits with his Men.

Laroche Joubert, a French paper maker, who shares his profits with his employees, says that "given two mills with equal capital and similar in every respect, if one gives shares of profits to his work people, it is bound to beat the other out of the field, as it will have the pick of the workmen."

Grange Column.

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GRANGE NOTES.

Many grave and important questions are coming to the front for settlement in America. With our great and rapidly growing population; our vast extent of territory; our many varied and often conflicting interests; our population from all nations, and of all creeds known of men; with new political parties being formed; new combinations of labor and other organizations; new theories being advanced; it is of the utmost importance that Patrons of Husbandry set a careful watch upon their every word and act.

A voice in the United States Senate, a few days before adjourning, said. "That the demands of the farmers are just and proper must be apparent, and that they will be complied with is just as certain as that the Government shall endure and the farmers of the country continue to appreciate the justice of their claims and their undoubted power to enforce them."

The inter-State commerce bill prohibits railroads from issuing free passes to any outside their own officials and employees. As far back as 1873 a director of the Pennsylvania railroad asserted that the free passes distributed by that corporation in one year represented \$500,000.

At a late meeting of the Hillsboro', N. H. Pomona Grange it was the universal opinion of the members who discussed the question of past and future reward of agriculture, that with the increased opportunities for education among farmers, the improved machinery by which to lessen manual labor, and a powerful organization like the Grange to protect their interests in Congress and our State Legislature the profits from farming must be greater in the years to come.

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