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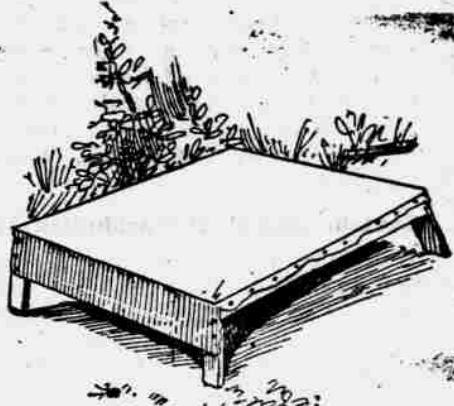
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CARE OF CHICKENS.

To Be Successful One Must Not Be Afraid of Work.

See that your fowls have everything to promote health, nothing that will hurt or destroy. Vermin should not be allowed to enter the fowls' house; but, should they get in, the best thing to do is to pull off your coat and get to work. Thoroughly clean and whitewash the house and nests and kerosene the roosts. Sitting hens are a great prey to lice. Put clean broken straw in the nest, take the hen by the legs, breast on the floor, and rub sulphur through the feathers and let her sit for 24 hours before placing the eggs. A day or so before the chickens are due use a good insect powder the same way the sulphur was put on. Have a dust bath handy and the hen will do the rest. When the chicks are hatched look for vermin on their heads. If any, rub a small quantity of any fresh grease where you see them. Do not take the hen and newly-hatched chicks out of the nest at once, but let them brood for a couple of days. Feed the hen—the chicks don't need anything. Keep the youngsters out of the early morning dew until ten or fourteen days old. Don't feed wet, raw cornmeal to spring chicks. Feed bread crumbs, hard-boiled eggs, granulated oatmeal, baked cornmeal and millet seed. When two weeks old shoot the neighbor's dog and keep your own cat in the cellar.—Dakota Field and Farm.

EXCHANGING EGGS.

A Practice Which Is Permitted to Flourish Too Freely.

It is not unusual to have a neighbor request you to exchange eggs with him, and such neighbor may have been the first to condemn your enterprise in purchasing new blood and pure breeds. As a rule every farmer who steps outside of the beaten path or ventures into something better is at once classed as a crank or a book farmer; but sooner or later his neighbors will show a willingness to obtain his stock if they can "exchange" with him. He must go to the expense of bringing the stock into the community, and if he fails he is set down as lacking in intelligence; but when he succeeds he receives no credit. There is no reason why one should exchange eggs of pure breeds for those from scrub fowls any more than a Jersey calf should be exchanged for one from a nondescript cow. When eggs are sold for hatching they represent something more than their value for the table. Those who buy them do not want eggs, but stock, the eggs representing the embryo young of the desired breed. Any farmer who procures pure breeds should be encouraged by his neighbors, as he benefits the whole community.—Rural World.

Care for Feather Eating.

I have experienced considerable difficulty in effectually curing fowls of the bad habit of feather eating, and found the following a certain cure after failing with paraffin, paring the bill, etc.: Take a piece of wire of the thickness of an ordinary hairpin, bend it round the top portion of the bill near the end, sufficiently tight as not to allow it to slip off. This will not prevent the bird from eating or drinking, but will prevent its closing its bill sufficiently tight to draw feathers, and the bad habit is soon forgotten.—California Poultry Keeper.

Don't Market Lean Fowls.

It costs about five cents to produce a pound of poultry, even at the heaviest feeding, says a writer in the American Poultry Advocate. A poor hen weighing six pounds can be gotten to the weight of eight pounds in 10

twenty days—seldom more than two weeks—and if the market price is 12 cents per pound she will bring 14 cents, owing to the extra quality, but allowing 12½ cents per pound she will bring one dollar.

PLANTING THE CORN.

Have the Soil Mellow and Fine and Stirred Deep.

If a good stand of corn is secured, care must be taken first to have good seed and then to plant under such conditions as will bring a quick germination of the seed and a thrifty start to grow. Plants, like animals, are easily stunted when young, and no after treatment will wholly overcome the effects of stunting.

While it is best to plant reasonably early, it is of no advantage to plant when the soil is wet or cold, or before it has been carefully prepared. Better delay the planting rather than to plant under unfavorable conditions. Corn is a crop that should germinate in a short time after the seed is planted, and the plants should make a steady growth to maturity.

Plow deep and thorough. If the ground has been plowed during the fall or winter go over it with a disk or spading harrow. It is an item to have the soil mellow and fine and stirred reasonably deep.

Taking one year with another, deep plowing or stirring of the soil before planting should be the rule, with shallow, thorough cultivation afterwards. It is only occasionally that it will be best to plow or cultivate deep after the plants are up. Generally thorough stirring of the soil keeping down the weeds, and the soil fine and mellow, will give better results than to plow or cultivate deep.

Rather more and better corn can be grown by planting in drills than in hills, but it is nearly always done at an increased cost. In nearly all cases it will cost more to give clean cultivation with drill-planting than with hill. But where the land is free from weeds, so that the cost of cultivating is not increased too much, drill planting will give the best growth and yield.

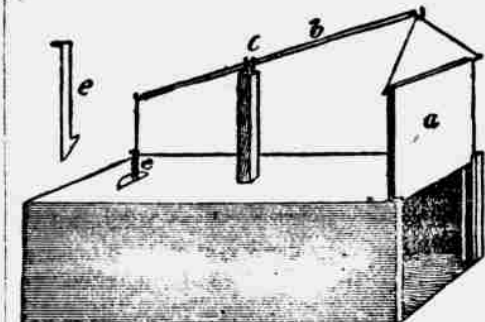
But in an average soil, it is usually more economical to plant in hills far enough apart each way, so that cultivation can be given both ways. One advantage in using only good seed and planting under the most favorable conditions is that just the number of plants wanted in each hill, that many kernels of corn can be dropped.

While it is better to thin out than to replant, both of these may usually be avoided by using good seed and taking care in planting. When the soil is warm and dry deep covering will be best. If the soil is rather wet or cold, it will be best to cover shallow. The fertility of the soil must determine the number of stalks in each hill. It is better to have one or two strong, vigorous plants than three or four small, unthrifty ones. It is better to thin out than to let the plants stand so thick as to stunt their growth.—St. Louis Republic.

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A HOMEMADE TRAP.

catches on the front edge. The sketch shows the trap set. Grain is used for bait, but carrots or cabbage are much liked by rabbits. Place the bait in the further end of the trap so that it cannot be taken out without touching the trigger, which flies up and down drops the door, caging the game. —G. L. Kuney, in Farm and Home.

Early Potato Blight.

The early blight of potatoes does not cause the tubers to rot. A more or less rapid drying and curling of the leaves and stems marks the presence of the disease. The edges of the leaves are first visibly affected; the color changes to a yellowish brown, while the central parts of the leaflets gradually become lighter green, or even yellow, and more or less spotted. The early blight of potatoes may be treated with partial success by means of the Bordeaux mixture. The vines should be sprayed when about two-thirds grown, and the application should be repeated as often as necessary, the foliage at all times being well covered with the mixture.—Western Plowman.

Clover Pasture Is Best.

The best pasture for colts, calves, lambs and pigs is clover, but it is still better to have a variety of pasturage plants, such as blue grass, orchard grass, red top, timothy and red clover. Let these seeds be well mixed and carefully sown and those best adapted to the soil will soon assert themselves and give largest and best growth of pasturage. Now is the time to scatter the seed, let it become well established and you will have pastures that you will be proud of.—Rural World.

This Is Worth Remembering.

A wagon box ten feet long, three feet wide and 25 inches deep will hold 27.5 bushels of ear corn and 50.2 bushels of shelled corn. A crib ten feet wide, ten feet high and 16 feet long will hold 711 bushels of ear corn. In ear corn, one bushel is contained in 2½ cubic feet. In figuring shelled corn or grain the same space will hold 14.5 times as much grain as it will of ear corn. A crib that will hold 800 bushels of corn will hold of shelled corn or other grain 1,440 bushels.

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