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DRINK AND BUSINESS

WORLD OF COMMERCE AROUSED TO HARMFUL EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL.

So Declares the President of the National W. C. T. U. In Annual Report—Marked Revolution In Life Insurance Methods.

The report of the president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance union, which was read at the recent annual convention at Fort Worth, Tex., contained many striking features. Among other things the report said:

The business world is aroused as never before in regard to the harmful effects of drinking and smoking and to the financial loss caused thereby. The increasing number of railroads that are placing a ban upon these habits is certainly encouraging to reformers. It now appears in the printed rules of some of the great roads that the use of intoxicants by employees while on duty is prohibited, their habitual use or the frequenting of places where they are sold is sufficient cause for the dismissal of employees and that the use of tobacco by employees while on duty in or about passenger stations or on passenger cars is prohibited.

The marked revolution in life insurance methods is worth noting. There was a time when special premiums were demanded of total abstainers on the assumption that they were not as healthy, were not as likely to live, as were drinkers. Now not only in our country, but in Great Britain, there are companies which issue policies to total abstainers in separate sections, so that if they really do live longer, as temperance people claim, they will get a larger share in the profits, and it has already been proved that the risks of total abstainers are the superior by a large per cent.

The declarations of medical experts on alcohol also furnish great encouragement to the temperance reformer who has long and imploringly looked for co-operation and help from this influential source.

At the Vienna congress celebrated physicians, some of them connected with insane asylums and inebriate institutions, agreed that from a medical standpoint alcohol is not a strength giver, is not a food, is not even the best sort of a stimulant.

Plato's philosophy expressed in the following declaration is true today—viz, "That the citizen cannot be good or happy without equitable legislation existing in the city, that the best governed city, the one which furnishes the best home for men, is that city in which all the citizens rejoice or are made sad by the same things and that the sum of misery is attained when the same things work to the profit of some and to the misery of others."

We of the white ribbon army know there is nothing which produces so much misery for multitudes and so much profit for others—looking at the profit from the short sighted human standpoint—as does the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquor, and we confidently believe the only way to overthrow the liquor traffic is through state and national prohibition.

QUAINT SIGNBOARDS.

Some Odd Inscriptions Relating to Temperance Public Houses.

In the course of his contributions on temperance topics to a London contemporary a leading temperance advocate quotes the following quaint descriptions on temperance signboards.

The signboard, he writes, has long played a prominent part in the trade of the publican. Temperance caterers have not done much in this direction. In the early days of the "public house without the drink" the following lines were frequently met with:

A public house without the drink,
Where men may read and smoke and think,
Then sober home return!

A temperance house in a Surrey village exhibits the following:

Weary traveler, step within;
No temptation here to sin.
Wholesome viands here are sold,
Quite refreshing, hot and cold,
Tea and coffee, water clear,
Lemonade and ginger beer,
Books and papers you will find
To cheer and elevate the mind.

A Railroad Official's Wisdom.

Strictures on the drinking man, especially in the railroad business, are growing every year, and the man of convivial habits is having his field of usefulness narrowed very materially. All great railroad systems have stringent rules against employees, especially trainmen, drinking intoxicating liquors during working hours, and now one road has come to the front and declared against its employees using liquor at any time or any place. W. A. Edwards, superintendent of the eastern division of the Chicago Great Western railroad, with headquarters at Dubuque, Ia., has issued an order prohibiting the men under his charge from using liquor at any time or place.

What Beer Drinking Does.

In appearance, says The Scientific American, the beer drinker may be the picture of health, but in reality he is most incapable of resisting disease. A slight injury, a severe cold or a shock to the body or mind will commonly provoke acute disease, ending fatally. Compared with inebriates who use different kinds of alcohol, he is more incurable and more generally diseased.

BROWN LEGHORNS.

A Breeder of the Single Comb Variety Sings Their Praises.

The single comb Brown Leghorns have earned the right to be classed among the best utility fowls since they have attained sufficient size to make them valuable as a market and table fowl. This quality, combined with their great ability as layers and their beauty, places them in the front rank as favorites of the farmer as well as of the fancier. They have been considered a nonsitting variety, but that is not a fact. In an experience extending over twenty years I have found them to make excellent sitters and mothers.

Pullets hatched in May or June or even so late as July will begin laying by November or December, and they need not be affected by cold weather, but should continue to lay throughout the season. Those hatched in February or March will begin to lay in the early fall, and when the change from warm to cold weather takes place they usually cease laying and perhaps molt. Consequently the early hatched birds are not as valuable for winter layers as the May or June hatched chicks. These two months seem to be the natural months for hatching, as the weather is suitable for incubating the eggs and raising the chicks, and at that time nature provides the vegetable and animal food that is necessary for the rapid growth of the birds.

The usefulness of the Brown Leghorn female as an egg producer extends through a period of three or four years without any apparent falling off, and some birds five or six years of age continue to lay well. I have a bird of that age in my yards at present that will lay as well as the younger birds, but as a rule three to four years is their average length of usefulness.

It is claimed by some that pullets which develop large combs are better layers than those with smaller ones. My experience is that the chick hatched earliest develops first, consequently she lays sooner and naturally has a larger comb, but so soon as development takes place in the one with the smaller comb she will lay equally well. It is also claimed that certain types of females will lay better than other types. I cannot see any difference in the laying qualities of the stout, short hen and the more rangy one. The condition of the stock is the main factor, because unless in prime condition you certainly cannot get the best results therefrom.

The single comb Brown Leghorns have taken their place among the general utility fowls because they produce more eggs of larger size than the Asiatics and most other breeds and because they begin laying sooner, do not consume so much time in sitting, are hardy, easily raised, do a lot of hustling and consequently can be raised at much less expense.—William F. Brace in Reliable Poultry Journal.

Colds

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STOP UP THE CRACKS.

Make Poultry Houses Secure Against Drafts and Avoid Colds and Roup.

As the weather begins to get colder, especially o' nights, it is increasingly important that the birds shall be snugly sheltered from winds and storms. We do not mean that they shall be shut tight up so that no fresh air whatever can reach them, but that drafts shall be shut off, for it is to drafts that most of the colds of autumn and winter are due. The farmer thinks: "Yes, it's getting colder. Guess I'll shut the henhouse door tonight." But he does not recall that there are several cracks in the walls and around the window and door frames that he meant to stop up some time, but he hasn't found the convenient time yet. Those cracks have been growing larger. The house is only four or five years old perhaps, and when it was built the joints were made tight, and the pernicious drafts didn't exist. The first summer's sun and rains seasoned the boards and opened up the seams a bit in two or three places, but not seriously. The next summer's sun and rains added to the seasoning, and in one or two instances a bit of light could be seen through a crack. And so it has gone on until now there are several decided leaks in the walls, where the winter winds whistle through and make piercing drafts in the pen, even though window and door be tightly closed.

Drafts of air and dampness are the cause of most of the colds, the dread precursor of roup, and if we will but close up those cracks so that currents of air are prevented we have gone fully half way in heading off that most troublesome and costly ailment. And prevention is so much easier and simpler than cure. Any one who has wearily battled through a siege of roup will say "amen" to that.

And it is so easy, too, to stop up the cracks. With a few cents' worth of "Neponset" or "Paroid" or "Ruberoid" roofing material and a hammer (the nails and tin heads come with it) a man can close in the walls of the house and effectually shut out the winter blasts. Either of those roofing materials properly put on makes a poultry house or barn or any outbuilding both wind and water tight, and thereafter the ventilation of that building by window and door is wholly within control. With the cracks stopped up and direct drafts prevented the fowls can go to roost at night in comfort, and the owner will not be likely to be greeted with sneezes and other symptoms of the dreaded colds when he opens the door in the morning.

Shutting off the direct drafts pays in another way—namely, in egg production—and is to be recommended for that reason also. Warmth is a factor in the production of eggs, and the shutting out of the chill blasts is the first step toward securing that desired warmth. Absence of cold is warmth.—A. F. Hunter in Reliable Poultry Journal.

Big Wheat Yields.

A Minnesota man claims that by a careful breeding of wheat he is going to produce a variety of wheat which will produce fourfold more than any we have now. We do not believe that this can be done, and if it could be it is doubtful if such a discovery would be of any real benefit. Wheat pulls the life out of the best soil fast enough as it is and one year with another is one of the least profitable crops which can be raised.

To Compete With Rocky Ford.

A truck growers' association has been organized at Granbury, Tex., for the purpose of competing with Rocky Ford, Colo., in growing and marketing cantaloupes. They will plant 100 acres or more and want buyers to come and take them at the cars.

HOPPERS FOR POULTRY.

How They Are Caught and Pressed Into Bricks For Shipping.

Grasshoppers are being put to a new use out in Nebraska. The farmers have killed incredible numbers of them by the help of a machine which is perhaps the most effective ever devised for the purpose. It is called a "hopperdozer" and is nothing more or less than a large flat pan with a small amount of kerosene contained in a depression in the rear part of it. The contrivance, being attached to a horse, is pushed along in front of the animal as the latter is driven across the fields. Pretty nearly every grasshopper encountered jumps upon the pan and is promptly suffocated by the kerosene.

This ingenious instrument has been in use for a number of years in parts of the west, but hitherto it has not occurred to the farmers to make any use of the dead grasshoppers. Most commonly they were burned, though some more enterprising agriculturists turned a portion of them to account as poultry feed. They found that the hens liked them exceedingly, for it is a fact that a grasshopper is to a hen what a canvasback duck is to human epicure—the very choicest and most esteemed of delicacies.

Hence the idea which is now being developed on a commercial scale. The grasshoppers, after being killed by the hopperdozer, are left in windrows in the fields, where they are soon dried. When they have been exposed to the sun for a sufficient time to reduce them to a properly desiccated condition, they are gathered up with rakes, shoveled into carts and conveyed to a shed, where they are put into a press somewhat resembling an ordinary cheese press and converted into solid bricks.

The bricks are shipped in quantities to poultry raisers, who find this new kind of hen provender most satisfactory, and they are anxious to get more of it. Apparently it is a great encourager of egg production.

It is not necessary to grind the bricks before feeding the stuff to the chickens, but merely to break them into pieces and soften with water.—Saturday Evening Post.

The Pekin.

The illustration shows one of the "big kind" of Pekin ducks. This one was bred by William E. Knight, Fishkill Landing, N. Y. The picture is reproduced from American Poultry Journal.

Fattening Poultry In Belgium.

Consul Roosevelt of Brussels gives this interesting account of fattening poultry in Belgium: In fattening for market, at about three months old, coops of peculiar construction accommodate twenty chickens. They are twenty-four inches high, twenty inches wide, standing on four legs three feet in height. The bottom is made of lath so that the droppings fall through, the top an adjustable board to allow free circulation of air, the front lath two to two and a half inches apart and the receptacle for food a triangular shaped wooden box. The food consists of ground buckwheat mixed with milk, forming a paste not too liquid and fed twice daily. At noon milk or milk and water is given them. If any refuse to take their food, they are not forced to eat, but are removed and killed, as they will grow thin and lose their market value. They are usually fed four or five weeks.

Done Well With Turkeys.

The farmer who is always decrying turkeys and the expense of raising them will be forced to admit that the turkeys have withstood the drought better than anything else on the farm, and the food they have eaten he will not regard as so much wasted. He will find that the large drove of turkeys his wife has to sell will materially aid the family when everything else is so scarce. Turkeys may be lower on the market than usual, but I doubt it. The scarcity and consequent high prices of other meats probably will keep up the price of poultry even if there is a large supply. There is always the Thanksgiving and Christmas demand, and add to this the numbers required to grace feasts of different kinds and you will find the turkey will be in demand at good prices.—Miss Bettie G. Mackey in Reliable Poultry Journal.

Good Things to Know.

We notice in an old journal the following words:

"A few raw eggs mixed with the food about once a week will check any tendency to looseness of the bowels."

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Bronze Turkeys.

This pair of ideal bronze turkeys meets all the requirements of the standard. The illustration is reproduced from Farm Poultry.

Feeding Ground Bone.

Mr. L. wants to know whether to feed ground cut bone in the mash or separately, how often, how much to 100 hens, whether it can be fed to growing chicks. These questions have all been answered several times within a year, but there are always many new subscribers for whom information must be repeated. Green cut bone can be given either in the mash or separately, but I prefer to feed it separately and as a separate meal or a "bite" between meals. When hens are getting it regularly, they may safely be fed all they will eat of it. The quantity will vary with the composition of the other food. The usual estimate is two ounces of bone per hen per week. It is best to give it two or three times a week. Green bone, if cut fine enough, can be fed to growing chicks with profit. They need meat food, and there is certainly none better.—Farm Poultry.

A Profitable Half Acre.

Professor John W. Lloyd of the Illinois Agricultural college planted a one-half acre farmer's garden. He reports his experiences as follows:

"If nothing is charged for the use of the land nor the manure, the total cost would be summarized as follows: Seeds and plants, $5.54; insecticides, 50 cents; labor, $26.11; total, $32.06.

"In return for this expenditure the garden furnished a continuous supply of fresh vegetables throughout the growing season, with enough sweet corn for drying, tomatoes for canning, cucumbers, peppers, cabbage, string beans and green tomatoes for pickling, onions, beets, carrots, parsnips, salsify, winter radishes, cabbage and celery for winter use and parsnips, horseradish and salsify left in the ground for spring. These vegetables could not have been bought in the usual way for less than $83.84. This leaves a balance of $51.78 in favor of the garden. What other half acre on the farm pays as well?"

Preparing Soil For Planting.

Continue the preparation of the soil for spring planting. The recent freezes will be found to greatly aid the harrow in pulverizing the surface soil. Remember, the soil cannot be too finely pulverized. Less seed is required because a larger per cent will germinate on a finely comminuted soil, and a quicker and more vigorous growth will result. Such a soil will both contain more and retain better whatever water it may receive, and the plant food is rendered more easy of access to the finely divided feeding roots.

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