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"He was our friend"

The most effective weapon of monopolistic business against the smaller, independent home dealers has been Price Cutting—underselling regardless of cost until fair competition is eliminated and leaves the consumer helpless.

Yet, the department of justice of the recent national administration sued, as a trust, the manufacturer of a very successful article, though it has over 100 competitors, on the plea that under the Sherman act the manufacturer must not prevent the big chain stores, mail order houses and the price cutters in general from offering well known, standard goods at less than your home dealer can afford to sell them, just as a bait to get his trade away.

The Government makes no mention of the fact that the loss which the monopolists entail on these goods by cutting prices, is made up by them by overcharging on unbranded articles of fluctuating value. The Government makes no mention of the fact that the Sherman act was intended to prevent those very methods of business that create monopolies.

What will become of the little dealer—your home dealer—if the Government wins the suit and clears the path for the unfair price cutters?

And, the consumer? Our cartoon tells quite a story about one feature of that, doesn't it?

Ashanti Customs.

In Ashanti many families are forbidden the use of certain meats. In like manner others are forbidden to wear clothes of a certain color.

Got the Habit Later.

In a sermon preached in a small church in Glasgow the pastor, after inveighing against slothfulness, said by way of climax: "Do you think Adam and Eve went about the garden of Eden with their hands in their pockets?"

The Foxglove.

The flowers of the foxglove are like the fingers of a glove. The name of foxglove is said to be a corruption of "folk's glove" or "fairy's glove."

Textile Fabrics.

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POULTRY NOTES

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THE DANDY BLACK ORPINGTON.
The far famed Dorking, which Caesar bore from Rome to England 55 B. C., has been knocked to splinters by the big pink skinned Orpington, England's now most popular chicken. England has many varieties, both in rose and single comb, but so far the American Poultry association has admitted but three to the standard—S. C. White, S. C. Buff and S. C. Black. This breed, originated by the late William Cook at Orpington, England,

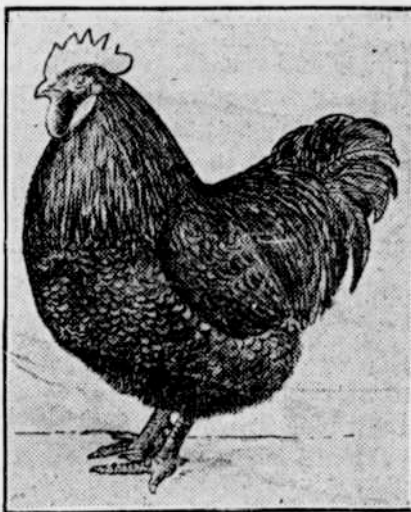


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BLACK ORPINGTON COCK BIRD.

Is the most popular thus far originated on English soil and has a large following in this country.

All the standard varieties are alike in weight and shape, and the Blacks have many friends.

A look at the cuts tells why. They are a fowl to be proud of, pretty for show and bulky for eggs and meat.

To make the Black Orpington a Black Minorca male was mated to black sport pullets from Barred Plymouth Rocks.

Pullets of this cross were then bred to a Black Langshan cock with clean legs.

This was a fine combination for eggs and meat, size and beauty, and it was found that the young matured from a month to six weeks earlier than the chicks of the original breeds bred straight.

To get the Blacks to their present perfection was a tedious task. Mr. Cook persevering for seventeen years before he reached his ideal. He made both rose and single comb from this combination.

The Black Orpington is of remarkable vitality. It is large, compact,

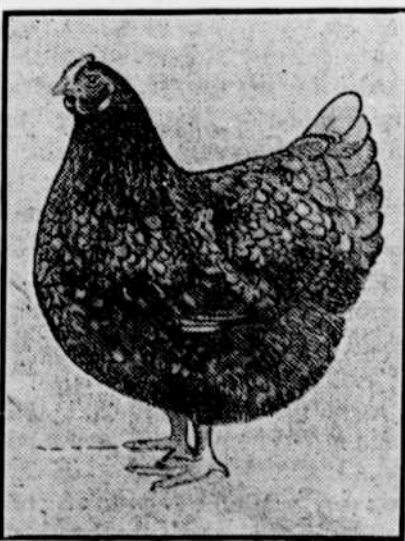


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BLACK ORPINGTON HEN.

plump, big breasted, and as a general purpose fowl for fine grained meat and big eggs it is hard to beat.

It should be low in stature, have rich, glossy, black plumage; red comb, face, wattles, ear lobes; dark eyes, black shanks, and the soles of its feet should be pinkish white.

As a market fowl it is rather large for the common call and does not have the butter colored skin and trills so popular with American market buyers.

ORPINGTON STANDARD WEIGHTS.

Cock 10 Pounds. Hens 8 Pounds.

Cockerel 8 Pounds. Pullet 7 Pounds.

DON'TS.

Don't argue over trifles. The man who seeks an argument and prides himself on his argumentative ability needs only to argue with a suffragette and he will fizzle away to a zero without the ring.

Don't fail to be neat. If your goods are nice and you look nice, no trouble about that extra price.

Don't get the idea that any old bunch of feathers will win at the county fair. Just try the trick and get licked.

Don't think every fellow who takes a look at your place is trying to steal your secrets. There is a secret you shouldn't tell—how you fake at the shows so well.

"TO BE OR NOT TO BE!"

The hen stood on the lousy nest, Where mites had on her fed, And, gazing round the bughouse coop, She shook her head and said:

"With lice joy riding down my back, Mites chewing me at night And microbes waiting for a chance To make of me a bite,

"And bad smells floating all around, Rats gobbling all my feed, It surely is discouraging And makes my poor heart bleed.

"With cholera in the air I breathe, Dread rotting germs drawing near And naught to feed my egg machine How can I lay in here?"

"To be or not to be! Like me, Cried Hamlet in his lay. Perhaps the best thing I can do Is to put myself away.

"Oh, no; I'll not take rough on rats Nor shoot me with a gun. I'll simply cross the public road Where automobiles run.

"And so goodbye! The die is cast. The car flends never miss. A speeding car, a little jar— Presto—I'm out of this!"

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TO FILL THE WINTER EGG BASKET.

Winter is when many wonder why their hens don't lay. They get gobs of eggs in the cheap season, but get left when the winter egg brings the long green. If these disappointed folks investigate and find what their hens get in the warm season that they lack now and furnish the same or a good substitute the problem is solved. They will discover that spring and summer afford variety; that, beside grains fed, the hen has succulent greens, juicy worms and bugs and exercise, and thus the ration is well balanced between protein and carbohydrates so that the hen gets plenty of egg maker and body builder.

Now, let sprouted oats, cut clover, alfalfa, cabbage, beets, substitute for greens; fresh cut bone, or beef scrap represent bugs and worms and a grain ration of equal parts wheat, oats and corn and a crumbly mash of equal parts wheat midds, ground oats, ground corn and two parts bran be the remainder. These coupled with exercise for the grain in litter, and you have a winter menu we have never seen fail for lots of eggs.

Try this for a day's fare: At dawn scatter a good handful of grain for each hen in the litter and two for the rooster; at 10 feed plenty of greens. Cut clover and alfalfa go best steamed in the mash. Raw vegetables are best for hens. At noon serve cut bone. Feed sparingly at first. At 4 serve crumbly mash all they want. Beef scrap, about 10 per cent of bulk, is best fed in mash and should be soaked awhile before mixing. Of course this quantity isn't arbitrary. Hen's appetite and condition must be guided. There should always be some grain in litter to reward her efforts.

These remarks do not apply to hens housed on the hogan plan, to anti-diluvian relics nor to birds of the fat Biddy bustle style. To make them lay use the ax.

FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.

The word "bill" is applied to the mouth of water fowl, though some term this part of the duck the "scoop shovel." "Beak" is applied to the mouth of other poultry.

English fanciers are trying to revive interest in the Game. As he dare not be bred for cock fights, they are advocating that this bird be turned loose in the forests to breed like the jungle fowl, and they claim that in a few years he will regain the power to fly and make as good sport as pheasant hunting.

The market demands that capons have no combs, so it is the practice at time of operation to dub the birds. In doing this start at the back and cut front, and cut even with the skull and make a smooth job of it.

A single poultry farm in New Jersey marketed 1,121,478 eggs last year, and a reliable firm of accountants investigated their claims and found the owners made \$19,484.83 profits in a single year. Yes, the American hen is a money maker when treated right.

Pumpkins are enjoyed by the hens in winter and should be cut in half and hung up in the coop. The soft, sweet meat helps to make their crops spongy. They have a feeding value, are cheap and beneficial.

Joseph Gullick, a notorious Pennsylvania chicken thief, was recently shot while stealing chickens and sent to the Eastern penitentiary for a minimum term of six and a maximum term of eleven years, plus \$100 fine and costs. This is his ninth conviction for chicken stealing, and many think he should be sentenced to an insane asylum for life.

A cross of the African and Canadian goose is declared by New England epicures to be the best table rubberneck yet invented. The offspring of this mating is a "mule"—it cannot reproduce.

There is much to be learned at the fairs and shows about modern poultry culture, and it is at these many determine to keep better poultry and others get the inspiration to go into the business. These exhibitions are becoming a wonder for size and beautiful quality and are a great help to the advance of this great branch of agriculture.

A committee of three was appointed by the American Poultry association to investigate the extent of the United States government's co-operation with poultrymen. We are curious to know just how much the government has done to promote the billion dollar poultry industry and hope the committee gets all the facts.

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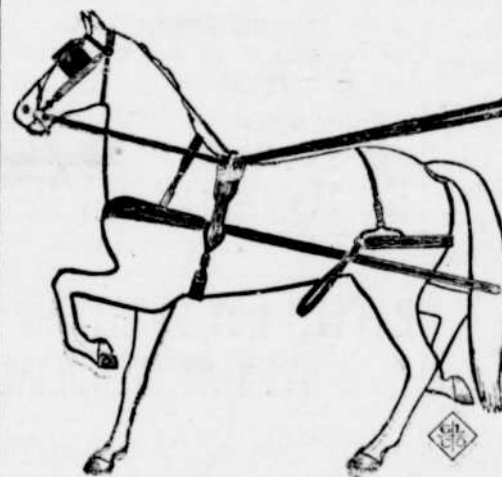
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