



POULTRY NOTES
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No wonder it makes Biddy cackle. It is cheap, easily prepared and keeps indefinitely.

Cut second growth clover just as blossoms are turning. This retains strength in leaf and stalk that would go to seed.

Half dry, turning both sides to sun, sack and hang in barn to cure.

Thus it keeps its strength, color and sweetness. In the winter it is cut into short lengths and fed dry in hoppers or steamed and fed in the soft mash.

EGG FIENDS.

The old boy horse snags up Biddy's eggs in the manger. Easiest way to catch Mr. Skunk is to set the steel trap with an egg. Crows love hen fruit.

Eggs are popular. We can't blame chickens for eating them. They know a good thing when they lay it. But, naturally, the egg is sacred to the hen unless she has the habit, and she generally handles them with care.

The causes are soft and thin shell eggs from lack of grit; nests that are too high, small, public, open on top; too many hens laying in one nest; and lack of beef scrap.

This is the whole trouble in cracked eggshells, and all can be remedied.

One advocates placing eggs stuffed with soft soap before the hen. Good way to clean 'em out. Another tells us to take all castoff eggs and shells from the incubator and feed them to the hens until they get a surfeit. He must have poor hatching eggs. But all people don't run incubators, and where these rejected eggs to come from in the winter? We take those castoff eggs minus the shell and mix them in soft feed, and our hens always cackle for more.

We never had egg fiends. If we had one, we would file the point of her beak until it was sore. If that didn't stop her, we would file off her tail behind her ears. You may lay a dozen eggs down on our scratching floor. Our hens will look at them and us as if to say, "Keep off the eggs." Then a bright-eyed Biddy will get down and cackle them under her as if afraid our big feet will crush the beautiful white globes.

FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.

When you are shipping live fowls feed them only solid grains and plenty of water before shipment.

Cash in the wallet is better than chickens in the coop. Waiting for high prices this time of year is like hunting for gold mines in the moon.

The habit of throwing the entrails of chickens to poultry is to be condemned. The crop need not be full of feed if the bird is made to fast before killing.

The York county (Pa.) people rather had the laugh on the Washington authorities when they sent out the news that eggs could be preserved for an indefinite time by simply greasing them with lard. That method has been used in York for seventy-five years. Hot tape makes Washington a back number.

Some people feed their stock anything. A man skinned a dead horse, sold the hide and hung the quarters in his barn to grind for the chickens as needed. Another went to the fertilizer factory and secured the dried, ground, diseased horse for his chickens and sold the eggs to his neighbors. He professed to be a Christian too.

The boys who are raising show birds are now working out their problems and putting the best foot forward. Those who were naughty last year and used other boys' birds to win should read the articles against the practice in the journals and reform before they are caught and get it in the neck.

When one of our New York duck specialists, who hatches 30,000 a year, told a Canadian poultry convention that he gets up every morning at 2 o'clock and makes a round of his duck hovels they all woke up and took notice. That's for you, old laybones. Wake up!

In a recent fire in Camden, N. J., a tenant rushed into the flames to rescue a hen that was sitting on Rock eggs. While a rescue party was getting ready to rescue him the hero emerged with the hen under his arm and his pockets full of eggs. Two of the eggs hatched. Wonder they didn't get overheated.

The word is pronounced to-lux as in fowl, not two-loose. There's not a house on a Toulouse.

The poultryman who is too lazy to bury dead fowls, but allows them to lie in the sun to breed maggots, to breed lousebears, should keep a few turkey buzzards around to clean up the carrion. He might pass them off on some of our licensed judges for a new breed.

ROCK STANDARD WEIGHTS.

Rock Standard Weights

Cock 8 1/2 lbs.
Cockerel 8 lbs.
Hen 7 1/2 lbs.
Pullet 7 lbs.

DON'TS.

Don't be backward in buying new wheat when the market declines.

Don't let your roosters spend their fine lighting. It's a poor fattening process.

Don't loaf on the corner arguing politics and let your chickens go all to sticks.

Don't get the reputation of being a siffler in the national association nor use your little hatch behind the officers' backs.

Don't get scared at protozoa, nematodes, parasites, trematodes, nematodes, cestodes, gallinae, verities and menopon and gallinariae. Knock 'em out.

FEED HENS HAY.

Whether the four leaf clover brings luck is a question. We know it makes fine hay and pulls the eggs. Fowls must have bulky food to render their concentrated grains readily digestible and save them from hard crops. Clover is not just dry stuff like straw. It contains nitrogen and lime and is rich in nutrition.

Look at this table, which shows the ratio of nutritive qualities:

Clover, 1.61; corn, 1.59; potatoes, 1.27; barley, 1.51; wheat, 1.65.

Clover has more lime than any of them and is almost the equal as wheat.

FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.

Be sure to sow the plump gray buckwheat. The brown amounts to little. Sunflower seeds for molting birds, millet and oats the old corn that had to be culled to bring the best of life. Eggs in the piazard brings eggs in the bin.

A duck is harder to scold than a chicken on account of down. Have your water right at boiling point. Take duck by head and feet and thoroughly douse. Pick at once.

And now, while talking about morning, are you always sure to sow seeds of kindness and distribute the fruit, or are you like the old cow that had to be culled to bring the best of life?

Eggs smeared with vasoline and kept in limewater get rusty. Eggs covered with paraffin and set away in crocks in a cool cellar will give you the reputation of a fool seller.

Some of our Leghorn fanciers feel sorry that only 124 in 600 poultry shows reported the number of fowls present, and they think the Leghorns would have won the first standard if all had sent lists. Never mind, boys; we're anyhow, and the old Rocks are "limbless."

We are advised to spade up ground for our ducklings that they may have a "savory meal of worms." We believe in teaching our little ducks to use their own scoop shovels, especially in July and August. The early duck gets the worm.

And now what of those breeders? Is the surplus sold? Don't let those breeding birds go to rags when they were so faithful in supplying hatching eggs. You'll need them next spring, remember.

"Keep Off-The Chickens" should be the sign now at every yard. "Keep In The Coop" should be the kept reserve of every chicken man's wife. Put up the signs, John.

That hot bad smell bursting from the colony house when you open the door in the morning is a death warning. You know what's needed. We won't scold you, but you'll feel bad enough if you keep it up.

The census returns show a general average of sixty eggs a year per hen, while in a year by the agricultural department Leghorns laid 100; Rocks, flocks and Wyandottes each 150 per year. You can do that if you're not lazy or tight.

With apologies to Bobbly Burns, who was a good judge of a rooster fight. Those fellows who are preserving eggs and selling them had better look up the pure food laws in their respective states if they may "git cotched." Of course we mean those who are selling them as preserved eggs. We wouldn't give the other fellow a tip—only, into the creek.

THE GOLDEN NOODLE CURL.

We often read of golden curls
Adorning Venus' brows
That make men's hearts go pitapat
And lead to marriage vows.

But, no, my friend, the curl for me
Twirls not o'er winking eye.
Such curls are often feisty
And come from gay Paris.

I love the golden noodle curl
That mother used to roll,
It had the cutest little twirl
To charm my hungry soul.

Should make the richest chicken soup
And roll the noodles thin,
I loved to watch the golden loops
As mother dropped them in.

"And now just pass your plate," she'd say.
"There's plenty in the pot.
Don't hurry now. There's plenty more.
You'll learn your mouth; they're hot."

They were hot stuff, and mother, too,
Was queen of all the girls.
She was not by a long way
And not by stirring curls.

C. M. B.

KURIOS FROM KORRESPONDENTS.

Q.—Please inform me how you keep your chickens from crowding into one-hoover or colony house? Mine will leave their houses and crowd into one.

A.—You must paint your brooders and colony houses different colors, as chicks distinguish them and will congregate in one house if you do not.

Q.—Can you advise me what the best

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