

Give the Old Hen A Chance to Cackle

When a hen cackles it means an egg. The more cackles, the more eggs; the more eggs, the more profit. But cackles and eggs will be few and far between this winter unless you give your poultry flock proper care and housing.

Poor hen houses, or none at all, are the reasons why hens do not lay as many eggs as they should. Before an honest hen will cackle frequently, she has to be fed right, properly housed and exercised. You can't blame her for striking if she's not properly looked after. To be free from vermin, dry and protected from drafts while on the roost means a lot in the life of a hen and the size of your profits.

A good poultry house should be dry, well ventilated, free from draft and should admit plenty of sunshine. (It isn't the cold that injures poultry so much as dampness and drafts. Sunshine is a regular tonic to hens and means more eggs in winter.)

It is surprising how cheaply a poultry house that provides these essentials can be built. A well kept poultry flock will soon repay the cost of building such a house by making a substantial increase in the number of eggs laid per day.

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Interpreting China

By Rev. L. V. Lewis

Ancestral Worship and Commercial Life—The first and perhaps the chief cause for the immense population of China is a result of the strange mixture of spiritual conviction and the strongest passion of man. It is the religious conviction of the Chinese that no man can be at peace after death who does not leave behind him a son who will perform the ancestral rites for the repose of his spirit. This is of such vital concern that every man is determined to have a son before his death and as death is no respecter of persons or age, the earlier he marries the safer will be his eternal interests. But this alone would not explain the enormous following of this peculiar form of worship.

The secret lies deeper than the mere individual concern. All the dead members, not only of the family, but of the clan, will be unfavorably affected by failure in the performance of ancestral rites, the penalty falling not only upon the individual but the entire family and all members of the clan no matter how remote. Drought, flood, plague, in fact all evils are the result of this failure. Is it any wonder that the Chinese so bitterly oppose Christianity. For the moment the individual becomes a believer the ancestral altars are neglected and a just punishment at once descends upon the clan. Hence not the young man alone but his father and mother, brothers, sisters, cousins, uncles and aunts are interested in his early marriage and the birth of a son. Therefore the supreme duty of man is a perpetuation of ancestral worship and of woman, motherhood.

Mencius, China's greatest philosopher, has said, "Unfilial conduct is the worst of sins" and "Three things are unfilial, and having no sons is the worst." So deep has become this conviction that for three thousand years bearing no son has been recognized as ample ground for divorce. And not only that but it justifies concubinage or the taking of a second wife. So deep does this religious conviction go and so urgent is the case that if successive wives or concubines do not result in a son any younger brother who has two sons must give his eldest to the unfortunate brother; or if there is no relief to be obtained from that quarter, the sonless husband may buy a son from some other member of the clan. This adopted or purchased son becomes at once the legal heir and spiritual descendant of his putative father.

So great is Chinese virility that the population of China doubles substantially within eighty years, whereas the population of Europe doubles substantially in a century. If the reader will keep this immense population and virility in mind as he reads of the commercial possibilities of China, we believe he will see another reason for the need of educating China than the usual religious one advanced by our missionaries.

Archibald Little writes "Nothing but the want of roads and civilized means of intercommunication prevents the development of the mineral resources of Shansi and competition in the world's markets with the iron of Britain and America. Shansi's coal measures spread over twenty five degrees of meridian—from the western desert right across the province and thence round, in the extension of its mountains to the north of the Chihli plain, to the seacoast and again rounding the

Chihli Gulf into Manchuria. These coal and iron strata are said to belong to the old carboniferous formations; the deposits are inexhaustible; the coal seams reach as large as forty feet in thickness, and lie mostly undisturbed and are easily worked".

I believe most of the readers will remember the startling report of Baron Richthofen on her coal and iron resources. In that report he pronounced the coal and iron resources of China as being the greatest of any nation upon the earth. He says "From this description it will be seen that Shansi is one of the most remarkable coal and iron regions in the world; and some of the details which I will give will make it patent that the world at the present rate of consumption could be supplied for thousands of years from Shansi alone."

While it may be true that the depth of the coal seams as given by Richthofen, namely five hundred feet, may be due to folding in those particular spots, yet he only investigated one field and coal is found in fifteen provinces.

With the meager data that is available the coal supply of China is estimated as one trillion five hundred billion tons, this estimate undoubtedly falls far short of the actual figures for Baron Richthofen gives the coal area at over 419,000 square miles.

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