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### MODERN POULTRY CULTURE

By PHIL. MARQUAM

#### THE TRAP NEST.

The advent of the trap nest marked a new era in Poultry farming. Up to that time there was no such thing as an "individual record." A flock record was all that any poultryman possessed. Yet, notwithstanding the merits of the trap nest, there are two classes of people who condemn their use. The first class are those who know nothing of their merits, or their possibilities; and the second class object to them on account of labor and expense involved in their use. But the trap nest stands upon its own merits. No amount of adverse criticism will lessen its value to the poultryman who wishes to build up a heavy laying strain—a task which can be accomplished only by the use of this type of nest.

Success in the poultry business lies along the line of individual improvement. Breeding only from the best layers is the only way to build up a good laying strain. And there is no certain way to identify the heavy producers except by the use of the trap nest. The various "systems" now in use to aid one in picking the best layers by external appearance and various "signs" are far better than no system at all. Any intelligent selection which tends to cull out the low producer and to pick the good layer is better than no selection; but at best these systems are, after all, only theories and to demonstrate whether they are accurate or not, recourse must be had to the trap nest. And so the trap nest stands today without a rival in identifying the heavy producer, and is the only certain means by which a heavy

laying strain can be produced.

Silent testimony of the value of trap-nesting is furnished by the commercial poultrymen who do not trap nest. These breeders, or at least the more progressive ones, use males only from trap-nested hens purchased from poultry farms where trap-nesting is conducted.

The trap nest not only points out the heavy layer, but it tells the kind of egg a hen lays; whether it be undersized or too large; whether the shell is off color or not; whether it is a good type of egg to use for incubation. Added to these things, it enables one to pedigree the chicks with certainty, for the eggs that a high producing hen lays can be placed under one hen, and when the chicks hatch they can be toe punched, which will forever identify them as the progeny of a certain hen. And when these same chickens are put into a trap-nest house in the fall, the prepotency of their dam and her value as a breeding bird can be determined.

Another important feature of trap-nesting is that it enables one to use male birds from high producing hens. No male bird who is from a hen which has laid less than 200 eggs in her pullet year should ever be admitted to the breeding pen. The egg laying ability is transmitted through the male line, hence it is imperative that the cock or cockerel who heads a breeding pen should be the son of a high producing hen. Neglect of this important matter will lead to ultimate failure, so far as building up a heavy laying strain is concerned.

While some poultrymen will resort to almost any expedient to avoid the use of the trap nest, yet, there is only one sure road to ultimate success in poultry farming, and that road leads through the door of the trap nest. And so the trap nest is here to stay and no amount of adverse criticism can ever lessen the real merits of its work.

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### Order of Publication of Notice of Settlement

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Clackamas County.

In the Matter of the estate of Martha Tracy, deceased.

Addie Marshall and Norman M. Tracy executors, having filed the final account in the matter of the Estate of Martha Tracy deceased, having rendered and presented for settlement, and filed in this Court their final account of their administration of said Estate,

IT IS ORDERED, That Monday the 28th day of July, A. D. 1919, being a day of a term of said Court, to-wit: of the July Term thereof, A. D. 1919, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, be appointed for the settlement of said account, and that notice of said settlement be published in the Eastern Clackamas News, a newspaper published in Clackamas County as often as once a week for four consecutive weeks prior thereto.

Done at Oregon City this 17th day of June, A. D. 1919.

H. S. ANDERSON,  
County Judge.

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### Ability Required of Auto Mechanics

That the motorist may be protected from the inefficiency of trained automobile mechanics and repair men, and that craftsmen may be protected from inefficient competition, the state board of auto mechanics examiners, created by the last legislature, is distributing application blanks looking to the early examination and licensing of every auto mechanic in the state.

The board will examine with written, oral and manual tests, prepared in an understandable manner, and the applicant may be examined in any or all subjects for which he, in his opinion, is qualified. Upon completion of the tests the applicant will be rated according to his ability in at least three classes.

Deeming a purely theoretical examination unfair to many excellent mechanics who have had no theoretical training, such tests are omitted. The classification of mechanics will serve the dual purpose of giving credit where credit is due and to act as an incentive to others to increase their knowledge and efficiency in their crafts.

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