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**PERPETUAL MOTION IN EGG PRODUCTION**

Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 20.—A dozen hens at the Oregon Agricultural College's farm have set a new world record for egg production, James S. Dryden, professor at the college, has announced.

Each of these hens in one year laid more than 300 eggs, the best producing 330 and two other 323. All these hens, according to Professor Dryden, are of the strain that several years ago developed Lady McDuff, the first hen to have laid more than 300 eggs a year in a trap nest. Her record was 303.

**YOU ARE WORTH AT LEAST \$2200 A YEAR**

Mary E. Bronson  
What are you worth in dollars and cents per year to your family? Have you mothers ever stopped to think? We cannot estimate the value of companionship and moral influence, for dollars cannot buy them, so consider only the work which we might hire done.

At present the tendency is for young women to overlook the value of the homemaker. A girl who seeks a career goes into the business world. Women who are filling home positions may well pause and wonder what success might have been theirs had they chosen business careers, devoting the same energy and skill to the work of desk or shop, as they do to homemaking. A successful homemaker must have at least a fair working knowledge of about eighteen professions or lines of work.

Let us consider the average homemaker who for the past two or three years has been compelled to rely on her own resources because of the shortage of help. What is her yearly monetary value in her contribution to the partnership of marriage?

First of all the wife is a housekeeper, the one on whom the working of the whole machinery of home-making depends. A paid housekeeper could not maintain her dignity

and do much actual labor, so would require the services of a general maid, who in turn requires a laundress. In many homes the wife does the sewing or at least a part of it. Put that in the bill, also the home nursing. It is a fortunate family that does not have two or three weeks' sickness in the course of a year. Then there is the special teaching that helps the children with their lessons. We'll charge this up too, for tutoring is a profession.

A paid housekeeper does not raise chickens or a garden, and generally pays little attention to waste, another large item. Let us put all this into plain terms of dollars. It will help us rightly value our selves and the work we do in our homes.

Housekeeper, 52 weeks at \$12 per week	\$ 624
General maid, 52 weeks at \$7 per week	364
Laundress, 52 weeks at \$4 per week	208
Seamstress, 52 weeks at 10 hours per week at 25c per hour	132
Nursing, 20 days and nights at \$4 per day	80
Tutoring, 10 hours per week at 35c per hour, 42 weeks	147
Poultry, garden and so forth.	100
Waste prevented, food, clothing and health	160
Servant's board saved, 52 weeks, at \$7	364
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,229</b>

On the farm, the woman in addition to this, cans her garden products, cares for the milk, makes her own butter, cheese, bread, cakes, pies raises chickens and often helps with general farm work. This would bring our total figure much higher.

A woman earning \$2,000 a year is counted a success in the business world. Should not such an invoice as this rejoice the heart of all homemakers? It may also serve another purpose. If there is still such a person in the world as the old-fashioned husband who asks his wife what she did with the 50 cents he gave her last week, show him the statement and claim your just share of the dividends!

Every married woman has a right to handle her own money, to be a real partner in the business of marriage, and not be compelled to run bills at the store to be settled monthly by an irate husband.

If the woman has not had a bus-

ness training from childhood, the husband should help her to get their home finances on a sound basis, and together work out a budget for home expenditures.

This is considering only the material side of home-making. In addition to the seven or more professions already mentioned, the homemaker must find time for companionship with her family for being a good neighbor, for furthering her own mental development, and for church, social and civic work. And the value of these can not be measured in money.

(Copied from The Farmer's Wife, a magazine for farm women.)

**GERMANY HAS MANY FAKE WAR CRIPPLES**

Berlin, Dec. 20.—All the organizations for alleviating the lot of the war wounded have joined with the ministry of labor to put an end finally to the begging by the pretended wounded soldiers who clutter the principal streets of Berlin. On all sides one sees men whose arm have been "severed" (by strapping them to their bodies), or who feign to be suffering from shell-shock and shake pitifully, after learning in a Berlin school the approved methods of shaking. Investigation has shown that these people collect up to 300 marks daily from their faking.

The government has been carrying on investigations for weeks in Berlin, Essen, Hamburg and other large cities, and has established the fact that hardly 5 per cent of the "wounded" soldiers who are begging are genuine. One "shaker" was trailed to a saloon where he ceased shaking and drank cognac liberally while he counted up over 300 marks, his day's receipts. Another "one armed" man collected 80 marks in two hours in Tauentzien street and then was seen to slip around a corner and unbind his missing arm which was belted to his body. In Hamburg, of 18 men arrested only one proved to have been wounded in the war.

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