



Raising Geese.

Except in certain small sections the raising of geese for profit is an almost untouched industry, yet one in which good money may be made if the work is carried on intelligently after obtaining the experience. This preliminary experience is essential for the raising of geese differs in many ways from raising chickens. While both ducks and hens are frequently used for hatching goose eggs, the best results generally come from letting the goose incubate her own eggs, care being taken not to give her more than eleven for a sitting. The ganders are permitted to mingle with the geese during incubation mainly for the purpose of protection when the goose leaves the nest to feed. When the goslings are hatched they should be kept indoors on an earth floor and given some kind of green food to pick at as they will, their main food, however, being a mixture of corn meal and bran, moistened and fed when it may be crumbled up like bread. Water for drinking should be supplied in abundance, but so placed that the young goslings can drink without getting into the water and wetting their down, thus catching cold. This is an important part of raising young goslings. It is essential that every effort be made to keep the goslings from getting wet and chilled when they are young, and not to crowd too many of them in a pen. As the weather gets mild they should be given access to grass, yet have a shelter where they may go in case of storm. By midsummer they may have free access to a shallow stream. The Embden breed, a good specimen of



A SHAPELY GOOSE.

which is shown in the illustration, is attracting attention because of its hardiness, size and the quality of both feathers and flesh, and to those interested in geese raising is worthy of consideration.

Difference in Milkers.

A cow may be made to shrink greatly in milk yield when left to a rough, unskilled milker. This is generally known, and the practice is common to let the boys learn to milk by practicing with cows which the owner is ready to drop. But the definite cash value of quick, gentle, clean work is scarcely realized. At one of the Western experiment farms, where one of the men was an especially skilled milker, a record was kept of the average difference in product, as compared with the other men, and it was found that he was worth nearly \$10 a month more, on account of the extra milk which he obtained. The milk was also richer, owing to his care in getting all the rich strippings.

Tilling the Garden.

The garden should be the best tilled part of the farm. Rotation should be practiced as well as in the case of farm crops, because all plants will grow better when they are not made to succeed themselves on the same soil each year. Some provision should be made so that the horse cultivator can be used for weeding purposes, otherwise the garden is apt to run wild with weeds. Every family should have an abundant supply of small fruit as well as vegetables, for the reason that these are healthier foods than too much meat. It often happens that the garden can be made to be the source of considerable income in addition to supplying the family wants.—Iowa Homestead.

When to Spray.

No date can be fixed upon, yet spraying must be done at the right time if the best results are to be obtained. The right time is immediately after the blossoms fall and before the calyxes of the forming apples close. If there are belated blossoms on the trees after the great mass of bloom has fallen, do not wait for them if some of the calyxes are closing. If the trees do not all bloom nearly together, spray the early blooming trees first and then in a few days spray the others. Repeat the application in one week or at the latest ten days.—C. P. Gillette.

Clean Up the Farm.

The necessity for cleaning up the rubbish on the farm and burning it is not entirely for the purpose of improving the appearance of the farm, although it should be done for this effect if nothing else were to be gained. During the winter large numbers of insects injurious to farm crops pass their time among the rubbish, and are generally in good shape early in the spring to make havoc among the first crops which appear. Therefore, if the rubbish is gathered into heaps as early in the spring as the work can be done and the mass burned the insects will be destroyed. The work requires but little time, and the results are so desirable that one ought not to hesitate a moment about doing it. It will pay to get out the hay rake and go all over the meadows and the fields on which stubble of any kind has been left and rake up the rubbish for burning.

To Protect Young Chickens.

Those who have raised chickens know that one of the troubles with which they have to contend is keeping the little ones from being drowned by



COVERED RUN FOR CHICKS.

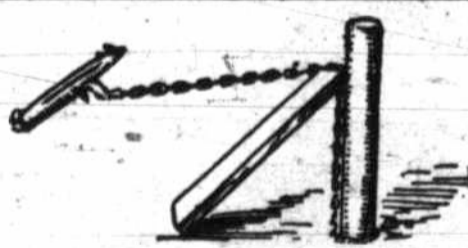
the hard and frequent showers of the spring. Where brooders are used this trouble is obviated, but, on the other hand, the chicks ought to be given some of the freedom of outdoors as early as possible, so that even brooder-raised chicks ought to have a run in the open air. The illustration shows a design for a coop with a covered run attached which will prevent any trouble with the chicks. This run may be made so as to attach it to the coop when desired, and may be of any desired dimensions. It consists simply of a light frame covered with muslin, the frame being built on a slant in the way shown in the cut. By having hooks at each corner and eyes screwed into the corners of the coop this frame may be attached in a moment. If the day looks stormy, simply attach this covered run to the coop, and you will then be certain that no harm will come to the chicks should a sudden and hard shower come up.

Dried Vegetables.

In Germany an important industry is being established in dried vegetables. At one factory in West Germany last year, which paid a dividend of twenty per cent, the following materials were dealt with: 180 tons of French beans (sliced), 300 tons carrots, 140 tons savory, fifty tons celery, 110 tons potatoes, 162 tons white cabbage, fifty tons onions, fifty-four tons turnips; total, 1,070 tons. This firm is now doubling their plant. When the factory was first started only twelve per cent of the vegetables could be obtained locally, last year thirty per cent was obtained in the immediate neighborhood of the factory, and the tenants of the farms in the vicinity have found it so profitable to grow a supply of the raw produce, that they now have 125 acres under cultivation for this company, and another fifty acres at a little distance away.

Ingenious Scheme of Pulling Posts.

To pull out fence posts easily, says J. W. Dyaart, of La Porte, Ind., take a 2x4 scantling 3/4 foot long and lean it against the post at a 45-degree angle. A 1/4 iron pin driven into the top end to pass through a link of the chain



PULLS A POST STRAIGHT UP.

will prevent it from slipping. Hook a chain close to ground, passing it up the post over the top of the scantling. One horse will pull all ordinary posts, as this method will lift it straight up.

Need of Farm Hands.

A Vermont farmer writes to Jacob A. Riis, of New York, asking if there is not some way of bringing the famine-stricken people of Sweden and Finland into his part of New England, where their services are sorely needed. He says that thousands of these people can find permanent homes there, with chances of owning homes of their own in the future.—Boston Transcript.

Fighting Weeds.

To kill weeds which have perennial root stocks a German authority recommends following, and early in the spring a thorough and deep harrowing over of the land, after which the root stocks are raked and burned. For the eradication of equisetum or horse-tail, a thorough draining of the soil together with cultivation are suggested. Fertilizers, particularly of limey ones, are recommended for combating sorrel. Soil in which this plant grows abundantly are usually characterized by an acid condition which requires the application of lime for its correction.

TINY CLUBHOUSE FOR BOYS.

Lads of Pasadena Have a Home Fitted Up With Everything for Boys.

What is likely the smallest clubhouse in the world stands near the public highway in the ornate grounds which surround one of Pasadena's handsome homes on Congress street.

This one-story, one-room edifice was built years ago for club accommodations of a small coterie of boys, young scions of what were then designated as "the best families"—boys who are now grown up—and the very name of the club has passed into oblivion.

Nobody actually knew what took place in this clubhouse, which was built in the West Side suburbs, but it pleased those having the exclusive possession of it to so shroud their meets with mystery that the most gossamer tales of orgies went abroad, over which imaginative and uneasy elders shook their heads dismally, while those who knew only laughed and drew pretty accurate conclusions from their own boyhood days, that nothing more exciting than imitation high jinks went on there.

Be that as it may, these boys have grown up in grace and wisdom, says the Los Angeles Times, and the clubhouse was abandoned and was recently purchased by its present owner, Dr. A. A. Wright, who had it moved into his private grounds and presented it to his grandson, Irving Benton, who lives with him. Although now personal property, it is the gathering place of the Junior Athletic Club, and is fitted up in a manner so exactly like the room of a "grown-up" as to throw any boy or girl who sees it into spasms of delight.

The house is painted dark green, with white trimmings; its sash windows give it a modern, fashionable effect, and the outside chimney of red brick adds a real house finish, which captivates.

The ceiling is plenty high enough for an ordinary tall man to walk inside if he is prepared to feel like a giant after getting there; the miniature fireplace, baby andirons, low chairs—just right for short legs—toy tables, and everything on the dwarf plan are admirably proportioned. The place is complete. It is lighted by electricity, has an electric bell and telephone, while all the interior decorations indicate a boy's bent. Golf clubs, rackets, guns and fishing rods adorn the walls. Book shelves hold boys' books, the table is littered with boys' literature. The lockers hold collections of birds' eggs, butterflies, shells and beetles; drawers, stamp collections and a collection of campaign buttons ornament a velvet panel on the wall.

It is here of an evening the Junior Athletic Club, whose members are between 12 and 16 years of age, meet to discuss club matters, club finances and arrange the very successful and only occasional dances they give for their girl friends at the Valley Hunt Club.

This clubhouse is the center of all the boy life in the neighborhood, and has a charm in its harmonious completeness which is as fascinating to those who retain an accurate memory of their own childish dreams and longings as to any of the young fry who revel in its use.

Piet Heyn's Greeting.

Piet Heyn was a Dutch naval officer who captured one of the Spanish silver fleets in 1628. How he was received at home upon his return is told in the "Naval Heroes of Holland."

The home-coming was such as no Dutchman before him had ever experienced. Wherever he went his reception was one of unbounded enthusiasm. Everywhere he was feasted, everywhere bonfires were burning, bells were ringing and crowds were shouting themselves hoarse in his honor. His progress from city to city was an unbroken ovation. But that was not the end.

The Dutch housewife is noted for her cleanliness. After all that feasting, Piet Heyn turned his steps to the home of his two sisters in the village of Broeck, noted as the most scrupulously neat town in all that land of spotless paint and glistening metal dishes. There Piet announced himself by the knocker on the door. This was answered by one of his sisters, who, on opening the door and seeing who was there, instead of falling upon the neck of her hero-brother as the sister of such a man would do in any other land, coolly looked at his feet, and seeing that his boots were muddy, said, "So, Piet, is that you? Just stay there till I bring your slippers."

A Sermon on Money.

"No, my son," said the Billville parent, "money doesn't bring happiness; it only pays house rent and the grocery bill and makes the bailiff and the bill collector respect us six days in the week, while the parson gives us the halleluia smile on Sunday."—Atlantic Constitution.

No Danger There.

"That antique Miss Parsley told me yesterday that Dr. Edson says grip is caught through kissing."

"She's safe."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Fever is as ornery as prize fighters: It won't break clean.

Scrofula

Has come down to us through the ages, like the pyramids and the sphinxes. It makes its presence known by many signs—glandular tumors, bunches in the neck, cutaneous eruptions, inflamed eyelids, sore ears, rickets, catarrh, wasting and general debility. Sufferers should take

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Oddities of Love.

He—I don't know how it is, but I've noticed it is the girl who puzzles all the other girls "what he could have seen in her" who is the first to get married.

She—And it is the man that the girls say they wouldn't have if he were the last man on earth who has his pick of all the pretty girls in town.

Following a Prescription.

Larry—How did Murphy break his arm?
Denny—Following the doctor's prescription.

Larry—Phwat?
Denny—Yes; it blew out av th' window, and Murphy wint aither it.

The Production of Silk.

Silk is known to be the secretion of two glands of the silk worm alongside of the digestive canal. These glands, which consist of tubes in numerous coils, terminate in the spinning wart and open in a common orifice from which the secretion of the consistency of honey, issues forth, promptly hardening into a thread on exposure to air.

One of the Staying Sort.

Subbubs—We've got a new girl at our house.

Backlots—Hah! It's easy enough to get a new girl, but can you keep her?

Subbubs—The doctor thinks so. He declares she weighs nine pounds at least.—Philadelphia Press.

Trolleys Beat Steam Roads.

The statement is made that in Massachusetts last year four times as many passengers were carried by electric cars as on the steam roads, says the Iron Age. Of course that was due chiefly to the dense city traffic, but still the city streetcar systems were pretty complete seven years ago. The trolley passenger business, however, has doubled since that time, while the steam passenger business has actually declined.

A Slander.

"See here!" said the city editor. "You speak of the bride as being led to the altar."
"Yes, sir. What of it?" replied the reporter.

"What of it? Why, it's nonsense. There was never a bride yet who couldn't find her way there, no matter what were the obstacles."—London Tid-Bits.

Placing Them.

The Busy Man—Pleasant and Boreson are coming to visit me next week. What shall I do with them? I have so little time.

The Wise Un—Introduce Pleasants at a club and Boreson to a club.

Natural Deduction.

Edyth—Yes, Jack is inclined to flirt a little, but his heart is in the right place!

Mayme—How long has it been in your possession?

Anxious Inquiry.

Miss Gotrox—I wouldn't give much for a proposal that wasn't straight from the heart.

Mr. Poorman—How much would you be willing to give for one that was?

Experimenting.

Mrs. Dearborn—Which do you think is the luckiest month to be married in?
Mrs. Wabash—I don't know. I've tried April, May, June and July, but I think I'll try some other month next time.

Trusted.

Physician—I can't diagnose your wife's case at all. She seems to have a sprained neck, lumbago in the back rheumatic knees and gout in both feet.

Waggles—I know what it is. She was reading in the cozy corner and happened to fall asleep.—Smart Set.

The Ultra-Canine.

"How provoking! I wanted to take our bull dog out riding and now I have to wait until the maid cleans his teeth!"
"What is the trouble, Mabel?"
"Why, he bit a tramp."—Chicago News.

Frequent Occurrence.

"A woman has been arrested for disfiguring her children."
"Why, thousands do that and are never molested."
"Disfigure their children?"
"Yes; cut their hair."

World's Finest Dry Dock.

The San Francisco dock company has just completed at Hunters Point one of the finest drydocks in the world. It is large enough for two battleships at one time and can be pumped dry in two hours.

Natural Sequence.

"Yes," concluded the medical raconteur, "she became insane through excessive dancing."
"One might say she was hopping mad, I suppose!" gurgled the cheerful idiot.

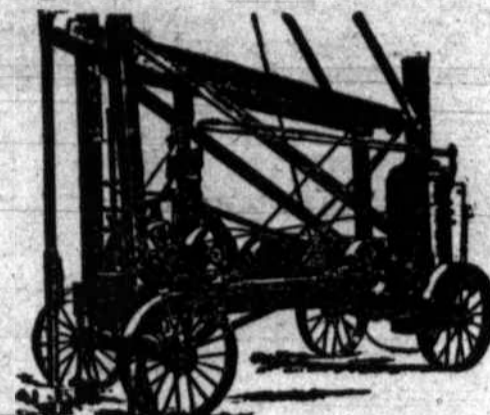
Valuable House.

Titgs—Suggs go \$3,000 for his house.
Wiggs—So? I didn't know he owned any real estate.
"Oh, he didn't. This was in a poker game when he held a full house against the other fellow's three of a kind."

Advice to the Widow.

Widow (tearfully)—Yes, my daughters are now my only resources.
Friend—Take my advice and husband your resources well.

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