

BEATING THE EGG TRUST.

Milady in the picture is not selling eggs, but is preparing to knock out the egg trust, so far as her home consumption of preserved eggs is concerned, so that this simple story will have a special interest for the housewife who dislikes storage eggs and desires to lower the cost of living. Thousands of tariffy women are following Milady's example—putting away fresh eggs in the cheap season in water glass (sodium silicate), to be used in winter, when fresh eggs are so costly and storage companies reap big profits on eggs often unfit for food.

Water glass eggs are much superior to storage, and the method of preservation is so simple.

Note the picture. There are a pint of water glass, a three gallon crock and fresh eggs, none over two days old.

Pouring into the crock eight quarts of water, cooled after boiling, milady



Photo by C. M. Barnitz.

PRESERVING EGGS FOR WINTER.

stirred in the water glass, then immersed every egg in the mixture and laid them flat in the crock until it was full, the crock holding twelve dozen normal sized, clean, hard-shelled eggs.

The crock was then covered tightly and placed on a cool cellar floor.

At the end of a year these eggs showed little change, had no unusual smell, beat up into the fluffiest froth and made dandy egg custards and pumpkin pies. Eggs may be placed in the liquid a few at a time and used as needed.

The shell shows no stain, and customers are glad to buy them in preference to old frozen hen fruit. Better try the trick when eggs are low and save money when eggs are high.

FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.

Thomas Outgley of Corning, N. Y., has a game rooster with a record to make a white bulldog green with envy. He put the cock bird in the coop at night, and next morning early the sport cleaned up the coop, killing fifteen fat pullets and a big rooster before breakfast. Next.

Twenty-five thousand egg consumers of Cleveland, O., struck against the high price of winter eggs. The hens, induced by the mild weather, increased their output, the price came down and no rotten eggs were thrown, though there were plenty being sold for fresh at 60 cents per dozen.

The idea that ostriches are a warm weather fowl is certainly exploded by the big birds at the Bloomsturg ostrich farm, thirteen miles from Riverside, Pa. The ostriches enjoy the zero weather, wade in the snowdrifts and lie down and roll in the snow like boys when the first snow arrives.

The belief has been exploded that a hen cannot lay two eggs in a day, and the authorities at the North American egg laying contest at Storrs, Conn., have the goods to prove it. Two trap nested pullets have already done the stunt at that egg laying competition, where 100 pens are hustling for the international honors.

Of 1,000 turkeys shipped in cars from Philadelphia to Wilkesbarre, Pa., 225 miles, forty-five were dead when they reached their destination. It was claimed they died from the cold snap. We have examined such shipments and in every case found the mortality came from crowding and ill usage. Excitement and starvation often kill birds cooped in such a big bunch.

The limit of conservation has been reached when Professor Surface, state zoologist of Pennsylvania, issues the ultimatum, "Conserve the skunk." We advise Mr. Surface that the person really responsible for the slaughter of the innocents is not mere man, but woman, lovely, levelly woman, who wears skunk under the name Alaska sable. Instead of appealing to fanciers and hunters he should appear before women's clubs and sister societies and ask them to throw their protecting arms around the dear, harmless little polecats.

The authorities at Woodbury, N. J., have a hard nut to crack. A dorky was arrested with dead chickens in his possession. The crop of one contained a Woodrow Wilson button, and they were about to give the birds to a Democrat who had chickens stolen, considering the button proof of ownership, when two overall buttons were discovered in another hen, and as the Democrat didn't wear the blue they refused his claim. A Prohibitionist then claimed the birds, but as he couldn't account for the Democratic button the case still holds fire.

A BUSINESS GRANGE.

Chautauqua (N. Y.) Pomona Grange an Influential Body of Patrons.

Chautauqua Pomona grange is one of the largest in New York state—indeed, it has been called a "miniature state grange" in itself. It always transacts a large amount of business. The important feature of the spring meeting held at Brockton was an address by Past Commissioner Pearson. He spoke of the state food investigating committee, of which he is a member, which is desirous of knowing of the producer what crops are sold, to whom sold, consumer or middleman; date sold and the price received. He asked members of the grange to keep a record on cards and send them to him at Albany. The committee proposes to go to the bottom of the matter and learn what the producer gets, what it cost for transportation, how much the middleman gets and how much the consumer pays. State Overseer Lowell suggested that the Pomona hold an apple show at the December meeting and offer prizes for the best apples. The suggestion was adopted. A resolution was adopted protesting against any interference with the vivisection laws. Another requested Governor Dix to sign the bill appropriating \$5,000 for the maintenance of the grape experiment station at Fredonia. It was announced that a member of Union grange had offered \$100 in prizes to boys raising the best acre of corn. The Chautauqua Pomona will give a scholarship to the six weeks' course at Chautauqua to a few teachers who will take the course and pay \$25, the grange to pay the other \$25.

Any reader of these notes desiring full particulars in regard to making the King or split log drag may secure them by writing the department of agriculture at Washington for farmers' bulletin No. 321, entitled "The Use of the Split Log Drag on Earth Roads."

The shipwreck of the great liner Titanic brings out most forcibly the fact that a good many theories that look all right on paper go to smash when they come in contact with actual things and facts. In the case referred to the nice theory was an unsinkable ship; the cold fact, an iceberg.

It may be that if can be done, but the writer has never seen the yard about the farm-home very neat or graded with flower beds where the chickens were found roosting on the railing to the front porch and where the young perkers were scratching their backs on the corner of the milk house.

Cuss words may ease for the time being the feelings of the fellow who utters them, but they have a mighty

injurious effect on the nervous system and milk production of a sensitive dairy cow. Whistling, which expresses an entirely different state of mind, has just as different an effect upon the bovine.

The vacant places in an orchard caused by poor stock, injury in cultivation or borers it may be well to fill in with younger trees up to the age of about eight years. After that time the older trees occupy the ground so fully with their root systems that young trees set make very little growth and seldom amount to much when they arrive at a bearing age.

The galvanized hen coop, supposed to be quite an improvement over the apple barrel of our mothers and grandmothers that rested gently on its side, may have some advantages over that primitive contraption, but it also has a drawback or two. It is quite cold around the edges during a cold spell and hotter than hives when left in the sunshine when the mercury is pulsating around the ninety or hundred mark.

A sample of shelled seed corn that the writer tested the other day showed six dead kernels out of fifteen, or more than 30 per cent. It is just such a showing as this, without the possibility of discarding the ears from which these dead kernels came, that makes the buying of shelled seed corn so risky a proposition. And this makes nothing of the further difficulty of determining whether the seed was grown in Minnesota or Kansas.

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