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#### HEN TEETH.

Funny that a hen gathers her teeth off the ground and chews with them in her gizzard so far from her mouth!

A human loses his grinders one by one, and if it wasn't for store teeth he would spend his latter days gummying grub; but, although a hen gets as old as Methuselah, she can pick up a new set every day of her life.

Her digester is like an old time paddle wheel gristmill.

The crop is the hopper that holds the grain; the muscular gizzard holds and

grinds, just as a hen cannot grind her feed or digest without grit.

Some soils have abundance of good gravel; on others it is too soft or lacks certain mineral elements or too much of one, as in a case near by, where the gravel contains so much iron that the plumage becomes pink.

Some soils have little gravel, and in winter, where snow covers the fields, grit must be supplied to poultry.

Real grit does not wear round and smooth, but keeps its cutting edge, and, though broken into smaller crystals by continued action, it cuts to the last.

It contains certain elements, such as iron, silica, aluminium, mica, lime,



Photo by C. M. Barnitz.

#### GOOD GRIT HOPPER.

which tone up the system and make bone and eggshell.

The New England quarries afford the best in the form of granite crystals, shown in cut.

Coal ashes, oyster shell, broken crockery and glass are poor substitutes, glass being dangerous.

Grit comes in three sizes for chicks, ducklings, turkey poults and pigeons, for half grown fowls and for hens, turkeys and ducks, so be sure to give your fowls teeth that fit.

#### DON'TS.

Don't weep and wall because you fail. Just think how often when a kid the funny tumbling stunts you did and when you tried to learn to talk. Oh, goodness, what a funny talk! So do not let those failures stop your progress upward to the top.

Don't forget that enthusiasm is necessary to success in poultry. If you are not chicken crazy you are apt to get lazy.

Don't try to convince a poultry peasant with words. If you should dig nose his head you'll find it just like hard pig lead, so what's the use of talking pains to convince fellows without brains?

Don't criticize an institute lecturer

because he states something you know. You will find enough to occupy the time asking him questions about what you don't know.

#### DAIRY WISDOM.

Keep up the brushing after the cows go out to pasture. There will always be some little stuff clinging to the cow's side where she has lain down on the ground.

Use only a thoroughbred butter bred sire for next year's crop of calves. The aim should be to make each heifer better than her dam.

The young calf's stomach is sensitive, and good results can only be had when the milk is fed at blood heat, or the temperature that it comes from the cow.

It pleases the cow to be milked quickly and gets her in the habit of giving down promptly. It is often the slow milkers that make the strippers.

Gentleness and patience are always important in the dairy barn, but doubly so when handling the young heifer.

#### ANIMAL ODORS IN MILK.

Simple Test Demonstrates the Value of Dairy Cleanliness.

To find out how animal and stable odors get into milk one may take two one pint glass fruit jars, wash them perfectly clean, adjust the rubber rings, screw the covers down and take them to the stable at milking time. While the air in the stable may seem to be moderately pure, it is probably not better than the average in such buildings. As soon as a cow has been milked the jars may be filled two-thirds full of the warm milk, the cover of one screwed on tightly and the jar at once submerged in very cold running water until thoroughly chilled, when it should be placed upon a shelf until morning. The other jar should be allowed to remain open on a shelf back of the cows until after supper, when it should be closed up for the night, writes S. Van Allen in the Farm Journal.

In the morning shake both jars, open and test for odor. No mistake in determining which one was left open need usually be made. In fact, you may call in an outsider who can detect the odor in the one without knowing the previous history. The sample which was chilled may also have an odor, but not an objectionable one. Each sample may then be poured into a glass flask and slowly heated. As they warm up the opened one will give off a noticeably offensive odor, which entirely disappears a little later. The

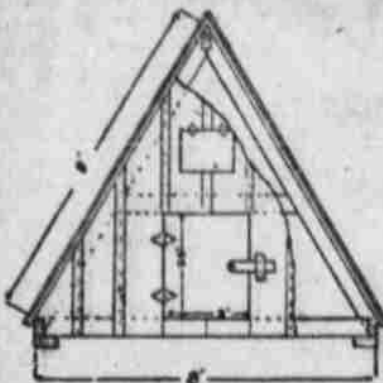
other, or the chilled jar, may show nothing offensive during the heating. In fact, it may give off a rather clean, pleasing odor, such as emanates from pure milk while being heated.

The deductions from this simple test are that the odor imparted by the cow to the milk while yet in the udder was not, at least, of such a nature or of sufficient quantity to demand aeration, but how about the milk which stands open about the barn for some time and draws odors from without as well as from the cow? This simple test will tend to show any person how carefully milk should be handled at all times in order to evade the impurities to which it is so sensitive.

#### A Portable Hog House.

The hog house here described was designed by W. E. McElroy, College of Agriculture, Ohio State University.

The portable hog house provides a natural and sanitary system of housing swine, as it can be moved from place to place whenever desired. Furthermore, it is easily and economically constructed. The house illustrated herewith need not cost more than



PORTABLE HOG HOUSE.

\$10 or \$12 where all the material is purchased, and where odd lumber is utilized the cost can be made much less. A suggested bill of material is as follows:

Runners, 2 pieces, 2 by 4 inches by 10 feet.  
Fence, 8 pieces, 2 by 4 inches by 8 feet.  
2 pieces, 2 by 4 inches by 5 feet.  
Siding, 15 pieces, 1 by 12 inches by 16 feet.  
12 pieces, 1 by 2 inches by 16 feet.  
Hinges, 4.  
Nails, 1 pound twenty penny, 2 pounds eight penny, 2 pounds five penny.

#### Treatment For Caked Udder.

When a cow has a badly caked udder she should be fed a cooling ration of roots, bran mash and good hay. A tablespoonful of saltwater will also be beneficial. She should be watered at least twice a day, and if the "cake" feels warm bathe it in rather cold salt water, afterward rubbing dry. In persistent cases, however, the "cake" will feel cold. It should then be bathed in very warm salt water. While bathing and at other times milk vigorously, pushing upward with the hand in milking.

tion of the calf. This test is of great importance. If the tests are filled with milk and a portion of the bag caked before the cow freshens the affected part should always be milked out at once. Delay in this is what causes so many cases of badly caked udder.—American Cultivator.

#### DON'TS.

Don't get rattled and throw out eggs because they don't hatch right when you expect them. They are some times delayed, so don't be dismayed.

Don't bother building your own incubator. Such homemade machines seldom work or pay, make people swear and often blow up.

Don't be enraptured over flowery catalogue descriptions. The more adjectives you see in an ad, the more likely you'll be sold bad.

Don't waste life kicking. Human Sins are fools.

Don't cut down feed because it is high. If your hens do not pay expenses and a reasonable profit change stock, unless the man is the stumbling block.

Don't expect the same profit from poultry that you read of in system promoting advertisements. As there is often a nigger in the wood pile, so there is often a nigger in the chicken coop.

#### NEW CROOK COUNTY MAPS.

The Bulletin has in stock a number of the new Crook county white print maps, showing all roads, rivers, irrigated lands, towns, township and section lines. The maps are larger and more comprehensive than any other maps and are carefully printed on heavy white paper. They retail at \$1.00 each, postage 10 cents. 17

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