

# OUR COMIC SECTION

## Our Pet Peeve



## THE FEATHERHEADS

### That "Shame" Stuff Is N. G.



## FINNEY OF THE FORCE

### Finney Has Heard Him Sing



# POULTRY

## BATTLE WORMS AND DISEASES

"Wage War on Worms and Disease" is the slogan adopted by the poultry specialists of the New Jersey State Agricultural college, who suggest seven "words to the wise" in a campaign against disease in New Jersey.

"Hatch or Buy Chicks Early" is the first. Figures from the farm egg-laying contest for five years show that chicks hatched before May 15 produced 75 eggs the first six months from November to May, and those hatched after May 15 produced 68 eggs for the same period.

"Keep Brooder House Clean." The steps suggested for cleaning a brooder house thoroughly are: first, scrape the floor, thus removing all accumulated droppings and litter; second, sweep the ceiling, wall, and floor; third, scrub the floor, side walls, and window sills with hot lye solution; fourth, clean all brooding equipment; and fifth, after the house is dry spray with an approved disinfectant.

"Provide Clean Range or Close Confinement." By clean range is meant ground on which no chickens have been raised for at least a year and where no poultry manure has been scattered for at least two years.

If room is so limited that clean range cannot be provided, close confinement is recommended.

"Keep Old and Young Stock Separate." Do not let the youngsters come in contact with the laying stock which may be carrying the germs of coccidiosis and roundworm while being apparently healthy.

"Build Screen Manure Pit." This will partially eliminate the common fly which is a fruitful source of worm infestation.

"Supply Wire Dropping Boards." As dropping boards furnish a good source of infection, these should be screened to prevent the birds from walking on the droppings. A half-inch mesh wire stretched tightly beneath the roost poles is recommended.

"Clean Dropping Boards Daily." From May to October, droppings should be cleaned from the boards and placed in the screen manure pit.

## Gapeworm Pest Spread to Chicks by Turkeys

United States Department of Agriculture, in discussing gapeworms, points out that the two most important items in the control of this pest are, first, to keep the little chicks away from turkeys, and second, to brood chicks only on clean ground. Turkeys may carry gapeworms at any age, the grown birds showing no evidence of their presence. The department reports that in most of the outbreaks investigated turkeys have been present on the infested farm.

Ground on which chicks have been raised before and on which mature poultry has ranged is almost certain to be infested with eggs of the roundworm and tapeworm, as well as the gapeworm. Hence the young chicks should by all means be put on clean ground each year. Plowing the lots is quite effective in breaking up parasite trouble.

## Poultry Hints

- Do not turn lights off too early in the spring.
- Too much bulk cannot be handled by young chicks.
- Early roosting keeps the chicks from crowding into the corners.
- Fowls can be culled at night by use of flashlight with a blue-tinted bulb.
- Do not stop feeding early and late in the day when lights are finally left out.
- Giving the chicks some form of milk at the start stimulates their appetites and promotes growth.
- A suitable mash, fed throughout the summer, balances the grain ration and keeps the chicks growing without any setbacks.
- Any shelter that protects fowls from storms and severe weather is an incentive to egg production.
- Sometimes (but not always) goslings will live and make some growth if compelled to rely on their own resources to get nourishment.
- The extra expense for a double floor in the brooder house is a good investment. A warm and dry floor can be made by including a sub and top floor with a layer of tar paper between them.
- Plymouth Rock hens with extremely small combs are apt to produce small eggs, it is claimed by breeders.
- Removing the cockerels at broiler age gives the pullets more room to grow and develop. Birds of both sexes will grow better when separated.
- During the muddy days of spring it will be well to keep the layers shut in the house during the forenoon to avoid tracking the nests with muddy feet and thus soil the eggs which discount them for market purposes.



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## No Such Luck

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## Starting Right

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## Styles in Handwriting

A study by Leonard P. Ayres showed that from a point of view of legibility handwriting styles may be classified as follows: Vertical—that is, slanting—from 90 to 80 degrees; medium slant, from 80 to 55 degrees; and extreme slant, from 55 to 30 degrees.

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