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How to Raise Poultry

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The Great Molting Mystery

The Puzzling Phenomenon of Molting May Be Used as a Valuable Guide When Culling Flock to Eliminate Poor Egg Producers.

A rather amusing story has gained considerable circulation among poultry fanciers. Young Mrs. Newlywed stopped the local veterinary on the street and demanded that he come over immediately to inspect her flock of blooded leghorns. A lot of them, she said, had suddenly become afflicted with a strange, apparently contagious, malady.

When asked for a description of this peculiar disease, she explained that, one after another, they had ceased laying and then begun to lose their feathers in a most alarming fashion. Starting with the neck feathers, they had successively lost in turn the body feathers, then

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the tail feathers and, finally, most of the wing feathers until they were practically nude and truly pitiable objects. The young woman was naturally quite relieved when the old doctor informed her that it was just as natural for her hens to shed their feather at a certain time of the year as it was for certain kinds of trees to shed their leaves. They were simply molting and would recover shortly without any great effort on her part.

I shall make no effort to vouch for the truth of this story. I do not hesitate to say, however, that I have often been amazed at the comparative lack of knowledge even among a great many experienced poultry raisers on the subject of molt. For example, there is considerable difference of opinion even among experts as to whether the molt affects and controls egg production, or whether egg production controls the molt. Some contend that a hen stops laying because she is getting ready to molt and other maintain with equal spirit that the hen won't molt until after she is through with the business of egg production, for the time being at least. I, myself, am strongly inclined to the latter theory and I am supported in my belief by a great many qualified observers who also have given the matter considerable scientific study. The exact sequence is of no par-

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ticular moment to practical poultry raisers, however. The fact remains that molting does not start until after egg production has ceased, only in exceptional cases, regardless of which governs the other. Just why hens are committed to this peculiar habit of shedding their feathers once a year is another matter which has been the subject of a great many profound treatises by learned scientific men. The average poultry raiser is, however, mainly concerned with the fact that this peculiar phenomenon may serve as a very valuable guide in the culling out of poor layers from the rest of the flock.

Most authorities now agree that the hens which start molting earliest and keep it up longest are the poorest layers. Good layers seldom start molting until later in the fall and are completely finished in from six to eight weeks. Less productive hens, on the contrary, may start as early as June, July or August and fiddle around for four or five months before they have regained something like what President Harding would have called, "A state of normalcy."

While nearly all feathers are molted at one time or another, the most reliable guide is the manner in which wing feathers are molted. High producing, late molting hens molt faster than one feather at a time, or else they molt only a part of their feathers, carrying others over to another year. Poor layers, on the other hand, may molt but one

wing feather at a time so that the process may require as long as 24 weeks. Most poor layers take very nearly this long to complete the molting of their wing feathers, so it can be seen that this is a very accurate index of productiveness.

Although the alleged dismay of young Mrs. Newlywed as related at the beginning of this article is doubt less more or less of an exaggeration, there is no escaping the fact that a hen during the molting time is really very much out of condition and should receive extra food and attention. The care and feeding of hens at this time might be the subject of a separate article in itself. I shall, therefore, let it suffice to say that molting hens should have plenty of good shade, nourishing food and ample protection from bad weather. A good mineral tonic should also be given them so their appetites will be whetted for an abundance of food. Then they will take the necessary nutriment to offset the strain on their system, grow their feathers again and get back to laying.

Feed a variety of good, sound grains, such as oats, wheat, corn and bran. But do not feed too much corn, as that is too heating. Feed also some sunflower seed and linseed meal. Also a little more of meat scraps than is usually fed and give plenty of milk, if possible. Feed an abundance of greens. Have pure, fresh water available at all times. All this will help to bring the hen back into laying condition rapidly.

County Health Department

ACTIVITIES

By Dr. B. C. Wilson

NEWS

Health Officer

TUBERCULOSIS

Tuberculosis is the most frequent and widespread of all the major infections. In this country, 8 per cent of all deaths and in Germany 12 per cent are caused by Tuberculosis. The deaths are heaviest during the period of life of greatest usefulness.

30 per cent of all deaths occurring between the ages of 15 and 60 are due to Tuberculosis alone. It has been found by careful examination that about 27 per cent of all children under 15 years of age have been infected. This is stated just to give the idea of how common the germ of Tuberculosis is. When we have reached the age of about 50 to 60, ninety eight per cent of every one of us will show by x-ray examination or by the tuberculin test that we have at some time during our life been infected with this germ but have been able to overcome it. Now this brings up the subject upon which public health shines so brightly. If we can pick the children who are in the slightest way susceptible to tuberculosis infection by being run down or having some physical defects, then we can find out whether or not they have been or are infected with this germ and then go to work and build up their constitution so that they will resist the disease. The old theory given out by Darwin is a mighty good one and it tells us that the fittest survive. Now our great fight is to build up and make every child strong so that it will be fit and after it has developed a healthy constitution, clean hygienic living, we are not so worried about it coming into contact with a few germs because then it will be able to kill them off and stay healthy.

There are two types of tuberculosis germs, the human and the bovine (from cattle). These two types resemble each other very much, the only difference being the human type is far more deadly for

man, while the bovine type is less deadly for man but yet does its dirty work just the same. The bovine type is most always taken into the body in cows milk but thank goodness, we are surely eliminating this source of infection by the testing of cows and destroying all of those infected and by the pasteurization of milk. Now our fight is to eliminate the spread of the human type which is scattered from cases of active Tuberculosis. The steps to be followed in this procedure is to first find all the advance cases of tuberculosis, instruct them as to the danger they present to the general public as to spreading the disease, then to protect the public by building a wall around these cases, so to speak, to be sure of no spread. Next, we must use every possible method we know of to find as early as possible the first or slightest signs of Tuberculosis. In this way we will be able to instruct them how to give and act that they may be cured and not go into the advance stages. And lastly, it is the duty of public health to plead with the public and do everything possible to cause them to keep their children in the best possible physical condition—that is, get rid of any defects that might be in their constitution, build them up until they are normal weight or even overweight and see that they get plenty of sunshine, fresh air, good food and sleep.

Whenever you have a chance to have your child skin tested or examined to see whether or not he might have tuberculosis,—don't pass it up.

Irate Master (to negro servant): Rastus, I thought I told you to get a domestic turkey. This one has shot in it.

Rastus: I done got a domestic turkey, sir.

Master: Well how did the shot get in it?

Rastus: I specks they was meant for me, suh.

Second Matrimonial Chance

Only one widow in thirteen marries again, in the British Isles. Apparently the other twelve have had enough. Whereas, on the other hand, one widower out of four remarries. Those statistics hold good only for the British Isles.

Largest Living Creature

The largest creature known, living or extinct, is the sulphur-bottomed whale, which reaches a length of 90 feet. Its weight has not been determined, but a torpedo boat of the same length and of the same under-water contour would displace 82 tons.

Corn Aid to Civilization

When nomadic peoples first began to grow their food and store it, instead of going out to hunt each day's rations or pick them in the convenient forests, they had to settle down near their fields and devote their spare time to some of the finer arts of life. Thus civilization advanced hand in hand with the cultivation of corn.



Asparagus Tips

THESE are more than asparagus tips—they are tips on asparagus. Ever since the ancient Romans tipped us off to asparagus we have been seeking new ways to use both the tips and stalks of this delicacy, although so far we haven't utilized the seeds for food purposes as they do in some parts of Europe. Because the delicate flavor of fresh asparagus is quickly lost by exposure to air and sunlight, thus darkening its color and rendering its fibre less tender, many prefer the canned product.

New Way with Asparagus

The very newest asparagus recipes you will want to try are: French Fried Asparagus Tips: Drain one one-pound square can of asparagus tips, saving the liquor for

a soup. Beat one egg slightly, add two tablespoons water, season to taste with salt and pepper. Dip each stalk of asparagus in fine bread crumbs, then egg, then crumbs again and fry in deep fat. Drain on brown paper and serve. This serves six persons.

Asparagus, Pear and Cheese Salad: Arrange lettuce on individual plates. Cut two fresh or canned pears in halves lengthwise and place like petals, radiating from center. Place a whole stalk of asparagus between each section of pear, making a flower. Around the center of each pear section put a long thin strip of pimiento. In the center of the flower put a small ball of creamed cheese rolled in minced parsley. Pour French dressing over all.

Uncle Eben
"De trouble you makes foh somebody else," said Uncle Eben, "is allus liable to turn up in yuh own affairs an' make you wish you hadn't made so good a job of it."—Washington Star.

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